



HERNHILL NEWS

APRIL 2012



GREAT VILLAGE FETE

Saturday 5th May



PARISH COUNCIL

The monthly meeting of the Parish Council was held on Wednesday 28th March.. All Councillors were present, as were two members of the public and the Clerk. Apologies for absence were received from Mr Bowles and Mr Bobbin. The minutes of the monthly meeting held on Wednesday 29th February were signed as a true record.

Matters arising: the Clerk said that he had repeatedly telephoned the Highways Department in order to set up a meeting to detail (a) the lack of sign posting throughout the Parish, (b) the disgraceful amount of potholes in the roadways. There has been little or no response. Our Kent County Councillor is to be contacted to see whether or not his influence can be utilised. Mr Morsman complained of the lack of signage on the Thanet Way. From the filling station at the Whitstable end of the highway to the Duke of

Kent end, there is not one sign pointing to Hernhill. This subject will be among others to be raised with Councillor Bowles.

Reports: H.M. the Queen's Jubilee celebrations appear to be proceeding successfully. Contact has been made with KCC Highways Department regarding road closures and ancillary road signage. The public houses in the village are highly involved. The Chairman of the Parish Council, who is managing the celebrations for the Parish Council, is of the opinion that the village can expect an interesting day. Mr Chapman reported on the ongoing saga of the puddle outside his house. Highways staff appear from time to time, make plans and take measurements, promise a date for work to commence and then disappear for several weeks. Mr Woods reported that he had inspected the tree at No. 2 Honeysuckle Cottages and endorsed the opinion of the

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Clerk: Terry Smart; phone 01227 274047

Swale Representatives: Andrew Bowles; phone 01227 752840

and George Bobbin; phone 01227 751388

KCC Representative: Andrew Bowles

tree owner that it should be removed. Mrs Taylor said that within the next few weeks work on the trees would be undertaken at her residence, but this would only be remedial cutting. Mrs Geliot said that she found a source of decorative pots she had suggested at the February meeting. She also suggested installing a plaque on or near the pots. The Clerk is to contact KCC asking for details of any required permission. Mr Elliott said

that one of the persons who undertook the distribution of Hernhill News had resigned but he had fortunately secured a replacement. Mrs Figgis reported that the French side of the twinning arrangements with Vis en Artois had contacted the village with a view to reinstating relations between the two. There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting to be closed at 8.50 p.m.

HELEN HOLMES

(May 1966 - Feb 2012)

Celebration of the life of Helen was held in St. Mary the Virgin at Selling on Monday 12th March. She will be remembered as Helen Rook living in Dargate and going to Hernhill school. She died on 29th February after a long and distressing illness. Helen's family would like to thank

our dear neighbours and friends for all their support and assistance over the past months. They would also like thank everyone for the beautiful tributes paid to Helen; a lovely wife, mother, sister and daughter.

Your help and kindness has been so much appreciated.

Valerie and Peter Rook

VIOLET WOOD

Her funeral took place on Tuesday 13th March. Violet, at 112 years and 180 days, was the oldest person in the Country. She was living

in a care home in Joy Lane, but for many years she lived in Dargate and could regularly be seen tending her garden of which she was very fond.

JUBILEE PHOTO EXHIBITION

As part of the Jubilee celebrations, Open Dawes propose a photo exhibition of "A Day In the Life of Hernhill Parish", a snapshot of village life in one day. We would like everyone to join in and photograph themselves, their neighbours, the postman, the workmen, animals, plants, buildings, everyone and anyone, anything and everything, they see in the parish on the day, doing their every-day activities.

All photos should be taken on Tuesday 1st May. Photos must be submitted by 8th May, so that we can display them over the Jubilee weekend. They will then be made permanently accessible via the hernhill.net website.

Please contact me with offers of help or suggestions.

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HERNHILL VILLAGE JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS



DATE	TIME	WHAT	WHERE	CONTACT	
Friday 1st		Childrens' party	Hernhill School		01227 751322
Sunday 3rd	10.00am	Jubilee Service	St. Michael's Church	Joy Pritchard	01227 750372
	Noon	Jubilee lunch	Village Green	Joy Pritchard	01227 750372
	3.00pm to 5.00pm	Jazz on the Green	Village Green	The Red Lion	01227 751207
	5.00pm	Pork rolls & apple sauce	Red Lion		01227 751207
	5.00pm to 9.00pm	Disco	Village Green	The Red Lion	01227 751207
	8.00pm	Beacon lighting and B-B-Q	Crockham Bank	Jane Foreman Ian Machin	01227 751295 07808 077864
Monday 4th	3.30pm	Pimms, ploughmans & music	The Dove		01227 751360
Tuesday 5th	Lunch-time	Great British roast	The Dove		01227 751360

CHURCH URBAN FUND

The generosity of our congregation has given me a lovely warm feeling. Due to price rises and reduced incomes, I expected contributions to be less than 2011's total of £282.00. I was wrong. The amazing

sum of £311.80 has been brought in to help inner city churches in their battle to make life better for those less fortunate than us. A huge thanks to you all.

Keep collecting the pennies.

Barbara Taylor

STAPLGATE WI

The March meeting welcomed back Colin Breed who was an officer with the Kent Police at the time of the Zeebrugge disaster. He was able to speak about the liaison with the Bel-

gian authorities to combine knowledge for relief of the affected families. He again impressed us with his ability to hold interest and answer questions.

We will be holding a Treasure Hunt

on Sunday 2nd Sept. at 2.00pm, which will end at the Village Hall where teas will be served. There will be more details later.

Members were reminded that offers of help will be gladly accepted for the Village Fete on Saturday 5th May.

We have been asked to provide judges of culinary entries at the Orchard Place play school garden

party on Saturday 16th June, to be held in Queen Elizabeth School playing field.

Next month, in a change to the advertised schedul, we will be hosting a talk by Heselden Hats, and in May we will look forward to a visit to Mount Ephraim.

As always we welcome guests and new members.

Liz Walton

CHURCH & CHURCHYARD SPRING CLEAN



Our annual Spring clean of St Michael's Church and Churchyard will be on Saturday 21st April from 10am.

Any help will be greatly appreciated. You may

choose whether you want to clean inside the church or use your skills in the churchyard. Refreshments will be provided during the morning. If possible please bring your own tools or cleaning equipment but this is not essential.

Peter Willcock, Churchwarden
01227 750453

HERNHILL ALLOTMENTS

Let's grow our own.

Have you ever thought of growing your own veg? Do you think you don't have the space to grow enough in your garden? Or have you finally been told that you can't dig up any more of the garden as the washing line can't be used to hold up the bean canes! In all of these cases there is a clear answer – an allotment!

Allotments are an extremely good way to reduce your shopping bills. The community that forms around allotments enables the sharing of knowledge and experience which should encourage anyone new to

veg growing to give it a try. The establishment of allotments in the village would be a valuable way of enhancing our community and to increase our green credentials.

As the brave soul who suggested such a scheme and with general support from the Parish Council, I am now in search of anyone in the area who would be interested in an allotment. A traditional allotment is 10 rods (90x30 feet), but they also come in halves. Swale council's guide to allotment rents put a full plot at £29 a year, £14.50 for concessions and £14.50 for a half plot, £7.23 for concessions. If you are interested in having a plot please do get in touch with



me by e-mail at Hernhill.Allotments@gmail.com, alternatively, drop me a note at the address below. One hopes that I'm not alone in my ambitions and once some other like

minded individuals come forward, we can discuss the next steps.

Matt Cooper 07921 148507
2 Mount Pleasant Cottages
Kays Lane

FLOWER ARRANGING

A faithful team have served throughout many years to beautify our lovely village church with their flower arrangements. We are all indebted to them but extra help is now needed to ease the load on the few. Could you help please ?

Don't allow a lack of experience to dissuade you, flower arranging skills can be shared with experienced arrangers. This can be

achieved either at festival times such as Easter, Harvest and Christmas when extra arrangements are needed, or sharing one or two duties during the year with an experienced arranger.

If you are tempted, but require more information and encouragement, please get in touch. Ring me on 01227 752309 and you will be made most welcome to discuss details.

Doreen Jelfs

VIS EN ARTOIS

Twinning

I have had an e mail from the lady there asking whether anyone would be interested in visiting them as part of an exchange. I believe there are about ten French families who are interested in coming to Hernhill. I

know that links between the communities have been closer in the past but if anyone is interested in taking this up they should contact Simon Carroll at the DCA for more information.

Helen Figgis

DOVE DOINGS

Testing times at The Dove have been lightened with the happy news of the safe arrival of our niece, Lucia! She is adorable and Phill promises her parents that he will teach her how to cook!

April's Food Offering brings the second of our 'Classic One-Pot-Dinner with Wine' evenings. On Wednesday 18th April, Phill will be serving Navarin of Spring Lamb which promises to be just as good as last month's Coq au Vin! Our Entertainment Offerings kick off on April Fools Day with the long-awaited Bat

and Trap team trials. Despite the recent vandalism to our pitch and equipment, Glyn Eldridge has worked his socks off to ensure we start the season with a pitch to be proud of. Thank you Glyn!

Bank Holiday Monday will see families searching for chocolate eggs as they take part in our annual Easter Egg Hunt. The hunt begins at 3.30pm and tickets can be purchased in advance at the 'egg-cel-lent' value price of £2.00. The usual silly Spring themed games will follow the hunt!

We will be hosting a Pub Quiz on

Tuesday 17th April at 8.30pm. Please let us know if you would like to enter a team. Rest assured the emphasis is on FUN – no “know it all’s”!!! Phill and I are looking forward to being the right side of the bar for a change to join in with the fun.

Finally thank you to all of those who kindly sponsored Luca to run the Sport Relief Mile. He thoroughly enjoyed taking part and was very proud to have raised over £70 for such a good cause.

Sarah

YOGA CLASSES

The Red Lion

Mondays 8.30pm – 9.30pm

Classes are with Liz Brewer, a qualified teacher who has been practising yoga for over 20 years. Yoga is an ancient tradition, and has been in existence for thousands of years, used to help and guide people whatever their needs. It can be described as a coming together of the mind, body, true self and spirit, although it has different meanings at different times for different people.

•Don't eat a meal less than four



hours before and a snack two hours before class.

•Please bring a yoga mat – if you don't have one, contact me.

•Wear loose clothing and bring a blanket and something warm to put on.

•Aim to arrive 10 minutes before the start of the class.

•Cost - £6.50 per class or £20 for a block of four consecutive sessions.

Liz Brewer

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FROM THE VICAR

There is a poem by Steve Turner entitled 'Christmas is really for the children' in which he compares Christmas and Easter and he ends by saying that people of a nervous disposition shouldn't dwell too much on Easter as it has 'whips, blood, nails, a spear and allegations of body snatching.' They would do better to 'wait for a re-run of Christmas without asking too many questions about what Jesus did when he grew up or whether there is any connection.'

Many people only hear part of the gospel story about Jesus; they may

only attend church at Christmas so Jesus for them never grows up. They may come at Christmas and Easter so Jesus is born, dies and is resurrected but they miss out on all that happened in-between. They may remember the stories about Jesus they heard as children but they never move into an adult understanding of who Jesus is and why his life, death and resurrection are so significant and their version of Christianity is, understandably, but sadly, found wanting.

One of the things Jesus brings is hope. On the first Easter morning Mary Magdalene goes to Jesus'

tomb to grieve only to find it empty, someone speaks her name and in that moment she turns from the hopelessness of the tomb towards Jesus who is her hope. Christians are not 'Good Friday people' but 'Easter people' and 'Alleluia is our song.' We celebrate Jesus every week, not on Friday but on Sunday, we rejoice in the new life he brings us now and the hope he offers for the future. The hope that death is not the end and there is life after death with God.

Have you read the stories of Jesus as an adult, not just the beginning

and end of his life but all the amazing bits in-between as well? As Steve Turner in his poem writes, 'It involves politics, God and the sins of the world.' This Easter time why not read one of the gospel accounts of Jesus life for yourself and then come to church on Good Friday and Easter Day with a far better understanding of what it all means and you'll be really ready to celebrate the cornerstone of Christianity – Jesus' resurrection.

A very happy Easter to you all.

Revd Jean Burrows

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Outings:

There will be a day visit to Losely Park near Guildford, on Thursday 14th June. The price will be £18.50 to include the coach, entry to gardens and a tour of the house. We will be leaving Mount Ephraim car park at 9.30am

There will be an evening visit to Old Bladbean Stud Gardens meeting there at 6.30 pm. On Wednesday 16th May. The gardens are between Barham & Elham. The price is £7.50 to include light refreshments.

Please contact Isabel Pettifer on 01227 751128 for more information about these trips .

Spring show:

18 members and 6 juniors entered a total of 143 items. The number of adult entries are getting less but junior entries is on the up. Despite the low entries it was still a good show, although the daffodils were affected by the bad weather.

The president and chairman could not attend so trophies and prizes were presented by the vice president, Michael Woods and vice chairman, Mark James. The awards were as follows:

- Wade Cup: best bloom, John Sim
- Greville Cup: home economics, Helen Bentley
- Woods Cup: best vegetables, Peter Bentley
- Shield for daffodils: Mark James
- Childrens classes: senior, 1st Hugo Macjieski, 2nd Louis Layton; junior, 1st Dorothy Layton, 2nd Oliver Macjieski, 3rd Molly Layton.

Members, please try and support the society we need your entries for the summer show on Saturday 9th June. Also, we will have our usual stand at the Village Fete on Saturday 5th May.

We will be opening our garden at

41, Clover Rise on Sunday 17th June at 1.00pm to 5.00pm. Entry for adults £4.50, children £2.50 to include tea & homemade cake. All proceeds will go to the Pilgrims

Hospice & the Kidney Transplant Federation.

Peter Bentley
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OPEN GARDENS

This year it will be on Sunday 24th June from noon till 6.00pm.

Would you like to open your garden this year? Do you know someone who might like to open their garden? It is always nice to have a couple of new gardens to include on

the day. It would be particularly nice to have more vegetable gardens! If you have had thoughts about maybe opening, do give me a call or e-mail me at alison.west@kemsdale.plus.com

Alison West 07801824867



VILLAGE FETE

Saturday 5th May

Now is the time to start thinking about things for the Village

Fete. Books, unwanted gifts, children's toys would be welcome. Come and join in this popular community event.

Pat Hall

THE LION'S ROAR

The first day of spring has seen an influx of new and old faces back to The Red Lion and once the weather perks up we have decided that we will be open all day everyday! Check our website and chalk boards for details of this. We are of course looking forward to our charity Easter Egg Hunt and fingers crossed that the weather holds on this day! If you wish for your children to participate please register at The Red Lion. This event is free, however a small donation to The Pilgrims Hospice would be appreciated.

The Lady Mayoress' Charity Quiz Night last month was a roaring success with money raised supporting The Dog's Trust and Hounds for Heroes. Thank you to everyone who attended this event making it a

fun and worthwhile night. Romance was in the air on Valentine's Night, with diners serenaded by acoustic guitar and dinner was accompanied by Champagne cocktails, love was definitely in the air!

We have a busy month ahead with three live music events for your diary. On Saturday 7th April The Gas-sers are playing from 9pm-11pm, on Bank Holiday Monday 9th April Nikki Alexander will be singing from 4pm-6pm and on 27th April Ivan's Allstars are playing from 9pm onwards. We hope you can join us for one or all of these nights!

Of course we are all thinking about the Queen's Jubilee and personally I'm looking forward to the picnic on the village green on Sunday 3rd June. Our events for this weekend will also be listed on our website. We will also be increasing our range

of guest ales for this weekend with commemorative Jubilee ales for you to sample.

Happy Easter!
Ben Edwards

MARTIAL ARTS

A new course started on 6th March and is held every Tuesday evening in the Village Hall. It is run by Sensei Trevor Tooth who has been

training and teaching Martial Arts for 30 years. Please ring for more information.

Sensei Trevor Tooth
07803 007434

IRISH DANCING

for children

I am a resident of Hernhill and have an Irish Dancing school in Tonbridge (where I used to live). I thought for a while that I would like to open another branch of my school here so I have booked the Village Hall and I'm ready to go! Lessons will be on Thursdays, beginning 19th April from 4.00 to

5.00pm.

Children from age 3 1/2 yrs are welcome and the first lesson is FREE! It's fun, great exercise and confidence building. Come along and give it a try!
Please get in touch if you would like more information.

Emma Cannon
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HERNHILL SCHOOL CHOIR

Thursday 21st June

Please support the East Kent Breast Cancer Mammography Appeal and your local village school by coming to this concert. Tickets £10-£25 (children half price) from the Marlowe Theatre or Telephone 01227 787787

Following the huge success of last years concert in Canterbury Cathedral a follow up concert is to be held in the Marlowe Theatre. There will be 260 children participating including members of Hernhill School. The Appeal hopes to raise

£1.2million within three years to buy digital mammography equipment for each of the three main hospitals in East Kent at Ashford, Canterbury and Margate. Each machine and associated equipment will cost in the region of £370,000. Digital machines speed up the process of diagnosis with clearer imagery and faster communications. More women can be seen and individual consultations are so much quicker – all better for the patient.

Stuart Field
Vice Chairman of the Appeal

BITS AND PIECES

Well, Spring came in with a blaze of colour towards the end of March and then gave us a nasty couple of

cold days and night to keep us on our toes. However, the forecasters are promising us fine weather for the beginning of April with tempera-

tures better than the Med. I hope that is not another 'B-B-Q summer' prediction.

A national paper complained recently that on the PM's visit to the US, they had the UK flag upside-down. They then went on to refer to it as the Union Jack. They might know which way up it should be but they don't know that the term 'jack' only applies to the Union Flag when it is flown by a 'jolly jack' from the 'jack staff' of an H.M. Ship.

The Parish Council is keen to publish a programme of all the events to celebrate the Jubilee. The information should be sent to me; preferably by e-mail; as soon as possible but certainly no later than Friday 27th April. My address is given in the section below. Entries should give the event, who is running it, when and where and prices if applicable. I have some already but please don't miss the chance to let people know what is happening. The information currently available is shown elsewhere.

It is distressing to hear that two of our pubs have suffered problems. Ben, at the Red Lion, lost business from the after effects of someone who made an unprovoked attack on one of his customers. The Dove has suffered from vandals who dam-

aged their newly established 'bat and trap' area. We hear plenty about hooligans in towns but it is rare here. Perhaps we all need to be more vigilant.

I understand that the Shoes is re-introducing the wheelie bin race some time in July. I have no further information but if you are interested you can find out more by ringing 01227 750842.

In the matter of helping others, there is an appeal for volunteers to join the Citizens' Advice Bureau (CAB). Particularly, now, when many families are struggling, the help of this voluntary service is much in demand. They give help and support to those with debt, employment, housing and many other problems. If you think that you might be able to help CAB to help others by giving a just a few hours of your time please ring 01795 436520.

A piece of good news is that Jane Bowyer has won the 'Kent food producer of the year' award for her cheese. The judges said that her cheese has a great taste and should be on every restaurant menu. Her 'Canterbury Cobble' took three years to create and is delicious.

ADT

To book the Village Hall ring the Red Lion 01227 751207

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Mon
23rd
Apr**



Sun 1 April	10.00am	St Michael's Ch	Palm Sunday
Mon 2	2.00pm	Village Hall	Monday Club
	8.00pm	Village Hall	Village Hall Committee
Tues 3	-----	-----	BLUE bin collection
Wed 4	7.45pm	Jubilee Room	WI Committee
Fri 6	10.00am	St. Barnabas	Childrens' workshop
	2.00pm	St Michael's Ch	Last hour of the Cross
	7.30pm	Boughton Church	Stainer's Crucifixion
Sun 8	10.00am	St Michael's Ch	Easter Day special service
Tues10	-----	-----	GREEN bin collection
Wed 11	7.45pm	Village Hall	Staplegate WI - Heselden Hats
Sun 15	10.00am	St Michael's Ch	Sung Communion with annual meeting
Man 16	2.00pm	Village Hall	Monday Club
Tues 17	-----	-----	BLUE bin collection
Sun 22	8.00am	St Michael's Ch	Holy Communion
Tues 24	-----	-----	GREEN bin collection
Wed 25	8.00pm	Village Hall	Parish Council
Sun 29	10.00am	St Michael's Ch	Holy Communion
Tues 1 May	-----	-----	BLUE bin collection
Wed 2	7.45pm	Jubilee Room	WI Committee
Sat	2.00pm	Village Hall	FETE
Sun 6	10.00am	The Bounds'	Rogation Service
Mon 7	2.00pm	Village Hall	Monday Club
Tues 8	-----	-----	GREEN bin collection
Wed 9	7.45pm	Mount Ephraim	WI visit
Sun13	8.00am	St Michael's Ch	Holy Communion
Tues 15	-----	-----	BLUE bin collection
Sun 20	10.00am	St Michael's Ch	All Ages Service & thanksgiving
Mon 21	2.00pm	Village Hall	Monday Club
Tues 22	-----	-----	GREEN bin collection
Sun 27	8.00am	St Michael's Ch	Holy Communion
Tues 29	-----	-----	BLUE bin collection
Wed 30	8.00pm	Village Hall	Parish Council



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