

LOWER HALSTOW
VILLAGE NEWS

SEPTEMBER 2015



Come and join us
at
FAMILY TIME
in
St. Margaret's on Sunday 25th September at 10.00 a.m.

Compiled, edited and published for the village by
St. MARGARET'S CHURCH

SERVICES AT ST. MARGARET'S IN SEPTEMBER

Sunday 6th September

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

Sunday 13th September

10.30 a.m. Family Communion

Sunday 20th September

10.30 a.m. Morning Worship

6.30 p.m. Evensong

Sunday 27th September

10.00 a.m. for 10.30 a.m. FAMILY TIME

Refreshments at 10.00 a.m.

The service (with a baptism this month)

starts at 10.30 a.m.

ALTAR FLOWER ROTA

September: 6th Denise & Faye Balban; 13th Georgina Kindred;

20th Maggie Mills & Fiona Harrington; 27th Liz Moulard.

October: 4th Yvonne Quigley.

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Items for inclusion to Pauline at Elm Farm (842028)

or pauline.elmfarm@btconnect.com

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

VILLAGE DIARY FOR SEPTEMBER and other dates for your diary.

Tuesday 1st September There will be no Parish Council meeting in September. The next meeting will be on Tuesday 6th October.

Friday 4th September **GAMES AFTERNOON** at the **Memorial Hall** between **2.00 p.m. and 4.00 p.m.** which includes Scrabble, Rummy, Whist, Euchre and many more card or board games. We charge £1.50 for a cup of tea/coffee biscuits, and you will receive a very warm welcome.

LOWER HALSTOW CRAFTERS

Our dates for September are:-

Monday 7th September – another chance to make iPad support lap pads – perfect Christmas presents.

Wednesday 16th September – decopatching boxes.

Wednesday 30th September – creating paper butterflies and gift boxes.

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.

Saturday 12th September ***Kent Churches Annual RIDE AND STRIDE***, 10.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m. Time to pump up those tyres! This annual event takes place as always on the second Saturday in September. This is a popular event with hundreds of churches throughout Kent open to welcome walkers and cyclists. The money raised by sponsored participants is divided equally between a church of your choice and the main Friends of Kent Churches Fund, which is then used in grant form for certain projects in churches county-wide. Sponsor forms are available in the church, open most Sundays or from Liz Moulard (eamoulard@gmail.com; tel: 842272).

Tuesday 22nd September **GARDENING CLUB'S** September meeting will be **at 7.30 p.m. in the Memorial Hall**. Our guest speaker is Mr Don Ball from Upchurch and he will be giving an informative talk on: "The History of London Bridge".

We try to offer a variety of topics and themes at our meetings and hope you will join us there. Visitors £1 and refreshments 25p.

Thursday 24th September **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 26th September The Memorial Hall Committee are delighted to introduce you to "**THE GREEN ROCK RIVER BAND**" with their lively "Songs with Harmonies" and their "Jazz fused Trombone and Bango". The evening will start at 7.00 p.m for 7.30 p.m. Phone **Kay on 01795 844408** for your **£9.00 ticket**. See you there.

Sunday 27th September **FAMILY TIME SERVICE** at **St. Margaret's**, starting with refreshments at **10.00 a.m.** The service, taken by the Rev. Julian, starts at **10.30 a.m.** when we will be singing some songs we know, with Pauline playing the organ and Julian playing his guitar. This service is an opportunity for families to be together in church to say a prayer, sing songs and listen, and even join in to talk about the theme of the service. This time, we are having a baptism during the service, which makes it a real Family Time. For those who are unfamiliar with the Baptism Service it will be a chance to observe and think of the promises made. We finish with a chat and another cup of coffee, and hope that you go home having enjoyed being part of the church community and feeling you have things to think about.

Saturday 10th October The Memorial Hall Committee are holding a **QUIZ NIGHT** with **tables of 6. Tickets are £5.00 each**, which includes a ploughman's-type supper. The time is **7.00 p.m. for 7.30 p.m.** There is a bottle of wine for each winning team member. Please bring your own beverage for the evening.

Sunday 11th October **HARVEST FESTIVAL at St. Margaret's church.** Details next month.

Wednesday 14th October **UNWANTED TEXTILE COLLECTION** To raise funds, the Scout Group will be making a house to house collection. Please have a sort out of unwanted clothes, shoes, bags, household textiles - we welcome donations in any condition. Textiles only please - we cannot take any other items. Thank you for your support.

Saturday 21st November The Memorial Hall Committee are holding **the Lower Halstow's WINTER WONDERLAND MARKET.** We are supporting The PDSA Animals Trust and Dream Flights for terminally ill children.

The Market opens at 10.00 a.m. with stalls including cheeses, cakes, toys and Indian food. There will be displays every hour, for example a Sugar Craft display, and, hopefully, a Tai Chi display. The Market will be closing at 4.00 p.m. with **The Salvation Army's Band** playing carols for us all to join in. A full itinerary will be in the next Village News.

REGULAR DATES

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.**

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

September 25th: Helping the hospital. The Annual Show of fruit, flowers and vegetables took place at the Three Tuns for St. Barts hospital, Rochester raising £5/10/0, which was a good sum considering the lighting restrictions and the Fete that had taken place in the summer. *It is worth remembering that these Shows took place at the roadside. There was no car park at that time.*

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

- 1905 5th September: Russia and Japan signed a peace treaty ending the war in Korea and Mongolia.
1910 7th September: Marie Curie isolated the first pure sample of radium.
1920 5th September: “Fatty” Arbuckle charged with murder and rape.
1925 September: The Charleston dance took Britain by storm.
1930 25th September: Hitler denounced peace treaties and wanted to build huge conscript army.
1935 3rd September: Malcolm Campbell broke the 300 mph barrier in car ‘Bluebird’.
1940 7th September: Bombing of London commenced after Hitler announced his intention to reduce London to rubble – subsequently the bombing of Berlin.
15th September: Italian troops advanced across Libya to attack Egypt.
27th September: Japan signed a pact with Germany and Italy.
1945 8th September: The arrival of American forces in South Korea in response to Russian presence in North Korea sets up a partition.
1950 29th September: U.N. forces reached 38th parallel in Korea.
1955 22nd September: Start of commercial television.
1960 19th September: First day of traffic wardens and parking tickets in London – 344 tickets issued.
1970 12th September: Concorde’s first landing at Heathrow - complaints about noise.

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.

MEMORIAL HALL - DEFIBRILLATOR IN THE MEMORIAL HALL

We have installed a defibrillator inside the Memorial Hall. The parish council are also in the process of installing one outside The Three Tuns which will be accessible at all times - please keep any eye out for further details.

The community public access defibrillator (CPAD) gives verbal instructions as you use it so any untrained person can use it in an emergency until the emergency services arrive. We have been sent a DVD showing how to use the defibrillator and would be happy to loan this out to anyone who would like to borrow it.

We are considering running a public awareness session on how to use the defibrillator. Please ring Sue Mumford on 841730 or email lowerhalstowhall@googlemail.com if you would be interested in attending this and/or if you would like to borrow the DVD. We would also be interested to hear from anyone who has already been trained in the use of defibrillators who may be able to assist with a training session.

PARISH COUNCIL

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

CHANGES TO THE BUS SERVICE – a message from Bob Quy of Upchurch.

Drastic changes are proposed to the current 327 Bus service which runs through Upchurch and Lower Halstow. Basically the 327 service has been cancelled at some stages in the weekday and Saturdays in favour of an increased service in the 326 route. The 326 service runs along the main A2 and totally avoids the 2 villages of Upchurch and Lower Halstow.

The revised timetable is now on the Internet and this will mean that for the 327 service:

- a) For services to Chatham, after the 7.40 am bus there will be 3 hour intervals during the day...9.39, 12.39, 15.29 then 16.16 , last bus 17.30.
- b) For Services to Sittingbourne, after the 7.40 am bus there will be the following9.36, 14.17 (an incredible gap of almost 5 hours !!) 16.16, last bus 17.57.
- c) On Saturdays there will be similar increases in the intervals between services, but notably there will be just 3 calls during the day on the service to Sittingbourne (9.36, 14.17 and 17.57).

We need to oppose these changes, particularly if villagers need to attend the two hospitals on the 327 Route, Medway and Sittingbourne Memorial.

Please write to Chalkwell Bus & Coach Company voicing your opposition to the new timetable.

I will be pleased to help if you need any assistance

Robert (Bob) Quy, 10 Church Farm Road, Upchurch, ME9 7AG. 01634 365831

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

GUITAR TUITION: For all levels and styles in a relaxed atmosphere. Call Jeremy on 01795 842620.

DO YOU NEED AN EXPERIENCED, RELIABLE BUILDER? I'm available for small and medium jobs - repairs, alterations and refurbishments, from hanging a door to fitting a new kitchen or bathroom. Contact Bill Ransley on 07889 600677 or 01795 843871.

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.

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: thestitchistsews@gmail.com, 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

MOBILE GELLUX NAIL TECHNICIAN fully trained and insured. Gel nails/toenails will last up to 15 days - over 20 colours! Please call Hayley to book an appointment 07411686090. Special offer at the moment £15 first set (normally £20).

'A DOCKYARD MATEY MAKES GOOD' a new book has just been published by Halstow author, Rob Smith, and is available from 'Amazon' and 'Sunburst Books', Rainham. Priced at £12.

MORE 4 PAWS - Pet Sitting and Dog Walking service based in Lower Halstow. Please ring Vicky on 07976770004 or email vicky@cyberknowledge.co.uk

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

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The school 842344

The Three Tuns 842840

Short Mat Bowls (John Mustoo) 843681

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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

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County Councillor Lee Burgess LeeBurgess@kent.gov.uk

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.

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