

# LOWER HALSTOW VILLAGE NEWS JUNE 2022



*Megan Jacobs all dressed up for the Golden Jubilee celebrations in 2002*

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## **SERVICES AT ST MARGARET'S**

- 5 June - 8am, Reflective Communion
  - 10am, Joint Service with St Margaret's and The Pentecostal Church on the Recreation Ground
- 12 June - 10am, Family Worship
- 19 June - 10am, Communion
- 26 June - 10am, Family Worship

Also there is always a Sunday online service at 10.30am on The Six YouTube

## **Altar Flower Rota**

- 5 June - Team
- 12 June - Yvonne
- 19 June - Lesley
- 26 June - Gillian

## **The Queen's Jubilee in the Church**

On Friday 3 and Saturday 4 June, 11am - 3pm, the church will be displaying an exhibition of various times, old Lower Halstow, and previous celebrations of Her Majesty. On Friday, at 1.30 pm Mr George Peters will be giving a talk and slide show on "Medway Island Forts" George is our local historian on the old brickfield, barges, and various interesting subjects. George usually gathers many people interested in his subjects. There will be stunning arrangements from our flower ladies, around the church, always worth a visit. Not forgetting a quiet area to reflect your thoughts.

## **St Margaret's Bereavement Coffee Time**

Every Thursday in June 10am to 12 noon bereavement coffee time in the church. We have been open for a few months now. So, anyone who feels they would like to come into the church, for a chat, a prayer, a quiet time. You may feel its hard to walk though the door, but you would be very welcome. We just chat, our gentlemen are full of history and stories, a time to listen, and join in and feel at home. Give Jackie a call to reassure you. 07840258665.

## **MOBILITY ITEMS**

Sadly, as no one has been able to offer storage, the mobility items will no longer be available to the village.

## **BIRTHS, DEATHS, MARRIAGES AND SPECIAL CELEBRATIONS**

If you would like to share any of this type of news with everyone in future editions of the Village News please email brief details to [ransleyfamily@gmail.com](mailto:ransleyfamily@gmail.com) or pop written details round to 16 Cumberland Drive.

## **POP-UP COMMUNITY CAFE - Sunday 5 June 2022**

The pop up cafe will be open from 11am in the Lower Halstow Memorial Hall during the Big Lunch Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations. Come along for a coffee, cake and a chat. Time to relax with a newspaper, bring a book to exchange and enjoy time with friends.

## **THE THREE TUNS**

The pub will remain closed on Tuesdays again in June.

On Thursday 2 June to start off the Jubilee Celebrations PJ & Rose will be playing in the evening.

## **LADIES DIY KEEP FIT**

A friendly group of ladies meet for walks on Monday evenings. For more information call Liz on 842272

## **LOWER HALSTOW POETRY FESTIVAL - 19-20 AUGUST 2022**

The Lower Halstow Poetry and Arts Committee are delighted to announce that in conjunction with the award winning Three Tuns pub, another first for the village - a Storytelling Evening. Please join us for a free night of fun in the pub on Friday 19 August.

Do you have a wonderful story to tell? Fact or fiction we'd love to hear it! Two professional storytellers will be in attendance to help us kick off this year's festival which will take place the following day at our beautiful St Margaret's Church. This year we will be focusing on Lord Byron who, quite remarkably, also had a connection to our village.

We are asking again for volunteers who would like to record a line from "She Walks in Beauty" a truly romantic poem by Byron who led a very colourful life indeed. Please let Carina Jacobs know if you would like to be included carina65@outlook.com, 07899 951044

### **MOBILE LIBRARY**

The mobile library stops outside the Memorial Hall fortnightly. There will be no mobile library on 2 June. The next dates are Thursdays 16 and 30 June 2022.

### **FOOD BANK DONATIONS**

Swale Food Bank is supported by the Trussell Trust which provides food and toiletries in Swale and surrounding areas. This is run in partnership with local churches including St. Margaret's of Lower Halstow part of "The Six". The aim is to provide 3 days emergency food and support to local people referred to the Food Bank in a crisis.

The collection point in Lower Halstow is 34 Crouch Hill Court. Please place any food/toiletry items in grey box by garage, or if money in an envelope marked "Food Bank" into letter box

### **MONDAY WALKS**

Start at 10am every Monday, including Bank Holidays, from the end of Lapwing Drive, by the Brick Fields, and there will be two walks on offer; a brisk 2 hour walk and a one and a half/two hour walk at a more moderate pace (the slower walk will have opportunities for an earlier detour if the distance is longer than some walkers can manage). Walkers who want to go faster can, but will be asked to wait for the rest of the group at suitable points, as currently happens, this way we can be inclusive of everyone.

The first Monday of every month when we walk to the golf club we will still have two walks, one taking the shortest route possible, arriving first and therefore being served first.

Sturdy walking shoes/boots and a waterproof jacket are recommended. Please phone Margaret on 843927 for more information.

## **LOWER HALSTOW PARISH COUNCIL UPDATES**

### **Sea wall update**

The very positive and welcome news is that the Environment Agency visited our sea wall on the 3 May 2022 and confirmed that they are looking at several options for repairing the wall that is eroding at an alarming rate. Once the environment agency has chosen and agreed the most appropriate and affordable design, and have permissions in place, they plan to commence work repairing the sea wall during late summer.

### **Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2-5 June 2022**

Our Jubilee four day event commences with the Lighting of the Beacon at the Brickfields 9.45pm on Thursday 2 June 2022. Bring a torch.

The Scouts are holding a family friendly event - The Royal Race Night at the Memorial Hall on Friday 3 June at 7.30pm. Bring your own drinks and snacks.

On Friday 3 June and Saturday 4 June between 11am and 3pm St Margarets Church are hosting a 70 year exhibition of Lower Halstow. All welcome.

A Sing a Long piano session plus some games will be held in the Memorial Hall on Saturday 4 June 7-9pm. Beverages will be available.

Sunday 5 June there is a packed day of fun and entertainment for all the family on the Recreation Ground commencing at 9.50am with a parade by the Scouts and Beavers, followed by a joint Church service 10-10.45 am by St Margarets and The Pentecostal Church.

The Big Lunch picnic commences at mid-day. Remember to bring a packed lunch and come and join in all the fun. There will be street party tables available for children to eat their lunch and our local Pop Up Cafe will be on site. Live music will be available as well as lots of games and competitions held that afternoon that include a Bake Off Competition, Fancy Dress parade and much, much more.

### **Eco Dog bins.**

There are several dog waste bags and Eco bins available around our village, so please use them to clear up after your dog if you run out of bags. Unfortunately there have been several sightings of dog waste left around our village. It's unhygienic, a risk to children and unnecessary.

## **20 mph Zone for Lower Halstow**

The Parish Council have received a response from KCC regarding the 20 mph zone and it is confirmed that it will go ahead. There are some forms to complete to make sure all the details are correct. Any further information and updates will be published on the Parish Council website. This is where you will also find the Minutes of the Parish Council meetings, amongst other things.

Lower Halstow Dock

## **The Dock**

There will be another barge, called the Ethel Maud, joining the Edith May in the dock within the next few weeks.

Lower Halstow Parish Council's website provides a wealth of information <https://www.hugofox.com/community/lower-halstow-parish-council-17855/home/?preview=e3277b7cbc194cee8dd5580b9b87877b>

## **LOWER HALSTOW PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Term 5 got off to an exciting start for the pupils of Lower Halstow School. We celebrated St Georges Day by wearing club uniforms to school, focusing on the theme of 'belonging'. We are able to come together as a whole school for assemblies now, so the children presented to the rest of the school and explained about what happens at their club. It was really interesting to hear from the children and see the wide range of clubs the children attend outside of school.



Early in the term, our Year 5 pupils took to their bikes to complete their Level 1 and 2 Bikeability qualification (used to be called 'cycling proficiency'). They completed basic safety checks of their bikes and then practised exercises on the playground before being assessed out on the roads in the local area. Everyone who took part did well and achieved a badge and certificate to show they had passed.

One of our most popular trips each year is the Y3 river studies trip to Horton Kirby, Maple class had a great time looking at the historic aspects of the town, measuring currents in the river and doing various experiments and tests involving the weather.

As part of our personal development programme, the whole school focused on aspirations and what we would like to be in the future on our

'Big Me' day – even the staff considered other careers that they would have been interested in doing. There was a wide range of jobs represented and everybody enjoyed talking about their dreams and aspirations.

The start of May brought with it the start of national testing for Year 2 and 6. The children really tried their best and we now await the results once the papers have been marked. This year, for many pupils who missed a lot of school due to illness, this was a real challenge but we are proud of their efforts.

We were quick off the mark and managed to secure free tickets for our Year 3 and 4 pupils to attend 'Living Land' at the Kent County Showground. The children got to see farm animals up close and also experienced agriculture and farming activities. Meanwhile our Year R pupils visited Curly's Farm on the Isle of Sheppey and were able to get hands on helping with the farm animals. Wellie boots were definitely a necessity for this trip! Animal husbandry is an important aspect of rural life and it has been wonderful to be able to celebrate it.

We still have two weeks left of this term and we are busy preparing for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations. The children have been learning a special song and are planning a street/playground party for the last day of term. Look out for next month's contribution where you can find out if the weather was kind and if all the cakes were eaten!

Michelle Crowe, Head of School

## **RECYCLING**

In her collection boxes outside 1 Curlew Avenue again Lynne Morris is recycling medication blister packs (please make sure there are no personal details on the packs), Ferrero Roche packaging, cheese packets, toothpaste tubes, toothbrushes, floss containers, used stamps, egg cartons and used pens. Also foil (deflated) balloons and banners

Everything is collected and recycled for various charities and kept out of landfill.

## **MORE RECYCLING**

Nescafe dolce gusto coffee pods can be taken to Kelly Brown at 19 School Lane

## **PASTORAL LETTER**

### Faithful Hearted Service

I am writing this in early May and the celebrations for the Platinum Jubilee are fast approaching. However I'm aware that you will be reading this in June – and possibly even after the events have taken place. So as I write I wonder how many of you are involved in discussions and planning and I wonder how many people and places in each of our communities will take part. I also wonder what memories may have been made.

There is something rather wonderful about this ability as human beings to be able to look ahead as well as to be able to look back. And it's definitely good to be able to enjoy the present moment – making new memories to look back on.

As we reflect on our Queen many of us will be aware that she has been the only monarch we have known. Her enduring service has brought a sense of continuity and stability. And whatever you may think of royalty, Queen Elizabeth herself has shown total dedication and faithfulness in her role. And it has been truly “faithful” service - her life has been guided by her faith and trust in God.

I don't know how many of you have heard the song from HOPE publishing called “Rise up and serve”? I discovered it by accident but found it rather inspiring. It begins with the words; “In this glorious year of the Jubilee we give thanks for Her Majesty. In honour of a faithful heart who chose to serve and to play her part.”

I like the reference to her “faithful heart” – and also that she chose to serve. At one level this speaks of her commitment and loyalty in her service as queen – but it also points to her deeply rooted faith in God and to her living out her faith.

So let us give thanks for Queen Elizabeth – for her life of loving and generous service and for her faith and faithfulness. Let us pray that we might also have faithful hearts – faith in our faithful God and the readiness to serve others.

With every blessing,  
Lis Willmet, Lay Reader  
Verse 2

Many nations have gathered here  
From the mountain heights let the song ring clear  
Celebrating the answered call  
Blessed with prayer and sacred oil.

### Chorus

'Rise up and serve' is the call we hear  
With hope in our hearts, joining as one, making history.  
Let fanfares sound through this Jubilee  
Rise up and serve, thanking God for Her Majesty

### Verse 3

May God's good grace be upon her now  
To complete the task and fulfil her vow.  
May the trust in Christ she has held so long  
Be the truth that burns brightly on.

### Middle section

One hope, one vision  
On many tongues one song  
From East to West  
Let's keep it burning on  
One hope, one vision  
On many tongues one song  
From East to West  
Let's keep it burning on  
Keep it burning on  
Rise up, come on and rise up, in this year of jubilee  
Rise up, come on and rise up, celebration time is here  
The Jubilee is coming  
Everyone is singing  
Rise up and greet the dawn  
The Jubilee is coming  
Everyone is singing  
Let's keep it burning on  
Keep it burning on  
Rise Up & Serve lyrics

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## **LIVE WEATHER STATION AND WEBCAM**

Lower Halstow Yacht Club has a live weather station and webcam looking out over the creek updating every 15 minutes. It is on the yacht club website and is open to everyone [weather.lhyc.org.uk](http://weather.lhyc.org.uk)

## **CONTENT**

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**The deadline for the July 2022 Village News is noon on  
12 June 2022**

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