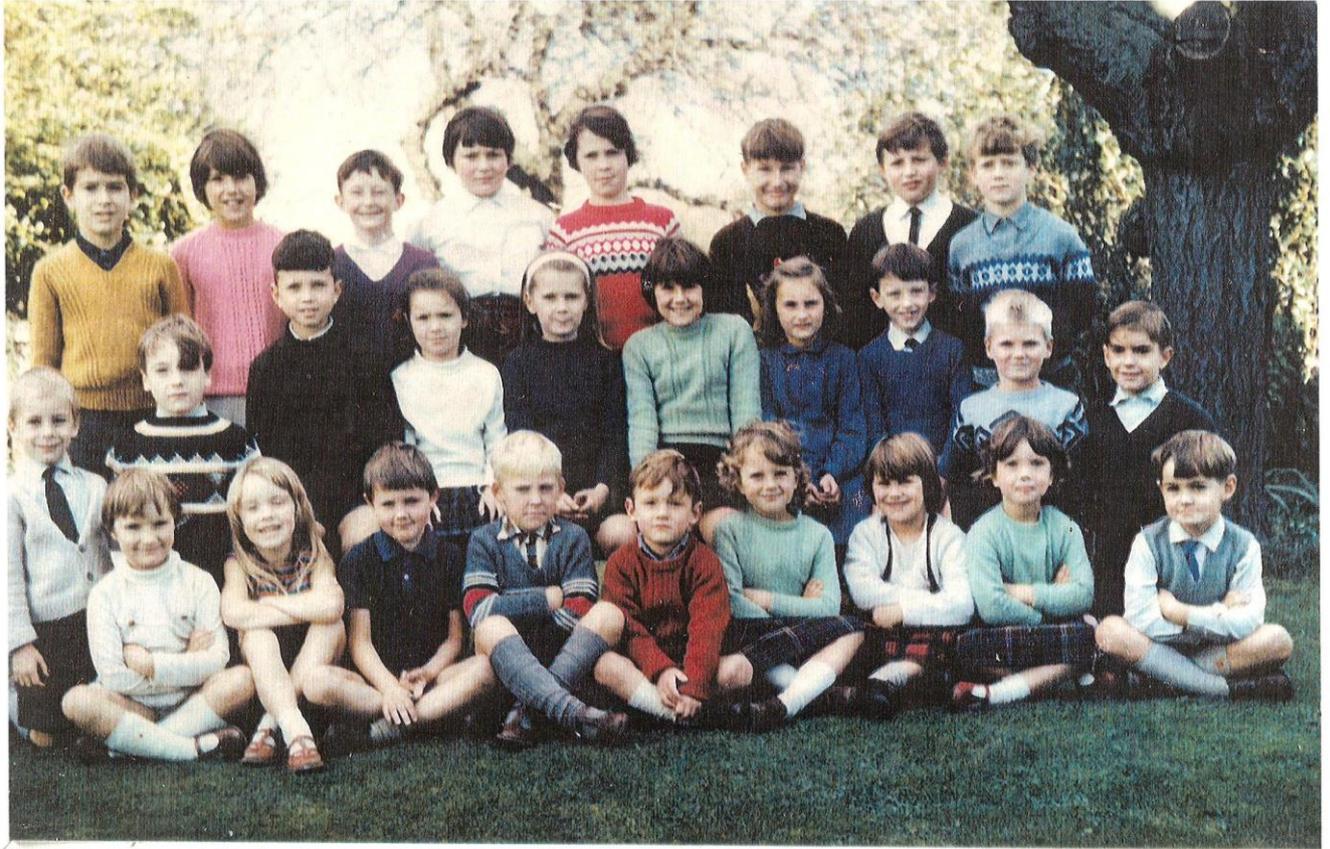


**LOWER HALSTOW
VILLAGE NEWS**

JULY 2017



50 YEARS AGO

THE WHOLE SCHOOL IN 1967

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St. MARGARET'S CHURCH

SERVICES AT ST. MARGARET'S IN JULY

Sunday 2nd July

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

Sunday 9th July

10.00 a.m. Morning Worship

Sunday 16th July PATRONAL FESTIVAL

10.00 a.m. Communion

4.00 p.m. Evensong

Wednesday 19th July

7.30 p.m. Hush

Sunday 23rd July

10.00 a.m. Family Time with refreshments
The service starts at **10.15 a.m.**

Sunday 30th July

10.30 a.m. Communion at Stockbury

There are **morning prayers at St Margaret's Church at 8.15 a.m. every Tuesday morning.**
All are welcome to come and join in. Chris Mayes – churchwarden.

ALTAR FLOWER ROTA

July: 2nd Yvonne Quigley; 9th Ann Smith;
16th Jackie Swift & Joan Mustoo; 23rd Ursula Aylward;
30th Georgina Kindred.

August: 6th Liz Mouland.

Cover photo: At the beginning of the school year in September 1966 there was much concern over the small number of pupils at the school, less than thirty, and it was widely believed that the following year in September 1967, the children would be attending Upchurch school and that Halstow school would close. However, building began in Crouch Hill Court, followed by Burntwick Drive and Landrail Road and at the end of the school year, in July 1969, there were 37 children with the number rising as new families moved into the village. Amazingly, by July 1969 a third class was needed plus a new mobile classroom, and the school continued to grow and thrive.

THE DEADLINE FOR THE AUGUST VILLAGE NEWS IS NOON ON WEDNESDAY 12th JULY.

*HERE 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 JULY and other dates for your diary.

(A note from the editor.... Now I am no longer active around the village there are items of news I don't either know or pick up, so please do email me if you have any items for the diary or other information. I can't get to the phone very quickly these days, so it is better to email if you can.)

Tuesday 4th July **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 7th July **GAMES AFTERNOON** at the **Memorial Hall, 2.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.**
Games include euchre, scrabble, rummy, whist and many card and board games. Cost £1.50 includes a cup of tea/coffee, biscuits and a very warm welcome.

Saturday 8th July **SUMMER PRODUCE SALE WITH CRAFTS** at **St Margaret's church, 2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.**

Do join us for our summer sale of home made and home grown produce. We will also have a variety of local crafts, including cards, jewellery, honey, needlework, woodwork, pens, crochet and pots. Refreshments available. All welcome.

Tuesday 11th July **The Annual General Meeting of the Memorial Hall Committee will be held at 7.30 p.m.** All welcome.

Saturday 15th July Due to other activities being held at **St. Margaret's Church, BREAKFAST CLUB will be on on the 15th July**, which is the **third Saturday** of the month.

As usual the session will start at **9.30 a.m.** and conclude at **11.30 a.m.**

There will be **no Breakfast Club during August** but we recommence on **Saturday 9th September**. All Primary school children, (4+ to 11 years), are welcome to attend. Come along and give it a try. You will be most welcome. For further details contact Liz Hadley(842654), Becky Ridley (841028) or Hilary Gates (841632).

Sunday 16th July **URSULA'S CREAM TEAS** at **7 Burntwick Drive** from **3.00 p.m.** All welcome. Proceeds towards the Over 60's Christmas Party.

Friday 21st July **YOUTH GROUP** at **St. Margaret's Church, 5.30 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.**

Please remember we meet in the church during the summer months. All welcome, from age 11 up. This group is very informal, with a choice of things to do or not, ranging from watching a DVD, perfecting indoor putting skills, art and craft or badminton. Naturally, there are refreshments too! For more information contact the Youth Group Team: 07730893747

Tuesday 25th July **Reminder to All Lower Halstow Gardening Club Members. The Club Show is on Tuesday 25th July - starting at 7.30 p.m.** The theme for this year is 'Boats and Boating', so let your imaginations run wild and sail up with something special. Don't forget to bring along your vegetables, flowers and planters for the judging table. A fun evening for all members! Look forward to seeing you there.

Saturday 29th July **WHIST DRIVE** in the **Memorial Hall** at **7.30 p.m.** **Entry £3.00**, includes refreshments and a raffle ticket. Everyone welcome.

Friday 4th August *Memorial Hall Committee's* **Games Afternoon.**

Saturday 19th August **URSULA'S CHEESE AND WINE EVENING** at **7 Burntwick Drive** from **7.00 p.m.** All welcome. Proceeds towards the Over 60's Christmas Party.

Saturday 19th August *The Memorial Hall Committee's* **FAMILY BARN DANCE**. Entrance fees are **£5.00 per adults and £2.50 for youngsters 12 years and under**. Please bring your own supper and beverage. The doors open at **7.00 p.m.** and dancing begins at **7.30 p.m.** Tickets for this event please contact Kay on 01795 844408. See you there.

Friday 1st September *Memorial Hall Committee's* **Games Afternoon**.

Saturday 9th September *The Memorial Hall Committee* is holding **Lower Halstow's VILLAGE FETE**, which will include a Flower Arranging Competition and a Home Grown Fruit and Vegetable Competition. More information about these competitions and events will be in the next Village News.

Sunday 10th September **The Lower Halstow Gardening Club Visit to RHS Wisley** is now full, which is great. It's great value, so hardly a surprise that we now have a waiting list.

REGULAR DATES

Ladies Do-It-Yourself Keep Fit We meet regularly on a Monday evening in the village; for six weeks we will be having a movement and dance teacher for Medau sessions. These are lots of fun, fantastic music and a great way to increase fitness. These sessions will cost £5 per person and places are limited. When we are not having a medau evening, sessions are £2 and in the summer they are free! If anyone is interested in joining us, please contact Liz on 07730893747 / 01795 842272.

LOWER HALSTOW CRAFTERS

We meet on the first Monday of each month and two Wednesdays in the month. Our meetings are informal and fun and open to all (including people who do not live in the village), whether you are an experienced crafter or a complete beginner. We enjoy learning new crafts and sharing ideas – recently we have experimented with ‘mock’ stained glass, remembrance poppies, decopatching vases etc, flower arranging, chicken scratch embroidery, jewellery, decorating wine bottles and gift bags, card making, creating a garden in a bottle, 10 minute block quilting and tissue pom poms. You can see photos of our achievements on our Facebook page at Lower Halstow Crafters. Please feel welcome to come and join us. We meet between 1.30 p.m. and 4.00 p.m. and charge £1 per meeting which goes towards materials. For further details of dates, topics and venues please contact Janet on 842706 or Jo on 841642.

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 two weeks on THURSDAYS THE LIBRARY VAN calls at **Lower Halstow** outside the **Memorial Hall at 12.15 p.m.** Queries to van driver or 03000 413131.

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**.

Every third Wednesday of the Month **CHARITY BINGO** 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.

A MESSAGE from one very lucky and grateful lady!

Very recently I was involved in an accident in my car in the village. I would like to take this opportunity to convey my thanks to four people who came to my aid, and also many passing motorists who stopped to see if they could offer any help.

I do not know who these four people are, only, that there was a man from Hartlip, a young mother, and two young motor cyclists. If it wasn't for their quick reaction in getting me out of the car it could have been so much worse. Luckily I escaped uninjured!

I feel very fortunate to have four people who, without hesitation stopped to help me, I am eternally grateful. Thank you all so much. Human nature at its best!

TURNING OF THE PAGE CEREMONY AT CANTERBURY CATHDRAL

Since 1926, at 11.00 a.m. each day a page in the Book of Life of The Buffs (Royal East Kent regiment,) which contains the names of all Buffs who have given their lives for their country, is turned. Initially this privilege was given to a serving soldier of the Buffs. Twice during his National Service, Alan was selected for this duty, which then involved marching from the Barracks in the company of an officer, to the Cathedral. Sixty seven years on, following the re-opening of the Buffs Chapel after renovations, he was again invited and was privileged to perform this ceremony on Monday 15th May.

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.

PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Clerk Mrs Ann Smith, 11 Cumberland Drive, Tel: 01795 842908

email clerk.lhpc@gmail.com

The Parish Council has some allotments available for Lower Halstow residents to rent. If you are interested in growing your own fruit, vegetables and flowers for your family and your garden isn't suitable this is the idea solution. Please contact the Clerk for details. Email: clerk.lhpc@gmail.com

It has been brought to the Parish Council's attention that there is someone causing a nuisance on a noisy motorbike late at night, riding around the village keeping residents awake. If you witness any kind of anti-social behaviour please report it to the PCSO.

BBC South East came to Lower Halstow to record interviews with residents on Friday 2nd June, which was shown that evening. It was in relation to the release of Warner Brothers Wonder Woman Film as the Brickfields was used as one of the locations.

The owner of Callum Park Riding Centre gave a presentation to the Parish Council at the last meeting with regard to a potential re-development of the site. The planning application will be submitted to Swale Borough Council shortly.

BEST FRONT GARDEN COMPETITION It's competition time! Throughout July, members of the Parish Council will be looking at front gardens in the parish, in order to find the best three. Every garden, large or small, is automatically entered, provided that it can be clearly seen from the public road or path, and we hope that as many of you as possible will get into the competition spirit and put those important final touches to your gardens. Dobbies vouchers of £50, £25 and £10 will be presented to the lucky winners in August. Happy gardening! Sue Hartfree

GARDEN BOOKS FOR FREE at Elm Farm from 26th July.

With much regret, I am removing my books on gardening from my bookshelves as I will no longer be able to make use of them. I was about to throw some in the blue bin, but realised that they were in almost mint condition, although having been used frequently. I thought that possibly someone may like to have a look at them before throwing them away.

All these books are extremely well illustrated in colour and have given me inspiration for years.

Having discovered that excellent plants could be obtained mail order from Bressingham Nurseries in Norfolk:

'Winter Garden Glory' Adrian Bloom

'Blooms of Bressingham Garden Plants' Alan and Adrian Bloom

'Bloom's Best Perennials and Grasses' Adrian Bloom

I also discovered Christopher Lloyd's garden at Great Dixter:

'Exotic Planting for Adventurous Gardeners' Christopher Lloyd

'Christopher Lloyds Gardening Year'

I found John Brookes' books full of design and planting ideas:

'The Garden Book' John Brookes

'John Brookes Garden Design Book'

'The New Small Garden' John Brookes.

Finally a weighty tome:

'The R.H.S. Encyclopedia of Plants and Flowers'

Getting to the back door when someone knocks is a problem because it takes me ages, so I will put these books (plus others) in a crate in the back porch between 26th June when this July Village News is available, leave it there for a month and see what happens, and if they are still there by 26th July I will have to bin them. Please do feel free to have a look, without knocking at the door, and take whatever attracts you. I will cover the crate with a black plastic sack to stop the sun fading the covers, just in case you feel like keeping a book. (If you would like to make a donation to St. Margaret's church it would be much appreciated.)

From Your Lower Halstow Flood Wardens

Thank you to Derek and Diane Morgan for removing logs from the stream just by the bridge in School Lane. Should we have had a deluge of rain, these logs could have blocked the stream as it runs under the bridge in School Lane and perhaps the bridge by the Three Tuns Pub. This potential blocking would have caused flooding to the brand new properties being built in School Lane, the Three Tuns Pub, The Old Mill, properties in Burntwich Drive and properties in Crouch Hill Court. Please would all kind hearted village residents remove all mats covering drains (to prevent duckling from falling through the drains grids), as this too can cause flooding to houses in Crouch Hill Court and beyond, should there be a deluge of rain. The Lower Halstow Flood Warden's are trying to prevent flooding BEFORE it happens.

LOWER HALSTOW MEMORIAL HALL The Annual General Meeting will be held on

11th July at 7.30 p.m. All welcome. As usual we are looking for new committee members and helpers to help shape the village hall and be more connected; it does not take up too much time (1-2 hours a month). Anyone who uses the hall on a regular basis can have a representative on the committee, so please can I have any nominations from any representatives. I would especially like to hear from the Gardening Club which at present does not have a voice on the running of the hall.

If you need further information please contact Kerry on 842234 or by email

lowerhalstowhall@gmail.com

THE 2017 DOG SHOW What a wonderful event. The weather was great (a little too warm, but there was shade under the trees), and a super attendance by dog entries.

The atmosphere was fun, fun, fun, people enjoying watching, as well as the entrants, and everyone helped to make this event happen so successfully.

An enormous thank you to our steward of the day Anne, Sophie photographer, Jamie and crew in the kitchen, Vikkie for getting most of the raffle prizes and helping with the registration, Pat and Jill with the registration, Julia and Sophie running the raffle table, Ursula for providing cakes and of course the judge my hubby. A big thank you, too, to Mark and Gema Stevens for provided bales of straw. These were very necessary for the dog race.

You all deserve a big thank you. We were able to raise and give to the Over 60's Christmas Party £100.00. Kay.

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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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The school 842344

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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 (Ann Smith) 842908 email clerk.lhpc@gmail.com

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Dog Warden 077952 37479

Noise nuisance 417850 (out-of-hours 07881817601)

K.C.C. Highways potholes 03000 418187

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 AUGUST
VILLAGE NEWS IS NOON ON WEDNESDAY 12th JULY.**

Items for inclusion to Pauline at Elm Farm (842028)

or pauline.elmfarm@btconnect.com

Please remember – if we don't receive your news, we can't print it!