



# HERNHILL NEWS

## NOVEMBER 2015

### PLEASE HELP

Hernhill News is looking for a new person to deliver just 15 copies of the News in and around the Shell garage area at Dargate. If you can help could you please give me a call.

Many thanks.

Tony Chapman 01227 750874

### PARISH COUNCIL

Full copies of the approved minutes are available on the Parish Council notice board or online at [hernhillpc.kentparishes.gov.uk](http://hernhillpc.kentparishes.gov.uk)

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Parish Council Meeting: Wednesday 25th November at 8:00pm in the Village Hall. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

### NEWS FROM the MEETING

- The Parish Council Meeting held on 28th October was attended by 6 Parish Councillors, 2 Borough Councillors and 29 members of the public.

- A representative from 'Action with Communities in Rural Kent' attended the Parish Council meeting to discuss the results of the recent housing needs survey. The results

showed that there is a need in the Parish for some affordable housing and the Parish Council will arrange a further meeting to discuss the matter in more detail before deciding on whether to progress the matter.

- KCC have made some repairs to the sinking areas of road near the junction of Church Hill/Staplestreet.

- Three planning applications were discussed at the Parish Council meeting: 4/500654/OPDEV - Notice of Appeal against Enforcement Notice - Without planning permission the permanent stationing of a Snack Wagon with extended lean-to on land adjoining the slip road at Thanet Way, Dargate (Pitstop Cafe). The Parish Council agreed to write to the Planning Inspectorate with a letter of support for the enforcement notice. Details of the appeal are

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Swale Representatives: Andrew Bowles; phone 01227 752840

and George Bobbin; phone 01227 751388

KCC Representative: Andrew Bowles

available on the Parish Council website. 15/507536/FULL & 15/507591/LBC - Single storey rear extension, extension to existing cat slide roof to cover new extension and installation of new metal access staircase to first floor. Red Lion, Crockham Lane. The Parish Council recorded no objection to the application. 15/507844/FULL - Change of use of land for 6 gypsy and traveller pitches, each pitch having one mobile home, a day room and space for one touring van; Hardstandings, means of enclosure and landscaping and ancil-

lary childrens' play area. Evaluna, Plumpudding Lane. The Parish Council recorded an objection to the application. Swale Borough Council planning team have made site visits to both the Red Lion and Evaluna regarding building activity on/in the vicinity of both sites which has not yet been approved.

- The Parish Council made preliminary consideration for budget items for the next financial year. The budget will be discussed in full at the November meeting.
- Cllr A. Bowles circulated his Autumn 2015 newsletter.

### **YOUR COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

I am covering a longer than usual period with this message due partly to the usual quiet August holiday period, then a very busy period with many meetings and little time to collect my thoughts and write this report.

Local Government is a roller coaster of highs and lows, wins and losses. Having just persuaded the Joint Transport Board to rethink the yellow lines in Boughton in line with local opinion as referred to in my last update we then had Highway England's ridiculous proposal to close Brogdale Road, Ospringe at the motorway bridge in the height of the fruit picking season. Despite the combined efforts of Ospringe Parish Council, local farmers, myself and even the Kent County Council Cabinet Member, Whitehall could not be budged!

Parish Councils and their members have always been integral to the way I work with residents in my

County Division. The breakdown in relations with two of them this Autumn concerned me greatly. With one which can remain nameless the problem was due to a change of Clerk and was easily sorted. The other is more difficult. For some reason the new Parish Council in Selling, where I live, does not appear to want involvement with or by its Borough and County Members whether for personal or political reasons. I could, of course, just accept the lack of sight of Agenda's, Minutes etc and the opportunity to advise, but I believe the losers would be the residents of Selling who would, in my opinion, receive a lesser level of service both from myself and their Parish Council.

On a brighter note since my last report I have attended Parish Council Meetings at Selling! Hernhill (twice), Ospringe (twice), Dunkirk (twice), Newnham, Graveney and Boughton. I have also chaired the Perry Wood Steering Group in Sell-

ing and attended the Faversham and Swale East Local Engagement Forum. These local meetings are in addition to Full Council and numerous Committee Meetings at both County and Swale. I have also spent five full days Charing Home to School Transport Appeal Panels. Other meetings have included Swale Health and Wellbeing Board, Kent Council Leaders, South East England Councils, Southern Regional Flood & Coastal Committee in Worthing, Charing the Kent Environmental Champions Group meeting as well as that with Swale Police and the National Farmers Union regarding rural policing in Swale. I have also attended two meetings of England's District Council Leaders held in London.

Please feel free to contact me at any time if I can assist with any matter especially those which fall within the responsibility of Kent County Council, such as Social Services, Highways, Education, Public Rights of Way and Public Health or those which fall within the remit of the Borough Council such as Development Control, Waste Collection, Sports Provision, Local Plans, Electoral Registration and Environmental Health Inspections. Currently I am expecting the usual number of contacts from residents concerning Schools allocations and refusal of

free home to school transport which always peak at this time of year. There is also a current ongoing consultation by KCC as to street lighting, if you feel strongly as to the risks, benefits, environmental or cost implications please register your opinion.

I will, as usual, be holding a participatory budgeting event to allocate community grant funds within the Swale East Division, venue and date to be confirmed. If you are involved in the running of any Village or Community Hall, Sports Club, Arts or Community Group or indeed any organisation which serves the residents of Swale East Division please contact Bill Ronan at KCC email: [bill.ronan@kent.gov.uk](mailto:bill.ronan@kent.gov.uk) for an application form. Even if you do not have a scheme at the moment please contact Bill or myself and come along, network with other groups and contribute to allocating the funding.

Realising that due to the publishing dates of the many Parish Magazines this will be the last report many will receive from me before Christmas, may I wish you all the Christmas and holiday period you wish for whether it be Merry or Peaceful.

Andrew Bowles

### **ARTS AND CRAFTS FAIR**

**St. Michael's Church Saturday 7th November**

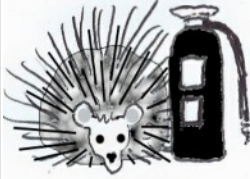
**10.30am to 4.30pm**

Paintings, mosaics, ceramics, needlework, glass, etchings, hand woven work, cards and many more presents for Christmas.

Tea, coffee, light lunches and cakes will be available.

**Entrance is free**

## SAVE A HEDGEHOG



We are Spikes Hedgehog Sanctuary based in Yorklets. Just a brief reminder. Please check bonfires before lighting them. Bonfires built in advance of 5th November make cosy and warm beds for hedgehogs. Just a quick check at the bottom of the bonfire could save a life.

Many thanks. Mary Lane

## HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY???

The committee feel that the present name is a bit formal and perhaps needs updating. We have had suggestions of "Hernhill Gardening Club" "The Crocks and Compost Club". If anyone comes up with another idea please let the committee know. We will discuss this and vote on it at the AGM early next year.

In November the Society will be 50 years old and we would like to mark the occasion by having a celebration. We have booked the upstairs

room in the Red Lion for Friday 13th November and we will have a buffet supper. Mark will give the second half of his talk on Mount Ephraim Gardens. The event will start at 7.00pm and will be free to members but if you would like to bring a friend we would ask for a donation of £5.00 towards the buffet. Drinks can be purchased at the bar.

We do hope that as many of you as possible will be able to come to celebrate our Birthday.

Jill Geliot

## "KNOWN UNTO GOD"

(WW1 Headstone Inscription)

We heard the distinctive sound of the aeroplane engine while we were inside the church in Rochester for a training day a few weeks ago. Helpfully, a tea break was announced as the speaker recognised he suddenly had some serious competition for our attention, and there was a rush to get outside. Standing on the grass, faces turning skyward in all directions as we searched the blue, shielding our eyes from the sun and THERE! – a Spitfire, climbing and manoeuvring, looping and turning. An event marking the 75th anniversary of the Battle of Britain.

I'm too young to remember WW2

and this pivotal air battle. But I carry some of the stories of those who lived through it; learned at school and from television and books, and more personally, from my grandparent's own experiences.

Stories and memories help us to understand where we've come from, and why things are as they are. As the years pass, and the number of people who hold a living memory of WW2 diminishes, stories become ever more important. Of course, the history books tell us about the famous personalities and political events of the time. Yet over 66,000 war memorials exist in the United Kingdom and most of the names on these monuments never made it into the history books. But

each individual had their own important story, albeit one known only by those close to them. A life story that was cut short as they worked, fought and died as part of the deadliest conflict in human history.

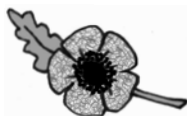
This year, as every year, we will remember them; on Remembrance Sunday (8th November) and on 11th November at the 11th hour, marking the end of WW1.

As a Christian, I believe we need not fear our own stories being forgotten. Yes, time will pass, whole generations will pass away and human memories will fade. Most of us won't be remembered by history for our heroic or remarkable contribution to society – our lives will be

meaningful mainly to us and to those around us. And yet, Christians believe each human being whether celebrated or anonymous in life and death, each and every one of us is more fully known by eternal God than we could ever understand ourselves or be known by others. Ultimately, our own unique lives and stories are part of God's greater story. A story where God's love for humanity was so strong, that he gave himself in Jesus Christ, so we can know his love better.

To be fully known, and fully loved, even beyond time? That's a story worth telling.

Rev Paulette Stubbings



The Remembrance Day service will be held at the Hernhill war memorial on Sunday 8th November at 10.50am. After the Service, refreshments will be served in the church. There will be a retiring collection in aid of 'Help for Heroes'.

### THE SHOES NEWS

Santa is Coming to the Three Horseshoes winter wonderland! For a fun packed afternoon we are holding festive activities for all the family. With a Santa grotto and tea party for the kids and mulled wine for the adults. There will be plenty of mince pies. Tickets will need to be booked in advance so everyone

gets a share of the spirit. The event will take place on Monday 21st December 4.00 to 6.00pm. Please contact us on 01227 750842.

If you can't wait that long for some excitement we have the 'Bad Bandits' playing on Saturday 14th November at 8.00pm, all are welcome.

Charlotte & Buster

### BE AWARE!

A planning application has been made which if granted will mean that six families of travellers will be camped along Plumpudding Lane.

The application is as follows:

"Change of use of land for 6 gypsy and traveller pitches, each pitch having one mobile home, a day room and space for one touring van; Hardstandings, means of enclosure and landscaping and ancillary childrens' play area"

Further detail can be seen if you use the link.

[http://pa.midkent.gov.uk/online applications/application Details.do?activeTab=summary&k eyVal=NV6U5NTY07T00](http://pa.midkent.gov.uk/online/applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&k eyVal=NV6U5NTY07T00)

The references for this application are:

Reference: 15/507844/FULL

or

PP-04344228

Application Received: Tue 22 Sep 2015

Address: Evaluna Plumpudding Lane Dargate Kent ME13 9EY

If you are not happy about this, then write NOW to Swale to object to the application being granted quoting the references.

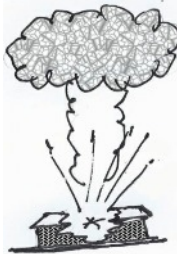
Letters should be sent to:

Planning Dept,  
Swale Borough Council,  
Swale House,  
Sittingbourne,  
Kent ME10 3HT

### **GUNPOWDER EXPLOSION**

In April 1916, Faversham and East Kent was rocked by a massive explosion. The gunpowder factory at Oare had blown up killing 106 people. Some from this Village. It was the biggest single local tragedy of World War 1.

The centenary of this horrific event is being marked by the making of a 45 minute film which is to be premiered at St Barnabas



in Boughton, Saturday 7th November at 7.00pm.

Tickets (£10) include refreshments and a DVD of the film which has been directed by Peter Williams who has directed other films for ITV.

There is only a limited number of tickets available so be quick. They can be obtained from the Boughton Post Office or Ray Watson (01227 751883)

### **THANKS TO ALL**

A big thank you to everyone who came to play, help and support the 'Barri Hull Memorial Bat and Trap Game' at the Dove at the end of September. Despite much cheating by the 'Rest of the World' team and the assistance of our local sporting hero, the Dove side managed to comfortably win the first leg. Having bribed the scorer, doubled the size of our team and changed all the rules to suit our

purpose, the visiting side eventually won the second leg and the match was declared a draw.

It was lovely to see so many of Barri's friends and family during the afternoon together with regulars from all three pubs in the area.

We raised £525 on the day, which has been donated to the Pilgrims Hospice, who looked after Barri so well during his illness.

Jane Greener

## **BITS AND PIECES**

Well, did you get caught out with the changing of the hour? I didn't, but I have nothing to crow about. I managed to remember the extra hour but, earlier in the week, forgot where I had put my wallet. I discovered it a day later nestling in the clean-washing basket of all places. Of course, by that time I had already cancelled all my credit cards, my driving licence and others. I then had all the problems of replacing them. As it happens it may have been a blessing in disguise. When 'TalkTalk' was hacked into, 4.5 million were put at risk of losing their money. Having cancelled all my cards I may have gained a little protection but all users must maintain a watchful eye on their accounts for some time to come.

I was unable to attend the Harvest Supper that was held in the Village Hall. I am told that it was a very enjoyable evening for those who did go. It is also splendid that over £333 was raised for 'Catching Lives'.

Unlike Paulette, I do remember seeing the air battles. I well remember standing in the garden, watching the looping vapour trails, hoping to see an enemy plane shot

down. In fact they were too high see if it was one of ours or one of theirs, but for me there was no doubt. It was one of theirs.

Ground preparation for an additional five traveller sites is going ahead in advance of planning approval. There is still a need for action by any who are opposed to this development. An earlier article in this issue provides more information to help you take action. At the Parish Council meeting 29 members of the public attended to register their objection to the scheme. I understand that County Councillor Andrew Bowles is going to put a 'Stop Notice' on the activities at the site. This will allow more time to organise opposition.

We seem to be racing up towards Christmas and all those lists of things to be done. One of them is trying to find presents without repeating what you have sent before (if you can remember). Something that will help is the Craft fair at the church. The fair last year was most successful at providing a wide range of gifts for friends and family. I have no doubt that this years will be just as good.

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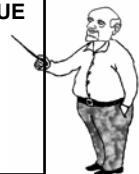
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**NEXT ISSUE**

**Mon  
23rd  
Nov**



<b>Sun 1 Nov</b>	10.30am	Graveney Ch.	Patronal Festival
Tues 3	-----	-----	Green Bin Collection
Sat 7	-----	St. Michael's Ch	Craft Fair
	7.00pm	St Barnabas	Film on gunpowder explosion
Sun 8	10.50am	War Memorial	Remembrance Service
Tues 10	-----	-----	Blue bin collection
Fri 13	7.00pm	The Red Lion	Horticultural Soc supper
Sun 15	10.00am	St. Michael's Ch	Sung Communion
Tues 17	-----	-----	Green Bin Collection
Sat 21	3.30pm	St Barnabas	Messy Church Theme is 'peace'
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	Sung Communion
<b>Tues 1 Dec</b>	-----	-----	Green Bin Collection
Sun 6	10.00am	St. Michael's Ch	Sung Communion
Tues 8	-----	-----	Blue bin collection
Sun 13	8.00am	St. Michael's Ch	Holy Communion
Tues 15	-----	-----	Green Bin Collection
Sun 20	4.30pm	St. Michael's Ch	Nine lessons and carols
Tues 22	-----	-----	Blue bin collection
Fri 25	9.00am	St. Michael's Ch	Holy Communion
Sun 27	10.00am	St. Michael's Ch	Sung Communion
Tues 29	-----	-----	Green Bin Collection