



HERNHILL NEWS

JUNE 2016

THE REFERENDUM



23rd June 2016

Thursday 23rd June is one of the most important voting opportunities in recent history. The outcome of the vote, regardless of which way it goes, will be of significance to all of us for years to come. It is therefore important to make sure that you have a vote and then make sure that you use it.

If you are not on the electoral roll, you need to have your registration in by midnight on 7th June. You can register online at www.gov.uk/register-to-vote or call 0800 3280280 for a form to be sent to you.

PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 25th May was attended by seven Parish Councillors, one Borough Councillor and two members of the public.

Mr Michael Woods was re-elected as Chairman and Mr Anthony Chapman was re-elected as Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council for the ensuing civic year.

One planning application was discussed at the meeting. 16/503729/FULL - Erection of a single storey rear extension at East-side, Monkshill Road.

The Parish Council has an allotment plot available to rent on the site at Kays Lane. Please contact

the Parish Clerk if interested.

Whilst the Parish Council is not organising any official celebrations for the Queen's 90th birthday in June, there are already several events taking place in the Parish during this festive time. The Parish Council would like to request that any further events which are planned to celebrate this event take place on Saturday 11th June, in particular to avoid clashing with Hernhill Open Gardens event which is on Sunday 12th June.

The Parish Council has noted an increase in the volume of dog waste which is not being disposed of in a suitable manner. In an attempt to keep the Parish clean and tidy,

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Swale Representatives: Andrew Bowles; phone 01227 752840

and George Bobbin; phone 01227 751388

KCC Representative: Andrew Bowles

could dog owners please put dog waste in dog bins, public waste bins or take it home and avoid leaving it hanging in trees and hedges.

The annual accounts of the Parish Council were approved at the meeting and are available to view on the Parish Council website.

Members of the public are reminded that they can report highway matters such as potholes and overgrown hedges either to the Parish

Clerk or directly to Kent County Council at www.kent.gov.uk.

The next meeting of the Parish council will be on Wednesday 29th June at 8.00pm in the Village Hall. Members of the public are welcome to attend. If members of the public wish to speak on a subject at that meeting then please can they contact the Clerk prior to 24th June so that relevant items can be placed on the agenda for discussion.

YOUR COUNTY COUNCILLOR

I am writing this a week into May after this year's elections. Much as I try to keep these notes non political I must express my pleasure that my Parties Candidate Matthew Scott was elected Police and Crime Commissioner after all his hard work over the last six months. Talking of elections, any spare time I might have had in April was totally soaked up by canvassing and delivering leaflets. Despite a largely dry month I managed to get rained on in Hernhill, Selling and Dunkirk whilst delivering.

During April I attended Annual Parish Meetings at Graveney, Boughton and Selling. In addition I attended ordinary Parish Council meetings at Ospringe, Sheldwich, Dunkirk and Lynsted. This week I have Annual Parish Meetings at both Norton and Ospringe to attend. Other notable meetings this month have included an audience with Boris Johnson, Charing the Perry Woods Steering Group, North Kent Leaders held at Chatham and the Kent Association of Local Councils

executive committee held one Saturday at Lenham. I have also attended the Swale Civic Service held this year in Faversham, the 100th Anniversary Commemoration of the Oare Gunpowder Works explosion, both were also attended by our MP Helen Whatley, an evening of School Governor training at Graveney, the public exhibition of the possible planning application at London Road, Dunkirk and the retirement 'party' of our local police commander Tony Henley.

As I have gone round delivering leaflets and canvassing most people, rather than talking about the election for Police and Crime Commissioner or Maidstone Local Council Elections, have wanted to discuss the EU Referendum. Many residents have asked me my personal views. I stress this is my personal view, not necessarily as your County Council representative or as a Member of the Conservative Party. I shall be voting to LEAVE the EU. I do not believe there is anything the current or any future

British Government can do to stop the desire of others to move ever further towards a United States of Europe. Already 60% of our Laws are drafted in Brussels not Westminster. I want a country where our Laws, Foreign Policy, etc are decided by politicians we can remove if we disagree with them. I want our Borders protected by British Army, Navy and Air Force. If I have a problem when abroad I want to be able to visit a British Embassy

staffed by my fellow countrymen, not a European Embassy where only one person in twenty eight is British. I also want the decisions of who and how many can enter our Country, or be excluded, taken in London by politicians we elect and can remove.

I recognize not all will share my views, but felt it important you understand what those views are and what frames them.

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
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A prayer for the referendum:

God of truth,
give us grace to debate the issues in this referendum with honesty and openness.

Give generosity to those who seek to form opinion and discernment to those who vote, that our nation may prosper and that with all people we may work for peace and the common good; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

D'ARCY TRINKWON

The distinguished musician D'Arcy Trinkwon is one of the outstanding organists of his generation, and performs at international festivals and concerts series in concert halls, cathedrals and churches worldwide.

Respected for his dedication to the organ as a concert instrument, his instinctive affinity with the organ is backed by scholarship and encyclopedic knowledge of his art, and his vast repertoire - one of the most

extensive of any artist before the public - includes all the established masterpieces of all periods and schools. Whilst particularly emphasizing the virtuoso Romantic and French repertoire, he has also given numerous Bach recitals and solo cycles.

D'Arcy Trinkwon was Head Chorister at Canterbury Cathedral, afterwards he studied at the Royal Northern College of Music, Manchester and completed his studies with Jean Guillou and Odile Pierre

in Paris.
Alongside his concert career he is

Organist of Worth Abbey and Organist to the University of Sussex.

DCA SPORTS FACILITY

The Hernhill Village Fete also marked the official opening of new sports' facilities on the playing field. The tennis court/football pitch at Hernhill Playing Fields has now been improved with an up to date all-purpose surface. This has replaced the tarmac surface which had become old and dangerous and was in desperate need of repair. This improved facility has been made possible by a combination of a grant from Viridor and the contributions of local people by way of

supporting DCA activities. Currently the facility is perfect for football and even basketball, but for tennis, the bounce is still a little unpredictable. At present the final application of sand, which is needed for the playing of tennis, is awaited. The price of hire is £2.50 per hour for DCA members and £3.50 for non-members. Yearly season tickets, to DCA members only, are also available at £60. These allow unlimited bookings.

SHOULD I STAY OR SHOULD I GO.

Are you bamboozled by Brexit? Rattled by the referendum? We've got until 23rd June to make our minds up about which way to vote. Latest opinion polls show a pretty even split as to which way the vote will go. In the meantime, both sides of the campaign are working hard to persuade us to vote their way. I wonder how many like me are finding it hard to sift through the mountain of campaign rhetoric to get to the facts. An encouragingly titled leaflet plopped through our door the other day 'The 2016 EU Referendum Voting Guide'. The middle spread has one page for the 'Vote Remain campaign', and the other one for 'Vote Leave'. Both sides claim voting their way will protect the NHS, both claim our economy will be better off, and both claim that it will be more cost-effec-

tive for Britain. Both sides have been accused of running a 'Project Fear' campaign, based on warnings about what might happen with the economy or in terms of our safety from terrorism if we stay or if we go. Whichever way it goes, I can't help thinking that a real enemy to the thriving and prosperity of our nation (whether inside or outside of the EU) - or any nation come to that - is the kind of fear that leads to self-interest. The EU began with a focus on justice, solidarity and peace. Its current preoccupation with economic prosperity was not its original foundation. Fear is a natural human response to the unknown and to the new. But history has shown time and again it can make us push away the other and stop us speaking out against wrongs and injustices. Fear of the 'what if's' in life can paralyse us

when we try making decisions about the future. And this is a decision that will affect our children, our grandchildren and also our European neighbours.

Jesus Christ told all who would listen to him to start from a place of love, not fear. Perfect love, he said, drives fear away. He commanded his followers to love their neigh-

bour. What a challenge! What kind of transformation would we see if we made our political and economic decisions based on love for the wider world, our nation, and our community rather than out of fear and self-interest? Whichever way we vote!

Revd Paulette Stubbings

OPEN GARDENS

Sunday 12th June

11.00am to 6.00pm



There are some 14 gardens to be visited this year. Some of them are new since the last time.

A selection of both small and large private gardens will be open plus one allotment site to visit. Some are within easy walking distance of each other with a few are further out. There will be different

styles of planting and garden design at various stages of development to be seen. Some of the gardens will also have children's activities and some will be selling teas and cakes. Plants will be on sale at some of the gardens. All will be worth a visit.

Proceeds go to the Dawes Community Association and Hernhill Horticultural Society.

Tickets to visit all of the gardens are £5.00 per adult and £1.00 per accompanied child aged 3 to 16 years.

Violet Croll

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

I would like to thank Sylvia and Brian Philpott for arranging a lovely afternoon at Doddington Park Gardens on Sunday 15th May. It was very enjoyable. However, it was a shame that only seven people

turned up after all the effort Sylvia puts in to organize these events.

Peter Bentley.

The next outing is to Norton Court on Tuesday 7th June meeting at the gate at 2.00pm. Admission is £5.00

PAULA KAY

There is growing interest locally for the 'Race for Paula' campaign. Whilst raising as much money as possible for Cancer Research UK, this also will be a day to celebrate and remember Paula Kay, who lived at Bessborough. Paula died aged just 49 in January 2015 after a three-year battle against cancer.

Her daughter Gabrielle is getting together a team of friends and family for the 'Race for Life' fundraiser on behalf of Cancer Research UK in Heme Bay on Sunday 26th June and there will be a big gathering back at Bessborough Farm afterwards, with a barbecue and live music from 'Coco'.

Raffle prizes are flooding in. MB

farms(formerly Barkaways) has joined the campaign with a donation of its prize winning sausages and burgers for the barbecue. There is a £20 voucher from 'Now Frame It', a hamper from Ashmore, cheese and bottles of gin, vodka and champagne. Gabs' Dad Kevin says the latest offerings are a meal for two at the Sportsman, quality cuff links and a pendant from 'The Jewellery Workshop' and a meal voucher from the Red Lion.

Gabrielle and her supporters will be

running as 'Race for Paula'. They will welcome anyone who would like to join in. There are options for a five kilometer or a ten kilometer run.

To join the team you will need the group ID which is 117173. To donate to 'Race for Paula' or join the team, visit the web site

[www.justgiving.com/teams/
Race-For-Paula](http://www.justgiving.com/teams/Race-For-Paula)

You can also get details of the fun day by joining the Race for Paula Facebook group.

Kevin Kay



DEEP CLEAN

We are planning to give the interior of the church a 'deep clean', reaching those parts that are not cleaned on a regular basis. A late spring clean to ensure that our beautiful church is looking great for

the summer.

The clean will be on Saturday 4th June between between 10.00am and noon. Any help will be much appreciated. There are some dusters, dustpans, brushes and brooms but if you can bring your own there will be no need to share.

Peter Willcock

VILLAGE WAR GRAVES

The War Graves Commission has identified that there are war graves in the cemetery of St. Michael's Church and has sent the following letter.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission was established by Royal Charter in 1917 as the sole organisation charged with the care and commemoration of those Commonwealth Armed Forces who died during the two World Wars. We currently care for the graves and commemorations of 1.7 million men and women worldwide and have war

graves at over 12,000 locations in the UK alone.

As part of the centenary of the First World War, we are working on a project to erect Commission signs at as many sites as possible that contain war graves. The aim of the initiative is to increase awareness of war graves in the United Kingdom and to remind the public that they need not travel abroad to find Commonwealth commemorations. This could also result in encouraging a greater interest in churchyards and church buildings in general and to increase visitor numbers to them.

BITS AND PIECES

I have just heard that Pam Thacker died this morning. She was an active member of Staplegate WI and will be

fondly remembered by her many friends.

After months of careful discussion we have now had approval for the

creation of a new grouping of the local C of E churches. This grouping is defined as a benefice. The new arrangement groups together Boughton under Blean with Dunkirk and Hernhill; and Goodnestone with Graveney. and came into effect on 18th May. However, each church retains its own Parochial Church Council and, as before, manages its own finances.

Our curate, Paulette Stubbings, is being ordained at a special Ordination Service to be held in Canterbury Cathedral at 5.00pm on Saturday 2nd July. All are welcome.

By this time next month the shouting will all be over. That is to say that the politician's will have stopped screaming irrelevancies at each other: or perhaps not. In any case we will know if we are to be in or out of the EU. What we won't know is what it is going to mean for us. That will only be evident over the years to come.

What is over for us is the Hernhill Fete. The weatherman smiled on us and gave us a day of sunshine and the crowds rolled in. Not only that, they stayed much longer than usual so that it was a truly enjoyable social occasion. As a result the event raised of the order of £4,500. I be-

lieve that is a record and well deserved given the very hard work by all involved.

You will have seen that there are three special events in June. There is the concert by the internationally acclaimed organist, D'Arcy Trinkwon in St. Michael's Church. The second event is the 'Race for Paula'. If, like me, even the thought of running brings on exhaustion you can still contribute by making a donation to the very worthwhile charity. The third event, but not least, is the Village 'Open Gardens'. There are more to see this year. And if that isn't enough for you, there is the Horticultural Society Summer show on Saturday 25th June. All these events are well worth your support

There are two other events of note. On Saturday 4th June at Kemsdale Stud Farm, the Shoes is holding the annual Derby Day party and on Saturday and Sunday 4th and 5th June, the Coach House at Kemsdale will be open under the National Gardens Scheme. It is self evident that the Village has much to be enjoyed this month with Mount Ephraim Gardens open and the Crafts Centre open there every Sunday.

ADT (24 May)

To book the Village Hall go to www.hernhill-bookings.net

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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27th
June**



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
	11.00am	-----	Open Gardens
Tues 14	-----	-----	Green Bin Collection
Sat 18	3.30pm	St. Barnabas	Messy Church
Sun 19	10.00am	St. Michael's Ch	Sung Communion
Tues 21	-----	-----	Blue bin collection
Sat 25	-----	Village Hall	Horticultural Soc Summer Show
Sun 26	10.00am	Boughton Ch	Patronal Festival
	-----	Herne Bay	Race for Paula
Tues 8	-----	-----	Green Bin Collection
Wed 29	8.00pm	Village Hall.	Parish Council
Sat 2 July	5.00pm	The Cathedral	Ordination Service
Sun 3	10.30am	Graveney Ch	United Service
Tues 5	-----	-----	Blue bin collection
Sun 10	8.00am	St. Michael's Ch	Holy Communion
	2.30pm	-----	Teddy Parachute Competition
Tues 12	-----	-----	Green Bin Collection
Sat 16	-----	-----	Wheelie bin Race
	3.30pm	St. Barnabas	Messy Church
Sun 17	10.00am	St. Michael's Ch	Ringers & Singers Service
	-----	Village Hall.	Jazz on the Hill
Tues 19	-----	-----	Blue Bin Collection
Sun 24	8.00am	St. Michael's Ch	Holy Communion
Tues 26	-----	-----	Green Bin Collection
Wed 27	8.00pm	Village Hall.	Parish Council