



HERNHILL NEWS

MAY 2013

PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 24th. Those present were Mrs H. Figgis (Chairman), Mrs J. Geliot, Mr A. Chapman, Mr G. Morsman, Mrs B. Taylor, Mr M. Woods, Mr G. Bobbin (Borough Councillor) and Mrs S. Muteham (Clerk). Apologies were received from Mr A. Bowles (Borough Councillor) and Mr A. Elliott.

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 27th March were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

Matters arising: Many of the pot-holes in the Village have now been repaired. The work on clearing all the blocked drains around the Plumpudding Lane area has started and continues to progress.

Reports: A notice pretending to be from the Parish Council was left on a car parked by the Village Green. The Parish Council would

like to state that they have no jurisdiction over vehicles parked in the Village and would not leave any notices on parked vehicles. The Parish Council have had an oak tree planted by the coppice on the playing field. A further tree is waiting to be planted. Councillor Woods is planning to attend the Faversham Mayor Making ceremony in May. It was reported that early in April, trail motorbikes were causing a nuisance near Plumpudding Lane. Matters such as this can be reported to the local police (PCSO) by telephoning 101.

Finance: The Clerk showed a report on current financial matters to the chairman and cheques were passed for signing.

Administration: It was agreed that when the annual contract for payroll service is due for renewal, that the Clerk would take over providing payroll services for the Parish Council. The Annual Parish Meeting is scheduled for 8.00pm on

Chairman: Helen Figgis 01227 751149

e-mail helen@lavenderfarm.plus.com

Clerk: Sarah Muteham 01227 751053 or 07740 706189

e-mail herhillclerk@gmail.com

Swale Representatives: Andrew Bowles; phone 01227 752840

and George Bobbin; phone 01227 751388

KCC Representative: Andrew Bowles

29th May. It was agreed to ask a representative from KCC Highways to attend the Annual Parish Meeting in May. The Clerk to invite Gary Gibbs to meeting.

Correspondence: Letter of thanks was received from the Citizens Advice Bureau in Faversham for the £50 donation to support their work. There was an invitation to Swale Borough Council Annual Mayor Making Ceremony.

Allotments: The contracts between the Parish Council and the tenants have been posted out to all plot holders and are now awaiting signature and payment. Matt Cooper, who initiated the new

Hernhill Allotments, wished to express his thanks to both the Parish Council and Sandys Dawes for their time and help in facilitating the project. There is currently one plot vacant.

Planning: Planning application SW/12/0374 Young Brothers Transport – The council had no adverse comments on the application.

The Annual Parish Meeting is to be on Wednesday 29th at 8:00pm followed by the Parish Council Meeting. There being no further business, the Chairman declared the Meeting closed at 8.50pm.

THE CCGS

The NHS Canterbury and Coastal Clinical Commissioning Group is a GP-led organisation responsible for deciding how and where £263 million is to be spent on local healthcare every year for the 210,000 people who live in the Canterbury, Faversham, Herne Bay, Sandwich and Whitstable areas.

Dr Mark Jones, Clinical Chair of NHS Canterbury and Coastal Clinical Commissioning Group, said: "We're keen for the public to work alongside us in improving healthcare and the first 20 minutes of the meeting will be set aside for any questions people want to raise." The CCG's priorities include tackling

long-term conditions, dementia, reducing health inequalities and young people. The board papers will be available on the CCG's website at www.canterburycoastalccg.nhs.uk

People who would like to shape CCG decisions can get involved via their GP practice or the CCG's Health Network. Most GP practices in the area have patient participation groups, where people can find out what is happening within the practice and the CCG. The groups are also a channel for patients' voices through to the CCG. Information about the Health Network is available via the website.

For more details ring 01277 791385.

STAPLEGATE



For their April meeting, 17 members of Staplegate were treated to a delightful talk by Helen Kendall-Tobias called 'Pearls and Princesses'. She said that in the course of her work as an Image Consultant, she had developed an interest in pearls and then explained to us about the different types of pearls, how they were formed, graded and prepared for the market. Helen also told us a little of the history of pearls. We know Cleopatra wore them, and how royalty through the ages were dressed with some beautiful examples, the latter being illustrated with slides. She

also told us how to look after our pearls to keep them in good condition. The best advice being to wear them!

Lesley Holmes

THE LION'S ROAR

Finally the spring has arrived so the garden has been strimmed and tidied ready for those lovely sunny days. The hanging baskets and planters are to be planted out as soon as possible so we will be doing our bit to keep Hernhill in bloom.

We have also continued our New Year spruce up with new upholstery and blinds to go with our previously mentioned freshly sanded floors and new tables and chairs. So you can see we have been keeping ourselves busy over the last few months, so much so that we completely missed the last two Hernhill News, apologies to those regular customers who have been quick to point this out to me!!!!

In April, we were proud to receive



the "Cask Marque" award for excellence in real ales, condition and quality. As a free house we do have greater freedom in the beer we can offer and so along with the old favourites I do like to offer a varying range with seven ales on pump. This has brought some new custom to the pub from far and wide which is important to keep our Village pub a great place to be.

Congratulations to Nick O'Shea and Will Dawes who successfully completed the Brighton Marathon, (not the London Marathon as quoted in January's Lion's Roar!), in aid of Action for Hearing Loss with personal best times achieved. As sponsors of Hernhill

Hérons I also need to congratulate them on their league win a fantastic season boys!

Myself and Charlotte would like to welcome back to our staff, Elouise Wild, after the birth of the very

lovely Archie who is now a cheeky four months old!

Hope to see you soon!

Ben Edwards
enquiries@theredlion.org

FROM THE VICAR

I was horrified to learn that that a staggering one in four children do not mentally or physically develop because they lack vital nutritious food in the first 1,000 days of life. This shocking statistic comes from a report, just published by UNICEF, which also says that 90% of this deprivation occurs in Asia and Africa. I also wasn't aware that hunger is the world's number one biggest risk, it kills more people than AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis combined. There has been some progress, the number of people hungry worldwide has fallen by 130 million since 1990, but progress slowed after 2008 and there is still much to be done.

This month sees Christian Aid Week (12th -18th May), their strapline this year is 'Bite back at hunger' and they are highlighting the fact that tonight one in eight people will go to bed hungry. But there is enough food for all to eat and have their fill if certain changes are made. Christian Aid works in partnership with communities and organisations in 48 countries, supporting innovative projects to help people transform their own lives from barely surviving to truly

thriving.

In drought-prone southern Zimbabwe, Christian Aid partner Dabane Trust worked with local communities to access the clean, naturally filtered water that is stored, hidden, beneath sand-bed rivers, ensuring people have a supply of clean water. Now they can water their gardens all year round, meaning that they can grow a variety of vegetables to eat and to sell.

Charities such as UNICEF and Christian Aid do a great deal to help stamp out malnutrition and poverty but governments also need to act. UNICEF UK is asking the Government to show strong leadership and invest more in child nutrition programmes through the Department for International Development (DFID). This June, a week before the G8 meeting, the UK Government will host a Nutrition and Growth Summit. Its purpose is to pledge additional funding for child malnutrition, and as such offers the Government an ideal opportunity to significantly increase their nutrition programmes.

If you have the opportunity to give to Christian Aid, take it, or give on

line. Please 'bite back at hunger' and make a gift that will help people living in poverty to be well nourished.

Two dates for your diary:
Messy Church is on Saturday 18th May at 3.30pm in St Barnabas, The Street, Boughton.

Rogation Service at The Bounds is on Sunday 12th May at 10.00am. Henry Bryant will give us a guided tour of part of his farm and we'll sing and pray a blessing on his crops. All are welcome in-

cluding dogs and buggies but dress warmly if necessary as we will be outdoors. The word 'rogation' comes from the Latin 'rogare' - to ask and it's the time of year when we ask God to bless crops and animals, remembering that all life is a gift from God. Meet at the brown metal gates on your left in the slip road off Bull Lane that leads to Boughton Village Hall car park. If it is wet, the service will be in St Barnabas with photos of the farm instead.

Revd Jean Burrows

A SEQUEL

After reading the "Congratulations" article in March edition of the "News" I realised that I recognised the couple being congratulated! "Uncle" Steve and "Auntie" Norma were very good friends of my mum and dad - John and Margaret Wade, and I remember often visiting their bungalow in High Street Road when I was around 9 or 10 years old (which would have been about the middle 1960's) Norma was a good cook as I recall and we always had something homemade when visiting them! I loved this because my dear mum absolutely hated cooking (and still does!).

Glynis, myself, and my elder brother David played together a lot and we all attended Hernhill School. Glynis and I later on went to Lady Capel school for girls (now the Abbey school).

My dad and Steve went (sea) fishing together a lot and we would be

dropped off with mum at their bungalow whilst they went to see what they could catch for our tea. I believe that they both drove red Ford Anglia cars - for those of us old enough to remember, the rear window slanted inwards - weird - and what a strange fact to remember! I lost contact with Glynis over the years, but met up again unexpectedly, around 12 years ago, when we bumped into each other at the Community College, Whitstable (formerly the William Nottidge) after, it turned out that her daughter and my son were at the school together. We have since also bumped into each other in Asda in Canterbury!

Sadly my dad died in 1991, but they were also married the same year as Norma and Steve and in St. Michael's, although a few months later on September 19th.

I would like to also send my (belated) congratulations to them both

as they were valued friends of my family. I know they, like us, probably wonder where the years have

gone - and so quickly too! Love to you both and Glynis.

Julie Weatherall (nee Wade).

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY Evening Outings:

Wednesday 12th June at 6.30pm.
An evening with the head gardener, Graeme, at Belmont Gardens. The entry 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.
Peter & Helen Bentley are opening their garden at 41, Clover Rise Whitstable CT5 3EY. The entry fee £4.50 to include tea & cake. All proceeds will go to the Pilgrims Hospice.

Thursday 18th July at 6.30pm.

Trams Hatch Garden with Mrs Pamela Scrivens. The entry fee is £6.00 per person to include tea & cake.

If you have no car to visit these gardens, please contact a friend to car share.

Could you please call Sylvia or Brian on 01227 750259, with numbers of people so that we can arrange for catering.

Subscriptions for Hernhill Horticultural Society are now due. Anyone who has not paid, could you please contact Sylvia Philpott on 01227 750259

Peter Bentley

ART CLASSES

There are new art classes for anyone interested in drawing and creating their own art work. Designed for beginners upwards the course will focus on landscape with lessons on: how to use line, colour and marks to create depth; ways to draw trees, foliage and more. Classes are held on Tuesdays between 10.00am and 1.00pm in the Village Hall until 18th June (No lesson 28 May).



I am qualified and experienced as an artist and teacher. It is possible for you to join mid-course. For further information please contact me on

07769895411

Sarah McNulty

BITS AND PIECES

As I write things are hotting-up in preparation for the Hernhill Fete. I hope that it is a great success. I am particularly looking forward to the

sheep racing. Barbara is sponsoring one of the sheep so I had better have a flutter on that. Our very unpredictable weather may be a problem but I'm keeping my fingers

crossed.

In this last week we have had the news of the horrific bomb attack and injuries at the Boston Marathon and the subsequent killing of one of the bombers and the injury and capture of the other. The worry then was that others might be minded to do the same thing at the London event. Thank God we were spared that.

I saw an article recently criticising the over-sexualisation of clothes for young girls. By chance I was given a booklet of children's' skipping rhymes. Those rhymes reminded me of one in common use by the girls in my primary school days.



'Matthew, Mark,
Luke and
John
What colour
'knicks'
have you got
on.

Show us once.
Show us twice.

We will tell if they are nice.'

I'm certain that this jingle was perfectly innocent on the part of those girls. I don't remember any telltale giggling from them. Maybe 'sexy'

clothes are just as innocent for the little girls of today. Haven't they always enjoyed dressing up like mum, wearing her high-heeled shoes? I suspect that it could be that some adults have the problem, and it is that which really should be addressed.

Does anyone remember the play rhymes that were common at the Village school in years gone by?

Some new members have joined the Crafts Centre which means that they are showing some new craft items there. If you haven't visited, or if you haven't been for a long time, you may be surprised at the wide variety of things made locally by members. The Crafts Centre is open every Sunday afternoon between 2.00pm and 5.00pm in the Stable Block at Mount Ephraim. It is well worth a visit and the gardens are looking good too.

There is to be an interesting concert at All Saints' Church in Graveney. It is to be given by young soloists from the Kings School Canterbury and followed by supper. The concert is on Saturday 8th June at 7.00pm for 7.30pm. Tickets are £15.00 from Janet 01795 534999.

ADT

To book the Village Hall ring the Red Lion 01227 751207

Alan D. Taylor
Yew Tree House, Dargate
near Faversham, Kent ME13 9HG
01227 751293
e-mail taylornews@hotmail.co.uk

COPY DATE

**Mon
27th
May**



Sat 4 May	2.00pm	Village Hall	THE FETE
Sun 5	10.00am	St. Michael's Ch	Sung Communion
	2.00pm	Mount Ephraim	Crafts Centre open
Tues 7	-----	-----	GREEN bin collection
Wed 8	7.45pm	Village Hall	Staplegate
Sun 12	8.00am	St. Michael's Ch	Holy Communion
	10.00am	The Bounds	Rogation Day
	2.00pm	Mount Ephraim	Crafts Centre open
Tues 14	-----	-----	BLUE bin collection
Sat 18	3.30pm	St Barnabas	Messy Church
Sun 19	10.00am	St. Michael's Ch	Sung Communion
	2.00pm	Mount Ephraim	Crafts Centre open
Tues 21	-----	-----	GREEN bin collection
Sun 26	8.00am	St. Michael's Ch	Holy Communion
	2.00pm	Mount Ephraim	Crafts Centre open
Tues 28	-----	-----	BLUE bin collection
Wed 29	8.00pm	Village Hall	Parish Council
Sun 2 June	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	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
	-----	-----	Open Gardens
	2.00pm	Mount Ephraim	Crafts Centre open
Tues 25	-----	-----	BLUE bin collection
Wed 26	8.00pm	Village Hall	Parish Council
Sat 29	-----	Staple street	Wheelie bin race
Sun 30	10.00am	Boughton PC	Sung Communion - Patronal Festival
	2.00pm	Mount Ephraim	Crafts Centre open