



# HERNHILL NEWS

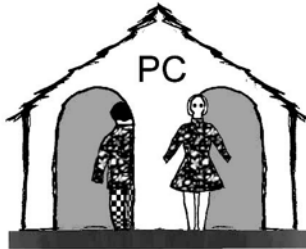
## NOVEMBER 2012

Remembrance Sunday 10.50am at the War Memorial

### GOODBYE & HELLO

Hernhill Parish Council has reached the end of an era ..... after over 25 years of service as Parish Clerk, Terry Smart, has retired. Terry does not live in the village but his sense

of community spirit was such that he stepped into the role and the parishoners of Hernhill are very grateful that he did so. He has been a huge support to all of the four Council Chairmen who have held that role during his time - always full of advice and guidance and ever ready to send a letter for us to the local council when required! I am sure that there are



many at Swale House who did not relish receiving his letters to them! Terry will be a hard act to follow but in his place we have been joined by a younger, female, computer literate Clerk (Sarah.Muteham). I

am sure that she will be equally supportive to the Parish and the Council. Sarah lives in Boughton so is local and is keen to be involved in community matters. We all wish her luck and hope she stays as long as Terry did. We wish Terry and Anne well and hope she keeps him usefully occupied in the garden!

Helen Figgis

### PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting was held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 31st October.

**Present:** Mrs Figgis (Chairman), Mrs Geliot. Mr Elliott, Mr Chap-

man, Mr Morseman. Mr Woods & Mrs Muteham (Clerk). Apologies were received from Mrs Taylor.

Mr Morsman noted that a hole has been made in a hedge at a local property, in order to facilitate

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Swale Representatives: Andrew Bowles; phone 01227 752840  
and George Bobbin; phone 01227 751388

KCC Representative: Andrew Bowles

vehicular access. Whilst there is no objection to this, the Parish Council will follow up to ensure that all applicable planning and conservation regulations have been adhered to.

Mr Chapman commented that Plumpudding Lane has been badly flooded during the recent wet weather and the clerk is to report this to KCC. Mrs Figgis has reported to KCC the large pothole in Kays Lane, along with the blocked drains on Kemsdale Road.

Mr Woods attended an inspection of trees within the village on 18th October. It was noted that the churchyard vegetation was well kept and the oak tree on the village green has been well maintained. At the playing field, a horse chestnut tree has bleeding canker disease and will be monitored. Ivy has been seen to be overgrowing the poplar trees which act as a windbreak.

Councillors raised concerns over the number of cars which are parking on the road rather than in available driveways or garages within the village and surrounding

areas, sometimes causing traffic congestion along the narrow lanes.

The Parish Council discussed at length the possible provision of allotments. The next step is to set up a meeting with the potential allotment holders and the land owner to discuss further the viability of the project. Hopefully a report will be made at the next Parish Council meeting.

**Planning:** Three applications were discussed, along with the notification of an appeal against refused permission to build on land adjacent to Marley (High Street Road).

Various accounts were passed for payment, including a donation to the Royal British Legion (with thanks for providing a Remembrance Day wreath for the Village) and a donation to Kent Air Ambulance (with thanks to Mr Jim Young for his kind services in mowing the Village Green (He has nominated this charity).

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the Meeting closed at 9.00pm.

### **REMEMBRANCE DAY.**

There will be a service of remembrance at the war memorial at 10.50am on Sunday 11th November. The short service will be led by the Reverend Peter Jacobs. There will be



refreshments served in St Michael's Church afterwards with a retiring collection for the Royal British Legion/Help the Heroes. All are very welcome.

Peter Willcocks  
Churchwarden

## FROM THE VICAR

On the day the Royal British Legion launched this year's poppy appeal the writer and artist Ted Harrison questioned why people wear a poppy. He feels the symbolism has changed over the years. The wearing of poppies started after the First World War as a symbol of the nation's grief when the realities of war were still raw, it was also a declaration of peace, the First World War was seen as the war to end all wars. Ted Harrison felt that the poppy mustn't glorify, trivialise or sentimentalise war, neither must wearing the poppy just be a sign of patriotism.

The money the British Legion raises, last year forty million pounds, is important and good and vital to their work of providing help and welfare to the serving and ex-Service community and their families. Ted Harrison commented that the British Legion is 'the custodian of remembrance' and has a high responsibility to remember for the right reasons.

On Remembrance Sunday people will gather at war memorials across the land to remember with gratitude the dead of two world wars and those who have died in other conflicts since. These services are not becoming less well attended as the dis-

tance from those two wars increases, if anything attendance is growing, perhaps because of the conflicts we are still involved in today, especially Afghanistan, where we are very aware of the terrible injuries our service personnel suffer and of the number who die.

The freedom we enjoy today cannot be taken for granted, it was gained at a great price and we honour those who were prepared to pay the ultimate sacrifice for their country and for us. As you wear your poppy think for a moment why you are wearing it. May it not just be a sign of patriotism but a reminder of those who for our tomorrows gave their today?

### Messy Church

There were about 90 of us at our first Messy Church last month; it was great fun with crafts, story, singing and sharing a meal together. Why not join us on 17 November in St Barnabas in The Street in Boughton? All ages are welcome; we start at 3.30pm and finish about 5.30pm. Messy Church is free but you are invited to give a donation on the day. You can get more information by phoning me.

Revd Jean Burrows  
01227 751410

### **BORROW A BOOK**

We are very lucky to have a KCC library nearby at Boughton Village Hall (hidden round the back, by the footpath). It is a great place to spend a quiet hour browsing books, on the computers, or occupy your children on a rainy afternoon. Please use it or we will lose it! Library opening times are: Tuesdays 10.00am till 1.00pm and 2.00pm till 5.00pm. Fridays 2.00pm till 6.00pm.

Miriam Layton

### **FETE COMMITTEE**

The next meeting of the Fete Committee will be on Monday 5th November at 8.00pm in the Jubilee Room of the Village Hall.

Rob Ward  
01227 751252

### **DAWES CA AGM**

So that you don't have to come out on one of these cold wet evenings, we are having the AGM of the Dawes Community Association at 11.00am on Saturday 24th November. Please make the effort to come. We would like to see as many Villagers there as possible.

Rob Ward  
01227 751252

### **HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY**

**The social evening.** This was held at the Village Hall on Friday 19th October and was well attended. After the presentation of the Cups there was a buffet and a 'wine and wisdom' organised by Mark James & Mark Thomas. Thanks are due to both for an enjoyable evening.

The cup winners were as follows. Pot Plants: Isabel Pettifer, Tomatoes: Alison West & Jill Gelliot, Photography: Helen Bentley, Home Economics:

Helen Bentley, Floral Art: Peter Bentley with runner up Helen Bentley, Dahlias: Maurice Lloyd, Fruit & Vegetables: Tony Bentley. The cups for the most entries were, ladies: Helen Bentley and gents: Peter Bentley.

Peter Bentley

**The outing for 2013.** A coach trip to the Eden Project and the Heligan Gardens has been arranged with Newmarket Holidays for four days and three nights leaving on Friday 26th April 2013. The holiday includes

bed, breakfast and evening meal at a hotel in Torbay at a cost of £219 per person with a supplement of £57 for a single room and entrance to the Eden Project & Heligan Gardens.

There is only one single room remaining but there are still a few double rooms available if anyone else would like to join

the group. So far there are seven members of the Society going. Travel insurance is offered with the company at £11.00 each.

Please contact me on 01227 751128 as soon as possible if you are interested in this trip. A £15.00 deposit is required.

Isabel Pettifer

### **A BARGAIN OFFER**

I have been offered two items for sale on behalf of the Restoration Fund. Both are in first class condition. The first is a DVD player by Philips (DVD625). It has both manual and remote controls. The second is a Yamaha keyboard. It has a five octave, full size keyboard and a large range of voices. It can be played with

batteries or mains adaptor. The instruction manual and easy music is included. I am permitted to accept any reasonable offer for either or both, but don't hang about or they will go on offer in the local press. Phone me and I will see who makes the best offer.

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### **THE LION'S ROAR**

At the time of writing this we are busily preparing for our family fun Halloween evening! Charlotte always makes a good job of decorating the pub and thoroughly enjoys handing out all the sweets to the village children. Although some people find Halloween a bit of an Americanism I personally find it a great opportunity for children, and increasingly parents, to dress up and have a good time!

If you manage to read this before Saturday 3rd November please do join us after the fire-

works at Mount Ephraim where we will be keeping the party atmosphere going with 'Coco' the band. We will also be serving up hog roast rolls at Mount Ephraim during the display so do come and see us!

Suddenly it seems that Christmas is just around the corner and everywhere you look the countdown has begun. Our Christmas menu is out now and will be available from Saturday 1st December and throughout the festive season. We are now taking bookings and can cater for Christmas parties, big and

small!  
At the moment we are looking to recruit new bar staff, especially with this busy time ahead.

Please do drop in your CV or come in and see me in person.  
Ben Edwards

### ARCHBISHOP ROWAN

Archbishop Rowan's farewell service will be held on Sunday 18th November at 3.15pm in Canterbury Cathedral.

At Archbishop Rowan's request, the Diocesan farewell service will be in the context of Evensong in the nave, followed by a short presentation. Tea and cof-

fee with cakes will be served in the Chapter House and Cloisters afterwards for all those who can stay.

The service will not be ticketed and entry will be on a first come, first seated basis.

The cathedral regrets that parking is not available in the Cathedral precincts.

### WELL DONE



Hernhill Church of England Primary School is proud to announce that we have been awarded a **Bronze School Games Award** from the

Government for all our efforts during the last academic year, with regards to all forms of intra-

and inter-school sport. For a one-form entry school such as ours to receive such an award is quite an achievement. We would like to say a huge thank you to the children, parents, Mr Sharp and staff involved for their commitment in helping the school earn this award, of which we are most proud!

Suzanne Carroll

### DOVE DOINGS

November will see another tempting 'One Pot Dinner' with wine evening. This will take place on the evening of Thursday 15th November. Phill will be cooking navarin of lamb with rosemary dumplings. The cost is £26.00 for two people which includes half a bottle of wine! This will be the last 'One Pot Dinner'

for this year as the festive season will then be upon us. If you haven't sampled the great food and wonderful atmosphere that these nights bring, book at table and see for yourself.

After a fun packed and very successful quiz night in October we will be holding another on Tuesday 20th November at 8.30pm (ish). Book a table with friends

or family and enjoy Phill's classic pub food for £10.00 only (From steamed lamb and onion pudding to Thai fish curry - it's just great honest grub!). We'll feed you up between 7.00pm and 8.30pm ready for you to be on top form to answer some weird and wonderful questions! Our quiz masters who attended October's quiz were challenged with a Kent 11+ test round, courtesy of Luca! You can imagine that after having chosen the questions from an actual past paper, he was more than a little

surprised and amused that none of the adult teams (of up to six members might I add!) got full marks - some far from it! There is always a cash prize for the winning team.

Regrettably we will not be holding a public bonfire night this year but we would like to pass on our best wishes for a happy and safe Guy Fawkes night for all those brave enough to face the cold and enjoy some fireworks and seasonal spirit!

Best Wishes  
Sarah



### HELP

The Church choir needs your help. Unless we can recruit new members, the choir will fold and your church will not have a choir at all. Please think very carefully and if you can free some time to join us at St Barnabas Centre on Wednesdays at 7.00pm, please come. You will be made very welcome, even if you can only come part-time. Call 01227 750366 for more details. Thank you.

Hilary Masters

### OPEN DAWES

Activities for children, families and friends

After the success of our summer tennis lessons in the tennis court, Open Dawes will be running more tennis lessons in the village hall over the winter months. These will, again, be run by popular professional tennis coach Giuseppe Tripodi . If

you have a primary aged child who would like to join in, please contact Miriam Layton or find Giuseppe's contact details on the community notice board.

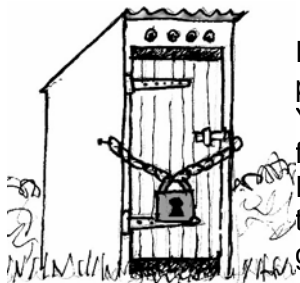
As well as holding more bird-watching walks, local RSPB expert Alan Johnson has kindly offered to organise a family seal-watching boat trip for Open Dawes this winter. Alan's wildlife

walks have been fantastic and a great hit with community members of all ages. If you are happy to share your walk with children and would like to join us for any of these activities, please contact Miriam Layton and we will keep you updated. Photos of previous walks can be found on the Hernhill Forum's 'Pinterest' site via the website.

As the dark, cold winter days draw in, Open Dawes will be organising more fun craft and art

activities in the Dawes CA, as well as a fish-and-chip supper for the children. If you have a skill to share and would like to hold a workshop or activity for village children and families, (this doesn't have to be anything sophisticated, just something that the children will enjoy), please contact me on 01227 752189.

Miriam Layton.  
Open Dawes



### LOCK THEM UP

It would be nice if that is applied to the culprits, but it must also apply to your equipment. Yet again there has been a spate of thefts from out-buildings and sheds in the Village. It may not be a perfect solution but don't give the thieves an open invitation. Keep your garden equipment under lock and key.

### STAPLEGATE WI

It was the AGM for our institute this month when we had a report of our varied activities and speakers during the last year, and the financial report. These were both approved.

We also welcomed three young, local ladies to our meeting.

Our speaker was David Harper, a ex-parishioner of Dargate, who reminded us of our mis-spent youth, by giving us a talk, accompanied by slides, of pub and inn signs. He told us of the

history of them and about the area that they came from. We were able to remember some of them, but, sadly, many of the pubs are no longer there for their original purpose.

We then needed to discuss the future of our institute. Membership has been declining which means that if we are to continue as a WI we need more, and younger members. So, come along and see what we are all about. You will be most wel-



come and we meet at 7.45pm on the 2nd Wednesday of each

month at Hernhill Village Hall.

Liz Walton.

### **CANNON SCHOOL OF IRISH DANCE**

Emma from the Cannon School of Irish Dance is holding beginners and advanced classes for children in the Village Hall every

Thursday after school during term time.

If your child would like to join the classes, please contact Emma on 07977 500673

### **STAPLEGATE WI**

Halloween came early this year when Staplegate 'witches', led by Margaret Heathcote, organised a beetle drive in the Village Hall. The hall was beautifully decorated with pumpkins and broomsticks and Joyce Robb was a most efficient leader of the coven. Loud cries of "beetle" rang out and there were some very excited children - big ones

too! A profit of over £150 will be shared with the 'Hearing dogs' charity.

A big thank you to all who helped and gave refreshments and their time.

Barbara  
Taylor



### **BITS AND PIECES**

Sic transit gloria mundi, said I, showing off a piece of otherwise long forgotten school Latin. But it is true, past glories are fading away very fast. I have a 1972 copy of the 'News' and in the years since then eight Village groups have folded. These were: the Senior Citizens, the Photographic Society, the Historical Society, the Afternoon WI, the Mothers' Union, the Hernhill Players, the Girl Guides and the Cubs. And now, in this issue of the 'News', there are two more groups under threat of

extinction. Both Staplegate WI and the Church Choir are desperate for new members. Perhaps TV, computers and the Internet provide some sort of alternative but something is lost which those things cannot provide. When we come home, pull up the drawbridge and sit in front of a box we lose a sense of community, a sense of belonging. Why don't you join the choir, the WI, the Horticultural Society, the Crafts Centre, the Dawes CA, the Friends of St Michael's while they are all still there? They could all do with your help and

they will all give you a warm welcome. If you want to know who to talk to then phone me or send an e-mail.

After what I have just said, perhaps I should not be encouraging you to use the web but I have been asked to pass on this message. There is no excuse for missing any Village events or activities these days. Not only are they listed in the Hernhill News, information can also be found on the new notice board outside the

church as well as the new community notice board outside the Village Hall. The DCA nursery holds a key. If you would like a key to this notice board, or if you would like a poster put up, please contact Miriam Layton 01227 752189.

We have two village websites: [hernhill.net](http://hernhill.net) and also [hernhillforum.wordpress.com](http://hernhillforum.wordpress.com).

The first provides lots of local information: historical, business, clubs and societies, photos,

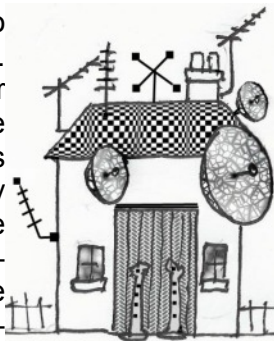
events and activities. The second provides updates and reviews of local events and activities for families and also local and national educational news and views – a must for local families with primary school aged children.

Both websites can also be found on facebook as 'hernhill.net' and 'Hernhill Village Forum'. The forum can also be found on twitter. If you go to the facebook pages and click on 'events', you

can find a calendar of future village events and activities. If you would like something posted on either of these websites, please use the website's 'Contact' page. If you are not a seasoned Internet user and would like some help or advice on accessing these sites please contact Miriam.

You can do all that and still find time to join in Village activities. Go on, give it a try.

ADT



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

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COPY DATE

**Mon  
26th  
Nov**



<b>Sun 4 Nov</b>	10.00am	St. Michael's Ch	All Saints Day Amnesty cards
Tues 6	-----	-----	GREEN bin collection
Wed 7	7.45pm	Village Hall	WI - Committee
Sun 11	10.50am	The War Memorial	REMEMBRANCE DAY
Tues 13	-----	-----	BLUE bin collection
Wed 14	7.45pm	Village Hall	WI - Eileen Brookes, Crafts for Xmas
Sun 18	10.00am	St. Michael's Ch	Holy Communion
Tues 20	-----	-----	GREEN bin collection
Sun 25	8.00am	St. Michael's Ch	Holy Communion
Tues 27	-----	-----	BLUE bin collection
Wed 28	8.00pm	Village Hall	Parish Council
<b>Sun 2 Dec</b>	10.00am	St. Michael's Ch	Sung Communion
Mon 3	7.00pm	Village Hall	Village Hall Committee
Tues 4	-----	-----	GREEN bin collection
Wed 5	7.45pm	Village Hall	WI - Committee
Sun 9	8.00am	St. Michael's Ch	Holy Communion
Tues 11	-----	-----	BLUE bin collection
Wed 12	7.45pm	Village Hall	WI - Games evening
Sun 16	10.00am	St. Michael's Ch	Sung Communion
Sun 23	8.00am	St. Michael's Ch	Holy Communion
Mon 24	4.0pm	St. Michael's Ch	Crib Service
	11.30pm	St. Michael's Ch	Sung Communion
Tues 25	9.00am	St. Michael's Ch	Holy Communion
Sun 30	10.00am	St. Michael's Ch	Sung Communion



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