

**LOWER HALSTOW  
VILLAGE NEWS  
FEBRUARY 2025**

*Thank you to everyone who has offered help, or  
made suggestions for printing the Village News.  
No full solution has been found yet*

*There will be no printed Village News  
in March 2025 while all options continue to be  
explored*

*We also want to say a massive thank you to the  
very lovely Paul who has been printing the  
Village News on a voluntary basis for us for so  
long*

**Compiled, edited and published for the village on behalf of  
St Margaret's Church**

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

2 February 2025 - 8am, Quiet Communion

9 February 2025 - 10am, Family Worship

16 February 2025 - 10am, Communion

23 February 2025 - 10am, Family Worship

\*2 March 2025 - no service in St Margaret's; The Six benefice Communion service at 10.30am hosted by Uplift in Upchurch Village Hall

9 March 2025 - 10am, Morning Worship

16 March 2025 - 10am, Communion

23 March 2025 - 10am, Family Worship

30 March 2025 - 10am, Communion

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**

2 February 2025 - Eileen

9 February 2025 - Liz

16 February 2025 - Georgina

23 February 2025 - Helen

## **COMMUNITY CAFE**

**Memorial Hall**

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2025**

**11.30am – 2.30pm**



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## **RUMMIKUB GROUP**

A small Rummikub group meets ONCE a MONTH at Emily Bartlett's house, 1pm-3pm, the next sessions will be on Thursdays 6 February and 6 March 2025. Beginners are welcome, 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 6 and 20 February and 5 and 20 March 2025.

## **RAINBOW CAFE - St Mary's Church, Upchurch, Thursday, 13 February 2pm - 4.30pm**

Come and enjoy a hot drink and a warm welcome, along with delicious homemade cakes and savouries. Coffee and a slice is a very reasonable £2. Then there is our kids snack deal, 5 items and a drink for a £1. Kids will also enjoy crafts and a story.

And if all that wasn't absolutely amazing on its own, our income also pays the school fees for 4 kids in Uganda. So every mouthful of our delicious fayre is doing good. We need your support to keep doing what we are doing.

Thank you. The Rainbow Team.

## **THE THREE TUNS**

The pub has a special Valentines Menu and there is also some availability for Mothering Sunday. Contact for more details and reservations on 842840

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### **SINGING IS GOOD FOR YOU!**

Want to try something new in the New Year?

Upchurch Choral Society are always happy to welcome new members. We are a four voice part choir and rehearse on Fridays in St Mary's Church, Upchurch. Rehearsals will resume on 7 February, 7.45 – 9.15pm for a concert on Sunday 11 May to mark 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day.

There are no auditions and you don't have to be able to read music.

If you're interested give me a call on 01634 361897, Liz Walters, secretary UCS

### **THE TUESDAY SOCIAL**

Tuesday 25 February 2025

7.30 pm

Join us for an informative talk

'Bridges'

given by Railway Bridge Engineer Elspeth Baeke

All welcome £4 entry per person

Refreshments Raffle

For more information call Liz 07730893747

The Tuesday Social is a fundraising event  
for St Margaret's Church, Lower Halstow

The Tuesday Social in March will be **Tales of the Riverbank - the history of the industry on the Medway from Rochester to the Estuary by David Barton**

It will be Tuesday 25 March 2025



**At the Memorial Hall – Friday 28 February 7.30pm**

Please join us for a fun evening with legendary quizmaster  
Michael van der Straaten

Fundraising for Lower Halstow Scout Group

Tables of 6, pay £5.00 per person on the night – book with  
[ria.smithuk@gmail.com](mailto:ria.smithuk@gmail.com)

Raffle, heads and tails, bring your own drinks and snacks

## **SENIORS CHRISTMAS PARTY**

From Margaret Milsted-Williamson:

A big thank you to all who helped with the OAP party back in December, especially Bob who played the piano which contributed to a warm and friendly atmosphere, Les for his continual financial support, Kay for the use of the village hall and Morrison's supermarket for their excellent food and raffle prizes. We hope to be able to offer a similar gathering this coming December.



What an incredible term two we had! Thank you to all the children and staff that took part in our Santa Fun Run, we raised £698! We hope our winners enjoy their Teddy Time this term. Thank you to all who came and supported our Christmas Fair, this raised a huge £1197! This wouldn't have been possible without the phenomenal support of our amazing volunteers and school staff. Thank you for making such an inclusive and enjoyable event.

Our next Fair is in July, we will be looking for Business Sponsors, if you or someone you know is interested in sponsorship or donating raffle prizes please get in touch.

In the next few weeks we will be announcing details of our upcoming Quiz Night, open to everyone. Follow our Facebook Page "Friends of Lower Halstow School" for details. We can be contacted via emails to [hello@friendsoflhs.org.uk](mailto:hello@friendsoflhs.org.uk) or via the School Office.

Thank you again to everyone who made 2024 so successful, especially our dedicated volunteers.

## **VE 80 DAY CELEBRATIONS**

From Steve Gates:

On Thursday, 8 May 2025, we will be lighting the beacon at the Brickfield at 9.30pm. Music from the era will be provided by DJ Rod, and refreshments will be available from the Edith May.

## **LOWER HALSTOW YACHT CLUB**

From John Knight:

'Who made a new year's resolution and has already had problems keeping to it? Well, most of us, I am sure.

If you have been trying to do healthy things, like reduce smoking, drinking or get out and about more then consider a local remedy in walking distance from the church along the sea wall.

Lower Halstow Yacht Club has been in existence for over 50 years and could be the place to help with that new year's resolution. A member only SELF HELP site with basic facilities, secure perimeter CCTV, WI FI and free parking.

So, if you want to get out and about and have / or would like to be able to use a paddle board, canoe, kayak, sailing dinghy or yacht up to 33ft you will find advice to suit your family or to just 'chill out ' on site, then giving up:-

1 PACKET OF CIGARETTES A WEEK (£11) OR A COUPLE OF PINTS would generate the annual subscription to COVER MEMBERSHIP, boat mooring, boat storage ashore and dinghy to access.

Membership is not restricted to locals only so please spread the word. Search the internet for <https://lhyc.org.uk> home page for more information.

## **LOWER HALSTOW PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Happy New Year from everyone at Lower Halstow School!



As we enter a new year we also start a new term, the children have only been back for four days, however they are quickly getting back into their routine and are enjoying starting their new topics. The children have thought about their new year's resolutions and what they are focusing on this year. New targets have been set and the children are focused and ready for their learning.

The classes have many exciting events planned for this term including a trip to the Guildhall at Rochester for Year 3, assembly performances to parents from Year 4 and 5 as well as a whole school circus day with a special themed lunch.

Lower Halstow School are also on Instagram now, you can follow us using @lowerhalstowsch. If you are interested in what we get up to we post lots of photos and information about what the children have been doing each week.

Michelle Crowe

**The deadline for items for the April 2025 Village News is noon on 12 March 2025**

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

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