



# HERNHILL NEWS

## AUGUST 2010

### PARISH COUNCIL

The monthly meeting took place on 28th July 2010. Apologies for absence were received from Mrs Figgis, Mrs Taylor and the Clerk. The Chairman and the Clerk were ably replaced by Mr Chapman and Mrs Geliot respectively.

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 30th June were signed as a true record.

**Matters arising:** the retaining brick wall at the old school development is at present, being repaired.

**Reports:** the footpath between Staple Street and Boughton has now been cut back, and landowners are reminded of their responsibilities for maintaining their boundary hedges. At the same time, dog walkers should respect livestock in fields, and be prepared to use leads on their animals.

**Kent Pond Warden Scheme:** the Parish Council has enthusiastically supported this initiative. Now, how-

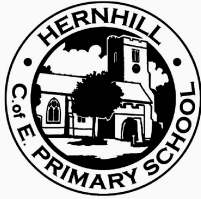
ever, the Parish Council has been issued with a slightly heavy handed "request" for £100. This sum represents ten days work on ponds in this area, and 500 hours of labour costs. This is the first intimation that such a large charge is to be made for work related to this scheme. The Parish's Precept is set in December of each year, and the figure of £100 is considered to be too large to absorb into this year's funding. It was agreed to defer the problem until towards the end of the financial year, and to examine the availability of funds then.

**Correspondence:** it was decided unanimously that the proposed sites suggested for gipsy sites had totally inadequate access routes. Michael Woods, the Village Tree Warden, is to meet the Area Tree Warden next week to look at trees in both private and public gardens.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting to be closed at about 8.30 p.m.

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## HERNHILL SCHOOL NEWS

Another busy year has ended for the pupils and staff at the school. The

summer term is always busy and here are some of the highlights.

### **Sports**

Mrs. Clapp took the Year 6 basketball squad to an inter cluster tournament. The team came a very respectable third.

Mrs. Hague took the Year 4 Stackers team to an inter-cluster competition, where they came second, by a whisker!

Two Year 6 pupils, Sadie Callum and Abbie Paterson have worked hard to promote active playtimes and have been helpful sports ambassadors for the school, achieving the Gold Award for their efforts.

Y4 golfers came third in a 'Tri-Golf' tournament at Herne Bay High School.

The football club provided opportunities for different teams to play in 'friendlies,' a Kent schools competition- we lost in a quarter final played here and a Swale schools league which we won.

Thanks go to Mr. and Mrs. Couzins who have helped Mr. Sharp every week, rain, hail or shine.

Mr. Sharp took a cricket team to a local tournament; the team came second on the day. The children also had coaching through our school cluster organisation (SSCO).

We do need to say a big thank you to all the staff who run the activities to get teams together for all the

above and also to parent helpers who support with transport and encouragement at the events.

### **Sports Day**

Two very exciting and successful mornings, supported by parents and grandparents, resulted in a win for our GRIFFINS team. Well done!

### **School trips, Visits and Visitors**

All our classes enjoyed trips this term. Years R and 1 visited Wildwood.

Year 1 had visits from kind families who brought their classic cars to school. We did have staff who had to be dragged away from them too!

Year 2 visited Whitstable Lifeboat Station and Samphire Hoe, fossil hunting.

Year 3 had a splendid visit to Maidstone Museum as part of their Egyptian project;

Year 4 had one busy week where they went to Canterbury Environment Centre and St. Edmund's School in Canterbury;

Year 5 had a hike round the coast from Broadstairs to Margate, with plenty of parent helpers, as we travelled by train.

The class had a Forensic Science day at Queen Elizabeth School, enjoyed by all I think, with a few with ambitions of being a CSI in the future!!

Year 6 left us for a week and had a brilliant time at Croft Farm in Gloucestershire.

Year 6 children had the opportunity to take part in the 'Kent Rider' cycling safety scheme. This is now a one day course on road safety, as a cyclist.

### **PTAFA**

This dedicated band of parents and carers work tirelessly to persuade us all to participate in activities which will provide funds for the extras in life

for the children in school. This year, the PTAFAs funded:

- the coaches which we used to go to the pantomime last Christmas;
- helped Santa with the presents the children received;
- each teacher had an allowance to spend on their class; some items purchased included digital video cameras and microphones and four classes used their funds to subsidise the cost of their visits and the coaches used on their school trips;
- the bookmarks for the Y6 leavers;
- A contribution to the development of the school gardens;
- A contribution to the Year 6 leavers event, organised by their parents

**Please put a date in your diary for the fete on Saturday 18th September**

Huge thanks go to our equally dedicated band of parent helpers, some of whom are in school almost every day. Their help is invaluable.

**Governors**

In early September, the governors will review the Disability Equality Scheme and Plan. If you consider yourself or a member of your family, to have a disability and would be interested in contributing to the review, there will be a questionnaire to complete at the beginning of term, or you may wish to e-mail your suggestions or comments to Hernhill C of E Primary School, Forstal, Faversham, Kent ME13 9JG or e-mail office@hernhill.kent.sch.uk, during the holiday, as these will be picked up.

**Events, Concerts:** A small but super

choir sang at the Swale Schools Choir Festival held at the Abbey School on July 5th and 6th.

At the end of June, our woodwind and brass players put on a mini-concert for their families and the rest of the school. Well done.

Year 6 entertained us all and then their families with their interpretation of 'Snow White.'

Our Infant Sing-along is always a hit!! We had instrument playing - piano, clarinet and violin. Well done to our soloists!

**Open Morning** for the community –Thursday 15th July .We arranged the Open Morning following requests at the Education Sunday Service. Sadly, only one person was able to visit the school on the morning.

**Open Afternoon** on Friday 16th July. This is always enjoyed by the children as it is an opportunity to show parents and guardians what they have been doing throughout the year, take a walk through the corridors and into the hall to look at what other classes have been doing and then go home early, usually carrying a few bits and pieces of art work. The school was a very busy place; it was lovely to see parents, grandparents and younger siblings taking an interest in the children's work.

**Leavers Service**

The year ended with the service in St. Michael's Church where Year 6 reflected on their time at Hernhill School and we said goodbye to them and wished them well.

And then went home for a well deserved break...for a few days anyway!

Brenda Windsor,  
Head Teacher



## CHILDRENS SOCIETY COFFEE MORNING

All the usual attractions but the location is different. Come to Crockham Farm Cottage between 10.00am and noon on Saturday 21st August. Cakes, bric-a-brac and of course, coffee. Help and gifts please.

Doreen Jelfs 01227752309

### STAPLEGATE WI

Carol Philpott gave us a new look at the old craft of "rag rugging" at our meeting this month. She showed us how she used felted wool, cut into strips and worked into hessian and canvas to make wonderful items such as bags, seat covers and of course, rugs. The colours and designs were striking, and Carol had a very relaxed manner of speaking which made us feel involved in her hobby.

We heard a report from



our delegate who attended the AGM in Cardiff which raised several matters for discussion.

After our business matters we enjoyed our coffee accompanied by delicious gingerbread and refrigerator cake made by Joy Pritchard.

Our next meeting is an informal get together on Wednesday 11th August at 7.45 in Hernhill Village hall and guests will be made most welcome.

Liz Walton

### BOOKS FOR SALE

I would like to thank all those who have provided books for sale in the church. The variety of subject, fiction and non-fiction, is such that there is something for everyone. And of course they are at a bargain price. The books are not just for church members. All are welcome to come in

and browse, make your choice and put the money in the box. It is as simple as that.

Recently, I have not been able to keep the display neat and I apologize for that. However, they have had a tidy now. Come and see. There are many new books available.

ADT

### FABRIC COMMITTEE REPORT

There has been some progress since the Fabric Committee's report last April.

**External Quinquennial Repairs:** Additional funding of £5,000 has been received from Marshall's Charity Trust. All we need now is just over £1,000.00.

The PCC at a recent meeting agreed

that the repair work to the external envelope to the church should start despite the shortfall. The contractors, S and T Fullers of Faversham, have arranged for the scaffolding to be erected during the week commencing 26<sup>th</sup> July 2010. Preliminary work will commence shortly afterwards. However it has been arranged for a "Bee"-man to remove the bees from within

the stonework prior to the builders commencing work. The organ will be sheeted over to protect it from dust etc whilst the roof above it is being repaired. The organ will still be useable.

The hours of Fullers work will be between 8.00am and 5.00pm. Any unknown person(s) seen around the church out of these hours should be questioned or reported to the police.

**Disabled Toilet Facility:** Our Archi-

tect, Robert George, has completed detailed plans and a specification for the disabled toilet and the changes that are necessary for such a provision. This information has been forwarded to the DAC for approval and subsequent faculty application. Details have also been passed to contractors for obtaining cost estimates. From these the total cost of the toilet project can be established.

Malcolm Rhodes

## HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

### Outings taken

**Nymans:** A party of 39 enjoyed the day trip to the gardens despite the weather which was rather damp in the morning but brightened up in the afternoon. The Herbaceous borders were the highlight of the garden as the roses had finished due to the dry weather.

**Highbeeches:** The garden was more of a woodland walk very large trees and a lake, we were lucky to see Rhododendrons still in bloom.

A spring visit to this garden would be ideal. And it has a good restaurant.

### Garden outing to come

A day trip to Great Comp Garden near Borough Green on Saturday 7th August. Meet at the car park there at 11.00am. The entrance fee is £5:50 (concessions £5:00. Car share if possible and contact Isabel if you have a spare place or if you wish to travel with someone else. The garden has a Plantsmans Paradise Award Winning nursery (Disabled Access).

Peter Bentley

## SHOES NEWS

On Saturday 14th August 'Roger Betts' is playing from 8.30pm and on Saturday 28th we have 'Breakthru' also with an 8.30pm start. It will be strange seeing Roger Betts here in the daylight as he usually only plays New Year's Eve. I must get some party poppers for that one.

Tales from the bar

What are friends for if not to have tomato sauce all down you? Derek and Gill came in for a meal and Del does like a bit of tomato sauce on his fish & chips. While we were still cooking, Wendy came

out trying not to laugh. "Oh, I shouldn't laugh but I can't help it." she said. "You had best come outside, the tomato sauce has just exploded on Del". Well it looked like someone had got a gun and shot him in the head. He could not even see out his glasses. It was all over the windows, up the walls, it even got behind the bar. Although they are

customers they are also very good friends and fortunately saw the funny side of it. Just living down the road from the pub Del wiped his glasses and went home to change. He is now known af-



fectionately as 'Tommy Tomato'.

This one we could have great fun with, but the person will remain anonymous. Talking about heating, a customer said that a few years ago he had a new boiler put in that didn't need a separate thermostat. But he left the old room thermostat in and never told his wife about it. So through the winter he turns that 'stat down and then watches her turn it up again. Of course, it has not been working for over 6 years. He has always been a bit of a clown.

For the last 19 years the 'Shoes cricket team has played a cricket match with the Heyland family in memory of Doc Heyland. A very intense game where lots of drinking is done, lots of noise, lots of fines and then the playing of cards. By the time they get around to the cards the drink as start-

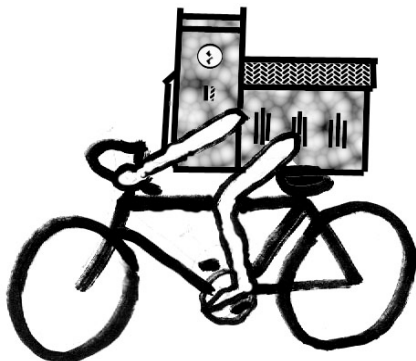
ed to take its toll. Next day we discovered that 15 people had been playing cards without the 4 of diamonds in the pack. It was under the bench.

Well, over the last 12 years we have taken most things in: dogs, cats, rabbits, parcels, bikes but who would have thought a parrot. It was one of our neighbours. It had landed on her shoulder. She, having a cat, could not take it in, so into our barn it went. Crispin came to the rescue with a cage and took the bird home till he found the owner.

While sitting outside with a customer we watched four ladies as they walked passed. The customer said, "What are they wearing, long jumpers or short dresses?" They were very short short dresses and I am jealous! Have a good month

Vera

### BIKE RIDE FOR KENT CHURCHES



The annual Bike Ride to raise funds for our churches takes place this year on Saturday 11th September. This is how it works: You can take part by deciding to bicycle or walk to any churches you choose. Before the day, you ask your family & friends to sponsor you for each church you visit. A

yellow form is provided for you to write down your sponsors and these and more details are available from George Bull (01795 532196).

The money you collect is divided equally between the church you nominate (hopefully St Michael's, Hernhill) and Friends of Kent Churches who then make grants to all churches who apply (St Michael's has already applied for a grant towards the current restoration work). Last year more than £150,000 was raised in Kent. Almost all churches are open and provide refreshments for visitors and it's a great chance to visit and look around our churches as well as raising much needed funds. I am going to be one of the riders again this year, and will be asking for sponsorship throughout the villages, or please go to <http://www.justgiving.com/GeorgeBull> to make a donation online.

George Bull

## BITS AND PIECES

I can have no cause for complaint this month about articles coming in late for publication. In the July issue I put the Copy Date for this issue as June instead of July. Sorry about that.

Last month I wrote of the fine weather we had been having. This month we have had more of the same, but not so in the North. They have been having exceptionally wet weather and the pictures of the Golf Open looked more like a water-sports event.

Michelle Harris and Daniel Harding are professional musicians living in the village. You may not know that they are giving a concert, "Music for a Summer Evening" in aid of the Kent Cancer Trust. It includes operatic favourites and songs from the shows. The concert is in the Old Synagogue, Canterbury on Friday 6th August. Tickets at £10 are available from 07973 265360. The last wheelie-bin race was a great success and raised £600 for charity. Vera and Mike are to be congratulated for running the event so successfully over the years. I am sure that the support for charities and the fun that was entailed will be greatly missed, unless of course someone else takes up the task. Any offers?

Helen and Peter Bentley opened their garden on July 4th and raised £710 to be shared between Pilgrims Hospice & Air Ambulance. They have asked me to thank all those who supported them and people who gave donations. The Crafts Centre has a portable calor

gas fire which it no longer requires. As I understand it, the fire is in perfect working order and is complete with a gas bottle. If you would like to have it, get in touch with Frances Attree 01227 751326.

George Bull, computer buff, warned me about computer update alerts that pop-up uninvited on the screen. He, like me, automatically accepts them. Apparently this is not a good idea as they could be fake and let in a virus etc. First check with the program company that it is genuine. George (01795 532196) has more information in his newsletter which he will e-mail to you. Barbara was planning to run a B-B-Q Breakfast at the end of August. I am sorry to say that as a result of her continuing ill-health this has had to be cancelled. She is sorry to disappoint people and hopes the breakfast can be arranged for the early months of summer next year.

I always enjoy this poem from Ricky Holdstock:

I wish Hernhill church had a steeple. I concede that the tower is sublime,

But I want to write of Hernhill and its people,

And steeple's the right word to rhyme.

Second thoughts...Does it matter, no steeple?

It has one of the loveliest towers,  
Which makes it quite simple to rhyme  
about people

There aren't any nicer than ours.

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<b>Aug 1 Sun</b>	10.00am	St. Michael's Ch	Sung communion
Mon 2	2.00pm	Village Hall	Monday Club
Tues 3	-----	-----	GREEN bin collection
Wed 4	7.45pm	Jubilee Room	WI Committee
Sat 7	11.00am	Great Comp	Horticultural Soc outing
Sun 8	8.00am	St. Michael's Ch	Holy communion
Tues 10	-----	-----	BLUE bin collection
Wed 11	7.45pm	Village Hall	WI meeting
Sun 15	10.00am	St. Michael's Ch	All Ages Service
Mon 16	2.00pm	Village Hall	Monday Club
Tues 17	-----	-----	GREEN bin collection
Sat 21	10.00am	Crockhm Fm Cot	Children Soc Coffee Morning
Sun 22	8.00am	St. Michael's Ch	Holy communion
Tues 24	-----	-----	BLUE bin collection
Wed 25	8.00pm	Village Hall	Parish Council
Sun 29	10.00am	St. Michael's Ch	Said communion
Tues 31	-----	-----	GREEN bin collection
<b>SEP 1 Wed</b>	7.45pm	Jubilee Room	WI Committee
Sun 5	10.00am	St. Michael's Ch	Sung communion
Mon 6	2.00pm	Village Hall	Monday Club
Tues 7	-----	-----	BLUE bin collection
	7.45pm	Village Hall	WI - Amanda Cottrel, Kent now & beyond
Sat 11	-----	-----	Church bike ride
Sun 12	8.00am	St. Michael's Ch	Holy communion
	-----	Mount Ephraim	Apple Sunday
Mon 13	8.00pm	Village Hall	Village Hall AGM
	-----	-----	GREEN bin collection
Sat 18	-----	Hernhill School	School fete
Sun 19	10.00am	St. Michael's Ch	All Ages Service
Mon 20	2.00pm	Village Hall	Monday Club
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