



HERNHILL NEWS

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PARISH COUNCIL

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Full copies of the approved minutes will be available on the Parish Council notice board on the Village Green.

The Parish Council Meeting held on 31st August was attended by five Parish Councillors, one Borough Councillor and five members of the public.

Planning matters: 16/505934/FULL - Creation of first floor side extension with insertion of dormer windows and front canopy at 9, Woodlands, Dargate. 16/506125/LDCEX - Lawful Development Certificate (existing) use of land for the storage and disposition of non toxic waste, hardcore and associated materials and activities at Thirwell Farm. A site meeting was held to discuss the planning application for Black Barn Farm, Crockham Lane and following discussion with local residents it was agreed that amendments to the application would be made. The Clerk informed those present that the recent appeal hearing for the planning application at Evaluna, Plumpudding

Lane had been dismissed. Swale Borough Council are aware of the apparent building works in the area and any concerns should be directed to their planning team in the first instance.

A member of the public provided an update on research done regarding the possible installation of acoustic boards along the Thanet Way with a view to easing noise pollution in the local area.

The Parish Council has made part of the road between the Village Green and the church available to disabled users, to aid access to the church for those who specifically require it. There are signs in place and residents are requested to respect them.

The Parish Council noted that the recent music festival was extremely well organised and caused minimal disruption to the Village.

The annual allotment inspection will take place on Monday 12th September at 7.00pm. Tenants are welcome to come along and discuss allotment matters with Councillors. There is still an allotment plot available to rent on the site at Kays Lane. Please contact the Parish Clerk if you are interested. Members of the public are reminded that they can report highway matters

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such as potholes and overgrown hedges either to the Parish Clerk or directly to Kent County Council at 'kent.gov.uk'

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday 28th September at 8.00pm in the Village

Hall. Members of the public are welcome to attend. If members of the public wish to speak at the meeting then please would they contact the Clerk prior to 21st September so that the relevant items can be placed on the agenda for discussion.

YOUR COUNTY COUNCILLOR

As July draws to a close the combine harvesters are busy in the fields and blackberries are ripening in the hedges. In the vegetable garden strawberries, broad beans and peas have come to an end and both french and runner beans are in full production. Autumn is approaching all too fast.

Nationally we have a new Prime Minister, Theresa May, and an almost entirely new line up of Cabinet Ministers. Of particular interest to me are the new Ministers responsible for Local Government, The Environment, Health, Education and Planning. It is too early yet to judge if these changes in Ministers will lead to any changes in Government Policies.

During July I spent three days representing Swale at the Annual Conference of the Local Government Association. There was a good turnout of both Councillors and Ministers especially from within the Department of Communities and Local Government, although the latter were rushing to and from London to take part in the Conservative Party Leadership Election. This is always an extremely useful opportunity for the Chief Executive and myself to learn from the experiences and sometimes mistakes of other Local Authorities. By attending workshops and discussion groups we can raise the profile of the Borough and the Swale Area in general. It is an ideal opportunity to raise, face to face,

Swale's problems and needs with Government Ministers and leading figures within Local Government.

The Kent County Council Select Committee on Grammar Schools and Social Mobility, which has taken up much of my time in recent months, submitted its final report to a full meeting of Kent County Council. Although it would be fair to say I did not get all I might have wished for in respect of Grammar Schools being the nearest appropriate school for those who have passed the Kent Test I think it right to say that the 16 recommendations agreed cross party go at least 80% of the way there. For those who are interested the July meeting of Full Council is available to watch on the Kent County Council website.

To ensure that I continue to have little or no free time I was immediately recruited to a new Select Committee which will take an in depth look at Bus Services and subsidies in order to make recommendations to the Cabinet Member and Full Council. This will report later this year.

Other meetings attended in July included Swale Borough Council's Cabinet, the Full Meeting of Kent County Council mentioned above, the Kent Flood Risk Committee, Kent County Council's Growth and Economy Committee, the Kent Health and Wellbeing Board and Parish Councils at both Oare and Lynsted. I also chaired the Swale Joint Transportation Board, the

first time it has met since I became Chairman and the latest Rural Policing Meeting between Swale Police, Swale Branch of the National Farmers Union and relevant Officers and Members of Swale Borough Council. July and August are the busy period for Home to School Transport Appeals and I spent one full day chairing these at County Hall with at least three more full days in the Diary during August.

My particular campaign at the moment is the appalling standard of verge mowing by Kent County Council's Contractor. As a result of my complaints the Contractor has already been forced to return to Selling to re-cut some lanes. I am still chasing up other complaints which I have either identified myself or had reported to me by residents or Parish Councils.

The weekend of the 23rd and 24th of July was especially busy, on the Saturday I spent the morning at the Kent Association of Local Councils Executive Committee held at Ditton. We received a presentation from Kent County Council on possible new arrangements for the carrying out of Soft Landscaping Works with greater involvement of Parish Councils. As well as approving the annual accounts and budget we had interesting debates on several subjects including the need for Parish Councils to consider budgeting for the extra cost of employing Clerks for longer hours to deal with the increasingly complex legislation coming forward. Parish Councils are also likely to have to increase their training budget for both Councillors and especially Parish Clerks. I also secured the support of the KALC Executive to the proposal that Brenley Corner improvements be taken forward as Kent's first priority for "Larger

Schemes" funding. This scheme is supported by Kent County Council, Swale Borough Council and the Kent and Medway Economic Board.

In the afternoon we paid an enjoyable visit to the Faversham Nautical Festival. On the Sunday we celebrated the diamond wedding of Don and Liz Jordan at Rodmersham. Don was my former Deputy Leader on Swale Borough Council, a former Mayor of the Borough and long standing Swale Borough and Rodmersham Parish Councillor. On the way home from Rodmersham we joined the 90th birthday celebration of Selling Village Hall arranged by the management Committee Chairman Sue Smart and others. All present particularly enjoyed the showing of some old editions of Country Ways presented by Jim Flegg and showcasing Selling and the local area and some well known local residents past and present. Many thanks are also due to Paul Smith for arranging this showing.

The following weekend was the formal opening of Selling Cavaliers Cricket Club's new Pavilion by Lady Kingsdown, the President of Kent County Cricket Club. This took place during an official fixture between Kent and Essex girls cricket teams. It was attended by several local residents who had been instrumental in the fundraising and provision of the new Pavilion.

The last two paragraphs show how much we in the rural community owe to the often unseen and usually unsung efforts of largely anonymous benefactors and tireless volunteers. It will be a poorer world if others do not come forward to carry this baton in the future.

Andrew Bowles

AUTUMN SHOW

This will be held on Saturday 10th September at Hernhill Village Hall. The entry and staging of exhibits will be from 9.45am to 11.15am and the show will be open to the public from 2.00pm.

Entry, tea, coffee and biscuits are free. A raffle and the presentation of prizes will be at at 3.00pm. An auction of selected entries will follow. Please come along to support your local society.

Shane Croll

FROM THE VICAR

I have loved the Olympics, two weeks of fantastic sport, real variety, and some, such as trampolining, I didn't even know were in the Olympics. I have watched sports I wouldn't usually watch, cheering on the Brits and becoming so involved in their quest for gold. It's so hard to say which were the best bits but Usain Bolt's treble treble (100 metres, 200 metres and the sprint relay) in three consecutive Olympics is an amazing feat as is Mo Faarh's double double (5,000 and 10,000 metres) and I was on the edge of my seat watching the British women play in the hockey final and win in the penalty shoot-out. Heartfelt congratulations to all our competitors, whether medal winners or not and we still have the Paralympics to look forward to.

So many inspiring performances, incredible achievements, so much emotion of utter joy and total devastation. Some are delighted just to win a medal others are heartbroken at not winning gold. What we don't see is the sheer hard work, the physical pain of training, and the countless sacrifices that are made, 365 days a year for at least four years to win a medal. The dream of Olympic glory is the motivation.

Rio provided a fantastic backdrop for

the Olympics and must have made some think of it as a great holiday destination. Overlooking Rio is the iconic 30 metre tall statue of Christ the Redeemer atop Corcovado Mountain and designed to be visible from virtually every part of the city. Since its completion in 1931 it has become an instantly recognisable symbol not only of Christianity but of the city and Brazil as well. Originally the statue was going to hold a cross and a globe but the design was changed so that Jesus' outstretched arms suggested the cross. They also suggest an embrace that Brazilian sometimes call 'the hug', Jesus' head slightly tilted slightly downwards and to one side as if compassionately watching over the city and all its inhabitants. To many it is a symbol of welcome and peace and the statue was made with the purpose to show that Christ loves all.

Sport is great, it can bring people together, but it isn't the answer to the world's problems. Christ the Redeemer, watching over Rio and the Olympics is a powerful reminder of a far greater sacrifice, God's sacrifice in sending Jesus to this world, yes, to show his love and peace but in the end to be our Redeemer, to be the means whereby we can know God and be put right with him.

Revd Jean Burrows

KNITIVITY

Our Nativity set in Boughton Church has served us well over the years but

has definitely seen better days. We are hoping to create a 'Knitivity' set as gorgeous as the one Hernhill School

have. The standing figures are about 8" (20cm) high. You may have seen it in their hall in December, but we need your help to knit one. We also need a knitted Mary & Joseph for Advent at Hernhill.

Do you have any spare plain double knitting yarn that you are happy to donate towards these projects, in any of the following colours: mid green, lime green, light blue, mid blue, red, hot pink, cream, white, grey, light brown, dark brown, tan, beige, orange, yellow, purple? Please drop it into the churches



or leave it at the Vicarage in Boughton. Are you able to knit to a pattern and so help us create one of the figures in time? The knitting pattern and yarn for each character will be supplied. Kits will be issued in mid September and we are aiming to finish the figures by mid-November. Interested? Please contact us with your name, a phone number, address and an email if you have one. Thank you! Please e-mail or call Rev. Paulette on paulettejstubbings@gmail.com or phone 07713777487

Ready Teddy GO

Teddy bear parachuting from the top of St Michael's Church Hernhill

Sunday 18 September, 2.30 pm

£2 per Teddy or £5 per family

Prizes for the slowest descents, bearavery certificate for all teddies

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More info Revd Jean 01227 751410



PRODUCE TABLE

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Thanks to all who bought or donated produce last year. £400 was raised. The money was divided between Hearing Dogs for Deaf People and Canine Partners (i.e dogs for wheelchair users).

This year all proceeds will go to St Michael's Church. Once again, beans, blackberries, carrots, cucumbers, courgettes potatoes and rhubarb will be available amongst other things. Your support is invaluable.

Jill Geliot



BREATHING SPACE IS BACK!

Back by popular demand following the pilot in March, we will be holding 'Breathing Space' through the Autumn and Winter until the evenings get lighter again. It's an antidote for some of the stresses and strains of life.

When and Where?

7.30pm to 8.30pm in Hernhill Church (St Michael's) on the following Fri-

days: October 21st, November 25th, December 16th, January 10th, February 10th, March 10th.

What happens?

The church is beautiful and peaceful inside, and it will be mainly in darkness with some candlelight. There will be some music playing, and some periods of silence during the hour. There will be no words, no instructions, no expectations and no

need to say or do anything. Just turn up (bring a torch, it will be dark out) find a seat and enjoy the atmosphere and peace. Have some breathing space, and leave when you are ready. At the end of the hour, someone will say a short prayer to end the time.

Who can come?

You will be most warmly welcomed whether you are a regular churchgoer, or whether you have never set foot in a church in your life, whether you have a faith, no faith or are just curious. Oh, and nobody will make you talk to them or try and make you come back!

Rev Paulette Stubbings

HERNHILL CALENDAR 2018

by local artists

I know, a staggering thought but we are giving thought to the production of the next Hernhill Artists Calendar for 2018.

Please, any of you out there who paint and have images of local scenes; be they buildings, landscapes or seascapes; would you consider contributing your work to the next calendar. The term 'local scenes' can be interpreted to mean scenes in and around Hernhill, Faversham, Seasalter, Whitstable. Although we have, in general, filled our previous calendars with fine art



images in any kind of medium, we are also interested in a limited number of craft images.

We need to commence the production process in November 2016 at the latest so that our new production is ready and on sale for the Spring of 2017.

If you are interested in this project and would be willing to contribute your work, please contact Brian Jelfs without delay by phone (01227 752309) or by e-mail, brian.jelfs3@btinternet.com.

Brian Jelfs,
Alan Taylor,
Janet Macintosh

EARLY WARNING

So no excuses

On Monday 3rd October; the Village Hall AGM will be held at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

At the meeting you will have the opportunity to elect the committee and

officers for the coming year. We currently have a vacancy for a committee member. So, if you like to join others in the running of your Village Hall please come along.

Peter Rawlins
Chairman

BIT AND PIECES

Well it is all over for a while. The Olympic that is. We can all get back to British Summer and not worry about which event we are missing by not stopping up until the small hours of the morning. But didn't we do well. A record number of medals and second in the table. Of course the Paralym-

pics are still to come and once again upset our nightly routine but then back to normal for another four years. Last month I commented on how hot it had been. Little did I know that it was going to get even hotter. Once again our weather has differed from much of the rest of the country. Some parts to North and West of us have

had cloud and rain in abundance. Here, the plants and trees in the garden are looking stressed from lack of water. Having cleverly put in water meters, most will be newly conscious of the cost of watering. It will be interesting to see if this has an adverse effect on the exhibits at the Autumn Show.

The saga of Plumpudding Lane drags on. The Evaluna appeal for a traveller and gypsy site has been dismissed by the inspector. The applicant is due in court next month regarding non-compliance with the original smallholding order. However, he is now applying to erect a large barn. Of course, it could be another attempt to delay the enforcement hearing that is due in September. There is still plant operating on the site and the applicant has made a new entrance to the right of Honey-suckle Villa and appears to have dug a trench and laid a blue water pipe. Basically, if you don't like what is going on, be alert and keep Swale Planning informed.

The Children's' Society tea party was held on a lovely day in August. In some ways it was too lovely. Too many people went to the seaside and especially to the air show in Herne

Bay. As a result, numbers coming to the tea party were well down on previous years. Even so, the stalls raised nearly £238 for this deserving cause and the boxes have yet to be counted.

The New Day Festival weekend was lucky with the weather and very successful. There were also many visitors to the Crafts Centre who took an interest in the the various demonstrations.

Saturday 17th September is a date for your diary. Hernhill School is having its annual fete. Starting at 12.30pm you can enjoy a fun afternoon there.

Having previously failed to say that the Teddy Parachute Challenge had been delayed, let me assure you that it is planned for Sunday 18th September. You don't have to book, just turn up at 2.30pm at the church and enjoy the fun. Of course the weather might still interfere but one hopes not. I'm getting my teddy ready for a third attempt. The first time he landed

on the roof, the second time he nose-dived with the aerodynamics of a brick. Third time lucky!

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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

**Mon
26th
Sept**



Sun 4 Sep	10.00am	St. Michael's Ch	Sung Communion
Tues 6	-----	-----	Green Bin Collection
Sat 10	-----	-----	Ride and stride
	-----	Village Hall.	Hort Soc Autumn Show
Sun 11	8.00am	St. Michael's Ch	Holy Communion
Tues 13	-----	-----	Blue Bin Collection
Sat 17	-----	-----	School Fete
	3.30pm	St Barnabus	Messy Church
Sun 18	10.00am	St. Michael's Ch	Patronal Festival
	2.30pm	St. Michael's Ch	Teddy Bear Parachute Jump
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
Sun 2 Oct	3.00pm	St. Michael's Ch	Confirmation Service
Mon 3	7.30pm	Village Hall	Village Hall AGM
Tues 4	-----	-----	Green Bin Collection
Sun 9	8.00am	St. Michael's Ch	Holy Communion
Tues 11	-----	-----	Blue Bin Collection
Sat 15	3.30pm	St Barnabus	Messy Church
Sun 16	10.00am	St. Michael's Ch	Harvest Festival
Tues 18	-----	-----	Green Bin Collection
Fri 21	7.30pm	St. Michael's Ch	Breathing Space
Sun 23	8.00am	St. Michael's Ch	Holy Communion
Tues 25	-----	-----	Blue Bin Collection
Wed 26	8.00pm	Village Hall.	Parish Council
Sun 30	10.00am	St. Michael's Ch	Sung Communion
Mon 31	6.00pm	Churchyard	Spooky Stories