

LOWER HALSTOW
VILLAGE NEWS

JUNE 2016

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THANKSGIVING SERVICE at 5.00 p.m.

See flier and page 3 for details

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St. MARGARET'S CHURCH

SERVICES AT ST. MARGARET'S IN JUNE

Sunday 5th June

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

Sunday 12th June

10.00 a.m. Morning Worship

Sunday 19th June

10.00 a.m. Communion

4.00 p.m. Evensong

Sunday 26th June

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

ALTAR FLOWER ROTA

June: 5th Yvonne Quigley; 12th Jackie Swift & Joan Mustoo;
19th Ursula Aylward; 26th Georgina Kindred.

July: 3rd Maggie Mills & Fiona Harrington.

THE DEADLINE FOR THE JULY VILLAGE NEWS IS NOON ON SUNDAY 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.*

THE QUEEN'S 90th BIRTHDAY

Join in the fun as we celebrate:

Friday 10th June SING-ALONG and SNIPPETS at the Memorial Hall, 7.30 p.m. – 9.30 p.m. Do join us as we sing songs from the past and hear snippets from village life in juxtaposition with the Queen's experiences. Fun and informal. All welcome. Tea and coffee.

Saturday 11th June FAMILY FUN on the recreation ground, 3.00 p.m. – 7.00 p.m. Fun filled afternoon with live music, barbeque, children's ride, bar, bouncy castle and more.

Sunday 12th June CREAM TEAS at St. Margaret's Church, 2.30 p.m. – 4.30 p.m. when we will be entertained by 'Those Women', Chris and Denise, who came along when we had the WW1 weekend in 2014 and serenaded us with many songs we knew. The village cubs will also be coming to help out with some surprises in store. The afternoon will close with a **Short Thanksgiving Service at 5.00 p.m.** which will be taken by the Rev. Mark Ham. Everyone welcome to all or part of the afternoon. Any queries, ask Jackie on 842749.

VILLAGE DIARY FOR JUNE and other dates for your diary.

Friday 3rd June GAMES AFTERNOON at the Memorial Hall between 2.00 p.m. and 4.00 p.m. Games include Rummikub, Whist, Euchre, Dominos, Scrabble and many other board or card games, and a very warm welcome. Only £1.50 which includes a cup of tea/coffee and biscuits (no joining fee).

Saturday 4th June Calling all Primary School Children (4+ to 11years). BREAKFAST CLUB at St. Margaret's Church between 9.30 a.m. and 11.30 a.m. Come along and enjoy a breakfast of waffles, pancakes and toast accompanied by fresh apple or orange juice.

Following a lively introduction, you can take part in a variety of games and activities linked to the morning's Bible based theme. The session concludes with a time when we share our achievements, celebrate birthdays and pray for those we love, before gathering all the things made to take home. Children need to be accompanied to and from the church by a responsible adult but are well supervised by a sufficient number of adults while there.

All involved look forward to greeting our 'regulars' but newcomers are always welcome. Any queries to Liz Hadley (842654), Becky Ridley or Hilary Gates, (841632).

LOWER HALSTOW CRAFTERS

Our meetings are informal and fun and open to all, whether you are an experienced crafter or a complete beginner. We enjoy learning new crafts and sharing ideas. 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. You can see photos of our achievements on our Facebook page at Lower Halstow Crafters. For further details and venues contact Sue on 841730 or email sue.e.mumford@btinternet.com or Margaret on 843100.

Dates for June are: Monday 6th June; Wednesday 15th June; Wednesday 29th June.

Tuesday 7th 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.

UpARA (Upchurch Active Retirement Association)

Monthly Meeting: Friday 10th June 2.00 p.m. Members free; Guests £2

Coffee Morning : Tuesday 28th June 9.30 a.m. Members £1.50; Guests £2

Ten Pin Bowling: Tuesday 15th June 9.45 am

Walks: 1st & 3rd Fridays - Village Hall 9.30 am

Boules: Tuesday 20th June 2.00 p.m.

Kurling: Monday 6th and Friday 24th June 2.00 p.m.

Outing: Wednesday 29th June Pocahontas river trip to Greenwich

Wednesday 22nd June Scouts' Textile Collection. The Village Scout Group will be making a **house to house collection from 6.00 p.m.** Please use any bin bags or carriers to gather up unwanted textiles in any condition (clothes, shoes, bags, belts, sheets, towels, blankets, boots) and leave out for us **after 6.00 p.m. (not before as donations have been stolen in the past).** We appreciate your support for our fundraising.

Friday 24th June St.Margaret's Youth Group will be meeting, **5.30 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.** Come along and have some chill out time, get creative or just watch! Still time to shape what you want your youth group to be. Refreshments as usual and all for free. 11 years and on. The Youth Group Team. For more information contact Liz on 07730893747.

Saturday 25th June WHIST DRIVE in the Memorial Hall at 7.30 p.m. Entry £3.00, includes refreshments and a raffle ticket. Everyone welcome.

Saturday 2nd July The Friends of Lower Halstow Primary School are holding a **SUMMER FETE from 11.00 a.m. – 2.00 p.m.** All proceeds will go to the school to benefit the children who attend. There will be lots of games, BBQ and bar, so very family friendly!

Saturday 9th July Memorial Hall Committee 5th ANNUAL NOVELTY DOG SHOW.

Registration at 10.00 a.m. on the day. Judging begins at 11.00 a.m.

The Show includes fancy dress, the happiest dog/bitch, most handsome dog, prettiest bitch, owner and dog/bitch look-alike. Agility course and new dog races. Rosettes for all 1sts, 2nds and 3rds and trophies for over-all winners.

We will also be having a fund-raising Bring & Buy stall for the PDSA., and the monies collected will go to the Over 60s Christmas function.

Tuesday 12th July Lower Halstow Memorial Hall committee will be holding their **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING at 7.30 p.m.** All welcome. As usual we are looking for new Committee members and helpers to help shape the 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 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. If you need further information please contact Kerry on 842234 or by email lowerhalstowhall@gmail.com

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. To order your tickets call Kay on 01795 844409

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.

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

Saturday November 26th Grand CHRISTMAS MARKET, 11.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. to be opened by ??? Big Secret!!! (More information nearer the time).

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 BRIDGE COFFEE STOP Sadly, the May Coffee Stop was our last meeting. We have been open almost every month for the last seven years with special activities for children in the school holidays. We have welcomed both friends and strangers. Our aim has always been to be a bridge between the Church and the community. Coffee Stop has been a meeting place for young and old, and a welcome port of call for occasional groups of walkers, artists, and even a film crew! Thank you to all our regular customers, and to all those who have baked for us. Coffee and cakes can still be found on the 'Edith May', and the new 'Rainbow Cafe' in Upchurch Church on every second Thursday in the month from 2.30 p.m. – 5.00 p.m.. Also you may like to try 'The Cornerstone' Cafe which is held in Newington Church every third Thursday from 9.00 a.m. - 12. 30 p.m. Thanks again from Tricia, Jane, Kay and Ann.

LENT JARS FOR WATER AID Chris Mayes, who organised the collection, has received a letter from Water Aid. "Thank you so much to the congregation of St. Margaret for your wonderful generosity. Because your congregation were able to give up something for Lent and donate the £300 they saved we'll be able to get clean water to many more communities around the world."

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY COLLECTION 2016 Please could all those with collection boxes have them ready this month for collection by Chris Mayes who will have an I. D. card.

PARISH COUNCIL

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

Parish Council Responsibilities The Parish Council works towards improving community well-being and providing better services at a local level. Lower Halstow is specifically responsible for providing and maintaining such services as allotments, the Brickfields and other amenity areas, burial ground, litter picking, footway lighting and many other services. If you would like to be part of the Council then please see the article below about a vacancy for a new Councillor

Council Vacancy There is a vacancy on Lower Halstow Parish Council. Anyone interested in becoming a Councillor should send their details to the Clerk with a short CV including a brief statement of the skills and interests you feel you could contribute to the work of the Council. If you require any further information or wish to apply for the position please contact the clerk at clerk.lhpc@gmail.com telephone 01795 844060. Closing date for applications is Friday 17 June.

Burntwick Drive Garages The Council have been made aware of the possible hazard of a child falling into the stream, unseen, from the garage area to the east of Burntwick Drive. Parents are asked to warn their children of the dangers of playing in this area and to supervise children when accessing this site.

Queen's Birthday Celebrations The Council are holding a village celebration on Saturday 11th June from 3.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m. on the Recreation Ground. All are welcome. Please set up your own picnic area around the field and bring your own food, or buy from the BBQ, Indian Food stall and cake stall. There will be a bar tent, live music, bouncy castle, circus skills workshop, barn dancing, bouncy castle, roundabout, balloon modelling and face painting. Come and join the fun and bring your friends.

BEST FRONT GARDEN COMPETITION This summer the Parish Council will be holding a competition to find the most attractive and pleasant front garden in the parish. Throughout July, councillors will be looking at all front gardens, from the smallest to the largest, which can be seen from the public path/road. They will select, in their opinion, the best three and will award Dobbies vouchers of £50, £25 and £10 as prizes, so it could be well worth a little extra effort to make your front garden the best! At the same time, you will be making the parish a more beautiful place and giving pleasure to those passing by. Sue Hartfree.

PARKED VEHICLES I would like to bring to everyone's attention in Lower Halstow the following:- If you have a delivery to your property, or you yourself have to park on the pavement, please make sure that a person and or a pushchair can get by. I have had to walk many times into the road because a vehicle was parked so far up on the pavement that it was impossible for me to use the pavement and personally I think it is only courteous to think of others who have to walk. Thank you Kay Howard-Challis.

A village resident has asked that **footpath walkers please keep dogs on leads.**

MEMORIAL HALL NEWS

As well as our Facebook group for the hall, we have now created a website: www.lowerhalstowhall.co.uk. Our Facebook group name is Lower Halstow Memorial Hall and it would be lovely if you could join the group and/or regularly check our website to stay up to date with forthcoming events.

SHORT MAT BOWLS After a season of fluctuating fortunes, the Lapwings, in Division II, finished on a high note by winning a game away from home, then missed out on promotion by 3 points, Bredgar having gained 5 points in their last away game. This not unexpected result meant that the two sides relegated from Division I will return to that Division. It's a mixed blessing. Being promoted gives a sense of achievement, but, on the other hand, games in Division I have a more competitive edge, all of the teams being composed of experienced players.

A number of friendly matches have been arranged against Bredhurst and Stockbury.

The annual barbeque will take place at the end of July. It is hoped to return to Woodstock for the Christmas meal.

Our regular club days, Monday afternoons and Wednesday evenings, are well supported. Some of the more recent members took advantage of the course organised at Bobbing under instructions from qualified coaches, and this has brought about a marked improvement in performance. John Mustoo.

CALLING ALL BRIDGE PLAYERS. A lady has moved into the village and would like to be part of a bridge group. I already play bridge, but would be happy to be part of a local group. Anyone interested please contact me, Tricia, on 842419

FOUND Two door keys at the junction of Lapwing Drive and Curlew Avenue, 3rd week in March. Contact Shaun Branchett on 844429. (*The editor apologises for forgetting to include this item in the May edition.*)

MyVillageTrades (your listing of Lower Halstow traders)

In order to fit around other Village News inserts, the Summer edition of the MVT leaflet will be delivered next month (July) with the Village News, with the Winter 2016 edition delivered in

November - but if you need to look up a local tradesperson in the meantime please visit our website at myvillage.trades.co.uk or pick up our leaflet from the pub or the Edith May. Thank you to all residents who have opted to use Local Traders over the past year!

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

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If interested will come to an agreement on price. Contact: 01795 486888.

FOR SALE Hotpoint refrigerator, 18 months old, very good condition, £50. Mama & Papa's buggy with rainhood, excellent condition, £20. Carpet offcut (beige) 8'4" x 6'7", wool mix, hessian back, £20. Pine headboard (double) very good condition, £15. 01795 843488

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

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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 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

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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 JULY VILLAGE NEWS IS NOON ON SUNDAY 12th JUNE.

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!