

LOWER HALSTOW
VILLAGE NEWS

JUNE 2015



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St. MARGARET'S CHURCH

SERVICES AT ST. MARGARET'S IN JUNE

Sunday 7th June

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

Sunday 14th June

10.30 a.m. Family Communion

Refreshments afterwards

Sunday 21st June

10.30 a.m. Morning Worship

Refreshments afterwards

6.30 p.m. Evensong

Sunday 28th June

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

Refreshments before the service and afterwards.

See the Diary of Events for more details.

ALTAR FLOWER ROTA

June; 7th Georgina Kindred; 14th Maggie Mills & Fiona Harrington

21st Liz Mouland; 28th Yvonne Quigley

July: 5th Jackie Swift & Joan Mustoo.

THE DEADLINE FOR THE JULY VILLAGE NEWS

IS NOON ON FRIDAY 12th JUNE.

*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 JUNE and other dates for your diary.

LOWER HALSTOW CRAFTERS NEWS

On June 1st we will be having another look at the village pennants.

Looking forward, we are going to do some shell mosaics and deco patch boxes.

All details can be found on our website along with pictures of our achievements.

We are a friendly group of ladies who have a like interest and enjoy each other's company. If you would like to come along you will be made most welcome.

For further details contact Margaret on 843100 or email blenmerrow@firenet.uk.net or Barbara on 01634 786922.

Tuesday 2nd June **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 5th June **GAMES AFTERNOON** at the Memorial Hall from 2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.. Come and join in with Rummicub, Whist, Scrabble, Euchre, Dominoes and many other card or board games. £1.50 for a cup of tea/coffee/biscuits and a very warm welcome.

Saturday 6th June **YOU ARE INVITED to SATURDAY BREAKFAST at 9.00 a.m. in Lower Halstow Memorial Hall.**

There have been so many people who attended the breakfasts we used to enjoy for many years at the Golf Club in Upchurch that we have been seeking a way to start them up again. So on Saturday 6th June there will be a full English cooked breakfast, or a Continental Breakfast followed by a Christian speaker. This is following the format we enjoyed at the Golf Club. There will be tablecloths and we will be waited on, other than queuing up, table by table, for our breakfast as we did previously. Both men and women, also families, are welcome. We are hoping we can cover the costs with a ticket price of **£5.00 per person. To enable us to purchase the groceries etc., we have to please ask you to book and pay for your ticket by Tuesday the 2nd of June.** We look forward to meeting up with you and hope that this will be successful and that we will be able to be continue on a regular basis.

Please ring **Tricia on 01795 842419** or **Jackie on 01795 842749.**

UpARA (Upchurch Active Retirement Association)

Our next events are:

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

Friday 12th June – 2.00pm

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

Tuesday 23rd June 9.30am until 12.30pm

Village Walks 1st and 3rd Friday

Outings: Wednesday 3rd June 6.00 p.m. Kentish Lady

Bat & Trap Match: Upchurch Recreation Ground 2.00 pm Monday 8th June

David Powell – Chairman davidrpowell5@hotmail.co.uk 01795-843550

Sunday 14th June **Lower Halstow Yacht club** (Sheerness Road) will hold its **ANNUAL CHARITY RACE at 10.30 a.m.** in aid of McMillan Nurses. **Meet on the slipway at 9.30 a.m.**

A donation for the charity of £5 per person participating would be gratefully received to cover the 'race' and a B-B-Q after, subject to weather conditions.

The yacht club is a friendly, self-help organisation and has members with a broad variety of water activities from canoe, dinghy, day-sailer, cruiser, fishing boats and yachts to 33 feet.

Members volunteer the use of their boats for this annual event so come and join us and experience some time on the water.

Phone Graham Osborne (hon.sec) 01634 324517 to book a place or for more details.

Thursday 25th June 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.

Friday 26th June, 6.00 p.m. to 9.00 p.m. and Saturday 27th June, 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. THE MEMORIAL HALL will be open for you to see what an excellent venue it is for:

A WEDDING BREAKFAST

A CHILDREN'S PARTY

A BUSINESS PROMOTION'S FORUM

A CRAFTER'S FAIR

Please come and see for yourselves. **The rates per hour are so affordable too.**

Sunday 28th June Welcome to FAMILY TIME, 10.00 a.m. at St Margaret's.

Each month, on the fourth Sunday, we have an informal service at St Margaret's Church, for everyone of all ages. Until this month we had the Welcome Service, but now we are starting a new format and new time, and we invite you to join us.

We will begin with refreshments from 10.00 a.m., which gives us a chance to meet and chat. The service will start at 10.30 a.m. and be led by the Rev. Julian. Refreshments will be available after the service too.

We come together to worship God with a mix of traditional hymns and contemporary songs with a bible story, often acted out.

We will have a time when we think about how we can know and live out the love of Jesus Christ in our daily lives.

We will have a time when we pray for those in need in the world, as well as for our own lives.

We will have activities that involve children, even the youngest!

Do you wonder what God is all about? Do you wonder what life is all about?

Not sure what church is all about, but curious to know more?

Then join with us. Do come and see. We look forward to welcoming you.

Sunday 28th June - There are still a few spaces on this year's **Gardening Club trip to Audley End House & Gardens, Essex. The coach leaves Lower Halstow - The Green at 9.00 a.m. and the cost is £25 including coach and entry to the house and gardens. The house is English Heritage, so any EH members would only need to pay for the cost of the coach - £13. If you are interested, please phone Yvonne on 844294.**

Saturday 4th July THE LOWER HALSTOW ANUAL DOG SHOW at the Memorial Hall or, if sunny, on the surrounding grass area. 11.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m. Please enter your dog on the day for the different classes, and enjoy the fun.

All proceeds from this event to raise funds for the Over Sixties Christmas Tea.

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 does not take up too much time (1-2 hours a month).

Any one 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 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)

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.

PASTORAL LETTER

So another election has been and gone. So many words said as differing visions were put forward for the 'delectation' of the electorate. Some seemed to emphasise the individual; others the community. Some no doubt regretted quickly their words, uttered too readily in haste. (How tasty was the hat Paddy?!). Some of the language has almost been 'religious' in its tone or emphasis on what we share, on togetherness and in living fulfilled lives. Elsewhere the focus seemed on what separates or divides us as people, where differences, rather than what we share in common, are accentuated.

The recent response to the latest disaster, this time in Nepal, reminds us of the futility of highlighting our differences. It draws out that deep human instinct that lies within us as human beings, to reach out to help others suffering who have lost everything. So that some will travel thousands of miles to be there to work alongside others, working with whatever common language they can find, but especially that of compassion, to bring people, buried beneath piles of rubble, literally back to life. Where is God some will shout? There in the hands clawing away at that rubble. There in the beating heart of lives created in the image of God. The God, who is Love, where there is both unity and distinctiveness. The place where 'me' and 'we' meet; the place where individual identity and community are lived in harmony.

Pentecost reminds us how the Lord sought to draw those who were once far apart together. Scattered humanity came to hear what the Lord had done through Jesus, in seeking to restore all that was broken, not least the fractured relationships between the Lord and all people; and between people too, whether it be families, or communities including Christian communities. *"How beautiful and pleasant it is when people live together in harmony...for there the Lord bestows his blessing even life for evermore"* says Psalm 133. I make no apology therefore for stressing the importance of unity, not least in and between Christian communities. It's more than just about sharing resources and working together. It's the essential heart of showing what the Lord's Love looks like in a sceptical, often indifferent culture, so that others may be found by this Love, so knowing it for themselves too. Julian.

FOR HIRE – CHURCH FIELD

Church Field can be found in Wardwell Lane, almost opposite Elm Lodge but a little further on to the right in the direction of Newington. It is approximately one acre in size and has been used for keeping a horse. It is now vacant and for hire. For more details contact Jackie Swift at 48 School Lane or tel: 842749.

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

June 12th: Six recruits were obtained recently at Lower Halstow on a visit of the Royal East Kent Mounted Rifles.

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

IMPORTANT - FUNTON REDEVELOPMENT PLANNING APPLICATION

Parishioners will wish to note that the outline Planning Application has been received for the redevelopment of the Funton Brickworks Site. The application is for approximately 55 dwellings, a reptile and invertebrate reserve, and possible outward bound centre. Details can be found at <http://pa.midkent.gov.uk/online-applications/> application number 15/502681/OUT. Comments should be sent to Swale Borough Council Planning.

Allotments Allotment rent is now due and should be sent to the Parish Clerk at 18 Cumberland Drive. together with details of your name, address and allotment number. Rent is £20 for the Memorial Hall site, £16 for Westfield and £10 for Tutts. Cheques should be made payable to Lower Halstow Parish Council.

There are a few allotments available to rent and anyone interested should contact the Parish Clerk.

LOWER HALSTOW SHORT MAT BOWLS. The Lapwings played their last match of the season away at Borden on Sunday 26th April. It was a crucial match requiring us to gain at least two points to ensure staying in Division 2 of the Swale Winter League. Things went well with Dennis Stewart winning the singles in the first series of games 10 - 8. This eased the pressure and the final result was 9 points to 5 and shot aggregate 48 -45 in our favour. As a result we finished fourth out of six – a good result for our 1st season in Div 2. Members have entered the end of season competition at Milton with some success, one team reaching the quarter finals in the doubles, and two of the three teams that entered reached the quarter finals in the triples. We look forward to consolidating our position next season in Division 2.

Attendance on both Monday and Wednesday is regularly about 12 – 14 players. Please get in touch with the secretary, Tony Russell on 842738, if you are interested in joining. John Mustoo.

Why not come and have a go, we have bowls of various sizes you can use and there is no charge for the first two sessions with tea & biscuits in the interval. The only requirement is flat soft shoes on the mats, however socked feet are ok for the free trials. Monday's 2.00 – 4.00 p.m. Wednesday's 7.30 – 9.30 p.m. Tony Russell.

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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*

The Rev. Julian Staniforth 227329

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

Beaver Cub Scout Group (Dave Giles) 843193 1stlowerhalstowscouts@gmail.com

Playgroup (Heather Salisbury) 01634 233182

Yacht Club (Dave Quigley) 01795 841242

Judo Club (Jon) 07944755036.

The Parish Clerk (Christine Fordham) 844060

PCSO 57932 Matthew Link, Lower Halstow & Iwade,

101 or 01795 419116 matthew.link@kent.pnn.police.uk

Crime Stoppers 0800 555111

Swale Borough Council (Main office) 424341

Citizen's Advice Bureau 0870 1212105

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.**

**THE DEADLINE FOR ITEMS FOR INCLUSION IN THE JULY
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Items for inclusion to Pauline at Elm Farm (842028)

or pauline.elmfarm@btconnect.com

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