



HERNHILL NEWS

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PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 31st July.

Present: Mrs H. Figgis (Chairman), Mrs J. Geliot, Mr A. Chapman, Mr G. Morsman, Mr M. Woods, Mr A. Bowles (Borough Councillor), Mrs S. Muteham (Clerk). There were apologies from Mr G. Bobbin (Borough Councillor) and Mrs B. Taylor. The meeting opened with a minute's silence in memory of the late Alan Elliott, who had been a Parish Councillor since 2007.

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 26th June were signed by the Chairman.

Matters arising: The rubbish bin on Staplestreet has been emptied by a local resident whilst the Clerk investigates why Swale Borough Council are not currently able to undertake the task. KCC have commenced their

verge cutting schedule for the summer.

Planning: Chudley House, Dargate Rd - Single storey rear extension & internal alterations. The Parish Council record no adverse comments on this application. Acorns, Butlers Hill - Variation of condition to allow a studio above store to be used a holiday let (retrospective). The Parish Council record no adverse comments on this application.

Reports: Mr G. Morsman reported that footpath FP513 needs to be cleared. It was also noted that there is still a significant problem with fly-tipping at Wey Street. The Clerk is to report about the footpath to KCC and investigate the possibility of obtaining a security camera for Wey Street. Mr A. Chapman commented that he will be taking over from the late Alan Elliott with regard to the Hernhill News.

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KCC Representative: Andrew Bowles

Administration: The Clerk is to make the necessary arrangements to advertise a vacancy for a new Parish Councillor. An application for funding from Swale Borough Council (through Councillor G. Bobbin) has been made to facilitate the purchase of new notice boards.

Allotments: There are still two tenants who have not yet returned their signed contracts along with payments for the year. If the contracts and payments are not received by 31st August 2013, then the plots may be made available again to the public

Neighbourhood Watch: A meeting took place on Wednesday 10th July in Hernhill Village Hall and was well attended, although it was noted that it would be helpful to have some volunteers from the Waterham area. The Parish Council are willing (subject to cost) to support the purchase of some neighbourhood watch signs to be placed around the local area. The Clerk is to get quotes for signs.

The next meeting of the Parish Council is to be on Wednesday 28th August at 8:00pm.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.40pm.

ALAN ELLIOTT

On the morning of Wednesday 24th July, Hernhill Church was full for the funeral service of Alan Elliott.

Alan joined the Parish Council in the summer of 2007. Amongst other duties he undertook responsibility for the issuing of the Hernhill News.

In all respects he was a dedicated and valued member of the Council and will be greatly missed.

Helen Figgis,
Chairman

CARERS

Does someone in your life depend on you? There are currently almost seven million carers in the UK; approximately one in ten people. Three in five people will be carers at some point in their lives in the UK.

So, what do we mean by a 'carer'? Lots of people don't realise that they are carers; they just do the 'right thing' for the people they love, and don't expect any help. A carer is someone of any age who provides unpaid support to family members, neighbours or friends who couldn't manage without this help, be it living together, or from a distance. The person who needs looking after could

be ill, frail, disabled or have mental health or substance abuse problems. The caring role may also be full time, or part time.

Who are we then? We are 'Carers' Support', based in Ashford, but covering Shepway and Swale too and we provide information and advice, as well as practical and emotional support. And it is a free service. Sometimes carers forget to look after their own emotional and physical needs, and may have little contact with the 'outside world'; having feelings of isolation and frustration, stress, guilt and anger. We are here to help.

Carers' Support is a voluntary organisation and independent charity with a

Board of Trustees. Our primary aims are to support and promote, by any means available, the needs of carers of any age, whether that person cares for their partner, child, parent, sibling, friend or neighbour. We offer encouragement, information and the emotional support that carers need to make life easier for both themselves and the person being cared for. Carers' Support also gives the carer the opportunity to meet with other carers, get their voices heard and influence change through regular Drop-ins/Meet and Talk Groups (in your area), tele-befriending and 1-2-1 support.

We make sure that carers are aware of the Kent Carers' Emergency Card which is administered by KCC. Carers are issued with a credit card sized card that the carer should carry at all times so that it can be used as an instant source of identification in the event of an accident or sudden illness. The card does not have any personal details on it, only a unique registration number and the telephone number of the central help line. In an emergency situation anyone can telephone the number on the card and quote the unique registration number printed on it. The contact centre uses the registration number to easily access the carer's pre-arranged emer-

gency plan and puts it into action.

This free service is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

We recognise that you have needs too that aren't usually addressed. Our free seven week course, Caring with Confidence, has been run in Ashford and Sandgate and we have plans underway to extend this to Swale in the near future. Carers can choose to come to some or all of the sessions and transport costs are covered.

Identifying your own health needs is important too. If you become ill, you won't be able to carry on your caring role. That is why we are having an increasing presence in GP surgeries across Ashford, Shepway and Swale to increase awareness of our Support Services to both professional staff and clients.

Even if you are not a carer yourself, you may know someone who is, and who may like to know about our services. Perhaps you would like to volunteer. One of the roles you could consider is tele-befriending which matches carers with someone who can provide a friendly and supportive ear on a regular basis. If any of the above rings any bells with you or you know someone whom we may be able to help, please contact us at 'Carers Support Ashford' on 01233 664393.

VILLAGE HALL AGM

Monday 5th August at 7.30pm. Put a note in your diaries to attend this year. The Committee needs your support for your Village Hall.



HERNHILL CRAFTS CENTRE

The Crafts Centre is having an open day on Sunday 11th August at the stable block in Mount Ephraim as an added attraction for visitors to the garden.

Between noon and 5.00pm members will be demonstrating their crafts. For a number of the crafts on display there will be an opportunity for visitors to 'have a go' for themselves. If you missed this very successful event in July this is your chance to try.

Janet Macintosh Chairman

DAWES CA COMMITTEE

Eight committee members were present at the June meeting. There were two apologies.

DCA have purchased a lawnmower (£150) to help keep the outside area cut, including the play area.

The Herons: are still looking for someone to take on the role of treasurer. The Herons have a lot of 4 and 5 year olds coming to Saturday mornings. This is-

very good for the future of the teams.

DCA building: - The inside has now been decorated and new blinds fitted. There are to be a number of fundraising events for a permanent outside child-care area. They are:

A family fun day on a date to be arranged
A boot fair on a date to be arranged.

The DCA is looking for someone to help organise the membership database. If you can help then please get in touch with Simon Carroll 01227 750480.

DOVE DOINGS

Fundraising has kicked off at The Dove as Phill will compete in the London to Brighton 75 mile 'Off-Road Bike Race' in September! Crazy as I think he is, I am proud that he shows such dedication to raising money for two charities - British Heart Foundation and Cancer Research in memory of Jon Chipper-ton. In support of his fundraising, we are having a Bat and Trap Tournament on August Bank Holiday Monday. There will be many fun activities, food and music (tba) running alongside the tournament and the day will have a family focus. We need teams of four of all ages and all abilities to join our friendly competition and help us raise lots of money. There is a generous cash prize for the winning team so if you are interested please contact us to register a team or to find out more.

In addition to the Bat and Trap tournament, sponsorship and a bit of fundraising fun at the Bar, we will also be hosting a charity 'Westerman' Pub Quiz

on Saturday 21st September. This is the eve of the ride so we hope that whilst Phill is resting (or still in the saddle. Heaven forbid!) you'll be exercising your brains in aid of a worthy cause. More details of the Quiz will follow.

On the food front, I am happy to report that Phill is still slaving away in the kitchen despite his cycle training and the menu has a summery feel to it! 'Lamb Tagine with Apricots & Almonds' - August's 'One Pot Dinner with Wine' will take place on Thursday 22nd. Ever popular at £26.50 for two including half a bottle of wine makes early booking important. We will be hosting another authentic Tapas evening on Thursday 12th September. Book a table and while away the evening whilst an array of interesting Spanish 'small plates' are brought to your table.

I thank you in advance for helping The Dove to support charities that are close to our hearts.

Sarah

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

1948 was a good year. The popular Morris Minor made its debut on our roads, Polo mints hit the shelves and Ozzy Osbourne was born. It was also the beginning of the National Health Service. Friday 5th July marked its 65th birthday. If we think back for a moment, pre-1948 was a time when people

would sometimes avoid contacting the doctor because they couldn't afford to pay the fee.

Looking to the present, the biggest and most recent change has been the introduction of Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) which have given GPs more control and say over local health-care. As an organisation we may be

new, but many of our staff have given decades of loyal service, some even their whole careers, to providing healthcare in this area.

As we celebrate 65 years of the NHS, we are also very much looking to the future at NHS Canterbury and Coastal CCG. Our ambition is to provide the highest quality, cost-effective and compassionate care, as close to home for patients as possible. Perhaps most im-

portantly, we are committed to listening to our patients. So, as you reflect, consider becoming a 'Friend of CCG' to keep up to date with all our latest news and to help us shape the future of healthcare in our area. For more information, visit our website: www.canterburycoastalccg.nhs.uk or call 01227 791359.

Dr Mark Jones – Chairman

PLOUGHMANS LUNCH

The lunch will be held in aid of the Pilgrims Hospice. It will be held on Saturday 7th September between noon and 1.30pm in Dunkirk Village Hall.

Please buy a ticket and support this worthy cause. Tickets are available from me at £6.00 each.

Anne Butler 01227 750864

TEA PARTY

There will be a tea party in aid of the Children's Society on Sunday 18th August, 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
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OPEN GARDENS

Sunday 23rd June was the day of the annual Hernhill Open Gardens. It was another successful day despite the doom and gloom of the predicted weather. Heavy rain was forecast but fortunately we did not see any of it and the cream teas were eaten outside. I would like to thank everyone who has opened their garden over the years.

This is the 13th year that I have been



organising the event (yes really!!!!). I now feel that it is time for someone else to step in and organise the event for the Village, so this year is my last time as organiser. I am hoping someone will come forward and take it on as everyone who visits the Village always enjoy it and it is a good fundraiser for the Horticultural Society and the Dawes

CA.

Alison West

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

19 members attended the evening visit to Tram Hatch Gardens. With thanks to Pam and Alan Scrivens for their hospitality and to Sylvia & Brian Philpott for

arranging the trip, it proved to be a very enjoyable evening.

The Autumn Show will be on Saturday 7th September in Hernhill Village Hall. Staging time will be 9.45am to

11.15am. All exhibits must be staged no later than 11:15am as no entries will be accepted after that time. The show will open to public at 2.00pm with the presentations 3.00pm. This will be fol-

lowed by the auction. Entry is free. A date for your diary. There will be a social evening on Friday 1st November.

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THE LION'S ROAR

So the big news this summer here at the Lion is of course our music festival! This will be a more upbeat garden affair after our relaxed moules al fresco which was a lovely chilled evening. Coco, Rubber Biscuit, Blues Bandits and Nicki Alexander are all confirmed for Sunday 25th August. Festival food including old favourites such as the Red Lion famous hog roast, Buster's paella, a BBQ, doughnuts and more should keep you all busy. This year we are introducing some local stalls, so please do let me know if you are interested in having a table. As always a donation will be

made to The Pilgrims Hospice. On that note I would like to congratulate Claire and Steve Waterman on their amazing success with their charity dressage and traditional family fete raising over £6750.

So I'll keep it short and sweet as like you I'm enjoying the summer sun, all that's left to say is a quick update on Honey-dog as she's affectionately known! Well she is certainly getting big and quite the pub dog. She has had her first few walks and so you might see her around the Village soon.

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FROM THE VICAR

'We have big hearts,' said Sister Wilhemina, the head of the nurses' training school in the village in Tanzania. I was staying there for my final week in Tanzania.

The people I met in Tanzania certainly do have big hearts shown to me through their welcome and care of me, their practical generosity and generosity of spirit. Life is desperately hard, water on tap (one tap on the main road) only came to this village last month, electricity last autumn, for most of them their toilet is a hole in the ground. They live in the Rift Valley, the poorest region in Tanzania, with little rainfall and poor soil. People struggle to make a living, HIV/AIDS is by far the biggest killer and the average age to die is now 45-50 years.

Despite all this the people have a dignity, they get on with life, and they are rich in many other ways. They thought I was strange because I don't have a husband or children. To them family, the

extended family and community are all important. They don't have many possessions but in a way they are content. The two boys in one house I was staying in had no toys, no computer or electronic games, they made a couple of toy cars from old juice cartons, helped in the home and tended the vegetable patch, and they seemed happy.

This was my second visit to Tanzania, this time for three weeks visiting churches, schools, a hospital and nurses' training school. You cannot imagine life there unless you see it and experience it. We say we know we have so much but we usually just take that for granted. We are too often quick to complain and then we waste valuable resources. Tanzanians have so much to teach us about what is really important in life and challenge us to look afresh at our priorities. I hope that what I've experienced will stay with me and really affect my day to day living.

Revd Jean Burrows

BITS AND PIECES

The great news is of course the birth of Prince George. What can one add to the hundreds of congratulatory words already printed and broadcast?

This last week has been a case of "aint it 'ot Mum" and then there was a thunderstorm. But, again, we have been lucky. When it was hot, we were not so hot and the rain, when it came, was not so heavy. Parts of the Midlands had a month of rain in a few hours with cars awash and houses flooded. It's no wonder that the weather is a regular topic of conversation in this country. During the very hot weather we all have our windows and doors wide open. I have been asked to point out that blaring radios and recorders can be very intrusive during those periods.

When the blossom was on the trees, I was concerned that there were not enough bees about to pollinate them. Thankfully I was wrong. However it seems that there is no cause for concern in Staplestreet as a swarm has chosen to settle there.

Mike Pearce has generously agreed to take on responsibility for Neighbourhood Watch in the Dargate area. Do keep your eyes open for suspicious strangers and let him know. His phone number is 01227 751356.

Wendy Flood of St Michael's Cottages has lost her tortoiseshell cat. It has a black spot on its nose and is wearing a purple collar with a bell. Ring 07745 286598.

Also, 'Ollie' has flown the nest. He is a

green parrot. Ring 07920 034862. You can help by checking your gardens, sheds and outbuildings for the vagrants. The Brenda Irvine Memorial Show raised £6,750 for Pilgrims Hospice this year. Well done Claire and Steve Waterman and all who helped to raise this splendid sum.

Alison West is to be congratulated for her work over the years; a job very well done. I do hope that someone will respond to her appeal for a new organiser. I'm sure she will be willing to advise any successor. The Open Gardens event is too good not to be continued.

The art exhibition over the weekend of July 27th was a great success. A number of pictures were sold as were calendars, cards and refreshments. The profits are to help pay for repairs to the roof of the church and will be reported in the next issue of the News.

With schools having broken-up for their summer holidays, NHS Canterbury and Coastal Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) is urging parents to make sure their children are fully vaccinated against measles. The CCG is asking parents to make vaccination a priority if their child has not had both MMR doses to protect them against measles, mumps and rubella. Destinations popular with British holiday makers such as France, Italy, Spain and Ireland are among the top seven countries currently reporting high numbers of measles cases.



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Sun 4 Aug	10.00am	St. Michael's Ch	Sung Communion
	-----	Mount Ephraim	Crafts Centre Open
Mon 5	7.30pm	Village Hall	Village Hall AGM
Tues 6	-----	-----	BLUE bin collection
Wed 8	7.45pm	Village Hall	Staplegate
Sun 11	8.00am	St. Michael's Ch	Holy Communion
	Noon	Mount Ephraim	Crafts Centre 'Have a go'
Tues 13	-----	-----	GREEN bin collection
Sun 18	10.00am	St. Michael's Ch	All ages Service
	2.30pm	Crockham Lane	Children's Soc afternoon
	2.00pm	Mount Ephraim	Crafts Centre open
Tues 20	-----	-----	BLUE bin collection
Sun 25	8.00am	St. Michael's Ch	Holy Communion
	2.00pm	Mount Ephraim	Crafts Centre open
Mon 26	Tba	Mount Ephraim	Pantaloons - 'Mid Sum. Night. Dream'
Tues 27	-----	-----	GREEN bin collection
Wed 28	8.00pm	Village Hall	Parish Council
Sun 1 Sept	10.00am	St. Michael's Ch	Sung Communion
	-----	Mount Ephraim	Crafts Centre Open
Tues 3	-----	-----	BLUE bin collection
Sat 7	-----	Village Hall	Horticultural Soc Autumn Show
	Noon	Dunkirk Hall	Ploughman's Lunch
Sun 8	8.00am	St. Michael's Ch	Holy Communion
	2.00pm	Mount Ephraim	Crafts Centre open
Tues 10	-----	-----	GREEN bin collection
Wed 11	7.45pm	Village Hall	Staplegate
Sun 15	10.00am	St. Michael's Ch	Sung Communion
Tues 17	-----	-----	BLUE bin collection
Sat 21	3.30pm	St Barnabas	Messy Church
Sun 22	8.00am	St. Michael's Ch	Holy Communion
	2.00pm	Mount Ephraim	Crafts Centre open
Tues 24	-----	-----	GREEN bin collection
Wed 25	8.00pm	Village Hall	Parish Council
Sun 29	8.00pm	Village Hall	Patronal Festival