



# HERNHILL NEWS

## MARCH 2012

### PARISH COUNCIL

The monthly meeting of the Parish Council took place on Wednesday 29th February. All councillors were present as were Mr Bowles, Mr Bobbin, one member of the public and the Clerk.

The minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday 25th January were signed as a true record.

**Matters arising:** the celebration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee seems to be stimulating a great deal of interest across the Parish, from blazing beacons to roasting a bullock. It was decided unanimously that the Parish Council would pay towards the cost of the bullock.

The Chairman suggested that it would be useful to produce a flyer which would detail all the proposed activities. It will be published in the next issue of

the 'Hernhill News'.

**Reports:** the potholes at Fairbrook have yet to be repaired.

The alleged closure of the Salter's Lane waste disposal area will not take place in the near future contrary to what was published in the Faversham Times. This was announced by Mr Bowles, to the relief of Councillors.

Mr Morsman commented on the presence of two bollards at the entrance to the Village Hall car park. There is no sign of work being carried out there. He also stated that signage at the Bull Lane crossroads had still not been replaced. Mrs Taylor commented on the lack of direction signs in the Village and particularly noted the Thanet Way turnoff at the Lychgate. She suggested that rigid plastic signs could be used. Mr. Morsman undertook to carry out a survey of the area.

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Clerk: Terry Smart; phone 01227 274047

Swale Representatives: Andrew Bowles; phone 01227 752840

and George Bobbin; phone 01227 751388

KCC Representative: Andrew Bowles

Mr. Chapman said that legal requirements for repairs to drainage near his house had now been met. However, the road markings for the repair work have been obliterated by the weather.

Mr Woods had secured a quote for crown-lifting of the oak on the Village Green, the Clerk is to confirm acceptance with the contractor.

Mrs. Geliot reported that she had received an enquiry about the provision of allotments in the Village. Enquiries are to be made to see how much support there is for this.

Mrs. Geliot also said that there is interest in placing stone flower tubs at each end of the Village.

**Planning:** Mrs. Figgis told the meeting that the trespasser at the Silver Sands Nursery has appealed to the High Court. Similarly, the illegal squatters at the Drove Lane site are lodging an appeal.

No adverse comments were offered on a proposed conservatory at the School Mews site or on the removal of a tree at No.3, Wellside.

The Clerk reported that the refusal of a planning application in the Lamberhurst Farm area is going to appeal.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.10pm.

### CRAFTS CENTRE



The date of the Committee meeting has been changed. It is now to be held at 2.00pm on Thursday 8th March. The AGM date is unchanged. The meeting will be held in the Crafts Centre at 2.00pm on Sunday 11th March. Anybody interested will be most welcome.

### JUBILEE 1977

Celebrations for the Jubilee this year have a challenge to meet if they are to compete with the celebrations in the Village in 1977. It started in March of that year with a 'Jubilee Jumble Sale' which was to raise money to cover the costs of the Jubilee celebrations. As far as I can be

sure, the programme of Jubilee events was as follows:

#### **Sunday 5th June:**

- After morning church – a picnic on the Village Green helped by Staplegate WI.

#### **Monday 6th June:**

- 2.45pm – a costume pageant assembles on the Green organised by the Hernhill Play-

ers.

- 3.00pm – Maypole dance, Hernhill School
- 3.00pm – Three Horseshoes cricket match on the Village Hall playing field.
- 3.20pm – Crowning of the Jubilee Queen (Sarah Barton) and her consort (Alister Taylor).
- 3.25pm – Pageant moves off to Staplestreet via Mount Ephraim returning to the Village Hall.
- 3.30pm - Tea and biscuits in the Village Hall served by Hernhill WI.
- 5.00pm – Steeple Chase by the Blean Beagles.

**Tuesday 7th June:**

- 3.00pm – Sports day organised by the Dawes CA. Tea

and biscuits served by the Mothers Union.

- 7.00pm – Tramp Supper at New Zealand organised by Mrs McKeever.
- 9.00pm - Torchlight procession from the Village to light the beacon at 10.00pm. There was also a children's tea party at some time.

After the celebrations it was decided to set up the Crafts Centre as a more lasting reminder of an occasion that engendered a great community spirit. I am delighted to say that, 25 years on, the Crafts Centre is still with us although, sadly, many of the organisations that contributed to the Jubilee are not.

ADT

The new notice board outside St. Michael's Church was kindly given to the church by anonymous donors in memory of a loved one. The Parochial Church Council is very grateful for this most generous gift.

Peter Wilcock. Church Warden

**CHILDREN SINGING**



Congratulations to the children from the school who have been invited to sing at the O2 Arena in London as part of 'Young voic-

es'. This is a charity which provides music and performance opportunities to children. Our pupils will sing alongside 'The High Kings' and hundreds of children from across the South East of England. The performance is on Thursday 8th March.

**VILLAGE FETE**

Planning is underway for this year's Hernhill Village Fete

which will take place on Saturday 5th May from 2.00pm on the Village Hall Playing Fields. The

money raised is shared between the Village Hall/Playing Fields and St Michael's Church.

As usual offers of help are needed - especially for the following:

Putting the stalls up in the morning and dismantling them after the Fete

- Manning the stalls
- Unwanted gifts or reasonable second-hand goods for the Gift/Bric a Brac Stall
- Books and toys



•Doreen Jelfs would be grateful for small flower arrangements to sell on the Flower Stall. Ring her on 01227 752309 if you can help.

This is a real community event so do come and join in. If you can help or need more information please ring me on 07887923594

Rob Ward  
Village Fete Committee

## **A DAY IN THE LIFE OF HERNHILL PARISH**

Tuesday 1st May 2012

As part of the Jubilee celebrations, Open Dawes propose a PHOTO EXHIBITION of "A Day In the Life of Hernhill Parish", a snapshot of village life in one day, capturing the ordinary, every-day activities of everyone living, working, walking or just passing through the village. We would like everyone to join in and photograph themselves, their neighbours, the post-man, the workmen, animals, plants, buildings, everyone and anyone, anything and everything, they see in the parish on the day, doing their every-day activities. If you have a digital camera and are willing to volunteer as an amateur photo-journalist for the

day, (or evening) please contact me. If you would like to be included in the project, or have any suggestions of what should be included, but do not have a camera, we can send a volunteer with a camera out to you on the day. We would like to include as many residents of the Parish as possible (everyone, ideally!) If you do not have a digital camera, but would like to take your own photos, I do have a scanner and can scan photo prints for inclusion in the project. We will ask for photos to be submitted by 8th May, so that we can display them over the Jubilee weekend, they will then be made permanently accessible via the [hernhill.net](http://hernhill.net) website. Please contact me with offers of help or suggestions on 01227 752189

or by e-mail at should be taken on Tuesday 1st  
miriam@machin.f9.co.uk May 2012 please – Get your  
cameras ready!

Please remember! All photos

Miriam Layton

### **FROM THE VICAR**

Someone went into a Christian bookshop and on seeing the section marked 'Lent Books' exclaimed to the assistant behind the counter: "Oh, do you only loan books here then? I was hoping to buy one."

We are now in the season of Lent in the church's year, six and a half weeks of preparation for the great celebrations of Easter. Lent is a time when we look at our relationship with God, have a bit of a spring clean and get rid of the bad habits that have crept in during the previous year that keep us from God. It's also a time when we might try new things that would develop our friendship with God or how we live out that relationship.

In the past few years there has been a far more creative approach to Lent than just give up chocolate or alcohol or sugar in your tea. You don't have to do the same thing all through Lent, why not do six or seven different things, one for each week? You might have a week without television, a week without meat, a week where you go for a prayer walk every day or a week where

you thank rather than criticise. How about dividing your life into a few compartments and doing one thing that helps each compartment, so, for example, you might divide it into 'world,' 'family/friends' and 'personal.' 'World' could include buying Fairtrade or recycling more or not cleaning your teeth under running water. 'Family/friends' might mean spending quality time with someone, catching up on an old friendship or offering to do a chore at home which you usually try to avoid. 'Personal' may mean joining a Lent group, making more time for daily Bible reading and/or prayer, or consciously looking for God in the ordinary every day.

Whatever you do this Lent it's not too late to start and hopefully the good habits continue long after Lent has ended. More than that, may we all encounter God this Lent and allow ourselves to be transformed into his image as revealed to us in Jesus.

**Quiet morning** ~ Boughton Parish Church ~ the theme is: 'God's welcome'. An opportuni-

ty to enjoy some quiet time and the beautiful countryside round Boughton Church. No group work, no discussion, just worship, different stations around the church for you to use if you wish and quality quiet time for you. Saturday 24 March,

9.30am coffee, finish 12.45pm. Bring and share lunch for those who would like to stay. No need to book, no cost, donations may be given on the morning.

Revd Jean Burrows

### **HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY Outings:**

There will be a day visit to Losely Park near Guildford, on Thursday 14th June. The price will be £18.50 to include the coach, entry to gardens and a tour of the house. We will be leaving Mount Ephraim car park at 9.30am

There will be an evening visit to Old Bladbean Stud Gardens meeting there at 6.30 pm. On Wednesday 16th May. The gardens are between Barham & Elham. The price is £7.50 to include light refreshments.

Please contact Isabel Pettifer on 01227 751128 for more information about these trips .

### **Spring show:**

This will be at the Village Hall on

Saturday 24th March. Staging time will be 9.45am to 11.15am. All exhibits must be staged by 11.15am at the latest. The show will be open to the public at 2.00pm and presentations will be at 3.00pm followed by an auction . Entry is free.

Also, we will have our usual stand at the Village Fete on Saturday 5th May.

We will be opening our garden at 41, Clover Rise on Sunday 17th June at 1.00pm to 5.00pm. Entry for adults £4.50, children £2.50 to include tea & homemade cake. All proceeds will go to the Pilgrims Hospice & the Kidney Transplant Federation.

Peter Bentley  
01227 276032

### **HERITAGE TREES**

The British Trust for Conservation Volunteers (BTCV) is carrying out a major survey of 'Heritage Trees' in Kent with the aid of lottery funding. The five year scheme will involve hundreds of people of all ages in a

host of activities focused on Kent's rich stock of heritage trees.

Heritage trees are defined as old trees, wide trees, rare trees and trees with historical and cultural significance. They can also include comparatively young

trees, planted to commemorate an event, or trees with a link to local history or folklore.

I have joined the BTCV volunteer tree surveyors to help record as many these heritage trees

as possible and I am looking for local trees of note. If anyone knows of any potential heritage trees that might qualify to be on

If you have any information it should also be passed to Michael Woods, The Village Tree Warden.  
01227 751027

the record I would be happy to take any details. (The oak tree on the village green has already been recorded.)

If anyone would like more information about the project I

would be pleased to pass you the details. You can contact me on nicholls9@talktalk.net

Margaret Nicholls

### CHURCH URBAN FUND

My thanks to a number of people who have already let me have their boxes. Please would the others bring their Church Urban Fund boxes to me in church before the end of March. If you are not able to do this, please ring

me and I will arrange for it to be collected.

With the difficulties that some families are facing, your gifts are even more valuable these days.

Barbara Taylor  
01227 751293

### CHURCH OAST PRODUCE TABLE

£660 was raised on the produce table outside Church Oast and was divided between The Dogs Trust, Hearing Dogs for the Deaf and Canine Partners.

My thanks to all who supported by buying and to those who contributed produce - in particular Barbara Taylor, Ann Butler, Amanda Barnes and Peter Saddleton. Thanks also to Will

Dawes who allowed me to "glean" the orchards for cherries and plums.

Here are extracts from the letters of thanks I have received from these charities:

"Thank you for your donation.....It is so kind of you and your neighbours to support us in

this very productive was. It is only with donations such as this that we can continue to care for all the dogs that need us and



enable us to give them a second chance to find loving new homes" (The Dogs Trust)

"I should be grateful if you would pass on my thanks to all for your kind and generous gift. For many people deafness can be a very isolating and lonely disability. This gift will help us provide more hearing dogs that can transform a deaf person's life by increasing their independence, confidence and sense of security." (Hearing Dogs)

"Thank you for your extremely kind donation and for helping to raise awareness of Canine Partners in the Faversham area.

More than 1.2 million people in the UK use a wheelchair and a significant number of those would benefit from a Canine Partner. Our dogs are carefully matched to the applicant's needs and lifestyle, no matter how challenging. The charity aims to train dogs to meet the needs of people with even the most complex disabilities, including members of HM Armed Forces. We receive no government funding so your generosity is most welcome and vital for us to continue changing lives." (Canine Partners)

Jill Geliot

### **HERNHILL ARTISTS' CALENDAR**

Since the report of the profits from the calendars mentioned in last month's Hernhill News, more money has been paid into the bank account. The total amount raised from cards and calendars is now over £1,140. Many thanks to all who have supported this venture.

Please note, there are still cards for sale in the church, costing £1.30 for a single card, or £5 for 5 cards. All the profits go to the Restoration Fund.

Copies of this attractive calendar for 2012 are still available but stocks are diminishing fast. London Olympic dates and lovely images painted by local artists, what better adornment for your home and all proceeds from sales go to the St Michael's Restoration Fund.

Cost £5. 00 with strong envelope; please contact me and if necessary, calendars will be delivered to your home.

Brian Jelfs  
01227 752309

### **HERNHILL.NET**

Simon Carroll has done a fantastic job of setting up the Hernhill website, <http://hernhill.net> ,

which provides information on local events, businesses, history and parish archives. If you have anything to contribute to

the website please contact Simon via the website or me on 01227 752189. We would particularly welcome any documents or photographs that record local history and traditions. I have a scanner and able

to scan in your finds and upload them to the website for everyone to access. Please contact me if you think you have anything of interest. Many thanks,  
Miriam Layton

### **DOVE DOINGS**

Please visit our new website for a complete list of our events in 2012 the address is as follows [www.doveatdargate.co.uk](http://www.doveatdargate.co.uk).

From Music to Foodie events we hope that there is something to tempt everyone to join us at The Dove at some point or another during the year!

I have an update on the Bat and Trap season - this is now starting earlier than anticipated (May 1st). In light of this we need our potential players to 'tryout' earlier

than previously planned. The revised date for the tryouts is Sunday April 1st (April Fools Day!!!) at the same time of 4pm. We hope you can still come along and help us put together The Dove's very first Bat and Trap team. Match fixtures are displayed in the pub and can also be found on the official Canterbury league website - [www.canterburybatandtrap.co.uk](http://www.canterburybatandtrap.co.uk).

Happy Batting  
Sarah and Phill

### **BITS AND PIECES**

The headlines in the national newspapers are becoming more and more predictable: Greece in debt, the Middle East in flames, the Euro in trouble and severe weather warnings every other day. We certainly had the predicted snow, but the roads had been salted and not really a problem in the Village. By the time of writing this the snow is long gone and many of the spring flowers are in full bloom. This February is one of the

warmest for many years. The other side of that coin is that the rainfall has been one of the lowest. The reservoirs are at a very low level and hosepipe bans are inevitable. At least we will be spared the task of washing the car.

Hernhill is on the fringes of the London TV area as well as being in the Meridian area. London TV is switching to digital on the 4th and 18th April and the local Meridian transmitters switch in May and June. This means that after

June, if you don't have a digital TV or a digital converter, you will have a blank screen. We will all have to do something even if it is only a matter of re-tuning the set. If you have any doubts about what to do you can ring either 08456 505050 or 0800 4085913.

I have been advised that classes in Martial Arts are starting in the Village Hall on Tuesday 6th March with separate sessions for children and adults. Details can be got from Trevor Tooth on 07803 007434.

I have been having great difficulty with my computer which has gone on a sort of 'work to rule'. It won't read DVD's and it won't connect to the internet. I am managing by collecting e-mails

on a friend's computer but it does mean that, this month, there is a possibility of missing one. I hope it will not happen, but if I should miss yours please accept my apologies. In order to avoid confusion it is important to understand that whilst the 'News' is copied on the Hernhill website after distribution; it is a separate Parish Council publication. Articles only appear in the 'News' if they have been sent direct to me with a contact phone number or e-mail address. Send me an e-mail, post me a letter or drop a note through the letterbox. The address is printed near the end of every issue. (See below).

ADT

Most, if not all, the Village pubs, clubs, church and school are planning to run an event to celebrate the Jubilee. In the next issue of the 'News' I intend to publish a diary of those events so that everyone can plan their time over the Jubilee period.



Even if you have already given me some dates I would appreciate it if **all** organisers would send me their information on or before Monday 26th March in time for the next issue of the 'News'.

ADT

**To book the Village Hall ring the Red Lion 01227 751207**

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| <b>Sun 4 Mar</b>   | 10.00am | St Michael's Ch | Sung Communion                       |
| Mon 5              | 2.00pm  | Village Hall    | Monday Club                          |
| Tues 6             | -----   | -----           | BLUE bin collection                  |
| Wed 7              | 7.45pm  | Jubilee Room    | WI Committee                         |
| Thurs 8            | 2.00pm  | Chair's house   | Crafts Centre Committee              |
| Sun 11             | 8.00am  | St Michael's Ch | Holy Communion                       |
|                    | 2.00pm  | Craft Centre    | AGM                                  |
| Tues 13            | -----   | -----           | GREEN bin collection                 |
| Wed 14             | 7.45pm  | Village Hall    | WI - Colin Breen, Zeebrugge disaster |
| Sun 18             | 10.00am | St Michael's Ch | Mothering Sunday & baptism           |
| Mon 19             | 2.00pm  | Village Hall    | Monday Club                          |
| Tues 20            | -----   | -----           | BLUE bin collection                  |
| Sat 24             | -----   | -----           | Horticultural Soc Spring Show        |
| Sun 25             | 8.00am  | St Michael's Ch | Holy Communion                       |
| Tues 27            | -----   | -----           | GREEN bin collection                 |
| Wed 28             | 8.00pm  | Village Hall    | Parish Council                       |
| <b>Sun 1 April</b> | 10.00am | St Michael's Ch | Palm Sunday                          |
| Mon 2              | 2.00pm  | Village Hall    | Monday Club                          |
|                    | 8.00pm  | Village Hall    | Village Hall Committee               |
| Tues 3             | -----   | -----           | BLUE bin collection                  |
| Wed 4              | 7.45pm  | Jubilee Room    | WI Committee                         |
| Sun 8              | 10.00am | St Michael's Ch | Easter Day special service           |
| Tues 10            | -----   | -----           | GREEN bin collection                 |
| Wed 11             | 7.45pm  | Mount Ephraim   | Staplegate WI visit                  |
| Sun 15             | 10.00am | St Michael's Ch | All ages service                     |
| Man 16             | 2.00pm  | Village Hall    | Monday Club                          |
| Tues 17            | -----   | -----           | BLUE bin collection                  |
| Sun 22             | 8.00am  | St Michael's Ch | Holy Communion                       |
| Tues 24            | -----   | -----           | GREEN bin collection                 |
| Wed 25             | 8.00pm  | Village Hall    | Parish Council                       |
| Sun 29             | 10.00am | St Michael's Ch | Holy Communion                       |



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