

LOWER HALSTOW
VILLAGE NEWS

JULY 2015



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St. MARGARET'S CHURCH

SERVICES AT ST. MARGARET'S IN JULY

Sunday 5th July

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

Sunday 12th July

10.30 a.m. Family Communion

Sunday 19th July

10.30 a.m. Morning Worship

6.30 p.m. Evensong

Sunday 26th July

10.00 a.m FAMILY TIME – a new format for the Welcome Service

Refreshments before the service and afterwards.

ALTAR FLOWER ROTA

July: 5th Jackie Swift & Joan Mustoo; 12th Ursula Aylward;
19th Denise & Faye Balban; 26th Georgina Kindred.

August: 2nd Maggie Mills & Fiona Harrington.

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Items for inclusion to Pauline at Elm Farm (842028)

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SEND YOUR NEWS. IT HELPS TO SEND IT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.*

VILLAGE DIARY FOR JULY and other dates for your diary.

Friday 3rd July GAMES AFTERNOON at the Memorial Hall between **2.00 p.m. and 4.00 p.m.**
Games include Rummikub, Whist, Euchre, Scrabble and many other card or board games.
For £1.50 you will receive a cup of tea/coffee, biscuits and a very warm welcome.

Saturday 4th July THE LOWER HALSTOW ANNUAL NOVELTY DOG SHOW at the Memorial Hall or, if sunny, on the surrounding grass area. The Show opens at **10.00 a.m.** and the judging will begin at **11.00 a.m.**

Please register on the day in the Hall. Each class will be £2.00.

Classes include:-

1. Fancy Dress,
2. The Happiest Dog/Bitch,
3. The Prettiest Bitch
4. The Most Handsome Dog,
5. The Owner and Dog/Bitch Look-alike.
6. Timed Assault Cause

The Final Class will be between all winners for dogs/bitches who have come 1st in their class.
Weather permitting we will have a fun day afterwards with 'Bring your Own Picnic' and Games.
If it is raining the Dog Show will be inside the Hall.
All proceeds from the Dog Show will go towards the Over 60's Christmas Party.

LOWER HALSTOW CRAFTERS

Our dates for July are

Monday 6th July - back by popular demand Japanese Patchwork;

Wednesday 15th July - this is an informal meeting/show-and-tell – just bring along anything you would like to work on and any completed projects you fancy showing off!

Wednesday 29th July – we are going to have a go at decorating pots with shells this week.

Please feel welcome to come and join us. We charge £1 per meeting which goes towards materials.
You can see photos of our achievements on our Facebook page at Lower Halstow Crafters.

For further details contact Sue on 841730 or email sue.e.mumford@btinternet.com or Margaret on 843100

Tuesday 7th 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.

Sunday 12th July SEA SUNDAY There will be a special service at St. Margaret's at 10.30 a.m. to commemorate Sea Sunday, which is held every year on the second Sunday in July. This is when we remember all seafarers, from the Royal Navy to our little boats and all that goes in between, not forgetting the dedicated Life Boat crews, who risk their lives in their work. There are so many reasons to come together to say thank you to them all. The Rev. Julian will be taking the service. Please do come along and participate. If you have any experiences you would like to share with us please contact Jackie on 842749.

Sunday 12th July OPEN GARDEN AND CREAM TEAS at Ursula's, 7 Burntwick Drive, from **3.00 p.m.** All are welcome, and the proceeds will be in aid of the Over 60s' Christmas Party.

Tuesday 14th July Lower Halstow Memorial Hall Committee will be holding its **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING at 7.30 p.m.** All welcome. As usual we are looking for new committee members and helpers. Come along and help shape the Memorial Hall and be more connected; it doesn't 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 nominations for representatives. I would especially like to hear from the Scouts and Gardening Club who at present do not have a voice on the running of the Hall. Thank you. Kerry. (842234 or by email lowerhalstowhall@gmail.com)

Thursday 23rd July **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 25th July **PRODUCE SALE & CRAFTS 2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. in St.Margaret's Church.** Please join us at arguably the prettiest location around at this popular event for a wide range of home-grown and home-made produce and crafts including jewellery, pens, wood work, needle work, cards and honey.

Refreshments available and warm welcome guaranteed! www.thesix.org.uk

Saturday 25th July **WHIST DRIVE in the Memorial Hall at 7.30 p.m. £3.00.** Everyone welcome.

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.**

THE CENTENARY OF THE PRINCESS IRENE

Alan Swift had the privilege of attending the service marking the centenary of the Princess Irene, a ship that was blown up off Sheerness on the 27th May 1915. The reason behind this tragic story still remains a mystery. Many relatives attended the ceremony, which was held at the Sheerness War Memorial. The short service was followed by a lunch in Blue Town. Alan was then invited to board one of the small boats that was sailing to the spot where the tragedy happened. Four boats attended and the Rev. Jeanette McLaren conducted a short service. Wreaths and flowers were cast into the water in remembrance, with Alan's remembering particularly George Watts from Lower Halstow. George was one of 76 civilian dockyard workers working on the Princess Irene at the time. The 273 crew on board died as well as all 76 dockyard workers. Among the relatives who were exchanging stories was a gentleman from Australia



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

July 24th The customary Village Fete was held this year as a War Fete. It was held at the cricket meadow, Meophams, lent by G Willson of Great Barksore Farm. (*This is the meadow which adjoins the Yacht Club at The Stray.*) A cricket match was also played. This event took place on a Wednesday. 100 years ago Wednesday seemed to be a day when some cricket matches were played, and it was the traditional day for shops to be closed in the afternoon. After expenses £32 18sh 10d was raised, but there is no mention of who benefitted.

Other notable July dates in history (compiled by Bill):

- 1665 A decision was made to build a fortified dockyard at Sheerness.
- 1900 1st July. First flight of the Zeppelin airship.
Charlotte Cooper became the first woman Gold Medallist at the Olympics (tennis singles)
- 1910 31st July. Dr. Crippen was arrested for murder in Canada, thanks to the use of the new ship-to-shore radio transmission.
- 1915 General Botha accepted the surrender of all German forces in South West Africa.
- 1930 12th July. Don Bradman scored a triple century at Leeds with a record score of 334 runs.
30th July. Uruguay won the first football World Cup. Five of our British teams were not invited to take part, having left FIFA in 1926.
- 1936 The Ministry of Transport decreed that dipped headlights would be compulsory.
- 1940 German bombers carried out the first daylight bombing raids over the U. K.
3rd July. The Royal Navy sank the French Fleet in North Africa.
- 1950 The government announced the end of soap rationing (to the dismay of schoolboys).
- 1955 23rd July. Donald Campbell broke the world water speed record, 202.32 m.p.h.
Stirling Moss won his first Formula 1 Grand Prix.
- 1970 A Comet aircraft crashed killing all on board.
- 1985 7th July. Live Aid Concerts at Wembley and the J.F.K. Stadium in Philadelphia.

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

Car Parking Rent for car parking spaces at Westfield is now due. Please send your rent, £40 per space, to the Parish Clerk at 18 Cumberland Drive, by the end of July at the latest. Cheques should be made payable to Lower Halstow Parish Council. Non payment will result in the space being re-let.

Hedge Cutting Lower Halstow Parish Council and K.C.C. have received a number complaints about overgrown hedges and vegetation. Owners are asked to ensure these are cut back to allow safe vehicular or pedestrian access as appropriate and avoid K.C.C. Highways & Transportation writing to you. The Council have received the following advice from K.C.C. for property owners:

If the boundary of your property borders the footway, then please be aware that:

The full width of the footway/pavement must be available for use by pedestrians.

As well, there must be a minimum height clearance over the footway/pavement of 2.1 metres / 7 feet for any vegetation.

If the boundary of your property borders the carriageway, then please be aware that:

If you have vegetation that overhangs into the road, there must be a minimum height clearance of 5 metres / 16 feet, to accommodate buses and HGVs that may use the road.

If your property is rural, then vegetation should be 0.45 metres / 18 inches behind the edge of the road and all signs need to be kept clear of foliage for at least 20 metres.

These requirements are particularly important if your property is on or near a junction, and/or inside a bend of the road, to maintain maximum visibility for road users.

Parking in Landrail Road The Council have received a complaint about inconsiderate parking in Landrail Road. Residents are reminded of the need to park safely and to maintain suitable access for emergency vehicles. The Police have been asked to monitor the area.

Dog Fouling Please remember to clear up after your dog; particular problems have been noted with users of the Brickfields area and the dog warden has been asked to visit to ensure the area is kept clean.

Funton Brickworks Site There is a current application for 55 dwellings at the former Funton Brickworks Site. The Parish Council have submitted their objections, but there is still an opportunity for the public to comment on the application and the plans can be viewed on the Swale Planning Portal reference number 15/502681. The application is under consideration by Swale Borough Council, but comments are still awaited from K.C.C. Highways.

More on inconsiderate parking in Landrail Road Due to vans being parked at the corner of Landrail Road and Breach Lane, on at least one occasion in the past few months, it has not been possible for the bin lorries to access Landrail. Not only does this inconvenience residents, but also poses a risk should emergency vehicles need to get through.

MEMORIAL HALL

We had a Family Barn Dance in May which was well attended. There were young people from the age of 6 years old to 76 years old. Everyone who came said what a great time they all had, therefore we will be having another Family Barn Dance in the autumn. See you there.

FOR SALE – Cox 22' motor boat. New 13.5bhp Beta Marine engine. Moored at Lower Halstow Yacht Club, 2 berths, a galley with a 2 ring hob and grill, separate flushing toilet cubicle and a large 4 person cockpit. The boat was used for local fishing trips and family days out, but a health condition means that we can no longer make use of the boat. £7,500. Photos available. For more information and to view call Will Ransley on 01795 843871, or 07889 600677 or email ransleyprojects@gmail.com

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

ALAN'S GARDENING SERVICES No job too small. Ring 01634 371832 or 07715292991.

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
Also WANTED – vintage clothing and textiles

COUNSELLING SERVICE Fully qualified BACP registered local Counsellor (including depression and anxiety). Concession fees available. Home visits may be possible after initial assessment. Contact Jodie Sturges **07950 487 560** or email Jodie.sturges@btinternet.com

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*If you find that any of these numbers is no longer in use
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The Three Tuns 842840

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Judo Club (Jon) 07944755036.

The Parish Clerk (Christine Fordham) 844060

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Crime Stoppers 0800 555111

Swale Borough Council (Main office) 424341

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Police (general enquiries) 01622 690690

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.

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