



HERNHILL NEWS

OCTOBER 2016

**THE CLOCKS 'FALL BACK'
ON SUNDAY 30TH OCTOBER**



PARISH COUNCIL

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Full copies of the approved minutes will be available on the Parish Council notice board on the Village Green.

The Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 28th September was attended by five Parish Councillors, one Borough Councillor and one member of the public.

It was with regret that Mr M Woods announced his resignation as Chairman and Councillor of the Parish Council. This was for personal reasons. The Parish Council wished to thank Mr Woods for his 30 years of service to the community in his capacity as both Parish Councillor and Chairman of the Council.

Mr A Chapman was elected as the new Chairman. Due to the resignation of Mr Woods, the Parish Council has a casual vacancy for a Councillor. Any interested party should contact the Parish Clerk for further information.

Planning

Matters discussed at the Parish Council meeting included:

16/506524/FULL - attic conversion with new rear dormer and two roof lights in an existing detached garage. Plum Pudding Barn, Belvedere Farm, Dargate

16/506849/FULL - erection of a single storey rear extension for new customer toilets, relocation of an existing LPG tank, altered car-parking provision and a new car valeting facility. BP Petrol Station, Thanet Way

There is still an allotment plot available to rent on the Parish Council

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allotment site in Kays Lane. Please contact the Parish Clerk if you are interested.

A new litter bin has been installed on Crockham Road.

Members of the public are reminded that they can report highway mat-

ters such as potholes and overgrown hedges either to the Parish Clerk or directly to Kent County Council..

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 26th October at 8.00pm in the Village Hall.

YOUR COUNTY COUNCILLOR

I still find it strange that August, the busiest month of the year when I was farming, is now my quietest. Having said that, this August has been busier than some due to an unprecedented number of Home to School Transport Appeals which have taken several full days of my time at County Hall with more to come during September.

The first weekend of August featured the New Day Festival at Mount Ephraim, Hernhill. Three days of great music featuring many of my favourite bands and musicians from the 1960's and 70's. The second day happened to be my birthday. Great music in a very friendly atmosphere. I was pleased to see so many locals taking advantage of great music on their doorstep. My personal favourites were Wilko Johnson who headlined on the Friday and Nine Below Zero, but everyone will have their own.

During August we went to Cornwall for a week with children, grand children and extended family. A total party of six adults, six children and our two border collies. Our days were spent walking, swimming and for the younger and more adventurous surfing. The weather was per-

fect, probably the best week of the year.

Other meetings attended during August included the Swale Branch of Kent Association of Local Councils (KALC), Kent and Medway Economic Partnership and Selling and Lynsted Parish Councils.

I will include the first few days of September in this newsletter due to some special highlights for myself! On the 1st I was interviewed by paid up Conservative Party Members living within the Swale East Division. I was delighted, and relieved, to be re selected to defend the Swale East seat in next year's Kent County Council Elections. All local County nominations have been hard fought with a large number of potential Conservative candidates putting their names forward.

This was followed by two long days at Faversham Hop Festival. Great music, good weather, a chance to catch up with friends, neighbours and relatives and thanks to the rail service from Selling, no stress. As well as, in my opinion, the best ever selection of music to listen to. The atmosphere, especially during the day, was very relaxed and friendly.

Andrew Bowles

CHARITY TABLE

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I have had letters from Hearing Dogs and Canine Partners thanking all who supported the charity table. They include short accounts of how their dogs have helped people, which I would like to share with you.

“Ian found life difficult after he was told that he was unable to wear hearing aids anymore. He felt isolated from both the deaf and hearing world and struggled on a daily basis. He was then partnered with Hettie and she “bought him out of his shell and back to life” in Ian’s own words. Hettie listens for all the important sounds Ian can’t hear, so he can relax and feel secure at home. She gives him confidence to go out and



do his shopping and to go out for meals. She has given him his life back and is his best friend.

Joanna suffers from Chronic Regional Pain Syndrome as a result of a road crash injury and was partnered with Derby. “Derby has been life transforming. The list of things that he does for me is endless, but it is his willingness to learn new things that constantly surprises me. The biggest thing is he has allowed me to be on my own as before I needed carers. It’s been a fantastic change to my life. Crucially Derby has changed how my children see me and allows me to do more for them and with them. He’s a huge part of our family now. I wouldn’t be without him.”

Jill Geliot

A LIFE AND DEATH SITUATION.

I find October brings with it a strange feeling like a mixture of anticipation and a sweet sadness sometimes, a little like a kind of nostalgia. I’m sure much of that is to do with the changes around us. From my study window I can see the apples dropping and rotting from our ancient tree, and the bright fresh greens of late spring and early summer are giving way to yellows and browns. The grass is parched and tired. The summer has almost ended and the hops are in; we are in the season of harvest and of rapidly shortening days, of de-misting windscreens and closing windows in the evening. Every so often we are surprised by a warm day again

and dressing for the weather gets tricky. Walking in Hernhill and Boughton you’ll pass people still in shorts and T-shirts, and others who have succumbed to coats and macs.

There is another reason for the strange feelings though. This is the end of the year for me that I associate most closely with bereavement and remembering those I and my family have loved and lost over the years. As a Christian I take huge comfort from the hope that is open to all of us in Jesus; death is not actually the end, in fact it’s a kind of beginning. But I still feel acutely the sense of separation and loss in the meantime. And at this end of the year, in our little corner of the world,

the unavoidable truth that death is an integral part of life is underlined - everything natural around us seems to be shrivelling up and coming to an end.

But it does so in order for there to be regeneration and fruit once again. Without the dying back, without the hard winter frosts to kill the pests, we won't see the flourishing and growth that comes with the spring. I think that's where my sense of anticipation kicks in. Because the harvest brings the seed for new growth and rest for the ground in preparation of what is to come. Just when everything looks beyond hope and redemption, when the garden and fields seem utterly barren, spring will come around and new life will break through once more.

Grief and bereavement works its way out in us in different ways at different times. It can feel seasonal.

Dealing with the pain of separation and loss of those we love is a life-long project and it won't be hurried. It can be utterly devastating. But it is possible, even in the midst of all that to experience the tiny green shoots of hope again.

We will be holding a special service for those who have been bereaved at St Barnabas Church (The Street, Boughton) on Sunday 30th October at 4.30pm for anyone who would like to come and remember their loved ones – however long ago or recently they died. You will be very welcome, whether you usually come to church or not. In the service the names of our loved ones who have died are read out. If you would like a name included please contact Rev. Jean Burrows by e-mail (jeanburrows@jeanius.me.uk) or phone (01227 751410).

Rev. Paulette Stubbings

CRAFTS CENTER



The Hernhill Crafts Centre will be open for a week longer than usual. As a result the 'Natter' meeting will be

held a week later. It will now be at

the Crafts Centre on Sunday 9th October from 2.00pm till approx 5.00pm. Members can collect their goods to take home after the meeting. If any members are unable to attend, please let me know.

Shane Croll

HERNHILL CALENDAR 2018

by local artists

This is a second reminder to any of you who paint or draw and have images of local scenes; be they buildings, landscapes or seascapes; would you consider contributing your work to the next calendar. The term 'local scenes' can be interpreted to mean scenes

in and around Hernhill, Faversham, Seasalter, Whitstable.

Although we have, in general, filled our previous calendars with fine art images in any kind of medium, we are also interested in a limited number of craft images.

We need to commence the production process in November 2016 at the latest so that our new produc-

tion is ready and on sale for the Spring of 2017. If you are interested in this project and would be willing to contribute your work, please contact Brian Jelfs without delay by

phone (01227 752309) or e-mail, brian.jelfs3@btinternet.com.

Brian Jelfs,
Alan Taylor,
Janet Macintosh

THE AUTUMN SHOW

The show was held on Saturday 10th September in the Village Hall. There were 15 participants and 130 entries. The prize winners were as follows:

Tony Bentley - Wade Cup for Best Bloom,

Helen Bentley - Greville Cup for Home Economies

Kath Stone - Dargate House Cup for Floral Art

Violet Croll – Woods Cup for Best Vegetable

Rebecca Parr – Ben Bones Memo-

rial Cup for Best photography
Sally Bryce – WI Cup for Best Pot plant

The auction at the end of the Show raised £37.60 and the raffle raised £29.00.

The Horticultural Society would like to thank it's members for their entries. It is you who make the show, so we would encourage you all to enter as much as you can even if it is only one item. And thanks too to all those who came out to support the Society on the day.

Violet Croll

BREATHING SPACE IS BACK!

'Breathing Space' is an antidote to the stresses and strains of life. Come and relax in the peace of gentle candle light with soft music in the background.

You will be most welcome whether you are a churchgoer or have never

set foot in a church in your life. There will be no phones, no texts, no e-mails. Nobody will make you talk to them. Come and enjoy some rare, refreshing peace.

The next 'Breathing Space' will be on Friday 21st October at 7.30pm to 8.30pm in Hernhill Church.

TEDDY PARACHUTE

Thanks are due to all the helpers; up in the tower and down bellow. And thanks too to all the children and adults who brought their brave teddies to the contest. The weather was kind and it was a fun afternoon with plenty of laughs and some gentle excitement. This time there were no



bears on the roof or in the trees, just a couple stuck on the budleia but we'll deal with that before next year. All teddy parachutists had a certificate to take away and the best parachutists had prizes too. If your teddy missed this enjoyable bit of fun there will be another opportunity next year. And don't forget entries from adult owners are welcome too.

SPOOKY STORIES

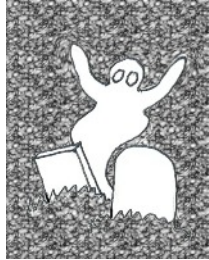
in the Churchyard

You might wonder what on earth your local church is up to, running a Halloween event!

It is believed that Hallowe'en or All Hallows' Eve probably had its roots historically in a pagan festival that was Christianised by the early Church and used to remember the dead including saints (called Hallows), martyrs and the faithful departed.

Of course, this idea of the religious vigil before All Saints' Day on the 1st November hasn't got much to do with the supermarket shelves groaning with Halloween stuff and the celebrating and trick-or-treating on 31st October we are familiar with today.

Today, for most people it's about the fun of dressing up, parties with spooky-themed decorations, and



going door to door in the hope of a massive sweetie haul.

So we are putting on a community family event that we hope will incorporate the fun side, with a bit of a spooky thrill and enjoy some treats

together – but once we go inside from the churchyard we will celebrate the good news that Jesus came to give all scary and evil things their marching orders. God's light, love and welcome are infinitely more powerful than any-

thing that we fear might go bump in the night.

We'd love to see you there on Monday 31st October at 6.00pm in the churchyard of St Michael's Church, Hernhill.

Rev. Jean Burrows

Rev. Paulette Stubbings

& the church family at St Michael's

YOU WERE WARNED

On Monday 3rd October; the Village Hall AGM will be held at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

At the meeting you will have the opportunity to elect the committee and officers for the coming year.

We currently have a vacancy for a committee member. So, if you like to join others in the running of your Village Hall please come along.

Peter Rawlins

Chairman

CHURCHYARD CLEANUP

Although the grass is now cut regularly and the churchyard is a pleasure to see, there is still a need for some minor tidying to be done. It is therefore hoped that many will come to help at the 'Churchyard Cleanup' morning on Saturday

22nd October between 10.00am and noon. It would be helpful if you could bring some of your own gardening tools but refreshments will be provided.

Peter Willcock

Church Warden



BITS AND PIECES

And then the rains came. Enough to freshen the wilting plants in the garden but then they stopped again. Unfortunately the school suffered because the weatherman chose the day of their fete to open the heavens. Fortunately they were able to move into the school hall.

The Teddy Parachute jump on the very next day managed to go ahead without any rain and only a modest wind. My Teddy improved his performance this year. He didn't crash, he merely came last.

The saga of 'Avaluna' drags wearily on. The perpetrator of all the agro has now been fined and ordered to move his trailer home from the site. However he appears to be still playing a delaying game. He is putting in applications of various types, extending his activities to the next field and rolling in piles of hardcore to ensure that the area is unsuitable for growing anything. The watchword is observe what is happening and make sure that the authorities are kept aware of the situation. While all of this is going on there seems to be no final solution to the problems of the triangle of land op-

posite the Young Bros site.

Something to look forward to is the Family Fun day on Sunday 9th October. It is in aid of research into Alzheimer disease. The event looks to have something to please all ages and is well worth your support. It is to be held at the Village Hall from 11.00am until 3.00pm.

A number of you may be interested to know that the Harvest Festival at our church will be at 10.00am on Sunday 16th October. Rather than fresh produce, it is hoped that people will bring to the Service, tins and packs of foodstuff to make into meals. These are cooked by volunteers and giving to the homeless who come to 'Catching Lives' in Canterbury for the only hot meal they can get.

For those of you who are fed up with being pestered by 'trick or treat' knocks on your door, Swale have produced a notice for you to display. You can download it from 'tiny.cc/notrickortreat'. It may help. British Summer Time ends on the last Sunday 30th October. The clocks go back one hour and we can have an extra hour in bed.

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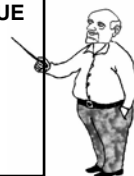
To book the Village Hall go to www.hernhill-bookings.net

A copy of the Hernhill News and other local information can be found on the Village website. www.hernhill.net

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NEXT ISSUE

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| Sun 2 Oct | 3.00pm | St. Michael's Ch | Confirmation Service |
| Mon 3 | 7.30pm | Village Hall | Village Hall AGM |
| Tues 4 | ----- | ----- | Green Bin Collection |
| Sun 9 | 8.00am | St. Michael's Ch | Holy Communion |
| | 11.00am | Village Hall | Family Fun Day |
| Tues 11 | ----- | ----- | Blue Bin Collection |
| Sat 15 | 3.30pm | St Barnabas | Messy Church |
| Sun 16 | 10.00am | St. Michael's Ch | Harvest Festival |
| Tues 18 | ----- | ----- | Green Bin Collection |
| Fri 21 | 7.30pm | St. Michael's Ch | Breathing Space |
| Sat 22 | ----- | St. Michael's Ch | Churchyard clean-up |
| Sun 23 | 8.00am | St. Michael's Ch | Holy Communion |
| Tues 25 | ----- | ----- | Blue Bin Collection |
| Wed 26 | 8.00pm | Village Hall. | Parish Council |
| Sun 30 | 10.00am | St. Michael's Ch | Sung Communion |
| Mon 31 | 6.00pm | Churchyard | Spooky Stories |
| Tues 1 Nov | ----- | ----- | Green Bin Collection |
| Sun 6 | 10.30am | Graveney Church | Patronal festival |
| Tues 8 | ----- | ----- | Blue Bin Collection |
| Sat 12 | ----- | St. Michael's Ch | Craft Fair |
| Sun 13 | 10.50am | St. Michael's Ch | Remembrance Sunday |
| Tues 15 | ----- | ----- | Green Bin Collection |
| Sat 19 | 3.30pm | St Barnabas | Messy Church |
| Sun 20 | 10.00am | St. Michael's Ch | Sung Communion |
| Tues 22 | ----- | ----- | Blue Bin Collection |
| Fri 25 | 7.30pm | St. Michael's Ch | Breathing Space |
| Sun 27 | ----- | Faversham Centre | Advent |
| Tues 29 | ----- | ----- | Green Bin Collection |
| Wed 30 | 8.00pm | Village Hall. | Parish Council |