

**LOWER HALSTOW
VILLAGE NEWS**

AUGUST 2016



Those were the days!

The Methodist Chapel outing to Margate in 1919

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St. MARGARET'S CHURCH

SERVICES AT ST. MARGARET'S IN AUGUST

Sunday 7th August

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

Sunday 14th August

10.00 a.m. Morning Worship

Sunday 21st August

10.00 a.m. Communion

4.00 p.m. Evensong

Sunday 28th August

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

ALTAR FLOWER ROTA

August: 7th Georgina Kindred; 14th Maggie Mills & Fiona Harrington;
21st Liz Mouland; 28th Yvonne Quigley.

September: 4th Jackie Swift & Joan Mustoo

THE DEADLINE FOR THE SEPTEMBER VILLAGE NEWS IS NOON ON FRIDAY 12th AUGUST

*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 AUGUST and other dates for your diary.

Friday 5th August **GAMES AFTERNOON** in the Memorial Hall between **2.00 p.m. and 4.00 p.m.** The games include Rummy, Euchre, Whist and Scrabble and the cost is £1.50 which includes a cup of tea/coffee and biscuits. There is no joining fee, so come along and join in. You would be so welcome.

UpARA (Upchurch Active Retirement Association)

Monthly Meeting: **Friday 12th August** **2.00 p.m.** Members free; Guests £2

Coffee Morning : **Tuesday 23rd August** **9.30 a.m.** Members £1.50; Guests £2

Ten Pin Bowling: **Tuesday 9th August** **9.45 a.m.**

Walks: **1st & 3rd Fridays** - Village Hall **9.30 a.m.**

Boules: **Tuesday 16th August** **2.00 p.m.**

Kurling: **Monday 1st and Friday 26th August** **2.00 p.m.**

Outing: **Wednesday 24th August** Day trip to Southend.

Saturday 20th August The Lower Halstow Memorial Hall Committee is hosting a **JAZZ NIGHT** with 'DR. JAZZ', The Swinging Traditional Dixieland Jazz Band. **Opening 7.00 p.m. for 7.30 p.m. Tickets £9.00 each.** Please bring your own beverage and supper. To order your tickets call Kay on 01795 844408.

Saturday 27th August **WHIST DRIVE** in the Memorial Hall at **7.30 p.m.** Entry £3.00, includes refreshments and a raffle ticket. Everyone welcome.

Friday 2nd September Our monthly Games Afternoon 2.00 to 4.00pm

Saturday 17th September **FAMILY BARN DANCE** in the Memorial Hall, **7.00 p.m. for 7.30 p.m.** Dancing begins at **7.30 p.m.** **Tickets £5.00 each for adults. Under 14-year-olds £3.00 each.** Bring your own beverage and supper. For tickets call Kay on 01795 844408.

Sunday 25th September **HARVEST FESTIVAL** at St. Margaret's.

Tuesday 27th September **Lower Halstow Gardening Club, 7:30 p.m., Memorial Hall, School Lane, Lower Halstow, ME9 7ES. Flowers for the Home.** Club member, Liz Moulard, will show how to make some simple flower arrangements for the home. Using the traditional triangle shape, Liz will arrange flowers in a basket; she will also create a simple table decoration and for her final piece create a Harvest arrangement using the 'continental' style. The arrangements will be available to purchase at the end of the evening. Visitors £1.50 - do join us.

Friday 7th October Our monthly Games Afternoon 2.00 to 4.00pm

Saturday 22nd October **QUIZ NIGHT** in the Memorial Hall, **7.00 p.m. for 7.30 p.m.** Quiz begins at **7.30 p.m.** **Tables of 6 - £5.00 per person,** which includes a Ploughman's Supper. Please bring your own beverage. To book call Kay on 01795 844408

Friday 4th November Our monthly Games Afternoon 2.00 to 4.00pm

Saturday November 26th **Grand CHRISTMAS MARKET, 11.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m** with a surprise visit from ???????? who will be opening the Market. Perhaps nearer the time the secret will be told to you all.

Friday 2nd December our Christmas Special Games Afternoon 2.00 to 4.00pm, do join us.

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 time is due to change soon) **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 DOG SHOW We had a great day at our 5th Annual Novelty Dog Show, raising money for the PDSA and The Over 60s' Christmas Party. The day was blessed with lovely weather and wonderful support for the dog show, with well over fifty dogs entering a fun-packed day. The Best in Show was won by Ollie a cocker spaniel, and the agility and race classes were won by Tilly, a two year old sproodle. Mrs. Galaxy made a special appearance, helping to collect money for the PDSA. We would like to say a special thank you to Anne and Tony Richards. their daughters, Jaime and Sophie, and their friends, Pat Perret and Julia Dumphrey, as their contributions were so appreciated, also Mark Stevens, who very kindly organised some hay bales and Keith Howard-Challis who was the judge. However, we all know who really are the winners, it's always the dogs we take home. Kay.
THANK YOU from Ursula to the Dog Show organisers for the donation towards the over-60s' Christmas party.

PASTORAL LETTER

BOUNCY CASTLE, BOUNCY CHURCH

Bouncy castles weren't around when I was a child so when my two grown-up sons recently decided that they would hire one for a day, it was my chance to try it out. I went on it on my own first and it was very pleasant bouncing up and down. However, when joined by my sons and their girlfriends it took things to a whole new level. With four energetic young adults throwing themselves at the sides, doing flips and bouncing as hard as they could, it was impossible to stay upright. I soon ended up in the corner, helpless with laughter.

It reminded me of a few years ago when I went with a couple of friends to the Christian resources exhibition and one of the resources on display was an inflatable church! It had a couple of bouncy pews, an organ, some choir stalls and even I think an inflatable vicar! We sat down on the pew with a couple of other visitors, admiring this incredible creation, with smiles on our faces. When the other people on the pew got up to leave, it upset the balance so that we found ourselves toppling over. And on that occasion too, we ended up helpless with laughter and my friend remarked 'Wouldn't it be good if church was always such fun.'

I'm not suggesting for a minute that we put bouncy castles in our churches, but it is important to remember that in all life's struggles and uncertainties, the Christian message is essentially one of Good News. The religious leaders in Jesus' day had made life miserable for the ordinary people by imposing impossible rules upon them. Jesus came with a message of healing, forgiveness, joy, freedom, a fresh start in life. This is still available today if we put our faith in him.

Rosie Liddell

(Rosie lives in Upchurch and is part of the team responsible for Uplift, which is held twice monthly in Upchurch Village Hall. The services are particularly geared for families and young people. If you want to know more look on the church website www.thesix.org.uk)

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

FRIENDS OF THE WESTMORELAND

The restoration of the Westmoreland Sailing Barge is gathering pace, with a submission for lottery funding about to be made. In the meantime the Westmoreland Trust is looking for villagers who'd like to become Friends of the Westmoreland, as this exciting project still needs our help to meet ongoing costs, such as insuring the barge.

What does it mean to be a Friend of the Westmoreland?

- * We will keep you up to date with developments on the restoration project via email newsletters
 - * Invitation to Friends-only Open Days during restoration so you can see the project developing yourselves
 - * Discounts on events once the Westmoreland is restored
 - * Once the Barge is restored, Friends who've been with us over 2 years can have their name(s) engraved in a permanent display on the Westmorland
- We aim to add further benefits as the project progresses.

What is the Cost?

£2 per month for individuals and £3 per month for families (living at the same address).

What do I need to do next?

Just email us at friends@westmorelandtrust.co.uk with your name(s) and address.

VINYL RECORDS, CDs, AND CASSETTE TAPES URGENTLY REQUIRED

The Fenner Frost Foundation is a newly-formed charity (1167049) that will be opening a record shop in Sittingbourne High Street. The purpose of the shop is to advance the skills and education of young adults with a learning disability. Here they will be involved in all aspects of running a shop. They will be assisted to identify and source stock, serve customers, handle money and undertake general shop duties. If you have any records, tapes, or CD's that you would be willing to donate please contact Alison on 01795 843357 or 07881278689 for collection.

THE VILLAGE SHOP IS NOW OPEN UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

Groceries, a bakery, a paypoint, a cash machine, frozen and chilled food, household items, spirits and wine, alcohol and beers, medicine, newspapers, stationery. 01795 844630

SUN PIER HOUSE - Enjoy riverside views, homemade cake and light lunches at this award-winning Gallery & Tearoom. Open 10am – 4pm, Tuesdays - Sundays, Sun Pier House, Medway Street, Chatham, ME4 4HF. Free parking for Tearoom customers. No disabled access. For further information please contact us 01634 812 805

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.

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, 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

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

PCSO 56826 Matthew Link, Lower Halstow & Iwade,

Tel: 101 or email matthew.link@kent.pnn.police.uk

Crime Stoppers 0800 555111

Swale Borough Council (Main office) 424341

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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)

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 SEPTEMBER VILLAGE NEWS IS NOON ON FRIDAY 12th AUGUST.

Items for inclusion to Pauline at Elm Farm (842028)

or pauline.elmfarm@btconnect.com

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