



# HERNHILL NEWS

## AUGUST 2014

### LIGHTS OUT

Monday 4th August is the 100th anniversary of the outbreak of the first World War. It never was the war to end all wars but millions believed that it would be, and died for that belief. It



is fitting that we should remember them. We are asked to reflect on the sacrifice of those who died or were injured in that war by switching off all but one of our lights at 10.00pm for one hour.

### PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 30th July.

**Present:** Mrs H. Figgis (Chairman), Mr G. Morsman, Mr A Chapman, Mrs J. Geliot, Mr M. Woodcock, Mr M. Cooper, Mr M. Woods, Mrs S. Muteham (Clerk).

**Apologies:** Mr A. Bowles (County & Borough Councillor), Mr G. Bobbin (Borough Councillor). The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 25th June were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

**Matters arising:** The Clerk has been in contact with South East Water regarding the water running down the hill at Fairbrook. Water pressure and water samples have both been tested and South East Water have confirmed that the water leak does not appear to be com-

ing from their water network.

**Reports:** Mr Morsman mentioned that during the recent periods of heavy rain, the garages at Oakwell were flooded. The matter was reported to KCC but the response time in dealing with the issue is slow. Mr Chapman commented that the Hernhill News distribution team are still looking for someone to assist delivery of the monthly newsletter in the Waterham/Dargate (High Street Road) area. If anyone can help, could they please contact him on 01227 750874. It was also reported that there is a sinking pot-hole between the old school and the Red Lion which has been reported to KCC for repairs. Mr Woods again commented on the numerous cars parking on Staplestreet near the junction with Church Hill, and the visibility difficulty many motorists

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are having when turning at the junction. The matter has been raised with KCC. Mrs Geliot reported that a local resident has noted that there is a new drainage issue with water running down the hill near Manor Cottages on Crockham Hill. The clerk will investigate the matter with the relevant local authorities. Mr Cooper reported that all the allotment plots are now taken (subject to contract). Mr Woodcock reported that there has been a recent cluster of shed/outbuilding burglaries in the area. Mrs Figgis reported that the school fete will be held on 20th September.

**Planning:**14/501743 – Bessborough House, Fostall. Change of use of agricultural land to domestic garden. The Parish Council made no objection to the application.

SW/13/1447 – Evaluna. The matter has been referred to the Planning Inspectorate following two appeals and it is hoped that a decision will be made during August.

**Administration:**The contract for the last remaining allotment plot was signed at the meeting. The clerk commented that she had received the report following the recent internal audit and there were no significant matters that needed addressing.

**Correspondence:** e-mails from planning inspectorate regarding the appeal process for SW/13/1447 (Evaluna).

The next meeting is to be on Wednesday 27th August at 8:00pm. There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.30pm.

### BEWARE THIEVES



A property targeted earlier in the summer has been raided again although security had been improved. Police have warned that this is not unusual and urge house-

holders to take every security precaution possible to make it difficult for thieves. Mike Pearce reports that a garden strimmer was stolen

from a shed at Myrtle Farm, Kemsdale Road. Also, several power tools and a cement mixer were stolen when a garage was burgled in Dargate. The burglary was discovered on 29th July.

Kent Rural Police believe a white Peugeot Expert Van index ending 06AZG is involved in rural crime across Ashford, Swale and Canterbury.

They are asking anyone with information to contact Kent police on phone number 101.

### YOUR COUNTY COUNCILLOR

In my last report I emphasized the amount of meetings and site visits linked to Planning. This month it seems to be Health issues that have come to the fore. I have at-

tended Kent County Council Adult Social Care and Public Health Committee (of which I am a member), a meeting between Swale Borough Council and Swale Clinical Commissioning Group and have

Chaired the Swale Health and Well-being Board.

In addition to those meetings, this year's Local Government Association Annual Conference held over three days in Bournemouth also had a health dominated agenda. In addition to Swale Borough Council Chief Executive, Abdool Kara, and me, Swale was represented by our Cabinet Member for Health and Community Safety, Ken Pugh. There was also a good representation from Kent Local Authorities and the wider South East so there were ample networking opportunities prior to the General Election. I thought the conference a bit 'flat' and short of policy announcements. Perhaps they are all being saved up for the Autumn Party Political Conferences?

Other commitments have clashed more than usual with Parish Councils but I have attended Boughton, Dunkirk (twice), Teynham and Hernhill since my last report. I have also attended Faversham Area and Sittingbourne Area Local Engagement Forum's, the Kent Rural Board and Regional Flood and Coastal Committee among other meetings plus spending all one day

at County Hall hearing Home to School Transport Appeals.

Away from Council Meetings I spent a long weekend in Wiltshire with Jo and the dogs visiting farming friends and the Barbary Castle Equestrian Trials. I also spent three days at the County Show, the first day 'suited and booted' attending official functions. The second a boy's day out with my eldest grandson, Leo, looking at new cars and having a go at archery, air rifles, etc. The last day touring the stands with my wife Jo, having a leisurely lunch and watching the Grand Parade of Livestock and Show Jumping in the Main Ring.

May I remind you that the Faversham Hop Festival will be on the 30th and 31st August. This is a week early this year due to no train service to Sittingbourne, Medway and London on the following weekend. The new Committee is working very hard to produce an excellent line up. The programme should be available to purchase from 15th August. Before which I am looking forward to seeing my granddaughter, Molly, on stage at the Marlowe in 'Oliver'.

Andrew Bowles

### **DOVE DOINGS**

Ladies, are you at a loose end after dropping the children at school, or would you simply like to get out of the house for a morning and have a good natter over a nice coffee and some scrummy cake? If so, come along to The Dove on the second Thursday of every month at

10.00am for our Coffee Morning. The next one is Thursday 14th August.

Now that summer appears to have arrived, why not come along to our lovely garden and join us for our regular Summer Barbecues? Ben will still be cooking his excellent food in the main kitchen, but there

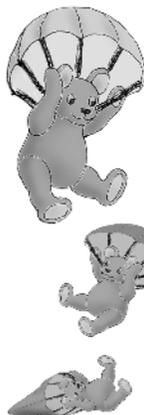
will also be more traditional barbecue fare available from our new summer kitchen and bar area in the garden.

With the success of our "live music in the garden" event on Friday 11th July, we will be repeating the experience on Friday 1st August and again over the Bank Holiday weekend. Please keep your eyes peeled for updates on this and future music events on our website, ([thedovedargate.co.uk](http://thedovedargate.co.uk)) and our twitter account (@doveatdargate). If you don't know what 'Bat and Trap' is, check out on [www.mastersgames.com/rules/bat](http://www.mastersgames.com/rules/bat)

-trap-rules.htm and then come along and experience it! Come and support our local teams for League games and, if you really enjoy it, why not sign up to have a go and play. We also have regular Bat and Trap social events.

On the last Sunday of each month, the inaugural meeting was on Sunday 27th July, come along to our classic car meet and enjoy great food, great music and a great welcome, not to mention some spectacular cars. We have large gardens and a huge car parking area so come and join us.

Chris and Dee



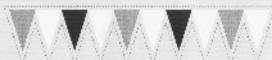
## **TEDDY BEAR PARACHUTE CHALLENGE**

**St. Michael's Church  
Sunday 10th August  
2.30 to 3.30pm**

**£2.00 for your Teddy to jump from the top of the church tower or £5.00 for a family of Teddies. The slowest down and the best dressed both win prizes. No need to book, just come on the day with your Teddy & his parachute.**

**Should Teddy make a bad landing, Teddyedics will be on hand.**

More information from Revd Jean Burrows 01227 751410



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### **VILLAGE HALL MATTERS**

Please make a note in your dairies that the next AGM for the Village Hall is on Monday 6th October at

7.00pm in the Village Hall. This is an important occasion when you can elect your committee (and we have a vacancy at the moment) and

comment on what you would like your committee to try and do for you. So please come along.

Peter Rawlins  
Chairman,  
Village Hall Committee

### **HERNHILL SCHOOL**

The school will be having the usual splendid fete on Saturday 20th September between 12.30 and

3.30pm. Put a note in your diary and if you need further information, get in touch with Emma Dowling, school secretary.

### **THE LIONS ROAR**

Apologies for not contributing for a while, it's all been happening here! A lot of you are already aware of our upstairs Taittinger Champagne lounge which is now open on Fridays and Saturdays with full waitress service. "The Vibe" provided fantastic entertainment (thank you Gabi!) at the launch and luckily the weather was great so the green provided an overspill!  
Our "biggie" this month is our free family music festival for the August

bank holiday. This will be our third year now and each year this event grows. As usual there will be a variety of food, bands and drinks to suit all tastes! Rubber Biscuit and Coco are already confirmed with more acts to follow. So bring yourselves, friends and family along on Sunday 24th August for a good ol' Village party.  
Looking forward to seeing you all soon,

Ben Edwards

### **FROM THE VICAR**

The poppies this year seem particularly vibrant and of course a vivid reminder of the First World War. "In Flanders' fields the poppies blow between the crosses, row on row." On Monday 4th August we commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the outbreak of that war, the Great War, the war to end all wars. War is always appalling and the First World War claimed the lives of over 16 million people, involved over 100 countries from Africa, America, Asia, Australasia and Europe and had an impact on the lives of everyone in every town and village in our country.  
There will be national commemorations on 4 August including a serv-

ice in Glasgow cathedral following on from the Commonwealth Games, an event at the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, St Symphorien Military Cemetery in Mons, Belgium, which has an equal number of British and German soldiers, and a candlelit vigil of prayer and penitence at Westminster Abbey finishing at 11.00pm; the moment Britain declared war on Germany. As the moment approached, the British Foreign Secretary Sir Edward Grey made the famous remark, "The lamps are going out all over Europe; we shall not see them lit again in our life-time". Tragically that war wasn't the war to end all wars and wars are still fought all over the globe, many not

even in the news.

In a nationwide event at 10.00pm on Monday 4th August we are being invited by 'LIGHTS OUT' (www.1418NOW) to turn out our lights for one hour leaving just one light or candle alight for a shared moment of reflection.

Our 10.00am Service in Hernhill Church on Sunday 3rd August will be a reflective Service to which all are welcome as we mark the outbreak of World War 1. We will

also be praying for peace in our world today, for peacemakers and all who suffer as a result of war.

Short days ago we lived,  
felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
loved and were loved,  
and now we lie  
in Flanders fields."

(John McCrae)

Revd Jean Burrows

### **HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY**

A quiz night has been booked at the Village Hall for Friday 8th August, from 7.00 for 7.30pm. Bring your own food, drink and glasses. Please try to make up a table for eight people. If you cannot make up a table come along anyway, we will fit you in. Friends and family are all welcome since it is open to non

members. The winning table will receive a £5.00 garden voucher for each person. To book a table please call me on 01227276032.

The Autumn Show will be held on Saturday 20th September. Please support us; we need your entries to make a good show. Thank you.

Peter Bentley

### **FIREWORKS**

Tuesday 22nd July saw the last meeting of the Dawes CA Fireworks Committee. The Committee had been organising a firework display for the last 40 years to raise money for the DCA, in recent years at Mount Ephraim. Sadly it fell victim of its own success and had grown into a major attraction and as such found that the burden of 'elf and safety' along with the retirement of key volunteers meant that the event could no longer be undertaken. Whilst understandable, it is still a sad loss to the Village and the wider community, not to mention the loss of an important source of funding for the DCA.

However, at the last meeting a cheque for £19,000 was handed over to me which will go a long way to meeting the many calls on our funds, such as a new floor for the child care area, refurbishment of the tennis courts, repairs to gutters of the building (along with the Village Hall) to mention a few.

As the current Chairman of the DCA, I would like on behalf of all the Committee, Village and the surrounding communities to say a big thank you to the fireworks committee. They are; Martyn Golesworthy - chairman, Alistair Golesworthy - mulled wine, Graham Arnold - barriers, Audrey White - treasurer, Felix White - fencing, Mike Carter -

bar, George Bull - speakers, Philip West - lighting, Beryl Chipperton & Alison West - signage, David Mann - maps & carpark directions, Malcom Mullender - putting up and

clearing stalls.

A big thank you to you all.

Peter Rawlins Chairman  
DCA Committee

### **BITS AND PIECES**

Mid 2014 has seen the EU fiddle whilst the Ukraine burns and Gaza is beaten to a pulp. On the sports front we have managed to lose in soccer, cricket and rugby although we have got medals in the tartan games. At home we have sweltered in high temperatures and high humidity but it is not all bad news. As I suspected, pressure from the public and especially from donors caused a rethink about closing the in-patient facility at the Canterbury Hospice.

The news that there had been a change of policy came when Barbara was there as an in-patient. It was noticeable that despite the uncertainty caused for the staff, the quality of the nursing remained at its customary high level. From Barbara's experience, I know that the care provided there is of the very highest quality. Having saved the unit, we are now left with a responsibility to ensure that it remains fi-

nancially viable. The 'Shoes' has already played its part. Having withdrawn support when the closure was announced, after the u-turn, the wheelie bin race was run to support the Hospice. They raised over £1800. Well done.

Not satisfied with getting his name in the Hernhill News, Mike Pearce has got a letter in the Telegraph. "Sir, Stop picking on Nimbys. Worse by far is the Wigwam - 'Where it goes won't affect me' - who will support any ghastly scheme as long as it's somewhere else." I think Mike has a point there. The planned website, recording the research into all the names on our Village War Memorials is in the final stages of testing and will shortly be on line. In its 150 pages it will include some fascinating insights into the men, their backgrounds and their families, as well as where they served and are remembered with honour.

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To book the Village Hall go to [www.hernhill-bookings.net](http://www.hernhill-bookings.net)

A copy of the Hernhill News and other local information can be found on the Village website. [www.hernhill.net](http://www.hernhill.net)

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**COPY DATE**

**Mon  
25th  
Aug**



<b>Sun 3 Aug</b>	10.00am	St. Michael's Ch	Service reflecting on WW1
Mon 4	10.00pm	-----	Lights out
Tues 5	-----	-----	BLUE bin collection
Thurs 8	7.00pm	Village Hall	Hort Soc Quiz
Sun 10	8.00am	St. Michael's Ch	Holy Communion
	2.00pm	Village Green	Children's Soc 'Big Do'
	2.30pm	St. Michael's Ch	Teddy parachute challenge
Tues 12	-----	-----	GREEN bin collection
Sun 17	10.00am	St. Michael's Ch	Sung Communion
	-----	Mount Ephraim	Road race
Tues 19	-----	-----	BLUE bin collection
Sun 24	8.00am	St. Michael's Ch	Holy Communion
	4.00pm	Mount Ephraim	Pantaloons
Mon 25	4.00pm	Mount Ephraim	Pantaloons
Tues 26	-----	-----	GREEN bin collection
Wed 27	8.00pm	Village Hall	Parish Council
Sun31	8.00am	St. Michael's Ch	Holy Communion
	4.30pm	St Barnabas	Songs of praise
<b>Tues 2 Sep</b>	-----	-----	BLUE bin collection
Sun 7	10.00am	St. Michael's Ch	Sung Communion
Tues 9	-----	-----	GREEN bin collection
Sun 14	8.00am	St. Michael's Ch	Holy Communion
Tues 16	-----	-----	BLUE bin collection
Sat 20	-----	Village Hall	Hort Soc Autumn Show
	12.30pm	Hernhill School	School fete
	3.30pm	St Barnabas	Messy Church
Sun 21	10.00am	St. Michael's Ch	Patronal festival
Tues 23	-----	-----	GREEN bin collection
Wed 24	8.00pm	Village Hall	Parish Council
Sun 28	8.00am	St. Michael's Ch	Holy Communion
Tues 30	-----	-----	BLUE bin collection