



HERNHILL NEWS

JULY 2014

SORRY

I am sorry that due to the health problems of my wife, I was unable to make time to publish a July 'News', on time and in full. However, in order that you can have a record of the Parish Council meeting, I have produced this limited

and regrettably late issue. I have also include items that have been sent to me although these have had to be abbreviated. I apologize for any inconvenience and especially for the harsh editing demanded by this reduced edition.

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PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 25th June.

Present: Mrs H. Figgis (Chairman), Mr G. Morsman, Mr A. Chapman, Mrs J. Geliot, Mr M. Woodcock, Mr M. Cooper, Mr A. Bowles (County & Borough Councillor), Mrs S. Muteham (Clerk). There were apologies from Mr G. Bobbin (Borough Councillor) & Mr M. Woods.

The minutes of the previous meetings were confirmed and signed by the Chairman

Matters arising: regarding the water running down the hill at Fairbrook, it was agreed that the Clerk would again contact Southeast Water and make a request for the water to be tested to help define its source. Mrs Geliot commented that the matter

regarding the water running down the hill at Fairbrook should look to be resolved before the winter and any potential freezing hazards.

Reports: Mr Morsman mentioned that footpath 516 at the side of Swale View needs trimming back. It was also noted that the hedges at the turning into Woodlands, Dargate need trimming back. The clerk is to report both matters to KCC. There was also a general comment that there are many hedges on private land in the Village that would benefit from being trimmed to aid visibility on the roads and footpaths. Mr Chapman commented that the Hernhill News distribution team are looking for someone to assist deliver in the Yorkletts area. If anyone can help, could they please contact Mr Chapman on 01227 750874. It

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KCC Representative: Andrew Bowles

was also noted that the parking of vehicles at the junction of Church Hill/Staplestreet is getting worse and could potentially be a safety hazard. The clerk is to chase the matter with KCC. Mr Cooper commented that there have been reports of late night shooting on private land which has been disturbing members of the public. Mrs Figgis reported that the white lines at Wey Street have been repainted, however the drain at Godfrey's Grave has not yet been satisfactorily cleared. The clerk will follow up on the drainage matter with KCC. It was also noted that the footpath alongside Thirwell Farm has not yet been cleared, and that the rubble hill on land at the same site has not yet been removed. The clerk will chase for updates from KCC at regular intervals.

Planning: The Clerk advised that the administration services for the

Planning Department have recently been relocated to Maidstone which has caused some disruption to services.

Administration: The clerk noted that all outstanding payments for the allotments have now been received.

Correspondence: e-mails received from Swale Borough Council regarding changes in the administration of the planning department. E-mail received outlining the proposed nationwide "Lights Out" campaign on 4th August as part of the WWI commemoration. The Parish Council are supportive of the idea but are not in a position to organise an event.

The next meeting of the Parish Council is to be on Wednesday 30th July at 8:00pm. There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8:40pm.

YOUR COUNTY COUNCILLOR

I have made no changes to the Cabinet in Swale this year.

Can I first congratulate my fellow-Ward Councillor George Bobbin on becoming Mayor of Swale and 1st Citizen of the Borough. Also congratulations on his recent marriage. Likewise congratulations to Teynham & Lynsted Councillor Lloyd Bowen for becoming Chairman of Policy Development Review Committee, Councillor Rick Barnicott (Teynham & Lynsted) for being re-elected Chairman of Planning and Councillor Colin Prescott (East Downs) for being re-elected Chairman of Swale Rural Forum.

Planning seems to have taken more of my time of late, further evidence of the upturn in the economy. Developers and private individuals now seem confident enough to progress plans. I have secured another meeting with the Cabinet Portfolio holder, Officers and fellow Councillors on the vexed subject of home to school transport. Although I am getting across the message that the current system disadvantages rural families progress is still painfully slow.

Since the beginning of May I have attended Parish Council meetings at Newnham, Graveney(twice), Selling(twice), Dunkirk, Eastling,

Boughton, Teynham and Norton as well as the Swale Branch of Kent Association of Parish Councils and

the Swale Rural Forum.

Andrew Bowles

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Summer Show

Once again we had a good show with more entries than last year. The roses were wonderful in colour, form and scent. There was also excellent participation by Hernhill School with pot plants and some imaginative collages. The vegetables were a bit thin on the ground but of good quality. We now have some plastic cake covers which make it much easier to stage entries in the home economics classes. The judges were very impressed that a small village can put on such a good quality show. Cup winners were;

Mary Dawes Rose Vase, a rose chosen by public - Jean James
Woods Cup - best vegetable Tony Bentley

Wade Cup - best bloom - Violet Croll
Grevill Cup - best home economics - Helen Bentley

Ben Bones Cup - Photography - Helen Bentley

Dargate House Cup - Floral Art - Peter Bentley.

Outings

Copton Ash: 24 people visited this garden at Faversham in May. The owners have for several years con-

centrated on the Alpine nursery and the main garden had been a bit neglected so the restoration of the garden is still work in progress. An interesting and enjoyable visit.

Mount Ephraim: on a June evening, Mark took a party of 25 round the gardens to show us some of the recent changes and developments since the death of Mary Dawes. It was very entertaining and interesting and as always a pleasure to admire the views and especially the fine trees. It is a large garden to be maintained by 2 gardeners. A hundred years ago there were 12 gardeners and around 24 part time assistants.

Future Outings

Downs Court, Church Lane, Boughton Aluph. Sunday 20th July. Meet there at 2.30pm. This is a three acre downland garden with mixed borders, fine trees and lovely views. Get in touch if you would like a lift. £5.00 including refreshments. Chilham Castle is open through the NGS scheme on the evening of 22nd August, entrance £5.00. If people are interested we can go as a party.

Jill Geliot

DOVE DOINGS

Coffee and cake, Thursday 10th July. Ladies, are you at a loose end after dropping the children at school, or would you simply like to get out of the house for a morning

and have a good natter over a nice coffee and some scrummy cake? If so, come along on the second Thursday of every month at 10.00am for our Coffee Morning. Now that summer appears to have

arrived, why not come along to our lovely garden and join us for our regular Summer Barbecues? Ben will still be cooking his excellent food in the main kitchen, but there will also be more traditional barbecue fare available from our new summer kitchen and bar area in the garden.

Live Music on Friday 11th July.
Love jazz? Come at 7.30pm to see

Chris Kennedy's Jazz Trio and enjoy a drink & food while you dance. Bat and Trap League - Wednesday evenings. If you don't know what Bat and Trap is, check out <http://www.mastersgames.com/rules/bat-trap-rules.htm> and then come along and experience it! If you really enjoy it, why not sign up to have a go.

Chris & Dee

LOST LEAD

Walking the dogs in Mount Ephraim amongst the fruit trees, I lost one of the leads, it is dark red with golden retrievers on it, I searched but could

not find it, if anyone happens to see it, please return it to me, sentimental as it was for our other retrievers
Many thanks

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LONG SERVICE

During the morning service at St. Michael's on Sunday 15th June a bouquet of flowers was presented to Marion Knowler in recognition of her 65 years unbroken service as a member of the church choir, a marvellous achievement.

Born and bred in Hernhill, Marion

joined the choir when she was eleven. Marion said "I have enjoyed every moment and I will keep going as long as I can"

We all hope so Marion, and on behalf of everyone at St Michael's, a big thank you.

Brian Jenkins & Peter Willcock
Churchwardens

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Thanks to an alert neighbour, a shed burglary was averted in Swale View between 3:15 and 3:45 am on Saturday, 7th June. There was an attempt to burgle an allotment shed in Hernhill between 4th and 5th

June. Between 24th and 25th June, a green 4x4 vehicle G623WTL was stolen from Staple Street, Hernhill. It contained various tools including a Kango hammer and whacker plate.

Mike Pearce

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