



HERNHILL NEWS

JULY 2012

BIG B-B-Q BREAKFAST

PARISH COUNCIL

The monthly meeting of the parish council was held on Wednesday 27th June. With the exception of Mrs Taylor, who sent apologies, all Councillors were present, as were Mr Bobbin, three members of the public and the Clerk. Apologies for absence had also been received from Mr Bowles. The minutes of the meeting held on 30th May were signed as a true record.

Matters arising: the footpath at the Fostall is still very unsatisfactory, reported Mr Morsman. Only a much better and organised operation will solve this ongoing problem. Reports from Councillors suggested a slightly better state in the flooding at the centre of the Parish. A drainage ditch had been dug on private property adjoining the flood site, and surface water now drained away more quickly, but the oft promised action by Kent Highways was awaited with the usual fatalism. Mr Woods said that a tree survey throughout the village had been organised for later in the year. Some

interest had been shown by land-owners concerning the lease of suitable sites for the proposed allotments. He also mentioned the overgrown state of the conifers alongside the roadway opposite the church, which made it almost impossible to use the footway. Mr Woods also sought clarification from Swale Borough Councillor Bobbin as to the Localism Bill. Mr Bobbin confirmed that the Bill was now in force, and all councillors must accept it, although certain sections can be varied to suit a parish's circumstances. Mrs Figgis said that an Appeal Decision in respect of Thirwell Farm had now been made by an Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State for Communities i.e., completely independent of Swale Borough Council's Planning Services. The occupiers of the site had appealed against Swale Borough Council's decision to grant planning approval for various proposals at the site in Drove Lane, but the decision by the Inspector ensures removal of the

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KCC Representative: Andrew Bowles

applicants. Mrs Figgis also reported that, in spite of the publicity (required by current legislation concerning job availability) only one person had shown interest in the position of Clerk to the Council. Mrs Figgis had spoken to this person, who will be interviewed at a later date by herself, the Vice Chairman and the Clerk, before being met by the whole Council. The Clerk gave his usual monthly financial report, which indicated that the Council's figures for a bank balance agreed with those of the bank's. The Clerk also said that the four notice boards throughout the parish were becoming overfilled with posters. It has

always been Parish Council policy to grant approval for posters which advertised functions etc. which were being organised by Village dwellers, but it should be remembered that Parish Council posters and the like are stipulated by legal backing and must have priority.

Correspondence: a planning application for the erection of two chalet bungalows at High Street Road has been refused for the reasons of being unsustainable, unnecessary and undesirable.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting to be closed at 8.50pm.

VILLAGE HALL AGM

Just a reminder that the AGM is on Monday 6th August at 8.00pm in the Village Hall.

All are welcome and we hope to see a few new faces this year! Come and have your say – it's your hall and playing field!

Come and join the Committee to help make it even better in the future. If your Village based organisation is not represented on the Committee, it should be!

David Mann

Chairman (but not for long!)

& Treasurer.

JUBILEE WEEKEND

And what a weekend it was! The events in London were of course a focal point, but there was plenty on offer in the Village. Barbara and I started the celebrations at the school party for the opening of the Jubilee Garden. We both thought that the garden looked terrific and as it develops it will look better and better. Surprisingly it was a sunny afternoon, the bands played and I have never seen so many cakes on offer. It was a great afternoon. Creating it was a real community effort and the results justified the effort.

Our next event of the weekend was the special Service in the church followed by coffee and then on to the picnic lunch. It should have been on the Green but the rain and the cold made that impossible. Fortunately, at the last minute, Will Dawes cleared his pack-house and everyone moved in with their tables and chairs, their food and their drinks. Not quite as pretty as the Village Green but blessedly out of the wind and the rain. It was a fun and friendly event. Some then went back into the church to view the events in London on a big-screen

television set up for the purpose. We went home to our TV set and a cup of hot coffee.

Our final event of the weekend was going to the 'beacon bash'. At last the weather was kind. There was still a cold wind but the sun was out and gave us a wonderful sunset over the Swale. Again it was a great team effort and all concerned did a

wonderful job. I have never seen so much food so liberally given out and the burgers had to be deserving of an entry in the Guinness Book of Records for the biggest in the World. All in all, a weekend to be fondly remembered for a long time. Our thanks to everyone concerned.

ADT

BEACON BASH

I would like to thank the Summer Lees event team and everyone who gave their endless time, energy and local produce enabling us to put on the beacon bash and to the village community who turned up! It was a blazing success with the weather on our side with the moon making a guest appearance just before the beacon lighting which was fittingly

lit by Gary Puttick a born local who regularly walks his dog over the banks of New Zealand and Crockham. The bonfire was ablaze until the early hours when the last stragglers left the field.

A donation of £100 is to be given to Kent Air Ambulance.

Thank you
Jane Foreman

FROM THE VICAR

I'm looking forward to the Olympics, especially the athletics (there's a hint there of when not to phone me!) Probably the most eagerly awaited race is the men's 100 metres, will anyone manage to beat the triple Olympic gold medal athlete Usain Bolt? All the competitors in the Olympics are there because they want to win, most will have committed years of incredibly hard training to be in London 2012 and their whole life has been focused on this one event. To win an Olympic gold medal is an amazing achievement. When I was a teenager I was a member of an athletics club and trained regularly several times a week including Sunday mornings. I was also a Christian but my local

church wasn't too happy about me missing church on a Sunday morning to train, despite the fact I went to church and the youth group in the evening instead. My church's attitude was typical of the time but change was in the air and a few years later the organisation 'Christians in Sport' was formed to support Christians who were also sports people.

Today it is normal for a top sports person to also be a Christian and that would be seen as using their God given gifts to the full. The Christians in Sport movement has thousands of Christians who are committed to praying for their friends in sport, playing in a way that honours Christ on and off the field and who are willing to speak of

their faith to others. Being an athlete has many parallels with being a Christian, for instance both the athlete and the Christian train, the athlete physically, the Christian spiritually, both display similar qualities such as determination and perseverance, the athlete does it to win a competition in which

there can only be one winner, the Christian knows that with God there are no losers.

Enjoy the Olympics, enjoy watching the best of human excellence and may London 2012 be memorable for all the right reasons.

Revd Jean Burrows

NEEDS GOOD HOME!

The Village Hall seems to have acquired a large "white board" on a castor mounted frame but cannot find out who it belongs to! Do you know, or could you give it a good home if not claimed?

It is taking up too much space in Village Hall and if not claimed by mid July it will be disposed of I am afraid. If it's yours please contact DawesCA to gain access during the day to remove it as soon as possible.

If it's not yours but you can give it a good home contact me on dsmann50@msn.com

Thank you
Village Hall Committee



BIG B-B-Q BREAKFAST

**Saturday 14th July
9.00am to 11.30am**

**Yew Tree House, Dargate
(opposite the Dove)**

**Phone for tickets 01227 751293
Adults £5.00 Children £3.00**

Please bring your own chair

THE LION'S ROAR

I must start this month by saying a massive thank you to all the friends, family, regulars and newbies who helped us celebrate our first year in the Red Lion! On June 23rd music by 'Coco' went down a storm accompanied by paella and a party atmosphere. It was this date in 2011 that marked the start of our twelve month journey and looking back it has been an amazing time, I am certainly looking forward to the next twelve months too! What with

all the fantastic Jubilee events in the area June has been a pretty awesome month!!!

We have a quieter month ahead with one major event for your diary when 'Hullabaloo' return to the village for a guaranteed rocking night on Sunday 15th July. Don't forget the "Charity Olympic Dressage & Traditional Family Fete" held in memory of the much loved Brenda Irving, for full details contact www.cairolodge.co.uk.

Fingers crossed for some fine

weather for the summer months, let the B-B-Qs roll! We now serve freshly squeezed orange juice perfect on a hot day!

Watch this space for a 'guest chef' night who you may have even seen on the TV.

Ben Edwards

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The day trip to Loseley Park gardens on the 14th June was enjoyed by all, and thanks to Isabel for arranging the day.

We opened our garden on Sunday 17th June. The total money raised was £740 to be shared between the Pilgrims Hospice & the Kidney Federation.

Summer show: This was held on Saturday 9th June. The prize winners were as follows-

- Jill Gelliot, the Wade Cup for the best bloom.
- Helen Bentley, the Greville Cup for home economics.
- Peter Bentley, the Woods Cup for the best vegetable.
- Violet Croll, the Dawes Rose Vase for the best rose chosen by public.

The society has donated two flower troughs that are placed at the entrance to Hernhill and at the exit. They are planted with red white and blue petunias to celebrate the Jubilee.

Thankyou to all the members who helped.

Summer quiz: in the Village Hall on Saturday 18th August at 7.00pm for 7.30pm. Tables of six people at £2.00 per person (bring your own food and drink). The winning table will receive six £5 garden vouchers. If you cannot make up a table come along anyway and we will fit you in. To book a table contact Mark James on 07720156293 or me on 01227276032.

Peter Bentley

ST MICHAEL'S TOWER

As part of the Jubilee Celebrations the tower of St Michael's Church was floodlit over the weekend and thanks to Gill Gelliot for providing the electricity. A new Union Flag was also flying as the church has received new flags, kindly donated anonymously in memory of a loved one. Our old flags needed to be replaced so this very generous gift was greatly appreciated. Our tower can be seen for miles and it was great to see the flag flying proudly for the Jubilee.

As on previous Royal celebrations

our dedicated band of bell ringers rang before and after the special thanksgiving service on the Sunday and also prior to the lighting of the beacon on Monday. This was a memorable occasion for the Saddleton family as at one stage there were three generations ringing: Peter, his son and eight year old grandson Harry. Harry also rang with his mum and grandmother during the evening.

The bells will be ringing again on the opening day of the Olympics as part of the national celebrations.

The church bells in Hernhill have

been rung over the centuries to mark joyous and sad occasions and we would like this tradition to continue. We are fortunate to have enough ringers currently but would welcome new recruits to ensure the bells are still ringing in the future.

Practice night is Tuesday. More information is available from Peter Saddleton (01227 751486) or John Sim (01227 750247).

Brian Jenkins & Peter Willcock
Churchwardens

DOVE DOINGS

We hope this entry finds you enjoying a scare few days of good weather! At The Dove we have had the log burner lit well into June but let's hope that a late start to summer can still be a good one!

We have many upcoming events come rain or shine! On Tuesday 10th July, please join us for our Landlord's Pub Quiz! An 8.30pm (ish) start will allow those wishing to partake in something from our Pub Classics menu the chance to eat before the quiz begins. 'Food for thought' or so the saying goes and with Local Sausage & Mash, Beer Battered Haddock & Chips, 8oz Long Horn Burger & Chips or Fish Pie all at £10 it really is rude not to! Please book a table for your team (6 members or fewer). In celebration of the nearby Whitstable Oyster Festival, we will be holding our very own celebratory fish event at The Dove on Thursday 26th July. A four course 'Tasting of the Sea' will be served and everything will be fresh and local. Early Booking is recommended.

August's 'One Pot Dinner with Wine' will take place on the 16th when Phill will add 'Rabbit and Summer Vegetables' to his One-Pot repertoire of Coq au Vin, Cassoulet, Bouillabaisse, Beouf Bourguignon & Navarin of Spring Lamb. Another much in demand event at £26 for 2 people

inclusive of Wine.

The 'Blues Bandits' will be in the garden at The Dove playing live from 3.30pm on Bank Holiday Monday 27th August. With so many fans of Dave Gwilliam and his music living in the area it will be fantastic to welcome the band back to The Dove. Weather permitting, Phill plans to do a BBQ to accompany the music. Free entry for everyone!

If anyone is interested in having some fun with their dog whilst teaching them commands and skills, we have the answer right on your doorstep. Every Tuesday 6.30pm at The Dove, trained Dog Handler and experienced in all things doggy, Julia Maxted will hold classes. We have been to a couple and they are just so much fun, but more importantly they are rewarding and an opportunity to spend quality time with your pooch! Just turn up!

Finally I would like to congratulate our Bat and Trappers who actually WON a game!!! Rumour has it though we have the very best pitch in the league. Something to be proud of and to further thank Glynn Eldridge for!

We look forward to seeing you soon and thank you for supporting our events at The Dove where hopefully there is something for everyone.

Best wishes
Sarah and Phill

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

FRIENDS

Thank you to all those who have responded to my letter in the last edition. This is just a reminder about the re-launch of the "Friends of St Michael's" to help keep the church open as an active place of

worship. More "Friends" would be welcome. If you have misplaced the leaflet with the form, I have more so please get in touch on 01227 750974.

Thank you
Jill Geliot

BITS AND PIECES

My apologies for the 'News' being later than usual. We have only just come back from a holiday in Wiltshire. It's no wonder we all find the weather such a topic of conversation. While we were away there were storms and floods in the North and Kent was still with a hosepipe ban despite some heavy rain. We were very fortunate. We had the best holiday weather for the last three years. Not perfect, but the occasional showers were either overnight or when we were on the way to a house or garden.

raffle and the stalls.

This month also sees the return of the wheelie bin race. It will be on the Saturday 21st July at the Shoes. Details from Marc 01227 750842.

This was sent to me by Janet Gee. 'See if you can figure out what these seven words all have in common? Banana, Dresser, Grammar, Potato, Revive, Uneven, Assess. Look at each word carefully. You'll kick yourself when you discover the answer. No, it is not that they all have at least two double letters.'

You will have seen that we are running the very successful B-B-Q Breakfast again. I trust that even more will come and enjoy it and the

I'll try to remember to give the answer next month.

ADT

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DATE
Mon
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JUNE**



Sun 1 July	10.00am	St. Michael's Ch	Ringers & singers Service
Tues 3	-----	-----	GREEN bin collection
Wed 4	7.45pm	Jubilee Room	WI Committee
Sun 8	8.00am	St. Michael's Ch	Holy Communion
Tues 10	-----	-----	BLUE bin collection
Wed 11	7.45pm	Village Hall	WI - Helen Allison, Toys and play
Sat 14	9.00 - Noon	Yew Tree House	B-B-Q
Sun 15	10.00am	St. Michael's Ch	All ages Service
	-----	-----	GREEN bin collection
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	Holy Communion
Tues 31	-----	-----	GREEN bin collection
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 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