

LOWER HALSTOW
VILLAGE NEWS

FEBRUARY 2015



KATH TRESS

6th July 1919 – 31st December 2014

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St. MARGARET'S CHURCH

SERVICES AT ST. MARGARET'S IN FEBRUARY

Sunday 1st February

8.00 a.m. Traditional B.C.P. Spoken Communion

6.00 p.m. Praise Communion

Sunday 8th February

10.30 a.m. Family Communion

Refreshments afterwards

Sunday 15th February

10.30 a.m. Morning Praise

Refreshments afterwards

4.00 p.m. Evensong

Wednesday 18th February **ASH WEDNESDAY**

There will be a service in the Benefice, but the time and venue still have to be confirmed

Sunday 22nd February

10.30 a.m. Welcome Service

Refreshments afterwards

ALTAR FLOWER ROTA

February 1st Pauline Stevens; 8th Jackie Swift & Joan Mustoo

15th Ursula Aylward. NO FLOWERS IN LENT.

THE DEADLINE FOR THE MARCH VILLAGE NEWS IS NOON ON THURSDAY 12th FEBRUARY

*THERE IS NO NEED TO WAIT FOR THE DEADLINE BEFORE YOU
SEND YOUR NEWS. IT HELPS TO SEND IT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.*

VILLAGE DIARY FOR FEBRUARY and other dates for your diary.

Lower Halstow Crafters News.

Monday 2nd February - Crochet

Wednesday 11th February - 'Liberty' bead necklaces

Wednesday 25th February - Informal

We will be meeting at 1.30 p.m so we hope this will be a little easier for most folks and we look forward to having some new members join us.

For more details you can contact either Margaret on 01795 843100 email Blenerrow@firenet.uk.net or Barbara on 07788871772 email barbaracastleptn@aol.co.uk or visit the face book page for Lower Halstow Crafters.

Tuesday 3rd February **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** in the **MEMORIAL HALL**. Parish Council meetings commence at **7.00 p.m.** for a public open time, followed by the Parish Council business

Friday 6th February **GAMES AFTERNOON** at the **Memorial Hall** from **2 o'clock to 4 o'clock**. Games include Rummikub, Euchre, Whist, Scrabble, Dominoes and many other card or board games. No joining fee - just £1.50 for a cup of tea/coffee plus biscuits and a very warm welcome.

Friday 6th February **QUIZ NIGHT on the Edith May at 7.30pm**

Book your table from Judy on 07926 354232 or 01795 844058 or on board the Edith May. Teams of up to 6, £5 a head. The Edith May has a licensed bar so please don't bring your own booze! Proceeds to the Friends of the Brickfields

UpARA (**Upchurch Active Retirement Association**) Our next events are:

Monthly Meeting (2nd Friday of the month) Members Free; Guests £2.00

Friday 13th February 2.00pm

Coffee Mornings (4th Tuesday of the month) (Members £1.50; Guests £2.00)

Tuesday 24th February 9.30am until 12.30pm

Village Walks (1st and 3rd Friday)

Outings 10th February ITV Studios, London. Mel & Sue.

Annual Subscription £15. David Powell – Chairman davidrpowell5@hotmail.co.uk 01795-843550

Thursday 19th February **COFFEE STOP** in **St Margaret's Church. 9.30 - 11.30 a.m.** (and every fourth Thursday in the month). We serve hot or cold drinks, cakes, toasted sandwiches and home-made savouries etc. at very reasonable prices, in the beautiful setting of our ancient village church. Everyone welcome.

Saturday 21st February *Memorial Hall Committee* **QUIZ NIGHT, 7.00 p.m. for a 7.30 p.m. start in the Memorial Hall.** The charge will be **£5.00 per person** which includes a Ploughman's Supper. As usual, **teams of six** and **please bring your own beverage**. For tickets please call Kay on 01795 844408 (this is for catering arrangements).

Tuesday 24th February **Lower Halstow GARDENING CLUB** at **7.30 pm** in the **Memorial Hall**. Our local historian, Alan Swift, will be the guest speaker and will be speaking on **Lower Halstow and the Great War**. Visitors are always welcome and we look forward to seeing you there.

Saturday 28th February **CRAFT AND TABLE TOP MARKET** at the **Memorial Hall** beginning at **10.00 a.m.** until **1.00 p.m.** Tables at **£6.00 each**. Please call Kay on 01795 844408 for bookings.

Saturday 28th February **WHIST DRIVE** in the **Memorial Hall** at **7.30 p.m.** **£3.00**. Everyone welcome.

DO-IT-YOURSELF KEEP FIT - MEMORIAL HALL

In February this regular group which meets on a Monday evening will be having six sessions of Medau, led by an experienced teacher from Doddington. This is a fun form of dance movement, great music, lots of laughs and a super way of keeping trim.

Numbers are restricted but if you are interested in coming along to any of these sessions please call Liz on 842272. Each week will cost £5 and you do not need to commit to all six weeks.

Thursday 5th March at 2.00pm Lower Halstow's Memorial Hall Committee are delighted to be holding a **TAI CHI** demonstration by David Landers and his wife Maria. They will tell you a little of the history of Tai Chi and the health benefits Tai Chi can promote for all sorts of different disabilities. After this demonstration we will be holding future Tai Chi classes each week in the Hall, so please come along to this free introductory class, and find out if it will benefit you.

Every Monday 10.00 a.m. Free **HEALTH WALKS** starting from the main entrance to The Brick Fields. A brisk walk of up to two hours on mainly flat ground. Sturdy shoes and a rain coat recommended.

Every Monday 1.00 p.m. **THE LIBRARY VAN** calls at **Lower Halstow** outside the **Memorial Hall**.

Every Monday **SHORT MAT BOWLS 2.00 – 4.00 p.m.** in the **Memorial Hall**

Every Wednesday **SHORT MAT BOWLS 7.30 – 9.30 p.m.** in the **Memorial Hall**

Every first Wednesday of the month **QUIZ NIGHT** at **The Three Tuns**.

Not quite a regular date – Usually every fourth Tuesday of January, February March, April, July, September and October **Gardening Club** meets in the **Memorial Hall** at **7.30 p.m.** We have speakers who come to the Hall and give a talk on a variety of topics. These will always be published beforehand in the Newsletter and visitors are always very welcome.

The fourth Thursday of every month **THE BRIDGE COFFEE STOP** in **St. MARGARET'S CHURCH, 9.30 – 11.30 a.m.**

From the Rev. Jacky:

A huge thank you to you all, firstly for giving up part of your Christmas break to come to my final service and secondly for the beautiful basket of flowers (still going strong – 19 days later!) and the generous cheque! It was so special to have so many of you with me for such a special service and I appreciated the reception after too! Especially the delicious home made soups and buffet!

A thank you also to all at Lower Halstow (esp. Jackie Swift) for the lovely farewell afternoon tea last week in the Memorial Hall. I am humbled beyond words at your kindness and huge generosity!

I have so enjoyed ministering amongst you all for 9 years now and I can only urge you all to support all that Rev. Julian is embarking on in the cause of church growth and unity. It can only serve to strengthen all our churches as well as enabling so many new friendships to be made.

God bless you all. I shall be praying for you. Jacky xxx



KATH TRESS 6th July 1919 – 31st December 2014

Sadly Kath passed away on the 31st December at the grand age of 95 and for some time she had not been the active lady so many of us from the village knew.

Kath (Gilbert) was born at Westfield Cottages and with her elder sister Ella and younger brother Ron, attended the village school. She married Colin Tress in 1945 and they continued to live in the village all of their lives, having one son Keith.

Kath loved the village and was an active participant in many of the societies and activities throughout her life, including the Mothers' Union, Women's Institute, the Working Men's Club, Memorial Hall committee, Golden Age club and numerous village fetes. She will be fondly remembered as the regular tea lady at so many events. She had a great passion for the Church and until recent times was a regular member of the congregation.

The greatest love of her life however was children and she always took great pleasure from being in their company, always on hand for a smile and a kind word.

Kath will be fondly remembered by most villagers as the lady who always took the time to stop and have a chat, then leave with a friendly smile and wave. A wonderful lady who will be sorely missed by her friends and family.

The January 2011 Village newsletter had a front page mystery picture of two little girls in the 1920s that were in fact Kath and her sister Ella.

... and from John Mustoo, past chairman of the Memorial Hall Committee ...

Kath Tress has been part of the village social life for many years. She was always active in helping to raise funds for building the Memorial Hall and for many years served on the Hall committee together with her elder sister, Ella. They were involved in almost every event, with Jumble Sales being a particular interest. Kath was always friendly, but not afraid to let you know if you had not performed to her expectations. We have lost a link with the past, and she will be sadly missed by all who knew her.

MOBILITY AIDS St. Margaret's has items in excellent condition, i.e. wheelchairs, commode, etc. These are available for emergency borrowing, We are always pleased when the church can help in the community. Please contact Tricia 01795 842419, Jackie 01795 842749 or Ursula 01795 842924

LOWER HALSTOW 100 YEARS AGO notes taken from the *East Kent Gazette*.

February 13th. There was a Church Parade of Halstow Special Constables and Boy Scouts on Sunday last..

LOWER HALSTOW SHORT MAT BOWLS

We played away to Boughton Wheelers on 11th January, winning 1 doubles and drawing the triples. The rest of the games were close. All round it was a good performance. Some of our players had been playing in a triples competition the day before and this contributed to the improved result. John Mustoo.

PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Clerk Christine Fordham, 18 Cumberland Drive, Lower Halstow. Tel: 01795 844060, or email clerk.lhpc@gmail.com

PARISH WEBSITE

We have started to upload past editions of Village News. As of January 10th, back editions of 2013 and 2012 are available. There will be gaps initially but I would like to thank John and Joan Mustoo for the continued help with this project. Nigel Randell.

YOUR LOCAL 'BEST ONE' VILLAGE SHOP IN BURNTWICK DRIVE Opening times are:
Monday - Saturday 7.00 a.m. – 8.00 p.m. Sunday: 8.00 a.m. – 8.00 p.m. All your daily needs including milk, bread, newspapers and magazines. We are doing our best to give you good service.

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AVON CALLING For your new brochure call Kay on 07941681244.

MR. DIG-IT'S GARDEN SERVICE (formerly Lower Halstow) For one-off or regular visits call Peter on 01634 574676 or 07787 813 512.

ALISON'S ALTERATIONS If it can be sewn, I'll sew it! Fix, alter, replace, zips, buttons, rips, linings, badges, smaller or larger (if possible), clothing bags, soft furnishings and house-hold linens. email: creativesewing@live.co.uk text/phone my mob: 07813084051 phone: 01795 555853
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USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

(01795 unless otherwise stated)

If you find that any of these numbers is no longer in use

please let Pauline know on 842028

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Jackie Swift (churchwarden) 842749

Pauline Stevens (PCC secretary) 842028

Memorial Hall (chairman) Keith Howard Challis 844408 lowerhalstowhall@gmail.com

Memorial Hall new bookings (Jill Peters) 844054

The school 842344

The Three Tuns 842840

Short Mat Bowls (John Mustoo) 843681

Cricket Club (Mark Stevens) 842090

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Playgroup (Heather Salisbury) 01634 233182

Yacht Club (Dave Quigley) 01795 841242

Judo Club (Jon) 07944755036.

The Parish Clerk (Christine Fordham) 844060

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Crime Stoppers 0800 555111

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Citizen's Advice Bureau 0870 1212105

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Neighbourhood Watch (John Haddaway) 01634 792131

Dog Warden 077952 37479

Noise nuisance 417850 (out-of-hours 07881817601)

N.H.S. 111

Parish Council Website: www.lowerhalstowpc.kentparishes.gov.uk.

If you would like your name and number added, or you would like to suggest another useful number, please contact Pauline Stevens on 842028.

If any number changes, or you are no longer a contact person, please let Pauline know.

THE DEADLINE FOR ITEMS FOR INCLUSION IN THE MARCH VILLAGE NEWS IS NOON ON THURSDAY 12th FEBRUARY.

Items for inclusion to Pauline at Elm Farm (842028)

or pauline.elmfarm@btconnect.com

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