

LOWER HALSTOW

VILLAGE NEWS

JUNE 2018



DAVE and YVONNE QUIGLEY – BEE KEEPERS
Giving a talk at Lower Halstow Gardeners club meeting

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St. MARGARET'S CHURCH

SERVICES AT ST MAGARET'S

Sunday 3rd June

8 00 a.m. Spoken Communion

Sunday 10th June

10.00 a.m. Family Time

Sunday 17th June

10.00 a.m. Family Time

4.00 p.m. Evensong

SUNDAY 24th June

10.00 a.m. Family Time

Tuesday 8.15 a.m. A short Morning Prayer time in the church.

Any queries regarding the service please contact the churchwardens. Telephone Nos. on the back of the Village News.

ALTAR FLOWER ROTA

<u>JUNE</u>	3 rd	Liz (2 Weddings)
	10 th	Georgina
	17 th	Ursula and Lesley
	23 rd	? (2 Weddings)
<u>JULY</u>	1 st	Yvonne

**THE DEADLINE FOR THE JULY VILLAGE NEWS
NOON ON THE 12th June**

Items for inclusion to Jackie at 48 School Lane (842749)
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SEND YOUR NEWS. IT HELPS TO SEND IT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.*

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Dear Reader,

I wonder how many of you would be able to tell others of a favourite Bible verse or story if asked to do so. Even if you don't profess to be a Christian you may feel able to tell the stories of the Christian year or you may remember particular Bible stories told or read to you at home or school. Many people also associate particular verses or stories with particular events such as a wedding or a funeral.

If you do have a specific verse or story that you recall, I wonder what impact the words that you remember have on you. And are they words that might make a difference - to how you think or feel – to how you live?

As a Christian I believe that the Bible offers us God's story and that God invites us to become a part of that same story.

The Bible tells us that God – who is greater than anything our human imaginations can deal with – is a God of love, who loves the human race, and wants human beings to know that they are loved by Him – no matter what. This loving relationship is made possible through Jesus.

It is through Jesus – through his death on the cross and his rising to new life - that we as individual human beings are able to know that God loves us. This loving relationship becomes personal - and in knowing Jesus, and knowing ourselves to be loved by God, our lives can be completely transformed. God wants us to live and flourish and to become the people that he created us to be - and the Bible tells us how to live this new life.

This doesn't mean that our lives will become perfect. We will continue to be messy human beings who often get things wrong and who will face our share of painful life stuff. It is good to note that the Bible gives us plenty of examples of human actions and reactions too, and of people expressing every possible emotion. But our lives change when we come to know that God loves us. Our lives become shared with God - who knows us, who promises to love us always, to never leave or abandon us, who gives rest to the weary, and who offers us compassion, courage, hope, joy and peace.

I want to encourage you to think again about a favourite Bible verse or story. Find one that will help to keep you knowing God's loving presence with you and which will inspire you no matter what.

May God bless you.

Lis Willmet

DEANERY SYNOD - 13th June 7.30 p.m. Holy Trinity Church Sittingbourne

Bishop Trevor Willmot, will be speaking about Parish Share. (Open to All)

VILLAGE DIARY FOR JUNE and other dates for your diary.

FRIDAY 1st June 2.00 – 4.00 p.m. GAMES AFTERNOON

In the Village/Memorial Hall, School Lane. Games include Euchre, Whist, Rummy, scrabble and many more table games. £1.50 includes a cup of tea/coffee, biscuits and a warm welcome. Any queries call Kay 01795 844408

TUESDAY 5th June PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

In the Memorial Hall, 7 p.m. – 7.15 p.m. A time to voice concerns regarding matters in the village, followed by the Meeting at 7.15 p.m.

FRIDAY - 8th JUNE 7 – 9 p.m. NEW COMMUNITY GAMES EVENING - MEMORIAL HALL COMMITTEE – followed by every second Friday in the month

Families with 16 year olds and under, who ALL wish to play as a family. Single young adults of 16 plus, and adults, are eligible to join in.

GAMES INCLUDE

Chess (to a medium standard) Rummy, Euchre, Dominos, Cludo, Whist, Skip bow, Checkas, all the games mentioned, we have already available, but if there is Board games/Cards, not mentioned please feel free to bring them along with you. The only card game we feel unsuitable is Bridge, as it could be too noisy for the Bridge players. Also any game which includes money changing hands will be deemed as unsuitable.

Our pilot evening went so well, with the youngsters joining in with all sorts of “new to them games” beating mums and dads and even grandparents. We are now definitely holding these Games Evenings, every second Friday in the month.

There is no joining fee just a charge per person of £2.00, £1.00. children on the night.

This includes Tea/Coffee, squash and biscuits.

And of course a Lower Halstow's Very Warm Welcome

SATURDAY 9th JUNE BREAKFAST CLUB 9.30 – 11.30 a.m.

After a continental style breakfast children can participate in a selection of games and activities, which is on a Christian theme. As always primary school children are welcome to attend. For more information, call Liz 842665, Hilary 841632, Becky 841028.

THURSDAYS 14th and 28th JUNE PARENT and TODDLER GROUP 1 – 3 p.m.

The Parent and Toddler Group will be meeting on the 10th and 24th May

This is a friendly informal group for parents, carers and children to meet together. Refreshments will be provided for children and adults.

Further enquiries please contact Liz Hadley 01795 842654 or Una Mayes 01795 841425

FRIDAY 15th JUNE St. MARGARET'S YOUTH GROUP 5.30 – 7.00 p.m.

An informal meeting for ages 11 and up. This is a time to chill, and participate in games craft work, an “on the go DVD”. Refreshments, We ask for a small donation of 50p. Give it a go !. Further information call the Youth Team 07730893747.

THURSDAY 21st JUNE MIDSUMMERS DAY 8.30 pm. AT GIBBS

Do join us with your lanterns to walk up High Oak Hill, to see the sunset on the longest day of the year. Meet at Gibbs, 8.30 p.m. Afterwards retire to The Three Tuns to raise a glass to the summer. All welcome.

SATURDAY 23rd JUNE LOWER HALSTOW ANNUAL DOG SHOW

The Show opens at 9.00 a.m. for registration.

11.00 a.m. Judging begins.

Classes are :-

1. Fancy Dress Dog/Bitch
2. Veteran Dog/Bitch
3. Most Handsome Dog
4. Prettiest Bitch
5. Happiest Dog/Bitch
6. Dog and Owner Lookalike Dog/Bitch
7. Puppy 6 months to One Year Dog/Bitch
8. Timed Agility Course (All dogs must be 1 year or over)
Dog/Bitch
9. Timed Races (All dogs must be one year or over)
Dog/Bitch
10. All Dogs that have come 1st in their class

A Prize for – The Dog/Bitch that the judge would like to Take home (Any dog allowed)

Rosettes for 1st 2nd and 3rd

Trophies for Reserve and Best in Show

Weather permitting – BBQ

Refreshments and Cakes in the Hall

Plus – Fund Raising Stalls for PDSA and Other Animal Fund Raising

Further Proceeds go to The Over 60's Christmas Party.

Keith Howard Challis MBE - Will be Judging With Anne Richards as Steward

SATURDAY 23rd JUNE – 12.30 – 3.00 pm BBQ The Vicarage, NEWINGTON

In aid of Lesley Ambrose at the Resurrection Life Church, ENTEBBE. Lesley, for many years has devoted her life to this church, under very difficult circumstances, helping young people in various ways. Lesley, originally is from Hartlip.

TUESDAY 26th JUNE GARDENING CLUB 7.30 p.m.

STOP PRESS – Lower Halstow Gardening Club, invite you to join us, in the Memorial Hall. We have one of our favourite speakers Jacqueline Avoilet, talking about **ROSES** and bringing along some as well. If you have a nose for a rose, do come and join us, it should be a lovely fragrant and interesting evening. Visitors £1.50. which includes a raffle ticket and refreshments,

SATURDAY 30th JUNE WHIST DRIVE In the Memorial Hall **7.30 p.m.**

All welcome to enjoy a game of Whist, £3.00 to include refreshments and a raffle ticket.

Please note every last Saturday in the month, there will be a Whist Drive, except December.

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.

Every Second Friday of the month NEW COMMUNITY GAMES EVENING 7.00 - 9.00 p.m. -
MEMORIAL HALL COMMITTEE

NOT QUITE A REGULAR DATE – Usually every fourth Tuesday of January, February March, April, July, September and October Gardening Club meet 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 before hand in the Newsletter, and visitors are always welcome.

PARISH COUNCIL - Correction Apologies the gentleman who cleared the snow was Shaun Bearup.

PARISH COUNCIL - The Parish Council propose to hold the Best Front Garden Competition again this year. Further details to follow.

PARISH COUNCIL VULNERABLE PERSONS

If you, a relative or neighbour would like to be added to our Lower Halstow **Emergency Plan Vulnerable Persons List**, please contact the Parish Clerk. Details are retained confidentially, with restricted access by the Emergency Team, only. In the event of an emergency we will be able to contact you to help with your wellbeing.

THE COMMUNITY DEFIBRILATOR – is located in The Three Tuns Public House smoking area accessible 27/7 via the car park.

GREENING LOWER HALSTOW. PLASTIC FREE COMMUNITY SURFERS AGAINST SEWERAGE

260 Million Plastic Toothbrushes are thrown away in the UK every year. **Plastic Cotton Buds** are the 6th most common item to be found on our beaches – finding their way through toilets and sewers. Why not seek alternatives, cardboard cotton buds sticks, and bamboo toothbrushes are available, along with other products.
Steve Gates – Greening Lower Halstow

HEALTH WALKS

In response to several requests for shorter walks, we will be leading a one hour walk on the **SECOND MONDAY**, of every month, for a trial period, until and including **10th SEPTEMBER**. We avoid deep hills and styles, but muddy paths still remain. **10.00 a.m. start from the entrance to the Brickfields.** The usual 2 hour walk will continue at **10.00 a.m. every Monday.**
Margaret Milsted-Williamson 01795 843927.

DOG WALKING ON THE BRICKFIELD

I had a complaint sent to me saying that, a lady who was walking her 2 small dogs on the Brickfield, had a much larger dog attack her dog. Her dog during the kerfuffle ran off screaming and under a great amount of stress. When she finally caught her dog fortunately there was not any bite marks on the dog, but she herself was crying and of course both were very frightened and distressed. The owner or guardian of the much larger dog was

walking a number of dogs at the time, which obviously were not under her control, as she was using her **MOBILE PHONE**, therefore her attention was elsewhere. If you do let your dog off the lead, please make sure the dog or dogs are under control at all times. This applies to all dog owners within or visiting this Lower Halstow village.
Cllr Keith Howard-Challis.

I WAS RATHER SHOCKED ON FRIDAY !!!

When bringing in my green dustbin and food waste caddy after they had been emptied, to find someone had deposited a bag of **DOG TOILET** in the empty food caddy !! I had to wash and thoroughly sanitize the caddy. I think the dog owner should be **SHAMED** and make sure in future they use the proper dog waste bins or take it home. Thank you J Mortley.

DOG WALKERS PLEASE BE AWARE - THERE COULD BE PROSECUTIONS.

ALAN SWIFT

I am now approaching the end of my research for my book on the village in the Great War. I am still short of photos. If anyone has any photos of the period or any information on any one from the village who served I would appreciate same. With thanks. 01795 842749

WW1 BATTLES OVER – COMMEMORATION

To celebrate the centenary of the end of WW1, a steering group are arranging a series of events over the weekend of the 9 – 11th November, including Displays, A Sing-along, Dance, Dawn and Dusk ceremonies on the 11th, in addition to the traditional wreath laying at the church. If you have any ideas please get in touch with the Parish Council, Alan Swift, is appealing for people to submit memories and relevant photos for displays, these need not be of people from the village, and could be people who returned from the war. If you have anything of interest please get in touch with Alan via the Village News Editor,

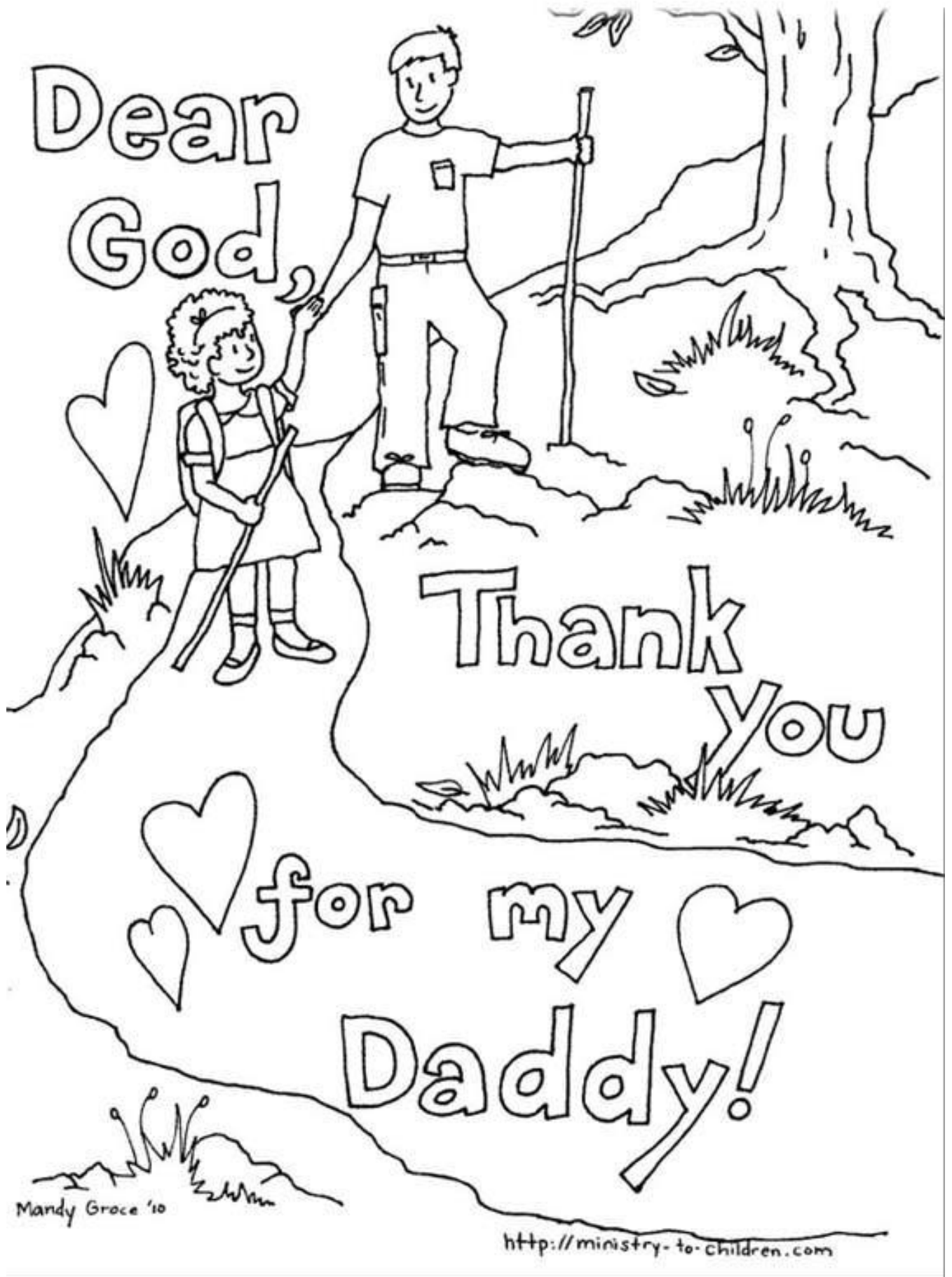
URGENT – PIPER WANTED to play at the dawn ceremony on the 11th November, as part of the village. **WW1 BATTLES OVER – COMMEMORATION.** If you, know someone who could oblige please contact Steve 01705 841632.

LIVING LIVELY A singing group, held in Newington Village Hall, Fridays during term time 2.00 – 3.30 pm. Matthew, the Choir Master, is very professional and encourages the group to work hard, but there is lots of laughter. Members come from The Six, and surrounding areas. The singing is various from pop, songs from films and shows, to deeper challenges of songs. Just turn up, or ask Jackie Swift, for more details.

CHURCH CLEANING

St Margaret's church would like some more help with the weekly cleaning of the church. If you feel able to give approximately 1 – 2 hours, every 4 or 5 weeks, please get in touch with the church wardens, details on the back of the Newsletter. It's a very rewarding job, two of you may like to do it together. (Chris Mayes 841425 David Hadley 842654)

DAFFODILS at ELM FARM Mr Les Stevens and family, would like to thank all those who picked the daffodils this year. £250.00., was raised. The family have donated £125.00., to the News Letter, and £125., to the Memorial Hall.



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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 4.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.

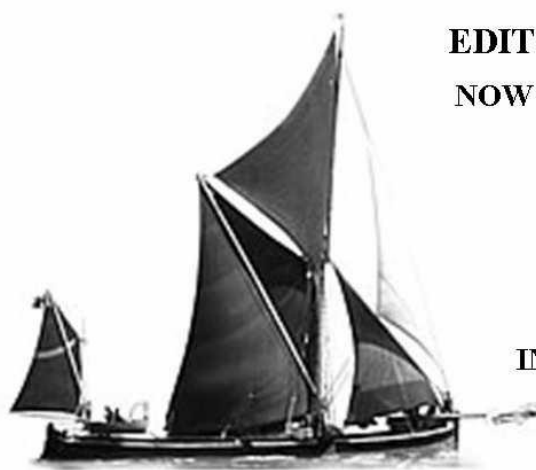
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Dog Warden 077952 37479

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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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