

# **LOWER HALSTOW VILLAGE NEWS**

**FEBRUARY 2018**



## **Lower Halstow Parish Council**

Left to right

Back row: Rod Dadson, Keith Howard-Challis, Steve Parker, Steve Gates

Seated: Allyson Beerstecher (Vice-Chair) Ann Smith (Clerk)

Rob Smith (Chair) Sue Hartfree

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**St. MARGARET'S CHURCH**

**SERVICES AT ST. MARGARET'S FEBRUARY 2018**

**SUNDAY 4th FEBRUARY**

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

**SUNDAY 11<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY**

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

**WEDNESDAY 14<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY ASH WEDNESDAY 7.30 pm IWADE CHURCH**

**SUNDAY 18<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY**

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

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

**SUNDAY 25<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY**

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

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**Tuesdays 8.15 a.m** \_ A short Morning Prayer time in the church

**Any queries regarding the services please contact the churchwardens telephone Nos.  
On the back of the Village News**

**ALTAR FLOWER ROTA**

**February 4<sup>th</sup> Joan and Jackie**

**11<sup>th</sup> Georgina Kindred**

**NO FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH FOR LENT**

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

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 FEBRUARY** and other dates for your diary.

**FRIDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> FEBRUARY 2.00pm to 4.00 pm GAMES AFTERNOON**

Games include: - Euchre, Whist, Rummy, and many others. £1.50 includes a cup of tea/coffee, biscuits and a very warm welcome. Any queries contact Kay 01795 844408.

**TUESDAY 6<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY PARISH Council Meeting**

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

**SATURDAY 10<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY BREAKFAST CLUB IN THE CHURCH 9.30 a.m – 11.30 a.m**

Aimed at Primary School children. Each session starts with a continental style breakfast, followed by a selection of games and activities based around a Biblical theme. They are well supervised by the Leaders and young helpers. Children need to be brought and met by an adult.

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

**FRIDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> FEBRUARY 3pm – 4pm POLICE SURGERY**

PCSO John Cork and a colleague will be available to listen to your criminal and nuisance problems within the village.

**FRIDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> FEBRUARY 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 24<sup>th</sup> February WHIST DRIVE in the Memorial Hall**

at 7.30 p.m. Entry £3.00, includes refreshments and a raffle ticket. Everyone welcome.

**LOWER HALSTOW GARDENING CLUB – TUESDAY 27<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 7.30 pm**

The Gardening Club invite you to join us in the Memorial Hall, to hear MARTIN NEWCOMBE's Fascinating talk.

**I'VE SEEN IT ALL – THE VENERABLE YEW**

You don't really know 'yew' at all ?. If you think yew is boring think again !. Have you ever heard of yew smuggling ?, were they really planted in churchyards to protect cattle ? Which part of the yew is edible ?. A detailed look at the history, natural history, folklore and uses of yew. The oldest tree in Britain ?, The oldest yews, the longest lived and the role of the tree in Britain's history and wildlife.

Visitors £1.50 including refreshments – do come and join us. It should be a lovely interesting evening.

**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.

**The last Saturday every month except December** Whist Drive In the Memorial Hall at 7.30 p.m. Entry £3.00, includes refreshments and a raffle ticket. Everyone welcome.

### **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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### **LOWER HALSTOW MEMORIAL HALL SCHOOL LANE**

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Newly refurbished kitchen and facilities, disabled friendly. A Venue to Make Your Event Extra Special.

For further information and bookings call Kay on 01795 844408.

### **A THANK YOU FROM URSULA**

Ursula, has been quite poorly, and had to spend over a week in hospital. Ursula, would like to thank all the kind enquiries, cards, well wishing and prayers for her recovery.

### **ANOTHER THANK YOU**

Thanking everyone who attended the Coffee and Carols in the hall, on December 15<sup>th</sup>. Pauline would have been so pleased, we raised over £130, for the Children's Society, thanking David Scot, for playing the piano and taking requests for the carols, and Tricia Carr, for her stories. A great community spirit.

### **GREENING GROUP**

The Greening Group wishes to thank all those who brought Christmas trees for recycling. These were shredded by Shaun, and recycled on the Brickfield path. Thank you Shaun..

### **THE PARISH COUNCIL**

**The Parish Clerk** (Ann Smith) 842908 email [clerk.lhpc@gmail.com](mailto:clerk.lhpc@gmail.com)

*The Parish Council will be changing the locks to the gates at the Brickfield on the 1<sup>st</sup> 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.*

*Medway Estuary and Swale Strategy consultation is open until 5<sup>th</sup> February, if you would like to have your say please go to:*

<https://consult.environment-agency.gov.uk/ksles/medway-estuary-and-swale-strategy/>

**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)

*If you find that any of these numbers is no longer in use*

*please let Jackie know on 842749*

The Rev. Julian Staniforth 227329

The Rev. Mark Ham 01634 360794

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David Hadley (churchwarden) [david.hadley@btinternet.com](mailto:david.hadley@btinternet.com) 842654

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Memorial Hall new bookings (Kay Howard Challis) 844408

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](mailto: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](mailto:clerk.lhpc@gmail.com)

PCSO 46056708 John Cork, email [john.cork@kent.pnn.police.uk](mailto:john.cork@kent.pnn.police.uk) Telephone: 101

Swale Borough Council (Main office) 424341

Swale Borough Councillors for Bobbing, Lower Halstow & Iwade

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M.P. Gordon Henderson 423199 [www.gordonhendersonmp.org.uk](http://www.gordonhendersonmp.org.uk)

Citizen's Advice Bureau 0870 1212105

Police (general enquiries) 01622 690690

Neighbourhood Watch (Erin Scott) 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](http://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 **Jackie Swift on 842749**.

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

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