



HERNHILL NEWS

MAY 2016



HERNHILL VILLAGE FETE
Saturday 7th May from 2.00pm
at the Village Hall



Dog show, stalls, food and drink
Steel band, fire brigade, fun & games

PARISH COUNCIL

The Annual Parish Meeting

This was held on Wednesday 27th April and was attended by 19 people. A presentation was given by the organisers of 'A Newday Festival' and local community organisations made representations including the Church, the School, the Dawes Community Association, the Village Hall and the Horticultural Society.

The Parish Council Meeting

This followed the Annual Parish Meeting and was attended by six Parish Councillors, one Borough Councillor and two members of the public.

One planning application was discussed at the Parish Council:
16/501901/FULL - 10, Swale View; demolition of a single storey rear out-building and erection of a single and

two storey rear extension, single storey side extension, internal alterations and enclosing existing porch.

The Parish Council received notification of an appeal lodged with the Planning Inspectorate regarding application 15/505467/FULL for six dwellings at Chapel Plantation Nursery, Dargate.

The Parish Council will be receiving a litter bin from Swale Borough Council which it is hoped will be sited in a central location near the phone box/old shop. It is likely that additional bins will be obtained by the Parish Council to help tackle the problem of litter within the Parish.

The Parish Council has received several reports of obstructions on public rights of way in the area. Members of the public can

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and George Bobbin; phone 01227 751388

KCC Representative: Andrew Bowles

continue to report these to the Parish Council or such matters can also be reported directly to Kent County Council on line.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday 25th May at 8:00pm in the Village Hall. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

PETER SADDLETON

It was sad to hear of the death of Peter Saddleton.

He has been such a stalwart of Village life and had borne his illness and consequent inactivity with commendable patience. We will remember him for his connections with the Dawes Club, with the church as Captain of the bell ring-

ers and organist, as a member of the Over 60's Club and as secretary of the Horticultural Society. He is bound to be greatly missed by all.

Our thoughts are with Anne and his family at this time.

The funeral will be held at St. Michael's Church on Friday 6th May at 3.00pm.

Anne Butler

YOUR COUNTY COUNCILLOR

March was another busy month as we ran up to the Easter Bank Holiday and then into the pre election period. As this will be my last update before this year's elections can I urge you all to register and use your vote, both for the Police and Crime Commissioner in May and on the EU Referendum in June. Although the existence of a Police and Crime Commissioner does not find favour with all the consequences of the majority not bothering to vote should be obvious after the last four years! We will have a Police and Crime Commissioner for the next four years, let's make sure he or she is a good one.

I have still been busy this month chairing Home to School Transport Appeals although the numbers appear to just be beginning to drop off as we get further into the School Year. Let's hope the recommendations from the Social Mobility and Grammar Schools Select Committee, which I sit on, will ease the situation.

In March I have attended Parish Councils at Sheldwich, Selling, Newnham, Hernhill and the Annual Parish Meeting in Throwley. As well as the usual plethora of Swale and County Committees I

have attended the Canterbury Health and Wellbeing Board which covers Faversham and Eastern Swale, the Swale Youth Forum, the Sittingbourne Area Local Engagement Forum, the first meeting of the new advisory board for the 'Kent Downs and Marshes' Leader Board to allocate funding to rural businesses and the Swale Joint Transport Board.

One of many highlights of this month was attending the Swale Volunteer Awards to honour those who give so much of their time to help others.

By the time you read this I hope to have attended Annual Parish Meetings in Graveney, Sheldwich, Badlesmere and Leaveland, Boughton, Selling and Lynsted.

Looking further ahead can I suggest you may like to support the Eastling Bluebell Walk on Bank Holiday Monday 2nd May and Hernhill Fete on the 7th May. I also expect to attend Annual Parish Meetings at Norton (9th) and Ospringe (11th) during May. Hope to see you at one of these or in your street as I deliver leaflets for the Police and Crime Commissioner or EU Referendum.

One meeting falling just outside the pe-

riod covered is the second meeting of the Perry Wood Management Steering Group. This committee which I Chair has representatives from the Mid Kent Downs Partnership, Swale Borough Council as owners, Kent County Council Rights of Way, Selling Parish Council, Friends of Perry Woods and Weald Woodscapes our management contractors. Our first task is to draw up a draft management plan to submit to the Forestry Commission. Acceptance of this plan will open up more avenues for Grants. More on this next month (hopefully) but please keep an eye on the Perry Wood website.

Andrew Bowles

AN EVENING OF DELIGHTFUL MUSIC
with the
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIST

D'Arcy
Trinkwon



St. Michael's Church
Hernhill, Faversham, ME13 9JU
Friday 10th June at 7.30pm

Tickets £12 including refreshments
Joy 01227 750372
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ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

Our annual church meeting was held after a shortened service in church on Sunday 17th April.

Peter Wilcock was re-elected as churchwarden for the coming year but Brian Jenkins had decided not to stand again. Huge thanks were paid to Brian for all his hard work and commitment over the past four and a half years, he and Peter made an excellent team. Brian will still be around, and with Gina, still doing a lot for us but not with the legal responsibility of churchwarden.

Doreen Jelfs and Peter Rawlins were both elected to serve for another three years and Peter is also our treasurer. Other members of the PCC are John Bisbrown, Liz Bisbrown, Henry Bryant, Margaret Lofting, Joy Pritchard (secretary) and Alan Taylor. Our deanery synod reps are Lizzie Cook and Pat Hall. In her annual report for 2015 Jean highlighted her licensing as priest in charge of Goodnestone with Graveney and also Paulette joining us as a part time curate. A major task this year is forming a new benefice and then deciding together on our priorities.

With Royal celebrations current, Sue Owen kindly forwarded the following articles from the Whitstable Times and Herne Bay Herald of nearly 120 years ago. It is interesting to note how many names in these articles are familiar today but also how things have changed.



God save the Queen was sung many times by the inhabitants of Boughton under Blean, Dunkirk Village and Hernhill during the third week of June 1897 to celebrate Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee. Each village held their own festivities, organised by separate committees, and supported, both practically and financially, by the principal resi-

dents.

HERNHILL CELEBRATIONS.

On Sunday 20th June, fully choral services with special prayers and hymns were held at the Parish Church. The choir, trained by Miss Foreman, who also played the organ, sang the anthems, 'I will give thanks,' and the Jubilee hymn, 'O, King of Kings.' The vicar, the Right Reverend Bishop Speechley chose for his sermons texts from Proverbs viii, 15, "By me Kings reign," and 1 Kings iii, 13, "There shall not be any among the Kings like only thee all thy days."

The festivities to celebrate the Jubilee took place on Thursday 24th June

when the parishioners assembled in the beautiful grounds of Mount Ephraim, which had been generously placed at their disposal by Sir Edwyn Sandys Dawes. Many of the houses had been profusely decorated, presenting a very gay appearance. Lady Dawes with Miss Speechley as secretary and a ladies' committee had arranged a good programme for the day's pleasure.

At two o'clock a short service was held in the parish church after which a procession of the children, headed by the Boughton Fife and Drum Band, was formed and marched round Mount House and Staple Street. In a meadow adjoining the House, swings had been erected. Other amusements included boating on the lake, which seemed to be the favourite past-time. The Boughton Band and a string band, under the direction of Mr Jeffrey, played at intervals in the afternoon. Professor Victor Roi, F.O.S., greatly interested the spectators by frequent displays of conjuring and sleight of hand, whilst Mr F Hilder, Ventriloquist, caused roars of laughter, the children being especially attracted by the entertainment. The children had tea in the large Oast, (which had been tastefully decorated by Mr Burch), at four o'clock and the old people followed at half past five. The remainder of the parishioners were supplied with tea on the ground. Cheers were given at the Oast for Sir Edwyn and Lady Dawes, whilst the old people also cheered Mrs Miles who did the catering.

Under the supervision of Dr Scatchard, Mr Akam and Mr A T Curling, a programme of sports was then carried out. Flat races, donkey races, three-legged and wheelbarrow races were run. An Egg and Spoon race for women was run and caused much fun, as did a wheelbarrow race where the women 'wheeled' the men. Climbing the greasy pole for a leg of mutton was the final

event, but the spectators were not very successful and eventually some of the grease had to be wiped off the pole. At dusk an adjournment was made to the front of the House which had been prettily illuminated, and the National Anthem was sung. Cheers were given for the Queen after which there was some dancing on the lawn to the strains of the string band. Mr Joseph Ralph supplied the tea to the parishioners on the ground whilst arrangements were made to send tea to the homes of those too aged or infirm to take part in the celebrations.

BOUGHTON CELEBRATIONS

The day's arrangements were run by a committee of ladies and gentlemen, strengthened by the teachers from the Church and Chapel Schools. At 1.30pm the children of the two schools marched to Bull Meadow, headed by a brass band. All the assembled people then sang the National Anthem before the proceedings commenced. The first event of the afternoon was a performance of some feats of conjuring by 'Professor Victor Roi,' which were followed by an amusing entertainment of ventriloquism with comic figures by Mr F Hilder. By this time the children were ready for their tea and after all had been presented with a 'Jubilee' mug and Grace had been sung the real work of the day commenced and for the next half hour the exertions of the waiters were matched by the no small appetites of the children. It was then the turn of the old people who were served with a meat tea, they giving way to the bell ringers, the band, teachers and helpers. (An estimated total of 700 people were fed.)

More performances of conjuring, sleight of hand and ventriloquism were the order of the day, followed by May-pole dances by the children of the Church School, who were attired in white and

green costumes. As by this time the children had recovered from their severe struggle with the cakes and buns and supplies not being used up, the Sports committee now introduced some races to win back the children's appetites. Flat races, an amusing three-legged wheelbarrow race, especially by young ladies provided with a boy as a 'wheelbarrow' caused much excitement. One lady finding her 'wheelbarrow' unable to manage the last yard or so, triumphantly hauled him along by the leg to finish the race to the no small amusement of the spectators. In the final race the gentlemen of the committee, many of whom had not raced for years, were persuaded to run down the course. One gentleman, fearing he would be left behind, made a frantic clutch at the coat-tails of the one in front, much to the delight of the onlookers. The children, boys and girls separately, then scrambled for nuts thrown on the ground before partaking of yet more cake and buns. Finally, the company sang the National Anthem before dispersing.

Boughton-under-Blean had made a great effort to decorate the buildings. They were illuminated during the evening and prettily adorned with fairy lights and Chinese lanterns, etc. Most noticeable were those of Dr Scatchard, Mr Henry Judges, Messrs File & Sons, Mr W File, Mr B G Berry and Mr Hinks. The Committee, desirous to meet the wishes of those anxious for some permanent memorial in addition to the day's festivities, have decided to erect a granite Drinking Fountain and cattle trough in Boughton Street, which will be of great use for stock going to and from Canterbury Market.

The committee members, in addition to those gentlemen already listed, were, the Rev'd J A Boodle, Rev'd E Charlesworth, Mr George Colyer, Mr W Judges, Mr Edwin File, Mr W Judges, Mr W

Miles, Rev'd A A Newport, Mr E Shallcross and Mr W H Wilson. Arrangements for the teas were most ably carried out by a Ladies' committee.

The Drinking Fountain and cattle trough were installed in The Street during November 1897 by Mr W W Judges at a cost of £4.19s.0d. The water flowed continuously to protect it from frost, and by January 1898 the usage was calculated at 120 gallons daily.

DUNKIRK CELEBRATIONS

The newspaper report begins with a mention of the fully choral Diamond Jubilee service at the Parish Church on Sunday, when special hymns and prayers were used and the vicar, (the Reverend J W Springett) preached an impressive sermon from 1 Samuel (x), 24, "God save the King." On Tuesday the Jubilee was celebrated in the village when the old parishioners aged 60 years and upwards, were entertained in the School room to a capital meat tea. The school children, numbering 205, were afterwards regaled with tea and cakes, and many parents of the children joined the party. The catering was entrusted to and satisfactorily carried out by Mr Patching of Faversham. After tea, all marched in procession to the cricket field, where a long, varied, and entertaining programme of sports for men, women and children of all ages was carried out under the direction of a committee, and to the successful competitors a large assortment of useful prizes was distributed by the Vicar.

At 10 o'clock, immediately after the Vicar had sent up the signal rocket, a monster bonfire, consisting of more than 1,000 faggots, was lighted at the top by Mr W R Gorham, the flames of which, and the reflection could be seen at a long distance. A large number of people and children assembled around the fire and when it was well alight all joined heartily in singing the National Anthem.

FROM THE VICAR

There is a story told about Margaret Thatcher visiting a residential home for the elderly. She shook the hand of one of the residents asking, "Do you know who I am?" "No," the resident replied, "but if you ask someone else I'm sure they'll be able to tell you."

"Who am I?" Archbishop Justin has just had to deal with that question in the full glare of the media and by all accounts came out of it with dignity and grace. Until a month ago Archbishop Justin believed that his father was Gavin Welby who divorced Justin's mother when Justin was three and who died when he was twenty one. There were rumours in the Browne family that Sir Anthony Montague Brown might be Justin's father and a DNA test showed there was a 99.9799% probability that they were indeed father and son.

That result came as a complete shock to Justin and his mother. He has spoken publicly before about the alcoholism of both his parents and his 'messy' early life but to receive such news was not on his radar. Archbishop Justin was able to deal with the revelation because his identity comes from who he is as a Christian.

Talking to young people in Zambia two days before the news broke in the press in this country he declared, "We need to be a church where I am who I am because I am in Jesus Christ. That's the only thing that gives me identity, and you will see why I am saying this in a few days' time." In his press statement he

wrote that "I know that I find who I am in Jesus Christ, not in genetics, and my identity in him never changes."

At the very beginning of Justin Welby's inauguration as Archbishop in Canterbury Cathedral a young member of the Canterbury Cathedral congregation, said: "We greet you in the name of Christ. Who are you, and why do you request entry?" Justin responded, "I am Justin, a servant of Jesus Christ, and I come as one seeking the grace of God to travel with you in his service together." At the end of his press release Archbishop Justin wrote, "What has changed? Nothing!" That assurance of who we are in Christ isn't just for archbishops, it is for all Christians, the challenge is, do we believe it and live it 24/7? When we do, it transforms everything.

ROGATION

Sunday 8th May at 10 00am

Local farmer 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 including dogs and buggies but dress warmly if necessary as we are outdoors.

The word 'rogation' comes from the Latin 'rogare' – 'to ask' – and it's the time of the year when we ask God to bless crops and animals, remembering that all life is a gift from God.

We 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 we will meet in St Barnabas with photos of the farm instead.

Revd Jean Burrows

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The following are outings for this year.
Saturday 15th May - Doddington Park Gardens (This is in conjunction with the NGS Open Gardens Scheme). £6.00 admission. Open noon until 5.00pm. The proposal is to meet at the gate at 1.30pm or to make your own way round. Refreshments are available.

Tuesday 7th June - Norton Court Teynahm (This is in conjunction with the NGS Open Gardens Scheme) £5.00 admission. Open 2.00pm until 5.00pm The proposal is to meet at the gate at 2.00pm or to make your own way round. Refreshments are available.

Thursday 14th July (date to be confirmed) - Halls Court Nursery, Bethersden. Cup-

pa and cake afternoon visit to a small privately owned Nursery. There would be a talk and tour with the owner. This trip depends upon sufficient numbers.

Tuesday 16th August (date to be confirmed) - Tram Hatch Gardens, Pluckley, A private visit with tour by the owner, Mrs Pam Scrivens. Refreshments available.
Tuesday 13th September - Chilham Castle Gardens (This is in conjunction with

the NGS Open Gardens Scheme) £5.00 admission £3.00 concession 10.00am until 5.00pm The proposal is to meet in the car park at 11.00am or to make your own way round. Refreshments are available.

Other events to follow later in the year. Please support your Society.
Names to Sylvia or Brian Philpott on 01217 750259.

BITS AND PIECES

Knowing how hard it is to overcome the desire to stay in bed some mornings, I just don't know how she does it. Her Majesty beats me by a good few years but she has twice my stamina and a massively greater work-load. You don't have to be a raving monarchist to be in awe of what she is and what she does. Long may she reign.

The saga of the unauthorised work in Plumpudding Lane continues despite the efforts of a dedicated few. Now, there are lorry loads of concrete blocks and rubble piled on the ground. Presumably the idea is to bury it and so make the area unusable for growing anything. One wonders if covering the countryside with rubble and concrete is ever going to stop.

Beware. A family in the Village have been subjected to the 'Bank Scam', not once but twice. It goes like this; you are called on the phone by someone from the security department of your bank. They say that they are tracking an identity fraud. As a security safeguard they

ask you to ring your bank's fraud department and helpfully give you the number to call. When you do, you are asked to confirm your bank details for identification purposes. Before you know it your money has disappeared with your personal identity details. Our canny Villagers were not fooled. Make sure that you are equally savvy.

I'm sorry to report that the thieves have been at it again. This time they have stolen tools from a store at Hernhill Nurseries. As ever, be careful and be alert. Barbara would like to thank all who gave in their contributions to the Church Urban fund. The total was over £200 which is achieved over the year by collecting those unwanted small coins. The money is used to support work done in the deprived areas of inner cities and is much appreciated.

It is 'Pat-a-Lamb' at Mount Ephraim over the Bank holiday and don't forget that the Village Fete is on Saturday 7th May. Good opportunities to get out with the children.

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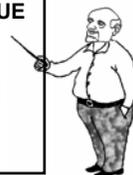
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A copy of the Hernhill News and other local information can be found on the Village website. www.hernhill.net

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NEXT ISSUE

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23rd
May**



Sun 1 May	10.00am	St. Michael's Ch	Sung Communion
	-----	Mount Ephraim	Pat-a-lamb
Mon 2	-----	Mount Ephraim	Pat-a-lamb
Tues 3	-----	-----	Green Bin Collection
Sat 7	2.00pm	Village Hall	Village Fete
Sun 8	8.00am	St. Michael's Ch	Holy Communion
	10.00am	The Bounds	Rogation Sunday
Tues 10	-----	-----	Blue Bin Collection
Sun 15	10.00am	St. Michael's Ch	Sung Communion
Tues 17	-----	-----	Green Bin Collection
Sat 21	3.30pm	St Barnabus	Messy Church
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
Sun 5 June	10.00am	St. Michael's Ch	Sung Communion
Tues 7	-----	-----	Blue Bin Collection
Fri 10	7.30pm	St. Michael's Ch	Organ concert
Sun 12	8.00am	St. Michael's Ch	Holy Communion
	-----	-----	Open gardens
Tues 14	-----	-----	Green Bin Collection
Sat 18	3.30pm	St Barnabus	Messy Church
Sun 19	10.00am	St. Michael's Ch	Sung Communion
Tues 21	-----	-----	Blue Bin Collection
Sat 25	-----	Village Hal	Horticultural Soc Summer Show
Sun 26	10.00am	Boughton Church	Patronal festival
Tues 28	-----	-----	Green Bin Collection
Wed 29	8.00pm	Village Hall	Parish Council