



# HERNHILL NEWS

## JUNE 2017

### PARISH COUNCIL

You can contact the clerk for Parish Council business on 07740 706189 or [hernhillclerk@gmail.com](mailto:hernhillclerk@gmail.com) or [hernhillparishcouncil.org](http://hernhillparishcouncil.org). Copies of the approved minutes are available on the Parish Council website and the notice board.

The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 31st May was attended by 5 Parish Councillors, 1 County Councillor and 1 member of the public.

Mr A. Chapman was re-elected as Chairman and Mrs J. Geliot was re-elected as Vice-Chairman for the forthcoming civic year.

Two planning matters were discussed at the monthly Parish Council meeting; 17/501357/FULL (Plantation House, Plum pudding Lane) and 17/501707/FULL (Dale Farm Cottage, Church Hill).

The Parish Council has provided a new small litter bin next to the Village

Hall children's playground.

The Parish Council would like to purchase a community defibrillator to be located at the Village Hall. If you would like to contribute towards the purchase of this community asset then please contact the Parish Clerk. The cost of a defibrillator is approximately £1,500.

Members of the public are reminded that they can report highway matters such as potholes and vegetation obstructing the highway or footway either to the Parish Clerk or directly to Kent County Council at [kent.gov.uk](http://kent.gov.uk)

The next Parish council meeting will be on Wednesday 28th June at 8.00pm in the Village Hall. Members of the public are welcome to attend. If members of the public wish to speak on a subject at the meeting then please can they contact the Clerk prior to Wednesday 21st June so that relevant items can be placed on the agenda for discussion.

### YOUR COUNTY COUNCILLOR

A genuine and heartfelt thank you to all who voted for me on Thursday. I delayed writing this report so that I could reflect the County Council Election Results. The actual result in

Swale East was as follows:

Conservative	2597
U.K.I.P.	717
Labour	624
Liberal Democrats	500
Green	367

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Swale Representatives: Andrew Bowles; phone 01227 752840

and George Bobbin; phone 01227 751388

KCC Representative: Andrew Bowles

Although April was dominated by delivering leaflets etc there have been other things going on. The first Saturday of the month I attended the Kent Association of Local Councils Executive Committee. Also I missed a day's electioneering to Chair a meeting of the Swale Health and Wellbeing Board. Major agenda items were on diabetes prevention, vulnerable adults programme and proposals to bring about adult health improvement.

I took part in a meeting at Swale House with Swale and County Officers and members of Bapchild Parish Council to discuss both the maintenance of amenity and highways land in the Parish and also the ongoing negotiations to finalise a Section 106 agreement on the Stones Road Housing Development. I and others have campaigned long and hard for a second entrance to Lansdown School to alleviate traffic problems in Murston which will form an important part of the 106 agreement.

Helen Whately MP and I attended the opening of the new pavilion at Boughton Bowls Club where I had helped them to secure funding. I also supported the Eastling Charity Bluebell Walk although I left participation to my wife, niece and dogs due to a bad knee.

As I have travelled around electioneering I have taken the opportunity to visit several of our local public houses. This has reinforced my understanding of how they play a vital role in our rural communities. They provide a convenient place for neighbours to meet, both by arrangement and chance. To exchange gossip socialize and plan community events. My own local, the White Lion at Sell-

ing, was recently closed for four months and was really missed by the community for the reasons stated above. Four of the public houses in Swale East have recently or are about to change landlords. In no particular order the Carpenters Arms at Eastling, the White Lion at Selling, the Red Lion at Badlesmere and the Queens Head in Boughton. They deserve our support so please visit them and give them a 'try'. You will receive a warm welcome; feel free to mention my name!

During April I attended annual Parish Meetings at Graveney, Boughton, Selling and Eastling as well as ordinary meetings of Selling (held on a separate night to the A.P.M.), Sheldwich, Badlesmere and Leaveland and Oare Parish Councils with others following in May. I also chaired a meeting of the Perry Woods Steering Group with representatives of North West Kent Downs A.O.N.B., Kent Highways, Swale Borough Council, Friends of Perry Woods, Selling Parish Council and Chilham Parish Council.

One last point on the recent County Council election campaign, I was heartened and pleased by the number of you who completed and returned the survey forms I issued in the first week of the campaign. It was always my desire to respond personally to those who provided an email address or telephone number. The sheer number of responses is making this a mammoth task so apologies if you are yet to hear from me. Luckily the issues you identified as being of most concern to you, National Health Service, litter and care for the elderly are issues that I had referred to in my leaflets which were already by that

time printed. It reinforces my intention to make those issues the focus of my attention over the next few

months now that I am returned to County Hall.

Andrew Bowles



### **TEDDY BEAR PARACHUTE JUMP**

Have you got a brave bear? Would you like to see your Teddy Bear parachute from the top of St Michael's church tower? Over the last few years many brave bears from far and wide rose to the challenge and took part, only one or two have got stuck in a tree or stranded on the church roof!

Teddies will be taken aloft in the teddy bear basket and launched by organisers from the tower roof. Teddies must be securely harnessed in their homemade parachutes. Teddies will be timed during their descent, the slowest descent wins. In the event of a tie, the Teddies will have to jump again. Prizes for the slowest recorded jump

times. Every Teddy that completes a jump will receive Super Ted status and a certificate.

If your Teddy is injured First Aid will be on paw from the Paratedics and Teddymedics in the Tedical Centre.

All brave bears will be asked to pay £2.00 for their very daring jump, or £5 per family, in aid of St Michael's Church. There is no need to enter in advance, just turn up on the day. All Teddies and their owners welcome. Teddy must come wearing a parachute and ready to jump.

The parachute jumps start at 2.30pm on Sunday 11th June. If the weather is wet or windy it isn't safe for the teddies to jump and the event will be cancelled.

More info from Revd Jean Burrows  
01227 751410

**Members of Hernhill Community will be holding a litter pick on Saturday 17th June at 1.00pm. Please come along and help to keep our Village tidy. Meet outside the Village Hall on the day.**

### **WENDY PALMER**

I recently went to the funeral of one of my old primary school teachers, Miss Palmer or as I later knew her, Wendy. Wendy's funeral was at All Saints church in Whitstable and taken by the Rev Simon Tillotson, and we entered the church to muffled bells as Wendy was a keen bell ringer before moving to Bradbury Grange residential home in Whitstable in 2000. The first hymn was 'Firmly I believe and truly' and the vicar impressed on the congregation that Wendy was always an obedient servant of God. The final hymn was

'Thine be the Glory, risen, conquering Son'. Wendy's belief in God never failed her and I was pleased to know her at the end of her life.

When Wendy and her twin, Hazel, arrived into the world on the 11th November 1930, their brother who was seven years older wasn't impressed as he wanted twin brothers. Wendy was always happy to tell people that she was 20 minutes older than Hazel. The twins went to William Gibbs grammar school in Faversham, then Wendy got her degree at Canterbury School of Art. She went into teaching

at both Hernhill Primary School and Davington Primary School. I remember her well as a teacher, she was always firm but fair and I remember getting stung by a wasp (for the 1st time) and she was quick with medication and sympathy as well as a couple of dolly mixtures, which usually helped with any ailment in those days. We often discussed Hernhill School and I showed her photographs of what the old school looks like now and the new school. Wendy was always keen to know about the school and the teachers, and would love to have met some of the pupils, unfortunately they were unable to come to Bradbury Grange due to time tables, despite Bradbury Granges Methodist links to Boughton School who have visited several times.

As well as campanology, Wendy, for many years was secretary to the council of churches in Whitstable, a member of the historical society and Guide Captain of the 1st Whitstable; I was a Guide in the 1st Hernhill with Captain Zena Barten, who Wendy remembered well. She was a real servant to the community.

A well travelled individual, Wendy visited many counties including the USSR (when the Iron Curtain was still in evidence) and the USA as well as

many European countries. We regularly discussed her travels, but one thing that surprised me was that as a young woman, Wendy had a Lambretta scooter.

As Wendy grew older her sight was failing and she introduced other partially sighted residents to the Whitstable Echo which is on a memory stick, so every one could keep up with local news.

Wendy's sense of humour was very dry and whilst chatting one day I told her I lived and went to school in Hernhill, and she told me she worked there and asked what years I was at Hernhill, when we worked out that I was at school when she was teaching I said, "so you were Miss Palmer then". "Yes" she replied "and I still am!"

Wendy, was a great team player most of the time and would help others less able in card making and Scrabble (one of my personal favourites, despite her age, her knowledge of words was second to none), she enjoyed music and talking books and would share tapes and CD's with other residents.

Wendy will be sadly missed by many of Bradbury Granges residents, but they are happy in the knowledge that Wendy is at peace now.

Dawn Bundock (nee Foster)

### **ALL CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL**

On Sunday 30th July at 11.00am on the Village Green, we will be having a special service to bless our pets. (If it is raining the Service will be in the church.)

Bring your pets in a suitable carrier or cage or on a lead to keep them safe and comfortable. Larger animals will be very welcome but if we have to have the Service in church, then please bring a picture of them! If the Service is on the Green it would be wise to bring chairs to sit on. The Service will be followed by refreshments.

Rev Jean Burrows



### CHARITY LUNCH

Staplegate ladies will be producing a ploughman's lunch, together with strawberries and cream, in aid of Pilgrim's hospice. It will be at Dunkirk Village Hall on Saturday 8th July.



Please arrive by noon for a 12.30 lunch.

Tickets are £8.00 obtainable from me. Come along and support this worthy cause.

Anne Butler 01227 750864.

### FROM THE VICAR

When I went out to Tanzania at the end of January I wasn't sure how I would be spending most of my time but that didn't worry me as I knew I would be well looked after and indeed I was. The first two weeks were arranged, language and orientation school in Morogoro, where I learnt that language school is not the way for me to learn Swahili. However my time there wasn't wasted. I met some lovely people, started to learn about the structure of the language and my vocabulary did grow.

Then I moved on to Mpwapwa where I spent the majority of my time. I fell in love with this small town built by a river (when it rains) amongst the hills. There were stunning views and big skies. My main task was teaching English to Form 2 (14/15 year olds) in Queen Esther diocesan secondary girls boarding school for girls aged 13 to about 17. It was set up by the diocese just a few years ago in response to the need for girls' education in the country. At the moment there are 153 girls there but the plan is to grow over the coming years to 800 girls. This is a huge ambition especially as the school is relatively isolated in the hills, a beautiful but challenging environment. I enjoyed getting to know some of the girls and the staff and being part of the school. I also taught some individual adults

English as well as preaching, baptising, visiting churches and two theological colleges, and getting to know people. Needless to say I had a wonderful time, everyone was so welcoming, hospitable, generous and kind. There is a genuine respect for visitors and when I was out walking many adults would stop to talk to me or children would want to touch me and practice their English.

Life is hard, the key challenges are poverty, education and disease but Tanzanians are resilient, resourceful, gentle and helpful and I made some good friends. Three months is the longest time I have spent in Tanzania and it was hard to leave but I returned home with many happy memories and hundreds of photos. I'll be showing some of them and talking more about my experiences on Friday 9 June, 7.30pm in St Barnabas, there'll also be some Tanzanian snacks and you are all invited to come along.

Thank you to the parishes who allowed me to go away for three months and a big thank you to Paulette and Keith who worked so hard while I was away and to everyone who took on extra responsibilities. Knowing my love for the country many have asked if I will return to Tanzania, I would love to but that is in God's hands.

Rev'd Jean Burrows

### **ART EXHIBITION**

Local artists who have contributed to the 2018 Village calendar will be showing their work at an exhibition in St. Michael's Church on the 8th and 9th July between 10.00am & 6.00pm.

The exhibition will also include the art of other local artists. Many of the works on show will be available for purchase and a percentage of the price will go to St. Michael's Church.

Brian Jelfs

### **HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY**

#### **Summer Show**

The Summer Show will be held on Saturday 24th June in the Village Hall.

Entry and staging of exhibits will be from 9.45am to 11.15am.

The show will be open to the public from 2.00pm. There is no entry fee and tea, coffee and biscuits are also free. A raffle and the presentation of prizes will be at 3.00pm with an auction of selected entries.

Please come along to support your local society.

Violet Croll



### **HERNHILL SCHOOL**

Teaching our children how to stay safe online is an essential part of both our computing and PSHE (personal social health education) teaching at Hernhill. With the use of the internet being an everyday occurrence for children these days, we know it is very important that they learn how to keep themselves safe. This year, we have decided to introduce a role in school where a group of children will take on responsibility for raising the profile of online safety and supporting other children across the school. Lara and Cara are two of our trained 'Digital Leaders' and they have written about their newly acquired responsibilities below.

"Digital leaders are children chosen from Year 5 to rid our school of any inappropriate incidents on the internet. We have been on courses in Kent to guide us; some went on train-

ing in Maidstone with Kent Police and others went to KCC training at Boughton-under-Blean Primary School. We have worked with Mrs Woodcock to update the 'Acceptable Use' agreement. All the children will sign this. We have given a presentation to the teachers about our role and quizzed them about online safety. This term we will be teaching the Year 5 class about online safety and we plan to teach other classes within the next couple of terms. Our first assembly will be on the 21st June and we plan to meet the governors in July.

Kent Police have set schools the 'Reclaim your real life' challenge and we are discussing to see if we could take this challenge on. The basic idea is that you don't use the internet for a day of your choice and then you will be given a card to tick if you participate in this fun challenge. More details will be coming home from school

soon and we hope it will make a difference!

Lara and Cara, Y5"

### **BITS AND PIECES**

National news has overshadowed local news this month. We have had a local election in which, perhaps unsurprisingly, our local Councillor has been returned. But before we got to the polls for the local election, a general election was called and we have been bombarded with even more exaltations from all the party leaders in all the media. And now we have had the horror and sadness of a terrorist attack, primarily aimed at young people attending a pop concert in Manchester. The terror threat category was for a while increased to its highest level and troops were on the streets of major cities.

Despite all this national activity, life goes on here much as before. After a period of heavy showers, the sun is shining and the temperature has at last reached summer levels. We were again lucky with the weather for the Village Fete in May. It was not exactly hot, but the sun did shine and the rain held off. There were a number of new attractions this year and the profits finished at over £4,400. A big round of applause and thanks is due to the many who made

this possible.

The traffic was horrendous over the May bank holiday but Heathrow was much worse. They can't do much about the traffic jams on the roads, but let's hope that BA gets its power supply sorted out before too long. On the subject of traffic, overnight closures of the slip-roads leading to and from the A299 Thanet Way at Fostall, are planned from Wednesday 21st June for up to two nights.

The good news is that there are still more events coming in the Village. All the slaves who haven't yet made it to retirement and who want to avoid the traumas of travel will be able to enjoy them over the summer season. I apologise for my gloat but make a note in your diary of these events, and come.

Flowers in our church are always beautifully arranged but Vicky Hodgkiss, who is in charge, needs more help. No experience is necessary as tuition can be provided. This is a great opportunity to learn a new hobby. To learn more contact Vicky at [vickihodgkiss@gmail.com](mailto:vickihodgkiss@gmail.com) (and yes, the letter 'i' is correct in the address).

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**Monday**  
**26<sup>th</sup>**  
**JUNE**



<b>Sun 4 June</b>	10.00am	St. Michael's Ch	Sung Communion
Tues 6	-----	-----	Blue Bin Collection
Sun 11	8.00am	St. Michael's Ch	Holy Communion
	2.30pm	St. Michael's Ch	Teddies parachute jump
Tues 13	-----	-----	Green Bin Collection
Sat 17	3.30pm	St Barnabas	Messy Church
Sun 18	10.00am	St. Michael's Ch	Sung Communion Fathers' Day
Tues 20	-----	-----	Blue Bin Collection
Sat 24	-----	Village Hall	Horticultural Soc Summer Show
Sun 25	10.00am	Boughton Church	Patronal Festival
Tues 27	-----	-----	Green Bin Collection
Wed 28	8.00pm	Village Hall	Parish Council Meeting
<b>Sun 2 July</b>	10.00am	St. Michael's Ch	Sung Communion
	-----	-----	Blue Bin Collection
Sat 8	10.00am	St. Michael's Ch	Art exhibition
Sun 9	8.00am	St. Michael's Ch	Holy Communion
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Tues 11	-----	-----	Green Bin Collection
Sat 15	3.30pm	St Barnabas	Messy Church
Sun 16	10.00am	St. Michael's Ch	Sung Communion
Tues 18	-----	-----	Blue Bin Collection
Sun 23	8.00am	St. Michael's Ch	Holy Communion
Tues 25	-----	-----	Green Bin Collection
Wed 26	8.00pm	Village Hall	Parish Council Meeting
Sun 30	11 00am	St. Michael's Ch	Pets Service