

# **LOWER HALSTOW VILLAGE NEWS OCTOBER 2024**



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

6 October 2024 - 8am, Quiet Communion  
13 October 2024 - 10am, Family Worship  
20 October 2024 - 10am, Communion  
27 October 2024 - 10am, Family Worship

Also there is always a Sunday online service at 10.30am on The Six YouTube which can be accessed at: <https://bit.ly/3JykJ8W>

## **ALTAR FLOWER ROTA**

6 October 2024 - Lynne  
13 October 2024 - Liz  
20 October 2024 - Eileen  
27 October 2024 - Yvonne

## **FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

The time of harvest

“We plough the fields and scatter the good seed on the land but it is fed and watered by God’s almighty hand” is a song well known by many at this time of year or perhaps you prefer “The Harvest Samba” which is sung up and down the country in most primary schools reminding us to be thankful for our cabbages and beans. Are we really thankful for our cabbages and beans though? Have we spent the year sowing and nurturing and weeding and can now sit back and enjoy, literally, the fruits and veg of our labour? For many people, and not just the young people, it is a mystery where our food even comes from except to say the supermarket.

Being thankful isn’t a passive activity. It is something we have to physically and mentally do and it comes with certain responsibilities. If we are truly thankful for what we have then we should take it seriously. Do we use all the food that we buy? How many of us can say truthfully that we don’t throw food out before it is even out of the packet? Many people struggle with a poor diet due to lack of resources whilst others cannot make use of what they have. We are taught to be mindful of each

other and one way to show our gratefulness that we have enough food to eat is to donate to a foodbank or cook a meal for an elderly neighbour. Respecting what we have helps us to be more aware of others in our communities.

At this time of year when Harvest Festivals are happening in churches and schools let us be reminded of what we have and how we can share our resources. As a nation we love to grumble and moan, being thankful doesn't always come easily and perhaps you don't feel as if you have anything to be thankful for right now. The Bible teaches us that God knows the number of hairs on our head, he cares about us that much. So when you get that letter from school asking you to send in a couple of tins for the harvest collection or you walk past the donation point in the supermarket, pause for a moment.

The Bible says that the earth is the Lord's and everything in it, Psalm 24. Let us learn to be good stewards.

Robert Zachar

### **RUMMIKUB GROUP - 1ST THURSDAY EACH MONTH**

A small Rummikub group meets ONCE a MONTH at Emily Bartlett's house, 1pm-3pm on the 1st THURSDAY of the month - the next session will be on Thursday 3 October 2024. Beginners are welcome as two people can teach you. For more information call 841139.

### **MOBILE LIBRARY**

The mobile library stops outside the Memorial Hall fortnightly from 1.50pm to 2.30pm. The next dates are Thursdays 3, 17 and 31 October 2024

## **BLYTHESWOOD SHOE BOX APPEAL**

Blytheswood Shoe Box Appeal will be running again this October. Please consider filling a box/bag with items from the list in the leaflet even if it's only the items in the highlighted area or whatever you feel you can give.

It's easy to choose gifts for people who have so little. Shampoo, pair of socks, notepad, small toy, bag of sweets - things we take for granted will seem like luxuries to people living in poverty.

Shoe boxes can be left at :-

Jackie 48 School Lane

Hilary 34 Crouch Hill Court

Emily 32 Burntwick Drive

Liz 14 Curlew Avenue

Una 2 Cumberland Drive

St Margarets Church when open

Queries Hilary 841632

## **FRIENDS OF THE BRICKFIELDS - HELP NEEDED**

From Judy Telford:

Our big day is on **Saturday 5 October 2024** when we need all the help we can get to take cut reed out of the reed bed up over the sea wall to where it can be burned safely. If you can spare half an hour or more in the morning, could you please come along to the far end of the Brickie and help us shift the reeds? Bring gardening gloves. Biscuits, cake and drink (non-alcoholic!) will be provided. Come along, have a natter, maybe a good laugh and do your bit for nature.

For more details ring Judy on 07486 530068 or email [friendsofthebrickfields@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofthebrickfields@gmail.com)

Information and updates are available on the Facebook page - Friends of the Lower Halstow Brickfields.

## THE TUESDAY SOCIAL

Tuesday 29 October 2024

7.30pm

Please do join us for a moving talk on

The Unknown Warrior

presented by Mick Mills

All welcome

Memorial Hall, School Lane, Lower Halstow, ME9 7ES

£4 entry on the door Refreshments Raffle

Contact Liz 842272

The Tuesday Social is an informal event in support  
of St Margaret's Church, Lower Halstow



### FRIENDS OF LOWER HALSTOW SCHOOL

The Friends of Lower Halstow School are busy preparing for this year's Scarecrow Trail! It will run from 3pm on Thursday 24 October until 4pm on Sun 3 November 2024, and the theme this year is '**Animals; fact or fiction**'! Please visit [friendsoflhs.org.uk](http://friendsoflhs.org.uk) for more information and to register.

### THE THREE TUNS

Fancy Dress Halloween Party Friday 1 November 2024 with Live Music from Groove Shack

## **MEMORIAL HALL**

Please will everyone who uses the hall be aware that Covid has NOT gone away, therefore, please keep up your wonderful cleaning regime, it is very much appreciated.

Kay Howard-Challis- Booking Secretary for Lower Halstow Memorial Hall

The Management Committee are holding its **Annual General Meeting** on Tuesday 12 November 2024 in the hall at 7.15 pm. All villagers are welcome to attend.

## **LOWER HALSTOW PARISH COUNCIL**

The Parish Council meet in the Memorial Hall, School Lane at 7pm on the first Tuesday of the month.

## **Website**

Lower Halstow Parish Council is delighted to announce the launch of a brand-new website for our fantastic village!

Very much like our village, the website is full of history, information and pictures and we want it to be a facility that is utilised by everyone in the village. A copy of the monthly Village News will be posted there, as well as other information that the Parish Council need to communicate to local people, and over the years we want to build this into a useful resource for us all.

Please do visit the website and make sure you subscribe via the link so that you can be kept fully updated with everything going on around you.  
<https://lowerhalstow.org>

## **Village Allotments - Have you got green fingers?**

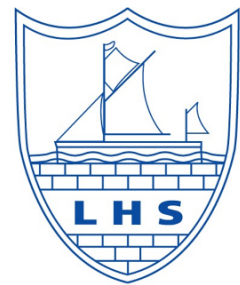
Since posting this message in the August newsletter we have had a great response from people wanting to take up allotments.

In the village there are 3 allotment sites. Westfield, Tutts and Memorial and we offer these to people living in Lower Halstow. There are still some plots available at Tutts and Memorial site and the Parish Council would like to offer the vacant plots out free until end of September 2025.

If you are interested in taking on a whole or half plot, please contact me. My email address is [alison.groveslhpc@outlook.com](mailto:alison.groveslhpc@outlook.com)

## **LOWER HALSTOW PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Everyone in school has enjoyed the first week back after the Summer holidays, catching up with friends and adults too. We are all gradually getting back into the routine of school life. It has been lovely to welcome a few new staff to our Lower Halstow team too.



Teddy, the school dog, enjoyed being back in school as well. He spent time in Acorn Class with our new reception children giving them a very friendly, waggy welcome to the school. They were able to ask questions about him and offer strokes, and some lucky children also got to give him a cuddle.

Meanwhile, in Year 6, some children sat the Kent Test. They all tried so hard and completed the papers with confidence. Regardless of the outcomes we are proud of them and the great young people they are becoming.

On the first Friday it was lovely to be back in the hall all together for our Friday Celebration assembly. Various children were awarded prizes for starting the term off well with hard work, good behaviour and a positive attitude. Our values of Respect, Honesty, Kindness and Perseverance have been evident all week, particularly with some pupils helping those children who have taken longer to settle.

We are looking forward to all the exciting activities that are planned for this term including: various trips, scooter training, a visit from The Dogs Trust, new after-school clubs, harvest festival, school photos and the PTFA Coffee morning to name but a few.

Michelle Crowe



## **ADVERTISING IN THE VILLAGE NEWS**

If you would like to advertise in the Village News minimum suggested donations are - Full page £10 per month, Half page £5 per month, Quarter page - £2.50 per month. All monies received go towards the cost of printing the newsletters. Everything else is done free of charge by volunteers. The PCC reserves the right to exclude adverts if they appear unsuitable. The deadline for items for the November 2024 Village News is noon on 12 October 2024.

**Please email items for inclusion as early as possible to  
[ransleyfamily@gmail.com](mailto:ransleyfamily@gmail.com)**

**SUN 24th NOV**  
**12-4pm**

**UPCHURCH**  
***Christmas***  
**MARKET**

**free**  
**entry**

**20 STALLS**  
**TOMBOLA**  
**HOT FOOD WAGON**  
**RAFFLE (20+PRIZES)**  
**REFRESHMENTS**  
**FACE PAINTING**

**PROCEEDS TO THE MEDWAY**  
**STREET ANGELS**

**VILLAGE HALL (BEHIND THE**  
**CROWN )THE STREET ME9**  
**7EU**

**FOR MORE INFO CONTACT**  
**janette.hodgers68@gmail.com**





# UPCHURCH CHRISTMAS MARKET

24 November 12-4pm.

In the Upchurch Village Hall

**20 STALLS**

**TOMBOLA** ( Child & Adult)

**REFRESHMENTS**

**HOT FOOD WAGON**

**FACE PAINTING**

**RAFFLE** prizes to include

Family Entrance to Wildwood

Family Entrance to Kent Life

Afternoon Tea for 4- Bridgewood Manor

Afternoon Tea for 2- The Barnyard

Pantomime Tickets (2) Jack & Beanstalk

Meal for 2 - The Crown

£20-Voucher The Three Tuns

£25 Voucher Rose & Crown

£25 cash - Ginnys Gem Trees.

£20 Voucher - Mother Nature Rocks

Cuddly Toy Horse- Tyrone Ripley

**ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO THE MEDWAY STREET**

**ANGELS**

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