



# HERNHILL NEWS

## JUNE 2013

### PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 24th April

**Present:** Mrs H. Figgis (Chairman), Mrs J. Geliot, Mr A. Chapman, Mr G. Morsman, Mrs B. Taylor, Mr M. Woods, Mr A. Elliott & Mrs S. Muteham (Clerk). there were apologies from Mr A. Bowles & Mr G. Bobbin.

**Elections:** Mr T. Chapman proposed and Mrs J. Geliot seconded that Mrs H. Figgis be elected Chairman of the Council for 2013/14. There were no other nominations. Mr A. Elliott proposed and Mr G. Morsman seconded that Mr A. Chapman be elected Vice-Chairman.

The minutes of Wednesday 24th April were taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman;

**Matters arising:** A request has been made to the Parish Council to use the playing fields for Nordic Walking, which has been forwarded on to the Village Hall who own the land. There has been little progress since the April meeting on work to clear all the blocked drains around

the Plumpudding Lane area.

**Reports:** Mr M. Woods reported that there are potholes at the bottom of Fairbrook Hill and a tree stump sliding into the road at the top of Fairbrook Hill. He also reported that the second tree received from Kent Men of The Trees, which is awaiting planting on the playing fields, has yet to yield any leaves. Mr A. Elliott reported that the new ladies who are delivery Hernhill News have a new route for their delivery service. Mrs J. Geliot made a request to the Parish Council to purchase some plants to go around the memorial. The Parish Council agreed to the request to pay a sum of approximately £40. Mrs H. Figgis reported that there have recently been several thefts in the Forstal area. Mr A. Chapman who is both a Parish Councillor and a member of the local Neighbourhood Watch can be contacted on 01227 750874 if anyone wishes to join the Neighbourhood Watch scheme. Mrs Figgis also wished to record thanks to the Horticultural Society for planting flowers in the two Jubilee troughs

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and George Bobbin; phone 01227 751388

KCC Representative: Andrew Bowles

by the Village signs.

**Finance:** The finance report of 29th May 2013 was approved. The Clerk confirmed that she would take over providing payroll services for the Parish Council from 1st June.

**Correspondence:** The Chairman had received a letter from a local resident regarding vegetation that required cutting back near Belvedere Farm and Dargate House. The Clerk is to follow up with KCC. A letter has been received from Age UK asking for advertisements to be placed on notice boards.

**Allotments:** All the plots have now been let. There are a few tenants

who have yet to return their signed contracts along with payments for the year. The Clerk will chase these up.

**Planning:** There have been no new applications. It was reported that a 'portacabin' has recently appeared at Thirwell Farm and this has been reported to the planning department at Swale Borough Council as no planning application has yet been received on the matter.

The next meeting of the Parish Council is to be on Wednesday 26th June at 8:00pm. There being no further business, the Chairman declared the Meeting closed at 8.49pm

**BEWARE! TAKE CARE!**

Tools were taken from a garden shed in the Forstal and then the thief broke into the house whilst the occupants were asleep. A wallet was the only thing taken but the fright for the occupants will have been considerable.

Take care and make sure your property is secure. If you are in any doubt, Simon Carroll has said that he is willing to offer advice on domestic security. You can contact him on 01227 750480 or [featofclay@gmail.com](mailto:featofclay@gmail.com).

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**ART EXHIBITION**

Local artists who have contributed to the 2014 calendar will be showing their work at an exhibition in St. Michael's Church on the weekend of 23rd & 24th July. The exhibition

will also include the art of other local artists. Many of the works on show will be available for purchase and a percentage of the price will go the the Roof Restoration Fund.

Brian Jelfs

**VILLAGE HALL AGM**

Monday 5th August. Put a note in your diaries to attend this year

**THE NHS LOCALLY**

The people in charge of planning and buying NHS healthcare services for the Canterbury area are due to meet on Wednesday 5th June, 2.00pm at Kings Hall, Herne Bay. Local people are invited to observe the monthly Governing Body meet-

ing, to find out about decisions being made on NHS healthcare services in the Canterbury, Faversham, Herne Bay, Whitstable and Sandwich areas.

There will be an opportunity for people to ask questions for ten minutes at the start and a further ten min-

utes at the end of the meeting. Anyone who would like to submit questions in advance is encouraged to email Matthew Capper, Secretary the Clinical Commissioning Group Company, e-mail: [m.capper@nhs.net](mailto:m.capper@nhs.net). Dr Mark Jones, Chair of NHS Canterbury and Coastal CGG, said: "I

would urge anyone wanting to find out more about how we make healthcare decisions in the area to come along and put their questions to us."

For further information, and to view the agenda and meeting papers go to [canterburycoastalccg.nhs.uk](http://canterburycoastalccg.nhs.uk).

### **PRODUCE TABLE**

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Last year the produce table raised £400 for the Epilepsy Society. My thanks to everyone who contributed to the table and those who bought the produce.

This year the proceeds will go to 'Hearing Dogs for the Deaf' and 'Canine Partners' (who breed and

train dogs for wheelchair users). My apologies for the paucity of produce so far this year, but everything is late and I haven't grown things from seeds this year. If anyone has anything they think can be sold on the table, contributions will be gratefully received. Many thanks

Jill Geliot



**MOUNT  
EPHRAIM  
GARDENS**

### **NO KENT SHAKESPEARE**

Kent Shakespeare have taken the sad decision to discontinue their plays at Mount Ephraim due to dwindling audiences and difficulties finding cast members. Kent Shakespeare have been performing their open air Shakespeare plays at Mount Ephraim for over 20 years. The Dawes Family will miss the per-

formances greatly and would like to thank all those involved over the years and of course all our Shakespeare audiences.

Of course, we do still have Shakespeare in the gardens. The extremely talented 'Pantaloons Company' will be returning to Mount Ephraim on Bank Holiday Monday 26th August to perform 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'. We do hope many of our Shakespeare loving visitors will enjoy their whacky take on this Shakespeare classic.

Lucy Dawes

### **THE LION'S ROAR**

Well the big news here at the Lion is of course.... the arrival of 'Honey', Charlotte's cockapoo! When Charlotte "told" me we were getting a dog I have to say I wasn't too sure but when you get a positive review

on Trip Advisor featuring the puppy, you have to be converted really. Although there are many disadvantages to living where you work, being able to check on Honey regularly is a definite plus and if I'm honest, she is pretty cute!

Here are some dates for your diary; 'Hailbop' will be playing on Sunday 2nd June between 3.00pm and 5.30pm. This will be their first time playing at The Red Lion so we do hope you can help us to welcome them. Another first for us are the 'Dead Horse Morris Men' performing on Wednesday 5th June from 8.00pm onwards, so join us for either or both of these events. I'll keep it short this month, at the

time of writing the sun is actually shining and we are actually able to enjoy it with our friends around us. The pub is nice and busy and I know why I love being a landlord so much. Looking at the diary today I realised I have been here now for three years on the 24th June! I expect we will be celebrating somehow.

Hope to see you soon!

Ben Edwards



### HERNHILL CRAFTS CENTRE

The Crafts Centre is having an open day on Sunday 7th July at the stable block in Mount Ephraim as an added attraction for visitors to the garden.

Members will be demonstrating their many interests and it will be an opportunity for visitors to 'have a go' for themselves at a number of the crafts on display.

Janet Macintosh, Chairman

### FROM THE VICAR

St Peter and St Paul are two interesting characters to put together. Peter was a fisherman, Galilean, uneducated, Paul was a Pharisee, very well educated, politically astute and at home in any society. Peter knew Jesus for three years of his public ministry; Paul never met Jesus during those three years but had a life changing encounter with him on the road to Damascus. Both Peter and Paul had changed names, Peter was Simon before Jesus called him to follow and Paul was Saul, changing his name after his life changing encounter with Jesus. A new name meant a changed life and a new beginning, a new creation in Christ.

The Bible doesn't record either of their deaths but from early on it has

been said that they were martyred in Rome at the command of the Emperor Nero, and buried there. As a Roman citizen, Paul would probably have been beheaded with a sword. The tradition is that Peter was crucified head down as he said he was not worthy to die in the same manner as Jesus.

On 29 June we commemorate the martyrdoms of both apostles. The date is of ancient origin, possibly the anniversary of either of their deaths or the anniversary of a day around 258, under the Valerian persecution, when what were believed to be the remains of the two apostles were both moved temporarily to prevent them from falling into the hands of the persecutors.

Despite their very different backgrounds Peter and Paul were two

of the great change agents in history, but their relationship fascinates Christians because of their very different personalities, gifts and roles. They also had their moments of deep disagreement and confrontation.

This is a very good picture of the church, all types of people, from different backgrounds, with different educations, gifts, skills and abilities. Each one called by God to follow Jesus, each one changed in some way by that encounter. We don't all get on with each other all of the time, there may be fierce disagreements, from the local to the global, but we are all part of the same church, serving the same Lord.

We will celebrate St Peter and St Paul, Boughton Parish Church's

patronal saints on Sunday 30 June with a special united Holy Communion service in Boughton Church, we will be welcoming our bishop, Bishop Trevor, and as always, you are all very welcome to come along and join us.

I am visiting Tanzania in July, going to the poorest diocese in one of the poorest countries in the world. I have been asked to take mobile phones to distribute while I am out there so if you have an unused or old mobile phone tucked away somewhere I would be very pleased to receive it. Phones can be left in church, left on the vicarage doorstep or given directly to me. Thank you.

Revd Jean Burrows



### HERNHILL OPEN GARDENS

Eight gardens will be opening on Sunday 23rd June from noon till 6.00pm.

Also open to the public are the new Hernhill allotments! Come along and see the ten plots in their first year of cultivation and then follow their progress through the years!

For more details and a list of the gardens open go to [dawesca.co.uk](http://dawesca.co.uk)

Alison West

### DCA GENERAL COMMITTEE

April

**Building improvements:** The freehold of land is owned by the Village Hall and the Playing Field Charity. For any works to be done, the landlord's permission needs to be obtained.

Richard asked if there was a hard copy of the lease. Yes but very

thick! Can be viewed on request! The decision is to go for a whole building grant under the name of landlord. The Village Hall Committee has given approval to go for funding.

The plan is for major alterations and refurbishment of DCA building as per plans drawn up. All committee agreed.

**Child care:** Publicity and marketing for the holiday play scheme is to be reviewed as a lack of interest is probably due to lack of publicity. Decorating is very expensive, so looking to get it done over summer by volunteers. The Committee agreed to go ahead with fitting new blinds. Permanent improvements to the outside should be added to the whole building project.

**Keep Fit:** All fine.

**Tennis:** Best quote received is approx £30,000 to resurface and add modern 'grass' surface. Not cur-

rently feasible from available funds so Committee are working on Grants from Sport England.

**Open Dawes:** Stargazing night to be organised again and tennis lessons arranged.

**Publicity:** Sections need to keep updating the DCA website.

**Fundraising:** Open Gardens on Sunday 23rd June.

**Cricket:** Concerns about the location and use of the cricket square are to be discussed with the Chairman of the Village Hall Committee.

### MOUNT EPHRAIM FUN RUN

You don't know me but I work for the charity 'Action on Hearing Loss'. This is the new name for the Royal National Institute for the Deaf. We are fortunate to be the beneficiary charity of this year's Mount Ephraim 10 kilometre run on Sunday 21st July. It would be great to have lots of locals taking part.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions and thanks in advance for your help.

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### WHEELIE BIN RACE

It is to be hoped that the machines for those daring men in their flying wheelie bins are in good order. The big day is drawing near. To be precise, it is Saturday 29th June. May the best bin win.



### HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

**Evening outings:** Wednesday 12th June at 6.30pm in Belmont Gardens. An evening with head gardener, Graeme. The entrance fee is £8.00 per person. The self service cafe will remain open for refreshments and these will be extra.

Thursday 27th June at 6.30pm.

Helen and I will be opening our garden at 41 Clover Rise, Whitstable, CT5 to members and friends. The entry fee is £4.50 per person to include tea & homemade cake. All proceeds will go to Pilgrims Hospice.

Thursday 18th July at 6.30pm there will be a visit to Trams Hatch Garden with Mrs Pamela Scrivens. the

entry fee is £6.00 per person to include tea & cake.

If you have no transport to get to these gardens, please contact a friend to car-share. Please call Sylvia or Brian on 01227 750259 with numbers of people so we can arrange catering.

Subscriptions for membership are due. Anyone who has not paid, please contact Sylvia Philpott on 01227 750259.

The Summer Show will be held on Saturday 15th June in the Village hall. The usual times will apply.

Peter Bentley

### BITS AND PIECES

I was saddened to hear of the sudden death in hospital of Beth Rawlins. I'm sure all our thoughts are with Peter and the family at this time. My short break in May was not blessed with good weather. Norfolk had leaden skies, heavy showers and very strong, cold winds. When I got home I found that it had been much the same here. In fact the Met Office is now saying that this Spring has been the coldest for over thirty years.



The skipping rhyme in last month's issue didn't produce one from our Village school but I was given a book of '100 years of children's rhymes'.

One of the skipping rhymes is particularly appropriate considering the number of rabbits in my garden.

"Little rabbits in the fields,  
Playing in the furrows,

When they saw the sight of man,

They rushed to their burrows."  
Anne Butler has sent me a very early warning 'diary date'. She is planning to have a ploughman's lunch in aid of Pilgrims Hospice on Saturday 7th September. It will be held in the Dunkirk Village Hall. More details will be available later.

Before I went away there was the Village Fete and although it was cold and we had some showers, neither spoilt the day. There were some new features this year. The sheep race was a great attraction. The first group of sheep was not enthusiastic about running, but the others mastered the hurdles in style. Barbara had sponsored one of the sheep; it came in last. I backed a sheep in each race and they too all failed to win. However, the fete raised well over £4,000. It is always hard work for those involved but they did a great job. Well done!

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COPY DATE

**Mon  
24th  
June**



<b>Sun 2 June</b>	10.00am	St. Michael's Ch	Sung Communion
	2.00pm	Mount Ephraim	Crafts Centre open
Mon 3	7.00pm	Village Hall	Village Hall Committee
Tues 4	-----	-----	GREEN bin collection
Sun 9	8.00am	St. Michael's Ch	Holy Communion
Tues 11	-----	-----	BLUE bin collection
Wed 12	7.45pm	Village Hall	Staplegate
Sat 15	-----	Village Hall	Horticultural Summer Show
	3.30pm	St Barnabas	Messy Church
Sun 16	10.00am	St. Michael's Ch	Sung Communion
	2.00pm	Mount Ephraim	Crafts Centre open
Tues 18	-----	-----	GREEN bin collection
Sun 23	10.00am	St. Michael's Ch	Holy Communion
	4.30pm	St Barnabas	Songs of Praise
	-----	-----	Open Gardens
	2.00pm	Mount Ephraim	Crafts Centre open
Tues 25	-----	-----	BLUE bin collection
Wed 26	8.00pm	Village Hall	Parish Council
Sat 29	-----	Staplestreet	Wheelie bin race
Sun 30	10.00am	Boughton PC	Sung Communion - Patronal Festival
	2.00pm	Mount Ephraim	Crafts Centre open
<b>Tues 2 July</b>	-----	-----	GREEN bin collection
Sun 7	10.00am	St. Michael's Ch	Sung Communion
	-----	Mount Ephraim	Crafts Centre Open Day
Tues 9	-----	-----	BLUE bin collection
Wed 10	7.45pm	Village Hall	Staplegate
Sun 14	8.00am	St. Michael's Ch	Holy Communion
Tues 16	-----	-----	GREEN bin collection
Sat 20	3.30pm	St Barnabas	Messy Church
Sun 21	10.00am	St. Michael's Ch	Sung Communion
	2.00pm	Mount Ephraim	Crafts Centre open
	-----	Mount Ephraim	10k Fun Run
Tues 23	-----	-----	BLUE bin collection
Sat 27	-----	St. Michael's Ch	Art exhibition
Sun 28	8.00am	St. Michael's Ch	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Boughton PC	Singers and ringers Service
	-----	St. Michael's Ch	Art exhibition
Tues 30	-----	-----	GREEN bin collection
Wed 31	8.00pm	Village Hall	Parish Council