



HERNHILL NEWS

JULY 2016

PARISH COUNCIL

You can contact the Clerk with regard to Parish Council business on 07740706189 or 'hernhillclerk@gmail.com' or 'hernhillpc.kentparishes.gov.uk'.

Full copies of the approved minutes will be available on the Parish Council notice board on the Village Green.

The Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 29th June was attended by four Parish Councillors. No members of the public were present.

Two planning applications were discussed at the Parish Council meeting:

- 16/504587/FULL - Erection of a two-storey side extension and erection of single storey rear extension and internal alterations at The Old Farmhouse, Dargate Road.
- 16/504194/FULL - Erection of a replacement conservatory at Dargate Farm, Dargate Road.

The Parish Council offered no com-

ments on these applications.

The Parish Council still has an allotment plot available to rent on their site at Kays Lane. Please contact the Parish Clerk if you are interested in renting it.

The Parish Council has applied for grant funding to provide for a litter bin on Crockham Road.

Members of the public are reminded that they can report highway matters such as potholes and overgrown hedges either to the Parish Clerk or directly to Kent County Council at 'kent.gov.uk'.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 27th July at 8.00pm in the Village Hall. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

If members of the public wish to speak on a subject at the meeting then please would they contact the Clerk prior to Friday 22nd July so that relevant items can be placed on the agenda for discussion.

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KCC Representative: Andrew Bowles

PLANNING PROPOSAL

Application No: 15/507844/FULL
Change of use of land for six gypsy and traveller pitches, each pitch having one mobile home, a day room and space for one touring van; hard-standings, means of enclosure and landscaping and ancillary childrens play area. Location: Land Plumpudding Lane, Dargate

Further to our previous letter we are now able to advise you that the above appeal will be held on: 19th July and will start at 10.00am at As-

sembly Room, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne ME10 3HT.

You are welcome to attend the Public Inquiry/Informal Hearing and, at the Inspector's discretion may be able to give your views. If you cannot or do not wish to attend, you may have someone attend on your behalf, giving your views in writing. Any views you have already made will be considered by the Secretary of State when determining the appeal.

Graham Thomas
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YOUR COUNTY COUNCILLOR

May 2016 seemed a strange month and not just for the changeable weather. Because I was a week late penning last month's report I have already commented on the Police & Crime Commissioner elections. I know some Parish newsletters chose not to publish my May report because, I believe, I spelt out my personal position on the EU Referendum. I still believe it right that those who elect me understand what drives me but, I fully respect their editorial independence. Although I write this some weeks before the referendum I realise that the result will be known before you read it so enough for now.

Both Kent County Council and Swale Borough Council have held their Annual Meeting in May. A new Chairman for Kent, my near neighbour (in political terms) Tom Gates from Faversham. I was delighted and honoured to second his appointment. In Swale. Sheppey Councillor Lesley Ingham has become Mayor with East Downs own Councillor Colin Prescott as Deputy Mayor.

There has been the usual round of local meetings to attend, Selling Par-

ish Council Annual General Meeting, Norton Annual Parish Meeting, Ospringe Annual Parish Meeting and Parish Council AGM, Kent Association of Parish Councils Swale Branch to address, Graveney School Governors and Tonge Parish Council AGM. I also arranged a meeting at Eastling with the Parish Council, local residents and Kent Highways to discuss drainage issues.

Outside of politics we have been able to enjoy the annual Bluebell Walk at Eastling, Hernhill Village Fete and the same day as the fete a thought provoking Play "Stones in his Pockets" performed by a two man touring company at Selling Village Hall. We also paid a visit to Elmley on the invitation of Phil Merricks and family to see the green tourism "shepherds hut" accommodation, plus lots of lapwing chicks. The last Saturday of May was thankfully fine for the wedding of my Godson Matthew to Steph. A really joyful occasion.

Another happy occasion was the 90th Birthday of former Teynham and Lynsted Ward Councillor Rick Barnicott. A group of friends and family took him out for a celebratory lunch. As many

of you will know Rick served the local community for fifty years, firstly as a member of the old Faversham Borough Council and following the Local Government reorganization of 1973, as a Swale Borough Councillor. During his time in office Rick served as Mayor of Faversham, Chairman of the newly formed Swale District Council

and then the first Mayor of Swale Borough Council after the grant of the Royal Warrant, always supported by his late wife Kay. He was also for many years Chairman of the Swale Borough Council Planning Committee.

Andrew Bowles

OPEN GARDENS



Thanks to everyone for supporting Hernhill Open Gardens 2016. It was a good day despite the poor weather forecast. We had over 90 visitors, had many positive comments about the gardens and raised £516 which will be split between the Dawes Community Association and Hernhill Horticultural Society. The next Hernhill Open gardens is scheduled for 2018.

Violet Croll

PAM THACKER

Many people in Hernhill and the surrounding areas will have been saddened to hear of the passing of Pamela Thacker, formerly of Sandhole Cottage, Forstal.

Pam and her husband Robin fell in love with the dilapidated cottage and moved in to sort it out and create a settled home for their boys. Whilst Robin was busy playing and coaching football, Pam became involved in many Village activities, helping out when needed as chair, president, secretary and treasurer, serving the committees of the Village Hall, the Horticultural Society and the W.I. Hernhill had an afternoon W.I. and with other busy mums Pam felt the need for an evening group so became a founder member of Staplegate. Although Staplegate is no longer a W.I. the group still meets every month and is greatly enjoyed by its' members. Pam was a good "doer" and turned her hand to anything when needed – having a go even when she felt some-

thing was not her forte.

With her quick wit and sunny disposition Pam made a great many friends over the years; a group of these would always meet up at the local hostelry for a celebration lunch for whoever was celebrating a birthday. Along with trips out and a craft group the friends kept busy and enjoyed life. In later years Pam could be seen walking the roads of Hernhill and always had a cheery wave for those she passed and a quick chat with many.

A couple of years after the death of Robin, Pam herself became poorly and moved into Faversham to be nearer to family. Sadly in time, Pam's illness progressed and she was cared for in a residential home in Bridge until her death.

Pam was a friendly, kind and thoughtful person and will be greatly missed but as the sadness fades the many memories of Pam will without doubt bring a smile to many a face and a warm glow to those that loved her.

Lesley Holmes

D'ARCY TRINKWON ORGAN CONCERT



A really wonderful evening of music was enjoyed by an audience of 80 on Friday 10th June. D'Arcy played a varied programme which tested our modest but historic organ

to its limits, and included Samuel Wesley's "Variations on God Save the Queen" in recognition of the 90th birthday celebrations of our Queen that weekend.

There was general agreement that the organ had never sounded so magnificent.

The programme included the following:
Prelude & Fugue in C, (BWV545)
Fugue in G minor (BWV578)

Johann Sebastian Bach

Voluntary No. 4 in C minor

Maurice Greene

Andante in E minor

Samuel Sebastian Wesley

Prelude & Fugue in G minor (BWV541)

Johann Sebastian Bach

Variations on "God Save the Queen"

Samuel Wesley

Humoreske ('Organo Primitivo')

Pietro Yon

Berceuse (sur les paroles classiques)

Louis Vierne

Thank you to everyone who supported the event which raised £904 for church funds.

Joy Pritchard and Vicki Hodgkiss

OPEN LETTER

Dear Paulette,

A year ago I wrote welcoming you as a curate to our villages. On Saturday 2nd July, in a special service in Canterbury Cathedral you will be ordained as a priest in the Church of England. You will still continue as our curate, probably for another three years before moving on to look after a parish, or two or three or.....all by yourself.

There will be a visual difference between being a deacon and a priest, most clear to people in church, as your stole won't be worn any longer as a 'Miss World sash' but as a scarf round the back of your neck and down the front of your body. There will be other differences too, you will be able to take the whole of the Holy Communion Service and bless and absolve people. You'll also be able to marry people. It is often said, 'Once a deacon always a deacon' so even though we have been 'priested' we never forget we are here to serve people just as Jesus came to serve others.

When I was ordained in 1994 I was 'one of the first'. We had all the media hype and for several years in every church I went to, and even coming to Boughton, I was told,, "We've never had a woman before." Knowing that a congregation judged all the women priests by me was quite daunting, but people were almost always affirming and in my experience most couldn't understand why the church hadn't ordained women as priests years ago. You don't have the painful wait to be a priest that I had back in the 1990's and now we even have women bishops.

To be a priest is a privilege, a joy and a burden. It's a privilege to be welcomed into people's lives at key moments, sharing their joys and their sorrows. The Old Testament priest wore an 'ephod', a sort of linen breastplate with the names of the 12 tribes of Israel engraved on stones and attached to it, whenever the priest went into the Holy Place to meet with God he carried with him the people he ministered to. We're not Old Testament priests but there is

a sense in which we carry the people in our care.

Undergirding all we do is the knowledge that God has called us. There may be times we doubt that but God is still with us. Enjoy being a priest, be yourself, you are gifted, and we'll continue to journey together serving Christ and those in our care.

With love and prayers for your future ministry,

Jean Burrows

At 10.30am on Sunday 3rd July in All Saints Church, Graveney there will be a special Service. This will be the first time Paulette will preside at Holy Communion following her priesting the previous day. It will be followed by a bring and share lunch in the vicarage garden; all are invited but please let me know.

SUMMER SHOW

In spite of the recent inclement weather there was a good show of roses and other flowers, fruit and vegetables. The cakes looked yummy and it was pleasing to see exhibits in the children's classes. As usual the judges were impressed that a small village could put on such a good show.

Cup winners: Wade Cup, best bloom - Violet Croll, Woods Cup, best vegetable - John Sim, Ben Bones memorial Cup, best photo - Violet Croll, Raines Cup, best sweet pea - John Sim, WI Cup, best pot plant - Jill Geliot, Mary Dawes Memorial Vase, best rose selected by audience - John Sim.

The chairman made a plea that members give more support to the outings. Two had been cancelled due to lack of numbers in spite of people signing up to them. Sylvia does a lot of research into possible gardens to visit, dates and prices and is very despondent that people don't turn up. Visits are always inter-

esting and enjoyable.

Future Outings: 14th July there is an evening visit to Norton Court near Faversham with a tour with the head gardener. Meet there at 6.30pm. Price to be confirmed and refreshments will be available. This is a beautiful garden with wild flower meadows, walled gardens and lovely borders. Please contact Sylvia Philpot - 01227 750259 - if you would like to go as she needs to know numbers.

Tram Hatch, Pluckley, NGS scheme. Sunday 14th August. £5.00 entrance, refreshments available. An extensive garden with a fantastic vegetable garden.

Chilham Castle Gardens, NGS. Tuesday 13th September. £3.00 entrance. Meet in car park at 11.00am or go round independently.

Please try to come to at least one of these outings. Friends, relatives and neighbours are always welcome.

Jill Geliot

RACE FOR PAULA

The day was a fantastic success and started with a double decker bus load of 63 runners and 14 children leaving the farm heading for Herne Bay. A torrential downpour failed to dampen anyone's spirit and the team made quite a splash in their matching 't-shirts' resplendent with a picture of Paula on the

front. The puffing and panting of the race was soon forgotten during a toast of Bacardi and coke on the beach. The fun continued at 3.00pm at the 'after-party' with a live music from the fantastic local band 'Coco', ice creams, face painting, B-B-Q and hog-roast. There was a chance to win some fantastic prizes in the raffle and enjoy some tasty

cakes. In between the band numbers we were treated to the amazing skills of Mr James Hemings to keep the party moving. The day received such incredible support that there are rumours of an annual event.

Massive thanks to all the runners, do-

nors and sponsors without whom the day would not have been the success it was! Although there is still money trickling in, we have already passed £6,500 for the day. Once again heartfelt thanks to you all!

Kevin Kay

BITS AND PIECES



Unlike the pollsters, without any attempt at prediction on my part, my little drawing got it right. The vote was for 'OUT'. By the end of 2018 we should be out of the EU.

Whether you liked the result or not, I suspect that, like me, you will be glad of a reduction in the sound and fury of recent weeks. I certainly welcome an end to the distortions and wild predictions that have been flung from both sides. Of course there is some more to come. A party leader or perhaps two, and also a general election could be on the cards. But after that, politicians and the media will have to stop banging the drum and get down to work.

When it comes to sound and fury, the weather has also made a significant contribution recently. We have had thunder and lightning, gale force winds and flash floods. Ironically, one of the worst days was the 'nominal' first day of summer.

You will have seen in this copy the letter about the Planning Appeal . It is important for everyone to realise that this is the last opportunity for your views to be considered. A letter to Graham Thomas is the very least you can do but attendance would be much better. Don't wait and then regret the result.

I have had an e-mail from Gabi Johnson. "A number of you will be disappointed to hear that, unfortunately, 'The Band Company' have been forced by circumstances beyond our control to cancel Jazz on the Hill 2016."

There is something different and special to look out for in August. There is to be a prayer labyrinth in Hernhill churchyard. But more of that in the next issue.

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To book the Village Hall go to www.hernhill-bookings.net

A copy of the Hernhill News and other local information can be found on the Village website. www.hernhill.net

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NEXT ISSUE

**Mon
25th
July**



Sat 2 July	5.00pm	The Cathedral	Ordination Service
Sun 3	10.30am	Graveney Ch	United Service
Tues 5	-----	-----	Blue bin collection
Sun 10	8.00am	St. Michael's Ch	Holy Communion
Tues 12	-----	-----	Green Bin Collection
Sat 16	-----	-----	Wheelie bin Race
	3.30pm	St. Barnabas	Messy Church 'Olympics'
Sun 17	10.00am	St. Michael's Ch	Ringers & Singers Service
Tues 19	-----	-----	Blue Bin Collection
Sun 24	8.00am	St. Michael's Ch	Holy Communion
Tues 26	-----	-----	Green Bin Collection
Wed 27	8.00pm	Village Hall.	Parish Council
Tues 2 Aug	-----		Blue Bin Collection
Fri 5	-----	-----	Olympics start
	-----	Mt Ephraim	Rock Festival
Sat 6	-----	Mt Ephraim	Rock Festival
Sun 7	-----	Mt Ephraim	Rock Festival
	10.00am	St. Michael's Ch	Sung Communion
Tues 9	-----	-----	Green Bin Collection
Sun 14	8.00am	St. Michael's Ch	Holy Communion
	-----	Mt Ephraim	10 kilometre run
	2.30pm	Village Green	Children Soc Tea
Tues 16	-----	-----	Blue Bin Collection
Sun 21	10.00am	St. Michael's Ch	Sung Communion
Tues 23	-----	-----	Green Bin Collection
Sun 28	8.00am	St. Michael's Ch	Holy Communion
Mon 29	-----	-----	Bank holiday
Tues 30	-----	-----	Blue Bin Collection
Wed 31	8.00pm	Village Hall.	Parish Council



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