

**LOWER HALSTOW**  
**VILLAGE NEWS**  
**NOVEMBER 2017**



**We will remember them at the  
REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE  
at St. Margaret's Church  
Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November at 10.30 a.m.**

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## St. MARGARET'S CHURCH

### SERVICES AT ST. MARGARET'S IN NOVEMBER

#### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November

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

#### Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

**10.30 a.m.** Service of Remembrance

#### Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November

7,30 pm Hush

#### Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November

**10.00 a.m.** Communion

**4.00 p.m.** Evensong

#### Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November

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

#### ALTAR FLOWER ROTA

**November:** 5<sup>th</sup> Georgina Kindred; 12<sup>th</sup> Liz Mouland;  
19<sup>th</sup> Yvonne Quigley; 26<sup>th</sup> Ann Smith.

**December** 3<sup>rd</sup> Jackie Swift & Joan Mustoo.

### THE DEADLINE FOR THE DECEMBER VILLAGE NEWS IS NOON ON SUNDAY 12<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER

Items for inclusion to Jackie at 48 School Lane (842749)  
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*THERE 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 NOVEMBER** and other dates for your diary.

**Tuesday 7th November** **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.

**TWO DEADLINE DATES:**

**Friday 3rd November** **DEADLINE FOR LETTING URSULA KNOW IF YOU ARE OVER 60 AND WOULD LIKE TO COME TO THE OVER 60s' CHRISTMAS PARTY ON SUNDAY 4<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER AT 3.00 p.m. IN THE MEMORIAL HALL.** Ursula needs to know by this date so that she can send the invitations and make all the arrangements. She can be contacted at 7 Burntwick Drive or tel: 842924. (*Editor's note – a traditional village occasion not to be missed if you are eligible. If you haven't been before then come and join us*)

**Friday 3rd November** **DEADLINE DATE FOR BLYTHSWOOD SHOEBOXES.**

Una, 2 Cumberland Drive, Jackie 48 School Lane, or Liz, 14 Curlew Avenue, will be pleased to see you with your boxes.

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November** **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

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November** **BREAKFAST CLUB** Come along to **St. Margaret's Church** from **9.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m** Our Theme will be 'Journeys' beginning with **Mary and Joseph's** journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem.

All Primary School aged children are very welcome so why not come along and see what's on offer Contact Liz Hadley (843654), Becky Ridley (841028) or Hilary Gates (841632) for more details.

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November** **Lower Halstow Brickfields Memorial Wood REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE at 10.30 a.m.**

The Remembrance Day service held at the War Memorial, in the newly established Memorial Wood. This is in addition to, and not instead of, the service to be held in the Church on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November, at 10.30am. You may recall the Memorial Wood was Planted in the Brickfield, in the area known as the Beanfield. As part of the WW1 Centenary, and encompasses a small memorial built from the bricks recovered from The Brickfield, inscribed with the names of the men from the village who gave their Lives. This year has been designated Passchendaele 100 by the Royal British Legion, as the Centenary of the Battle of Passchendaele. The closest access to the Memorial Wood, is At the very end of Heron Drive, so if you are coming by car please park considerately, and Do not block the turning circle. Also, access is available from the end of Lapwing Drive. Car Parking will be possible at the end of Lapwing Drive. Rev. Mark Ham, will be attending.

Peter Froggatt, Chairman of Lower Halstow Brickfield.

**Sunday 12th November REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE in St. Margaret's church at 10.30 a.m.**

As always, in addition to the Village Roll of Honour, we like to also mention any names connected To present villiagers. If you have any family connections please let Alan Swift, 01795 842749. Know Before the service.

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November THE SCOUTS CHARITY RACE NIGHT**

The Scouts will be holding a Race Night, in the Memorial Hall, Doors open at 7.15 pm first Race is at 7.45 pm. 10 Races. Please come and support your local Scout Group.

**Saturday 18th November CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR at St. Margaret's Church, 1.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m.** Refreshments available.

Join us at our popular Christmas sale, with a wide range of crafts, gifts and home baking, including jewellery, needlework, fountain pens, cards, local honey and woodwork. We look forward to welcoming you!

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November 1300-1500hrs Parents and Toddlers Group . Will meet again at St. Margarets church an informal time to relax, and let the children play, refreshments and enjoy the atmosphere of the church. For more information, Una Mayes (841425) Liz Hadley (842654)

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November – 11 am – 3.00 pm Lower Halstow's Christmas Market**

As usual the Christmas Market will held in the Memorial Hall, School Lane.

The Market will be opened by Father Christmas. Mrs UK Galaxy will be collecting for "Dream Flights" for "Terminally Ill Children, The PDSA will have a stall for "The Cinnamon Trust" for People over 60 who are disabled/terminally ill and their pets. A wonderful raffle, with truly Generous prizes. Homemade Christmas cakes, mince pies and savoury pastries. Material for making Your own items. India food, which Fatima makes fresh for the day. Stalls, as follows, St Margarets Church, 1<sup>st</sup> Lower Halstow Scouts, over 60s, face painting, fabulous nails, crochet, jewellery, cards, Puzzles, toys, African pottery and more. Refreshment include brunch, cake, tea/ coffee, warmed mulled wine with a mince pie. Finishing with **Super Surprise at the end ??** Last year was very popular, worth a visit. Any further details - **KAY 01795 844408.**

**Friday 1st December Memorial Hall Committee** - our Christmas Special Games Afternoon 2.00 to 4.00pm, do join us.

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December St Margaret's Church YOUTH GROUP.**

Now the nights have drawn in and the colder evenings are upon us, the Youth Group, will Be meeting in the Memorial Hall. We meet at 5.30 pm for an hour and half. We have a Variety of games and craft activities, refreshments and a DVD, on the go!. Ages from 11 year Olds and up. For more information call Liz 07730893747 St Margarets Youth Group.

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December CHRISTMAS WHIST DRIVE in the Memorial Hall at 7.30 p.m.** Entry £3.00, includes refreshments and a raffle ticket. Everyone welcome. (The next whist drive will be on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2018)

## **REGULAR DATES**

**Ladies Do-It-Yourself Keep Fit** We meet regularly on a Monday evening in the village; for six weeks we will be having a movement and dance teacher for Medau sessions. These are lots of fun, fantastic music and a great way to increase fitness. These sessions will cost £5 per person and places are limited. When we are not having a medau evening, sessions are £2 and in the summer they are free! If anyone is interested in joining us, please contact Liz on 07730893747 / 01795 842272.

## **LOWER HALSTOW CRAFTERS**

We meet on the first Monday of each month and two Wednesdays in the month. Our meetings are informal and fun and open to all (including people who do not live in the village), whether you are an experienced crafter or a complete beginner. We enjoy learning new crafts and sharing ideas – recently we have experimented with ‘mock’ stained glass, remembrance poppies, decopatching vases etc, flower arranging, chicken scratch embroidery, jewellery, decorating wine bottles and gift bags, card making, creating a garden in a bottle, 10 minute block quilting and tissue pom poms. You can see photos of our achievements on our Facebook page at Lower Halstow Crafters. 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. For further details of dates, topics and venues please contact Janet on 842706 or Jo on 841642.

**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 two weeks on THURSDAYS** **THE LIBRARY VAN** calls at **Lower Halstow** outside the **Memorial Hall at 12.15 p.m.** Queries to van driver or **03000 413131**.

**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.

Neighbours and friends –

Life is tough these days – well, when has it ever not been tough? We human beings have a talent for making life complicated. Right now, we seem to be struggling with lots of crises, from the Stockbury

Roundabout to World War III. Along with personal pressures of all sorts, how do we keep our thoughts and emotions on an even keel?

The Bible is great for showing us our humanity, warts and all. The Psalms are an especially good at this. You get writers bemoaning their own sins, others denouncing their enemies, some giving thanks for the wonders of nature, and some complaining that God seems to have left them in the lurch.

Amongst all of those competing voices, we find Psalm 139, telling us that, whatever else happens, we can't get away from the reality of God. God knows every move we make, every step we take, knows us completely, and stays with us no matter what. Coming know that may help us to stay on an even keel and keep going as we find our way through.

Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? ...  
If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea,  
even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.

Wonderful phrase, 'rise on the wings of the dawn'. Even if we try to get away from it all, and try to avoid dealing with all our troubles, God will be with us, holding onto us, helping us to cope.

Sincerely,  
Revd Ron Partridge

#### MACMILLAN WORLD'S BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING

Well we did it.

Having raised £617.20 last year, this year we beat it by over £100. Our final total, which included some late donations, was £720 !!!!. The winner of "Guess The Height of the Cake" was Chris Mayes. His guess of 92cm was very close to the actual height of 94cm. Thank you Chris for donating your winnings to our Macmillan collection.

Again many thanks to everyone who, supported this event. Thank you for all the delicious cakes and savouries you brought and thank you to everyone who came during the day, tasted the superb baking and donated so generously. The response was amazing ! Special thanks to those who, prior to the event, printed the fliers and those who distributed the invitations, setting up the church, servers, and the clearing up at the end. It was a great team effort and demonstrates that we are all determined that

#### NO ONE WILL FACE CANCER ALONE

Liz Hadley, Una Mayes and Jackie Swift.

Thank You

Ursula, would like to say a big thank you to everyone who gave, flowers, food and cards, after her hip operation. Thank you all, Ursula.

#### **Mrs Pauline Stevens**

**On Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2017.** The village said a loving farewell to Pauline, over 200 people Attended the service. Rev. Ron Partridge, took the service, with Rev. Mark Ham and Mr Richard Carter, reading from the bible. Jamie, Pauline's grandson did a perfect reading of Footprints, a poem chosen by Pauline, in fact the whole service was planned by Pauline herself. We all wish Pauline's Family, peace knowing Pauline is now at rest.

Thank you to everyone who helped organise and attended Pauline's funeral on 12th October. We were quite overwhelmed by the number of people who made the effort to come and with the sun shining this helped to make it such a special occasion. The church was decorated beautifully with flower arrangements and the music and singing was tremendous and mum must have been honoured to watch from above. Thank you from Les, David, Mark, Jamie, Bethany, Gemma and Clare.

### **The Village News**

I am working hard to try to master what Pauline achieved by preparing the Village News, with the great help of Tony Russell, I hope to be able to continue. Please forward any items to me, details At the beginning of the Village News. Thank you, Jackie Swift.

**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 or Ursula 01795 842924.

The items that the church keep for anyone to borrow, mainly wheelchairs, periodically need a little service so ...

### **PARISH COUNCIL**

**Parish Clerk** Mrs Ann Smith, 11 Cumberland Drive, Tel: 01795 842908  
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### **ALLOTMENTS**

The rents for the allotments were due on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2017, please make cheques payable to "Lower Halstow Parish Council" and deliver to the clerk at 11, Cumberland Drive, Lower Halstow, as soon as possible. Cash is acceptable. The rents per annum :  
Memorial Hall £21.00 - Tutt's £11.00 - Westfield £16.00.

There are a few allotments available, at the Memorial Hall, and Tutt's. If anyone is interested in growing their own, fruit, veg and flowers, please contact the Clerk.

### **CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY**

The Christmas Tree lighting ceremony will be held at 6.15 pm, Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, on The Village Green, with mince pies and mulled wine, everyone is welcome.

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