



HERNHILL NEWS

AUGUST 2012

PARISH COUNCIL

All Councillors were present, as were Mr Bowles and the Clerk. The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 27th June were signed as a true record.

Matters arising: the footpath at the Fostall continues to give problems. Enquiries reveal that there is absolutely no funding for the cost of the vital remedial work which is required. Councillor Bowles undertook to enquire as to why this is so. A suggestion was put forward that voluntary charity work could be used, and this idea will be explored.

The long running saga of the hole in the road adjacent to the old shop is destined to see work start within the next few days. A closure notice has been obtained for a period of seven days, although it is estimated that the work will entail only about one day.

The Chairman announced that the illegal squatters at Thirlwell Farm will, it is hoped, be gone by 6th September, although a careful eye will be kept on the situation.

Mrs Figgis said that regarding the provision of library services it looks increasingly likely that the Council will be asked to provide some funding. This will have to be scrutinised.

The applicant for the post of Clerk to the Council will be interviewed by the Chairman herself, the Vice Chairman and the Clerk on 6th August next. If appointed, she will be invited to the August Parish Council meeting, where she will be introduced to the rest of the Councillors, and will commence her duties on 1st October next.

Mrs Figgis said that plans for the proposed allotments were progressing, and considerable help had been received from the Boughton Parish Council Clerk on the possible legal problems.

The Parish Council has been gently criticised for over-generous time allocation for those who wish to speak to Parish Councillors. The Council's Standing Orders permit only three minutes before the Chairman must halt the speaker, or, in default must sus-

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and George Bobbin; phone 01227 751388

KCC Representative: Andrew Bowles

pend the meeting. The result of this, of course, is that there will be no minute taking. The Clerk is to write to the person concerned.

Correspondence: the new Model Code of Conduct was discussed, with 'helpful' input from Councillor Bowles. The Herne Bay Household Waste recycling centre is to close on 6th August for approximately 21 weeks. The nearest similar facilities are at Vauxhall Road, Canterbury, or Manston Road, Margate. Swale Borough Council's Remuneration Panel has re-assessed its remuneration for (amongst oth-

ers) Parish Councillors; as no Hernhill Parish Councillor has ever claimed this, it has no interest for this Parish.

It is recommended, in an amendment to the Local Dog Control Order, that persons caught walking their dogs off the lead on roads and pavements in Swale could face a fixed penalty of an £80 fine. The Definitive Map and Statement of Public Rights of Way is to be updated.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting to be closed at about 9.00pm.

HIRE OF VILLAGE HALL

It is very pleasing to see the village hall being used for more and more events and different uses, and we hope this will continue to grow. This can on occasions cause a clash of dates or times. Can I ask everyone using the hall to be aware of the following simple guide lines with regards to booking the hall or Jubilee Room for events.

1. If you book the hall you also get access to the kitchen. If you book the Jubilee Room it is just the Jubilee Room as it is only meant for small gatherings or short meetings.

2. If your booking is not made with the Red Lion (and in the diary) then you do not have a booking! This is the "bible" for bookings so please do not assume that just because you used it on a regular

basis it will be available every time going without needing to book. You can book the hall up to 12 months in advance. Please ensure you notify the times you want the hall, so they can be put in the diary as well.

You can have access to the hall up to one hour before (subject to not being in use) to set up without extra charge. If there is a clash of bookings please talk with the other party to try to come to an amicable agreement.

All excess rubbish must be removed by the hirer and not left outside Village Hall and the DCA building. It is unsightly and a health hazard.

Please do not use the kitchen worktops to cut on – use the chopping board provided!

Put back in its place everything you take out after cleaning it!

Use the recycle bins in the car park as much as possible for suitable waste.

A copy of the hire conditions is in the Village Hall (by main light switches - for viewing only) and also for completion at the Red Lion.

To book the Village Hall call the Red Lion on 01227 751207

HIRE OF PLAYING FIELDS

If you hire the Village Hall you are able to use the Playing Fields in conjunction with that hiring, but if it is being used by the Football or Cricket team then use may be restricted on grounds of safety, and the Football or Cricket teams have priority at all times.

If you want to use the Playing Field for a sporting event then this must be booked in advance and cleared with the DCA Herons and Three Shoes Cricket Club who manage its use on behalf of the Village Hall Committee to ensure

it is kept in good condition.

If you wish to check availability, then contact Malcolm Mullender from the Herons Football Club on malcolm.mullender@googlemail.com or Tony Chapman from the Shoes Cricket Club on aj.chapman@homecall.co.uk

The Playing Fields are available for anyone to use for normal personal recreational activities at any time, but booked events take preference and are responsible for Health and Safety around those organised events.

If you walk your dog on the playing field please ensure you clean up after it. It is illegal not to, and it's very anti-social for obvious reasons.

The Tennis Courts are operated by the Dawes Community Association and again can be booked by contacting The Red Lion on 01227 751207. Thank you

Village Hall Committee

BIG B-B-Q BREAKFAST

It was difficult to tell which drew people into the garden of Yew Tree House on that Saturday. Was it the sight of the gazebos or the sound of much chat and laughter or the smell of hash browns sizzling gently? A barbeque breakfast was being served from 9.00am until 11.30am, as part of the last fundraising event in the Village for the Church Restoration Fund. We served something like 96 full Eng-

lish breakfasts, including one for the proprietress of the local B & B, who came to have a change from cooking one for herself and her guests.

The most amazing occurrence was the window of fine weather, even with a few shafts of sunshine, that appeared in that week-end of awful wind and rain. We heard next day that, at the same time, there had been torrential rain and flooding in Whitstable. To quote our late Parish council

Chairman, Edward Foreman, "We get very local weather in Hernhill". The rain did not return until 11.20am when all the breakfasts had been served and eaten, and the visitors could shelter under the gazebos for the drawing of the raffle.

Thanks to the generosity of helpers and neighbours almost all of the food was donated. There was an excellent raffle and we were given strawberries to sell and enjoyed buying from the interesting stall of bric-a-brac.

The Treasurer had a very happy

time counting the proceeds of this splendid morning which, with donations, raised the amazing sum of £881. Very grateful thanks go to all who helped with setting up and taking down, transporting, cooking, serving, selling, washing-up and the many jobs involved.

It is splendid that the income from such an enjoyable event will help with repairs to our own lovely piece of Village heritage, St. Michael's Church.

Barbara Taylor

CATCHING LIVES

Nobody, the Archbishop of Canterbury has said, chooses to be homeless, it is always the result of desperate circumstances that makes people take to the streets to sleep.

And funding cuts mean that 'Catching Lives', the Canterbury shelter of which the Archbishop is patron, struggles to provide the basics to the increasing numbers it seeks to help.

The shelter opens at 9.00am to offer breakfast which is toast and soup, if no cereal is available, with a cooked two course lunch served at 11.45am.

Meals are dependent on what is in the pantry or freezers but the

aim is always that it is hot and nutritionally well balanced for people who may not eat again till the following morning, having spent the night in a shop doorway. Tinned tomatoes and baked beans are just two of the staples that are always welcomed, as is sugar, coffee, biscuits or ASDA vouchers.

So if anyone is able to donate any 'bogof' (buy one get one free) there is a basket now in St. Michael's Church for donations on Sunday which will be taken to the centre every Monday morning, where they will be very gratefully received.

Lizzie Cook

VILLAGE HALL AGM

This is being held on Monday 6th August at 8.00pm and everyone is invited to attend to have their

say on the Village Hall and how it is run.

Currently there has been no volunteer to take over as Chairman

of the Committee, so as of that date the Village Hall will not have a Chairman. This will be the first time in its history, and I hope one of you will step forward to take on this very simple role on behalf of the Village.

If a Chairman is not found to take over then it will be in breach of its constitution, and steps will need to be taken accordingly which

could affect the operation or availability of the Hall. Surely someone can take on this role, for it generally involves only a couple of hours work every two months!

If you want details talk to a Committee member or contact me on dsmann50@msn.com or 0773 6463921

Thank you
David Mann

THE LION'S ROAR

Well I have to say at the time of writing this, after a fantastic five days holiday in Tenerife, I do seem to have brought the weather home with me! This was the first time I have left the pub since taking over last year, Charlotte and I took a well deserved and restful break leaving the pub in the capable hands of Hannah Simms. Thank you Hannah! It was nice to walk in as a customer on our return and see how well you had done!

As guaranteed last month, 'Hullabaloo' certainly did rock the Village with folk over-spilling onto the Village Green. What an amazing local band, which we do hope can return soon. We must also congratulate Steve and Claire Waterman for raising such a huge sum of money for Pilgrims Hospice. We look forward to contributing to beating that sum next year!

This month we are looking forward to the grand opening of our

"Tastes of Kent" restaurant on Thursday 16th August. We will be serving dishes cooked with Kent's finest ingredients in the upstairs room complimenting our a la carte menu downstairs. Join us for a glass of "Kentish Fizz" and canapés which will get your taste buds salivating ready for the full menu, which will be served from Friday. On Bank holiday Monday 27th, we would like to invite you all to our free family music festival in our very own pub garden! So far the playlist includes The Boogie Men, Blues Bandits, Nicky Alexander and Lee Haywood. Other guest appearances will be announced closer to the time and will include our favourite pub bands. "Doors open" at 12.00pm onwards and there will be a range of food to suit all pallets including a good old hog roast and freshly smoked meat. Several local businesses will have stalls, with of course donations to our favourite local charity, 'The Pilgrims Hospice'.

We are still awaiting a date for our guest chef to visit but as you know all good things come to those who wait!

Ben Edwards

DOVE DOINGS

A brief entry from The Dove this month to remind you that we have our live music event in the garden on Bank Holiday Monday from 3.30pm. We have the 'Blues Bandits' headed by dedicated bluesman, Dave Gwilliam playing in the garden at The Dove. We hope that his return to The Dove will see many fans of blues come along to this free event. Food will

be served and all we need is the sun to stay out!

There are still a few tables for our August One Pot Dinner with Wine on Thursday 16th August when Phill will be serving Rabbit with Summer Vegetables!

We hope to actually see some of our customers enjoy our wonderful garden now that the sun is officially shining!!!

Sarah and Phill

FROM THE VICAR

The desert fathers (Abbas) and mothers (Ammas) were Christians who lived in the deserts of north Africa about 400 years after Jesus. We can still read their wisdom today and one story is about a hunter and Abba Antony. One day a hunter was going through the desert when he saw Abba Antony and some of the desert fathers having fun. The hunter was shocked because these were meant to be holy men, shouldn't they be deep in prayer or Bible reading, not enjoying themselves?

Abba Antony knew what the hunter was thinking and he asked him to shoot an arrow. The hunter did so, 'Do it again,' said Antony, and he did. Abba Antony went on asking until the hunter said, 'If I keep on drawing the bow it will become overstretched and won't be very

effective.' 'Exactly,' said Abba Antony. 'If these brothers don't rest and have fun they'll be stretched too far. They need a rest too.'

For Christians Sunday is a day for rest and relaxation but it is good to have longer periods of rest too. August is often a month for a holiday or perhaps a change from our normal routines. If you are able to take a holiday this month enjoy it, and return refreshed. If you are not able to get away perhaps you can make time to stop and relax at home or go away for a day.

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Revd Jean Burrows

KEEP FIT

There is a new 'Fit Club' running on Mondays and Thursdays, 7.30pm to 8.30pm at the Village Hall. Sessions are run by Stephen Edge, Personal Trainer. All welcome, just turn up. No existing level of fitness is required!! There are different exercises every session,

e.g. circuits, boxercise, strengthening, flexibility etc. There is a charge of £5.00 on the night. For more info call Stephen on 07840 281723 or me on 07770 427755, or just come along one evening.

Thank you
Gabi

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Summer Quiz: in the Village Hall is on Saturday 18th August at 7.00pm for 7.30pm. Tables of six people are at £2.00 per person (bring your own food and drink). The winning table will receive six garden vouchers. If you cannot make up a table, come along and we will fit you in. To book a table contact Mark James on 07720156293 or me.

Autumn Show: this will be held on Saturday 15th September in the Village Hall. The staging time will be 9.45 am to 11.15am. All exhibits must be staged by 11.15am at the latest. The show will open to the public at 2.00pm. Presentations will be at 3.00pm followed by the auction of produce. Entrance is free.

Peter Bentley
01227 276032

FAVERSHAM MARKET

Restoration Cake Stall

We will be running the stall again this year on Saturday 18th August. As before, we hope to be selling homemade cakes, sweets, jams, marmalades and savoury items. However, we can only do this if the cooks and bakers amongst you can help by producing the goods for us to sell. For the avid sports fans amongst you, the Olympics will have finished, so you will not have to miss any of the action by spending time in the kitchen!

Cakes and jams can be delivered



to Barbara Taylor, Joyce Robb or Joy Pritchard by the Friday, or to the stall on the Saturday morning.

It would be very helpful, though not essential, if you could wrap your creations. Also to label what it is – customers do like to know what they are buying!

As in previous years, if you wish to claim the cost of your ingredients you are welcome to do so. Joyce has a costing sheet for today's prices, so if you need help to calculate amounts, please contact her. If you are willing to donate your offerings, please consider gift aiding the costs, to

make even more money. This will be the very last Restoration event. After two very successful markets, it would be wonderful to make the third one, and the Res-

toration's final fund raiser, the best. Please help.

Barbara Taylor 01227 751293

Joyce Robb 01227 274746

Joy Pritchard 01227 750372

TREASURE HUNT

Staplegate WI

On Sunday 2nd September we are having a treasure hunt which is going to be fun for all the family. Just follow the clues and enjoy a gentle ramble which finishes at the Village Hall with a delicious tea. It will start at



2.30pm from the Village Hall.

There will be a fun quiz, raffle and a craft stall. It is only £5.00 for adults, £2.00 for children 5 years to 12 and free for the under 5's. For further information and tickets call Mary on 01227 751624.

WHEELIE BIN RACE

Exploring bizarre sporting events and the hidden life of British towns and villages as part of a new Channel Five TV series, Rory Mc Grath and co-presenter Will 'Two Pints of Lager' Mellor brought the camera crews to film the annual Three Horseshoes Wheelie Bin race. But it was hands on -and feet in- for the pair, as landlord Marc Leverett gave each a place in what were predicted to be the two fastest teams. Will joined the Shoes cricketers while Rory donned the white and orange kit of the McDonnell Transport team from Dunkirk. The predictions were spot-on, and fractions of a second separated the teams in the fastest bin sprint. Despite the compulsory beer stops, where each competitor has to sink a half of Sheps, their times were among the fastest ever, and Shoes cricketers, with Will, took

the honours, sharing champagne on the rostrum.

As ever, the event was not just about speed, and there were inspired bin conversions, including a 1948 London double-decker carrying London Olympics advertisements, a disgraced Barclays Bank team with a cash machine fashioned from a bin, a superb Scooby-Doo squad and a first-world war biplane with turning prop and bullet-riddled tailplane. The Thunderbirds string puppets were a work of genius, as was Fifty Shades of Blue from the Pilgrims Hospice and the Dream Team bedtime crew complete with wheelie bin bed. Fastest female crew was the Pink Ladies.

Former landlord and Race founder Mike Skipper was part of the Boughton Bentley Boys' London Bus crew, sporting his London bus driver's badge.

With a band and barbecue in the evening, Marc and Lucy Leverette from the Shoes picked the Pilgrims Hospice as this year's charity to

benefit, and topped up the proceeds to reach £1,000.

Crispin Whiting

FAMILY FUN DAY

Cairo Lodge

We would like to thank everyone who came along and supported the Charity Dressage show and family fun day. The day could not have been arranged without the help and support of so many volunteers, too many to mention.

In all, we raised over £6,800 for the Pilgrims Hospices in Canterbury. The day started early with a

Dressage competition, followed by Olympic races for the children and finished with live music from 'The Blues Bandits'. The Bar and B-B-Q were busy all day along with all the stalls and games tents. Please make a note in your Diary for next year's event on Sunday 7th July when we will try to raise even more money for this very worthy cause.

Clare and Steve Waterman

TEA PARTY

There will be a tea party in aid of the Children's Society on Sunday 9th September, from 2.30pm to 4.30pm. It will be at Crockham Farm Cottage, Crockham Lane, Hernhill.

There will be tea, biscuits, raffle,

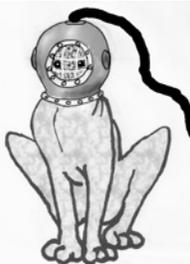
stalls selling cakes, books, plants and more.

All are invited and if you have a Children's Society collecting box, please bring it with you. We are looking forward to seeing you.

Doreen Jelfs

BITS AND PIECES

I'm sure that, like me, you are not lost for words about the appalling weather. Also like me, you probably have some very impolite adjectives added to your comments. I have to say that I am heartily sick of walking on soggy grass in the garden and having to don wellies to take the dog for a walk down the road. The dog is not too happy either. Just to cap it, the forecast last night was all



excitement about the weather. The summer was coming at last the forecaster said. After some overnight showers the sun will shine and the temperature will soar up into the high twenties. Next morning I woke up to the same old leaden skies and heavy rain. However, last week, the weather did allow us to have a very successful b-b-q breakfast and we did manage to put up the tents and

put them away again in the dry. More of that elsewhere.

Whitstable does seem to get much more press coverage than its size would warrant. Last week there was a whole half page in the Telegraph about its new 'God Squad'. This is part of a UK-wide scheme started by the Rev Les Isaac, director of the Ascension Trust, which is an interdenominational charity. Volunteers have formed the team of 'Street Pastors' in Whitstable. They will patrol the beach between 7.00pm and midnight. As one of the team said, "We're absolutely not trying to stop them (young people) from having a good time. It's about being here when people make themselves vulnerable - like messing about in the water when they have had a bit too much to drink, or getting caught in violent situations. We hope that by being on the beach, we'll help them stay safe."

The week ending Saturday 21st July has seen the Olympic Torch on its way through Kent. The nearest it came to us was on Thursday 19th July when it was in Faversham. It stayed in Kent for the rest of the week and then

moved on to London for its final journey to the stadium. Meanwhile, in France, Englishmen have come first and second in the Tour de France. In the Village there has been another exciting race; the wheelie-bin race. It's all happening, but I'm still waiting for the summer to begin. We have had a couple of hot days but the forecasters don't think it will last. By the way, did you solve the problem of the link between the words given last month. If you remember, they were, 'Banana, Dresser, Grammar, Potato, Revive, Uneven, Assess'. In all of the words listed, if you take the first letter, place it at the end of the word, and then spell the word backwards, it will be the same word. Did you figure it out? I didn't. Sadly, the future of the Village Hall is under threat. As I understand it, without a Chairman the organisation is in breach of its constitution. Therefore, as a registered charity, it cannot continue to function. The Village Hall and Playing Field are vital to many other Village organisations and activities; a volunteer is essential, **now**.

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To book the Village Hall ring the Red Lion 01227 751207

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Wed 1 Aug	7.45pm	Jubilee Room	WI Committee
Sun 5	10.00am	St. Michael's Ch	Sung Communion
Mon 6	8.00pm	Village Hall	Village Hall Committee AGM
Tues 7	-----	-----	BLUE bin collection
Wed 8	-----	-----	WI - to be advised
Sun 12	8.00am	St. Michael's Ch	Holy Communion
Tues 13	-----	-----	GREEN bin collection
Sat 18	-----	-----	Cake stall - Faversham
	7.00pm	Village Hall	Hort Soc - Quiz evening
Sun 19	10.00am	St. Michael's Ch	All ages Service
Tues 21	-----	-----	BLUE bin collection
Sun 26	8.00am	St. Michael's Ch	Holy Communion
Tues 28	-----	-----	GREEN bin collection
Wed 29	8.00pm	Village Hall	Parish Council
Sun 2 Sep	10.00am	St. Michael's Ch	Sung Communion
	2.30pm	Village Hall	WI Treasure Hunt
Tues 4	-----	-----	BLUE bin collection
Wed 5	7.45pm	Jubilee Room	WI Committee
Sun 9	8.00am	St. Michael's Ch	Holy Communion
	2.30pm	Crockham Farm	Children's Soc tea party
Tues 11	-----	-----	GREEN bin collection
Wed 12	7.45pm	Village Hall	WI - Tesco
Sat 15	-----	-----	Horticultural Soc - Autumn Show
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
Sun 30	10.00am	St. Michael's Ch	Said Communion



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