

**LOWER HALSTOW  
VILLAGE NEWS  
JANUARY 2018**



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**St. MARGARET'S CHURCH**

## **SERVICES AT ST. MARGARET'S IN JANUARY 2018**

### **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January**

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

### **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January**

**10 a.m**                      **Family Time (All Age)**

### **Sunday 21<sup>ST</sup> January**

**10 a.m**                      **Sung Communion**

**4 p.m**                      **Evensong**

### **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January NO SERVICE IN ST. MARGARETS**

**This Sunday will be a joint service for the Benefice in St. Marys NEWINGTON.**

**Tuesdays 8.15 a.m A short Morning Prayer time**

Any queries on the services, please ask the churchwardens

### **ALTAR FLOWER ROTA**

<b>December 31st</b>	<b>Jackie &amp; Joan.</b>
<b>January - 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Georgina Kindred</b>
<b>14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Liz Moulard</b>
<b>21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Yvonne Quigley</b>
<b>28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Ursula Aylward</b>

### **THE DEADLINE FOR THE FEBRUARY VILLAGE NEWS IS NOON ON 12<sup>th</sup> JANUARY**

Items for inclusion to Jackie at 48 School Lane (842749)  
E Mail [jswift48@googlemail.com](mailto:jswift48@googlemail.com)

*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 JANUARY** and other dates for your diary.

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January Parish Council Meeting**

7pm – 7.15pm. A time to voice your concerns, followed by the Meeting at 7.15pm.

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January GAMES AFTERNOON** in the Memorial Hall between **2.00 p.m. and 4.00 p.m.** Games include whist, scrabble, rummucub and euchre. £1.50, which includes a cup of tea/coffee and biscuits, There is no joining fee, so come along and enjoy a warm and welcome afternoon.

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January 11 am Christmas Tree Recycling**

Shaun from Treecraft has volunteered again to recycle our Christmas trees. Lower Halstow Greening will be on hand to assist. As usual on the green (beside the Memorial Hall).

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January NO Parent and toddlers group.**

Unfortunately the parent and toddlers group will not be taking place in January and February because the church would be too cold. We hope to resume in March if the weather is warmer.

Ring Liz 842654 or Una 841425 if you need any more details

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> January Breakfast Club 9.30 – 11.30am.**

The team will be pleased to welcome all primary school children. Starting with signing in, followed by Breakfast, then a morning of Christian activities.

Further information, Liz 01795 842654, Hilary 01795 841632, Becky 01795 841028.

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> W.I. Reminiscence Tea 3 pm.**

A reminder for us old W.I. members, Jackie would like to invite any past members of Lower Halstow, W.I. to look at the scrap book Connie Johnson, put together during our time attending the W.I.

If possible please let me know if you can come, otherwise just come. 48 School Lane.

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January St Margaret's Youth Group 5.30 – 7pm**

Please remember for the winter period the Youth Group will be held in the Memorial Hall 5.30 -7 p.m. A variety of games and craft activities, refreshments and a DVD on the go. A good hour and a half of fun. Further enquiries Liz – 07730893747..

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> January Robs Book Signing 10.30 - 3pm**

Local Author Rob. Smith will be signing copies of his latest book: "A Dockyard Matey Makes Good" on board the "Edith May" in Halstow Dock from 10.30 to 3 PM.

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January Gardening Club 7.30pm**

Lower Halstow Gardening Club would like to wish you all a very Happy New Year for 2018. Our Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January at 7:30 pm in the Memorial Hall. Do come along to learn about speakers for 2018, planned trips out and join up as a member of the club. Thank you to all our members for their support in 2017 - we look forward to seeing you again this year. Visitors are always welcome.

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

**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 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.

### **A LIST OF THANKS AND APPRECIATION**

#### **From Mrs Ursula Aylward**

I have made my decision to give up arranging the Over 60's Christmas Party. I had to rely on a lot of help this year, and found it was quite hard work. Without my helpers I could not have coped. A Special thank you to Joyce, as I could not have done all the shopping, and all the sorting out !!! Everything is not so easy for me now. It is a hard decision as I really enjoyed preparing and planning the day, especially the party itself. Also the fund raising, afternoon teas, coffee time, cheese and wine etc. I must thank all my helpers through the years. After writing my letter, I have had kind Offers to take over “The Party”, on the understanding I will be the consultant.

(From the Editor) Us over 60's who annually attend the “Party” on the first Sunday in December, say a big thank you to Ursula and her faithful team of helpers. It is much appreciated all the fund raising and organising the lovely gifts we received. Not forgetting the food and wine. You deserve a rest Ursula, but no doubt you will be on hand for the next “Party”, to keep us all happy. A thank you also to David, who played the piano for songs and carols, Tricia, for her stories.

### **2017 Poppy Appeal.**

Thank you for all the generous contributions to the Poppy Appeal. As a community we raised **£544.90** Carina Jacobs and Keren McMillan undertook to make the house to house collection. Thank you both very much.

**Margaret Milsted-Williamson**  
**Local Poppy Appeal Organiser**

**A BIG THANK YOU** to Jean Whittingham and her friends for the knitting. They produced a great big Box and bag of wonderful items, blankets, toys and baby clothes. These were taken to the Salvation Army, in Sittingbourne, who were so grateful.

### **Lower Halstow Memorial Hall otherwise known as The Village Hall**

Over this last year we have tried to put on events for all of our Village residents, including our children. But there seems to be a massive lack of enthusiasm, which is so disappointing for me the Village Hall's Social Secretary and The Halls Committee.

I am going to have a respite for January and February where I would be delighted to have your input of what you and your family would like to be arranged for your entertainment, please remember our unfortunate weather conditions.

We will still have, on the first Friday of each month The Games Afternoon 2 to 4, and the annual Dog Show.

One item for your approval is a Lindy Hop Jazz Night with the Spiting Feathers Band (this band can be viewed online). The tickets will be £9.00 per head **if** we achieve **50 people** applying for tickets. For this occasion you will also bring your own supper and beverages, there will be tables with nibbles provided.

Please either phone me 01795 844408 with your ideas for future events or use my email address: - [kayhelen2017@outlook.com](mailto:kayhelen2017@outlook.com).

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### **UPCHURCH SURGERY PATIENT'S PARTICIPATION GROUP**

#### **MISSED APPOINTMENTS**

In the month of October, 49 missed (i.e. NOT pre-cancelled) appointments were recorded by the surgery. It is important that, if you have booked an appointment but subsequently find that you are unable to keep it, you please give the surgery as much notice as possible by ringing **01634-231423**

With an ever-increasing demand for appointments, this will almost certainly allow your slot to be re-allocated to another patient.

#### **BOWEL CANCER SCREENING**

Patients are still NOT taking up the offer when they receive the letter/test kit in the post, and those failing to respond are increasing monthly Can you really afford to ignore such an offer? It is your health, take care of it! Prevent before it's too late!

#### **PURCHASING OF MINOR DRUGS**

(Paracetamol / Ibuprofen etc.) The response from patients has been very positive and a big 'Thank You' to all concerned. Please continue to do so. It not only saves time for the doctors and receptionists but also helps in saving money.

#### **REPEAT PRESCRIPTIONS**

Please do to ask for drugs that you DO NOT need.

## **REGISTER ON LINE WITH PATIENT ACCESS**

Why not register with Patient Access on-line to order your prescriptions and/or make appointments. Forms/details available from Reception

Ray Kemsley  
Chairman

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## **Parish Council**

The Parish Council will be changing the locks to the gates at the Brickfields on 1st March 2018. The current padlocks will be replaced with those that have a combination lock instead of keys. Could everyone with keys to the padlocks please contact the Clerk preferably by email: [clerk.lhpc@gmail.com](mailto:clerk.lhpc@gmail.com) or in writing to 11 Cumberland Drive, Lower Halstow for further information.

The Parish Council would like to wish all the residents of Lower Halstow a Very Happy New Year.

## **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.

## **After School Arts Workshop 4 p.m to 6 p.m**

With a local school teacher, 5 – 14 years. Payable in advance – places limited. Materials included or Bring your own. Please phone me for further enquiries. Cecilia Herrera, Elm Lodge, Wardwell Lane Lower Halstow - 01795 841278.

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### **USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS**

(01795 unless otherwise stated)

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If you would like your name and number added, or you would like to suggest another useful number, please contact **Jackie Swift on 842749**.

**If any number changes, or you are no longer a contact person, please let Jackie know.**

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