



HERNHILL NEWS

NOVEMBER 2013

HERNHILL PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present: Mrs H. Figgis (Chairman), Mr G. Morsman, M. Woods, Mrs J. Geliot, Mr A. Bowles (Borough Councillor), Mrs S. Muteham (Clerk). Also present were three members of the public. Apologies were received from Mrs B. Taylor and Mr A. Chapman.

Minutes: of the full Council held on Wednesday 25th September were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

Matters arising: Local residents and the Parish Council have been in regular contact with the planning enforcement officer at Swale Borough Council regarding both the motorbikes using land and the static caravan sited on land at Plumpudding Lane. The Clerk is to obtain further updated information from Swale Borough Council. The Parish Council have made an application for grant funding from KCC

to purchase a large green notice-board to be located on the Village Green. This application will be presented at a public event on 9th November, 10.00am to 2.00pm at Boughton Village Hall, where members of the public are encouraged to attend and vote for the project.

Reports: Mr M. Woods reported that a representative from the "Kent Men of the Trees" visited the Village to undertake an inspection for the annual competition. The Parish Council is now awaiting the written report. It was also noted that the public had requested that the "Give Way" sign which had previously been painted on the road at the top of Church Hill at Staplestreet be reinstated along with a review of the parking situation at the same junction. The Clerk is to investigate options with KCC Highways. Mrs H. Figgis noted that the several potholes around the Village still required repairs and that the hedge by Brooklyn House also still requires to be cut back. The Clerk is to chase up on potholes & hedge

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KCC Representative: Andrew Bowles

cutting.

Administration: After discussion among those present at the meeting, it was agreed to co-opt Mr. Woodcock to the post of Parish Councillor.

Correspondence: a letter has been received from Hugh Robertson MP in reply to a complaint made regarding motorbikes using land at Plumpudding Lane. A letter has also been from Abdool Kara (Chief Executive Swale Borough

Council) in response to a complaint made regarding motorbikes using land at Plumpudding Lane.

Planning: The planning report for October was circulated among members.

The next meeting of the Parish Council is to be on Wednesday 27th November at 8:00pm.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the Meeting closed at 8:55pm.

YOU DECIDE

KCC is hosting a "You Decide" event at Boughton Village Hall on Saturday 9th November between 10.00am and 2.00pm.

Groups are invited to apply for up to £2,000 of funding from KCC. Andrew Bowles will be presiding. Projects with the highest number of votes will be awarded funding. Hernhill Parish Council are applying for a grant to provide a large, attractive and weatherproof notice board to be located on the Village Green.

Hernhill residents are encouraged to attend the event and vote for the project.

A SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

**This will be held at the war memorial on the Village Green.
Sunday 10th November commencing at 10:50am.**

The short service will be led by the Reverend Thomas Collett-White and will include the reading of the names of the fallen; the laying of wreaths; and the two minutes silence including the sounding of the Last Post and Reveille.

The service will be followed by refreshments in St Michael's Church with a retiring collection for the "Help for Heroes" charity.

All are welcome.



**CRAFT FAIR
ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH**

Saturday 9th November
10.30am to 4.30pm

There will be over 15 different stalls,
with assorted crafts - ceramics,

stained glass, cards, paintings,
needlework, cakes and preserves,
painted glass, etchings and more.
Ideal presents for Christmas.

There will also be refreshments;
teas, coffee, cakes and entry is free.

**HERNHILL ARTISTS
2014 CALENDAR**

This attractive calendar for 2014
will make a delightful Christmas
present. As with previous editions,
it contains lovely images from the
paintings of local artists.

The calendars will be on sale (£5.00
with envelope) together with attrac-
tive greetings cards for Christmas
at the Hernhill Craft Fair in St.
Michael's on Saturday 9th

November. In addition, the calen-
dars will be on sale at the Boughton
Post Office and at St. Michael's
services up until Christmas. It is
also possible to obtain calendars
direct from me.

All proceeds from the sale of calen-
dars and greetings cards go to the
St. Michael's Roof Restoration
Fund.

Brian Jelfs, 01227 752309.

MATTER OF LIFE & DEATH



Knowing the difference between a
Minor Injuries Unit (MIU) and an Ac-
cident and Emergency (A&E) de-
partment could be a matter of life
and death.

Following a surge in the number of
local people attending MIU's with
life-threatening illnesses, NHS
Canterbury and Coastal Clinical
Commissioning Group is pleading
for local people to learn what condi-
tions can, and can't be treated at a

MIU's.

MIU's are usually led by nurses and
nurse practitioners. The nearest
MIU for Hernhill is at Estuary View
which is just off the Thanet Way. An
appointment is not necessary.

They can treat:

- Sprains and strains
- Fractures of the arms, shoulders,
lower legs
- Minor burns and scalds
- Minor head injuries
- Animal bites
- Minor eye injuries
- Injuries to the back, shoulder and
chest.

They can't treat:

- Chest pains
- Serious breathing difficulties
- Serious blood loss

- Symptoms of stroke (FAST)
- Major injuries
- Pregnancy problems
- Serious allergic reactions
- People who are ill because they have drunk too much alcohol
- Overdoses.

People suffering from these latter conditions should call 999 or get someone to take them straight to A&E.

Canterbury & Coastal CCG

**FROM YOUR
COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

It has been a very busy period since I penned my last message in early September. Many high level meetings concertinaed together as Local Government played catch up following the summer holiday season.

It started with the monthly meeting of the Local Government Association held in Westminster. We had two Government Ministers address us during the course of the day. Much of the discussion and subsequent question and answer sessions involved planning policy and the difficulties we in Local Government face in getting local plans completed and approved. Not helped by continual changes in Government 'guidance'.

The TIGER Board set up to oversee the allocation and delivery of central grant monies to new and expanding businesses within the Thames Gateway also met in this period. As did the Swale Health and Wellbeing Board and the Mid Kent Improvement Partnership Board. Chairmanship of MKIP rotates around the district partners every September. This was the first meeting since I resumed the chairmanship and this and subsequent meetings will be held in Sitting-

bourne during my term of office. There were a number of other high level meetings and a full meeting of the County Council at County Hall Maidstone. The major item on the Agenda was a paper from the Leader of the County Council on transformation of the Council Structure and how it delivers services to its residents. This is in response to the major cuts in central funding which have already and are still being felt. Locally I have chaired a very useful quarterly meeting between the Borough Council, Swale Police and Swale National Farmers Union to exchange intelligence. I have also chaired two meetings with our private sector partners Spirit of Sittingbourne as the Town Centre Regeneration moves closer. I also represented Graveney Parish Council at the North Kent Marshes Management Committee meeting held at Oare. This is always an enjoyable and informative meeting made even more so by the views from the windows of the home of Chairman Paul Vaight and his wife Sue who is Chairman of Oare Parish Council. They are kind enough to host the quarterly meetings and always provide refreshments. It's nice to get away from Party Politics and hear about the work of the

environmental bodies and the volunteers who put so much time into protecting our wildlife and natural environment. The number and variety of, in particular, bird species now found within the reserves is a testament to their efforts.

I attended the annual Hop Blessing Service held, this year, at St Peter and St Paul, Ospringe. A first chance to meet their new Vicar Tracey Bateson (and her infant son) who had been in post only a few days. This was followed by a tour of the National Hop Collection hosted at Queen Court Farm and then lunch courtesy of Shepherd Neame. After lunch we had an informative and witty speech from local hop grower Tony Redsell from Boughton.

My wife and I attended the Diocesan Harvest Festival at Canterbury Cathedral. The sermon was given by former Government Minister Rt Hon Michael Jack PC, the President of the National Fruit Show and was well supported by representatives of the local farming and rural community. The welcome 'bangers' provided afterwards were sourced from Doughty's of Dodington and excellent they were too.

I have also visited Teynham, Newnham (twice), Selling which I chaired in the absence of the Chairman and Boughton Parish Councils. Another attempt to attend Lynsted and Kingsdown Parish Council was aborted when they failed to have enough members available to be quorate.

Following on from my short piece last month about Parish Councils I turn my attention to District Councils. Note they are collectively known as Districts although some, if they have a Royal Charter, are known as Boroughs such as Swale and have a Mayor rather than a Chairman. In a few cases this layer of Local Government can be known as City Councils as with Canterbury. The main activities of District Councils include Planning both in terms of local planning and development control i.e. planning permission and enforcement. Housing is another District Council responsibility. In many cases such as Swale the actual provision of Housing may be delegated to Housing Associations but the District Council still has the strategic responsibility and in most cases maintains the register of those seeking housing. The collection of domestic refuse is a District Council responsibility. Residents will be aware that Swale is in the process of rolling out a joint waste service with its MKIP partners Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells Borough Councils as well as Kent County Council which is responsible for the disposal of the waste collected. Street cleaning and both on and off street parking are also District Council responsibilities. Last but not least the District Council is responsible for preparing and keeping up to date the register of Electors and also for collecting Council Tax not only on its own behalf but also on behalf of the County Council, Police and

Town or Parish Councils where applicable. All of these are responsible for setting their own levels of Council Tax.

Andrew Bowles

HARVEST SUPPER

On the evening of 5th October, over 60 people gathered in the Village Hall for our Harvest Supper. They were treated to a sumptuous feast of sausage pie, (with a vegetarian option), potatoes and salad, followed by a seasonal pudding of apple and blackberry with cream. During coffee and mints - though not everyone had room for the mints - we were very ably entertained by Janet and Keith. They sang many favourite old songs and accompanied themselves with Keith's ukulele. As most of the diners knew the songs, lots of people joined in. Everyone left the Hall in a very happy and well fed state. Thanks for such a successful evening go to the cooks, waitress-

es, people who sold tickets, and of course, to everyone who bought tickets. Also special thanks to Alistair Barton who donated all the salad material for the supper. Because of everyone's effort, we raised a total of £630 (including the raffle money) for the Restoration of the Church Roof.

Joyce Robb

The raffle. Many thanks to all the people who kindly donated prizes for our raffle that raised £180. Local businesses also contributed for which we are thankful. These were our local farmers, William Dawes and Henry Bryant, Sainsbury's, Tesco, Whitstable and the Red Lion.

Doreen Jelfs

THE LION'S ROAR

Sunday Jazz Afternoon's have been going down a storm here with the music lifting those rainy weekend blues. Just to remind everyone there will be acts on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month until further notice.

With the night's drawing in our fires are now roaring and the pub feels really cosy and welcoming. I'm still waiting for Honey D to settle down in front of them but she's just too excited to see everyone when she comes to visit the regulars. Once our log burner is installed there will be an extra glow in the Red Lion

especially with our lovely Chesterfield style armchairs upstairs.

With "only" eight weeks till Christmas we have got our Christmas menu out and are taking party bookings, big and small! As ever we represent good hearty food locally supplied, wherever possible, offering an excellent range of choices including vegetarian and pescetarian options. We do try to accommodate all dietary requisites, so please contact us for specific requirements.

A date for your diary; start Christmas celebrations on Sunday 22nd December with folk music from

8.00pm, let's get the party started. Well that's it till next month, I'm off to buy Honey D's Christmas Stock-

ing so Charlotte can get busy buying presents to fill it with.

Ben Edwards

SINGING CAROLS

Enjoy singing Christmas carols? Would you like to join the choir for our traditional service of Lessons and Carols at 4.30pm on Sunday 22nd December in Hernhill Church? Just come along to two



rehearsals in St Barnabas, The Street, Boughton on Wednesday 11th and 18th December at 7.00pm. Rehearsal will finish at 8.00pm. You will be most welcome.

THE FROST FAIR

Friday 29th November

The Parent Teachers and Friends Association of Hernhill School are staging a Frost Fair at the school between 6.00pm and 9.00pm on

the Friday evening.

They welcome you to come and have a mince pie whilst you find Christmas presents and ideas for the coming season.

CHARITY SOCCER

Just an update for you regarding the charity football match which took place at Hernhill Village Hall pitch on Saturday 26th October. Again, an excellent turn out of players from teams Tom played in and friends of family. A great crowd cheered them on against the Red Lion team captained by Tom's brother Chris. A very close match but the Red Lion won after a penalty shoot out. Fortunately the weather was kind also.



The Child Brain Injury Trust (CBIT) charity will be just over £900 to the good when all money is collected.

A special thanks to the Rejects Brotherhood (a local motorcycle group) who donated £200. Also,

Ben at the Red Lion sponsored his Team & in addition his customers raised £57.29 in a charity tin in the bar. Some coaches from the Hernhill Herons Football Club prepared the pitch, helped set up, ran the line & referee'd. Steve Waterman was the burger & bacon roll king, supported by Hen & Simon Jakeman.

Our heartfelt thanks to everyone who supported the day & donated raffle prizes.

Dave & Jackie Brenchley.

DOVE DOINGS

All been well, The Dove will be in new hands from Monday 11th of November. The new team acting as

custodians for the Dove will be my son and chef Benjamin supported by Dee and I who will look after the front of house. Benjamin has re-

cently moved down from the north of England, where he has been preparing outstanding food for the last decade and is relishing the opportunity to provide fine dining in convivial and welcoming surroundings. We believe that a pub provides a pivotal role within a community and look forward to supporting existing commitments as well as been open to new ideas. We intend to extend the existing opening hours to seven days a week and will introduce a full programme of events to include,

quiz nights, games nights and themed food evenings and look forward to receiving any suggestions for future occasions.

Finally we wish Phil and Sarah every success with their new venture at the Anchor and I hope you will be able to join us in the Dove between 5.00pm and 7.00pm on Sunday 10th October to say farewell to Phil and Sarah and meet the new team. Bon appétit

Chris, Ben & Dee

SAD TO SAY

As the last in a long line of chairmen since its inception 40 years ago and with great regret, it is my sad duty to announce that the Hernhill Monday club has been disbanded.

The remaining few members still meet on occasions for a 'cuppa and

natter' or perhaps a meal together, but have decided to finally close the books and donate the small amount of money in the bank to St. Michael's Church with whom we were first affiliated.

Letitia Ricketts

FROM THE VICAR

How do you feel about the often used phrase 'Take care'? Is it a phrase you use and what do you mean by it? 'Don't take care, take risks!' Those words were said to Canon Andrew White every time he ended a meeting with Donald Coggan, a former archbishop of Canterbury, and he has never forgotten them.

Andrew White is known as the 'Vicar of Baghdad,' he is chaplain to St George's Church, the only Anglican church in Iraq. He is an amazing person, a larger than life character who also has multiple sclerosis which affects his mobility and speech. He has a wife and children in this country but he di-

vides his time between the UK and Baghdad, he says he would find it dull to live in the UK full time. In Baghdad he lives in a heavily barricaded compound with bombs exploding all round him, he is permanently surrounded by dozens of army guards.

Andrew White doesn't take care, he takes risks. He says it's difficult for him to take care where he lives, he has been held at gun point, kidnapped, thrown into a cell with chopped off toes and fingers all over the floor and shot at countless numbers of times. One of his primary jobs is reconciliation in the Middle East, he is respected as a religious leader who has great knowledge and understanding of

the different religions and sects in the area. He is a believer in peacemaking and he has the determination to enable it to happen but he is also aware of the reality, often engaging with some of the worst terrorists in the world.

For the Christian taking risks is linked to our trust in God. He has promised to be with us wherever we go, so maybe we shouldn't be saying 'take care' but take 'risks'. It is sometimes said that 'faith' is

spelt R-I-S-K because faith involves the unknown. The bible and Christian history is full of people who took God at his word and took risks. God may not be calling us to live in Iraq but maybe he is calling us to take him at his word, deepen our faith and take more risks in our Christian lives. Next time someone says 'Take care' as they finish their conversation how will you respond?

Revd Jean Burrows

PHARMACIES IN WINTER

'Pharmacies can provide much more than just a prescription' - that's the message from Canterbury and Coastal Clinical Commissioning Group.

As part of 'Ask Your Pharmacist' week, which takes place from the 4th to 11th November, Canterbury and Coastal CCG is reminding local people that pharmacies can offer a wealth of health support. This is particularly important at this time of year, when people may need advice on coughs, colds, sore throats, flu, sickness and diarrhoea and other common winter problems. The push to use pharmacists comes as the winter season of coughs and

colds begins. The best treatment for a cold is to drink fluids, take paracetamol and to stay in bed. Antibiotics don't work against viral infections such as colds and will not be prescribed by your doctor.

Dr Richard Browning said: "The green cross is the first thing people look for when they are unwell on holiday, but at home they are quite often overlooked. Pharmacists are professionals who are qualified to offer health advice and guidance on a whole range of conditions. Seeing a pharmacist can be very convenient as you don't need to arrange an appointment."

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PLEASE HELP US

Help us to preserve Dargate as a lovely quiet village.

When we moved into Dargate some ten years ago, it was then a pretty little village surrounded by orchards, quiet roads and little used foot paths. The orchards are gone, the roads are busier (particularly Plumpudding Lane through to Don-

key Hill) and more people use the footpaths, especially Red Road.

Increasing traffic is a fact of life nowadays and more use of footpaths helps to keep them open. But the greatest change, and potentially the most damaging, is the selling-off of agricultural land in small parcels which makes it vulnerable to misuse. There are two prime exam-

ples at present, both in Plumpudding Lane. The unauthorised motorcycle track which produces unacceptable noise at frequent times during daylight hours and the caravan that has appeared lately (complete with its own G.P.O. post box!

In both of the above cases an enforcement notice has been served. So far with no effect. In the case of

the bikes, an appeal was launched by them some months ago and was rejected. But, nothing has happened since. The bikes are still there. The land is still for agricultural use only yet it appears that it can be put to other uses with impunity. Unless something is done Dargate will become a 'free for all' for undesirable developments.

Jeremy & Chrissie Nesham

BITS AND PIECES

And did you remember to put the clocks back or did you leap out of bed an hour early and wonder why there was nobody out and about? I'm sitting at my computer listening to the wind which is still trying to get in through the window. The forecasters had predicted that winds gusting up to 80mph could be expected And in some parts of the South it reached that and more. Road and rail routes were blocked, there were power failures and at least four deaths. Fortunately, in this area, we largely escaped. However, the wind did strip out any fruit that I had not already picked from my garden and I presume that local farmers had similar problems. The forecasters are now saying that we may have to face another bout of strong winds

in the next few days.

Jeremy and Chris Nesham have written a cry from the heart. From what I hear, this is echoed by everyone in the Village. I have not been aware of such widespread depth of feeling since the fight against the 'dump' was at its height. People-power won that time, let us hope that with the effort of everyone it can be made to happen again.

I am afraid that someone is at it again. Several items were stolen from a garden shed in Dargate between 2nd and 3rd of October. If you have any information that could help investigators please contact Kent police on telephone number 101 and quote the following crime number, XY/031741/13. Keep watching for Neighbourhood Watch.

ADT

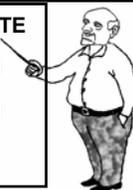
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COPY DATE

**Mon
25th
Nov**



Sun 3 Nov	10.30am	Graveney Church	United Service
Tues 5	-----	-----	GREEN bin collection
Thurs 7	7.00pm	Village Hall	Hort Soc social evening
Sat 9	10.30am	St. Michael's Ch	Craft Fare
Sun 10	10.50am	St. Michael's Ch	Remembrance Sunday
Tues 12	-----	-----	BLUE bin collection
Sat 16	3.30pm	St Barnabas	Messy Church
Sun 17	10.00am	St. Michael's Ch	Sung Communion
Tues 19	-----	-----	GREEN bin collection
Sun 24	8.00am	St. Michael's Ch	Holy Communion
Tues 26	-----	-----	BLUE bin collection
Wed 27	8.00pm	Village Hall	Parish Council
Fri 29	6.00pm	Hernhill School	Frost Fare
Sun 1 Dec	10.00am	St. Michael's Ch	Sung Communion (Amnesty cards)
Tues 3	-----	-----	GREEN bin collection
Sun 8	8.00am	St. Michael's Ch	Holy Communion
	3.30pm	Boughton Church	Christingle Service
Tues 10	-----	-----	BLUE bin collection
Wed 11	7.00pm	St Barnabas	Carols rehearsal
Sat 14	3.30pm	St Barnabas	Messy Church
Sun 15	10.00am	St. Michael's Ch	All ages Service
Tues 17	-----	-----	GREEN bin collection
Wed 18	7.00pm	St Barnabas	Carols rehearsal
Sat 21	5.00pm	Village Green	Carols on the Green
Sun 22	4.30pm	St. Michael's Ch	Nine Lessons & Carols
Tues 24	-----	-----	BLUE bin collection
	4.00pm	St. Michael's Ch	Crib Service
	11.30pm	Boughton Church	Midnight Service
Wed 25	9.00am	St. Michael's Ch	Holy Communion
	10.00am	St Barnabas	Christmas cracker Service
Tues 31	-----	-----	GREEN bin collection



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