



HERNHILL NEWS

JUNE 2015

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

On behalf of the Council I would like to express thanks to Helen Figgis for the time and commitment she has given in her role as chairman of Hernhill Parish Council. Helen has now decided to stand down from Council duties and I am sure we all wish her well for the future.

Thanks again Helen.

Michael Woods
Chairman Parish Council

The Annual Parish Meeting was held on Wednesday 20th May at 8.00pm. The public were invited to come along and eight people attended. The Revd Jean Burrows gave a presentation about events at the church, Jill Geliot gave a presentation on the events at the Horticultural Society and Helen Figgis gave an update on events at the school. The meeting was followed by the monthly meeting of the Council

PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 20th May.

Present: Mr M. Woods, Mr M. Cooper, Mrs J. Geliot, Mr M. Woodcock, Mr S. Edgington, Mrs S. Muteham (Clerk). Apologies were received from Mr A. Chapman, Mr

A. Bowles, Mr G. Bobbin.

Election of Chairman & Vice chairman: Mrs J. Geliot proposed and Mr M. Cooper seconded that Mr M. Woods be elected as Chairman. Mr M. Woods proposed and Mr M. Woodcock seconded that Mr A. Chapman be elected as Vice-chairman.

Minutes: The minutes of the meeting on Wednesday 29th April were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

Matters arising: It was noted that Mr G. Morsman has resigned as Parish Councillor. Those present would like to formally thank him for his work over the years. This has created a vacancy for a Parish Councillor and the Clerk will advertise this with immediate effect. The Environment Agency are dealing

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KCC Representative: Andrew Bowles

with the situation on the land behind the 'Pitstop Cafe' and it would be beneficial if local residents could direct any concerns regarding the site direct to the Environment Agency. Those present discussed the feasibility of purchasing a community defibrillator and it was agreed not to progress the matter at this stage due to financial reasons.

Reports: Mr M. Cooper confirmed that all allotments are currently being used and it was agreed that the Clerk would arrange for the Parish Council to undertake an annual inspection of the site in September. Mr M. Woods reported that he had attended the 'Faversham Mayor Making' ceremony on 18th May.

Administration: The Chairman approved the annual accounts for year ending 31st March. The Chairman signed sections 1 and 2 of the return for the year ended 31st March 2015. The Clerk proposed that Mr K. Funnell be appointed as the new internal auditor for the financial year

2015/16.

Correspondence: The Clerk received a letter on behalf of the planning application 15/501135/FULL (Lamberhurst Farm) requesting that the Parish Council reconsider its decision to object to the application. The Clerk responded to the letter stating that the Parish Council would be willing to reconsider, if notified by Swale Borough Council that an amendment has been made to the application. The Clerk received an email via Dunkirk Parish Council, stating that KCC are considering the future of the road closure at Dawes Road. The Clerk will respond asking for details of the recent geotechnical survey and the matter will be placed on the agenda for discussion at the June meeting.

The next meeting of the Parish Council is to be on Wednesday 24th June.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.15pm.

HERNHILL HAS A VACANCY FOR A PARISH COUNCILLOR.

Meetings are held on the last Wednesday of each month at 8.00pm in the Village Hall. If you are interested please contact the Clerk by 30th June. Phone 07740 706189 or hernhillclerk@gmail.com

YOUR COUNTY COUNCILLOR

May I start this month's report by thanking all those who voted in the Elections just ten short days ago; it already feels much longer. Although I always try to keep these reports non political I must especially thank those of you who voted to return two Conservative M.P.'s, Gordon Henderson for Sittingbourne and Sheppey which covers

the Teynham and Lynsted and Murston Borough Wards and Helen Whatley for Faversham & Mid Kent covering the Boughton & Courtenay and East Downs Wards. The area which comprises the Swale East County Division will also be represented by seven Swale Borough Councillors, six of them Conservative.

I really enjoy Election time. With

fewer committee meetings I am able to spend more time out on the streets meeting and talking to residents. As well as getting to every address in my own Borough Ward of Boughton & Courtenay at least twice I also, as Conservative Group Leader, canvassed in many other areas. Within the Swale East Division these included Conyer in Teynham & Lynsted Ward, Painters Forstal in East Downs Ward and East Hall in Murston.

Under proposals just released by the Boundary Commission the Swale East County Division which I currently represent stands to be carved up before the next County Elections in May 2017. The villages which comprise Boughton & Courtenay and East Downs Borough Wards are proposed to join with the Eastern half of Faversham Town to form a new Swale East Division. Those villages currently within Teynham & Lynsted Ward would join with the villages of West Downs

and the rest of Faversham Town to form a new Division to be known as Mid Swale. Murston meanwhile would become part of a Sittingbourne North Division. All residents as well as Parish Councils are encouraged to respond to these proposals.

This week Swale Borough Council will hold its annual meeting to elect a new Mayor and Deputy Mayor and the Leader of the Council. Following these elections the Members of the Cabinet will be appointed and Councillors will be allocated Committees and representational roles on outside bodies. With 18 new Councillors, only two of whom have served before, there will be a lot of training as well as a settling-in period. I wish all of those elected in May the best of luck and hope they find the role of serving their residents as fulfilling as I have done.

Andrew Bowles

DCA & VILLAGE HALL

The DCA is kicking off fundraising with a party on Friday 19th June in the Village Hall. This is to raise money towards a 'clamber stack' to be situated on the playing fields. Come and enjoy a hog roast or vegetarian buffet, live music from the 'Vibes'. There will be a cash bar for wine and beer. The tickets are

£15.00 a head to include food, live entertainment and a fiver towards the fundraising!

For more information and tickets please contact Gabi or Liz at info@thebandcompany.co.uk

Peter Rawlins

Chairman

DCA/Village Hall Committee's



Barbara says that she would still be pleased to make a happy home for any unwanted jam jars.

If you have any that you would like her to take in, please leave them at the house or ring for them to be collected.
01227 751293

OPEN GARDEN SAFARI

Sunday 5th July
11.00am to 6.00pm

Around the pretty and unspoilt country village of Hernhill with its village green, Norman church and 14th century pub, there will be a selection of small and large private gardens, plus one allotment site to visit.

They will be showing different styles of planting and garden design at various stages of development, some within easy walking distance of each other and a few further out. There will be teas, cof-

fees, cakes and plants for sale and some of the gardens will have children's activities.

Entry programmes will be available on the day from the gardens taking part, £5.00 per adult and £1.00 per child up to age 16 years. All proceeds go to the Dawes Community Association and the Hernhill Horticultural Society.

The Village is just off the A299 Thanet Way at the end of the M2. The Post Code for Sat Naves is ME13 9JR For further information go to <http://hernhill.net>



HAVE YOU SEEN OUR CAT?

DB is grey, long haired with a white patch under his chin. If you have seen him then please contact us

07753 609084 or 01227 7581691

FROM THE VICAR

A church member once complained to me that we always seemed to be eating together. It was true, but it was great. The food other people make always seems to taste better than your own. But that comment also saddened me because although that woman thought she was a Christian she didn't know that much about Jesus.

Jesus was often seen eating and drinking and he didn't mind whether it was with a prestigious community leader or a hated tax collector or other social outcasts of the time. In fact his enemies often criticized him for not being very discerning about

who he socialized with. At times Jesus provided food or drink for others, for example the feeding of the 5,000 or changing water into wine at a wedding feast. When Jesus was thinking of how his followers could remember him after he had left them he chose a meal. The early church continued Jesus' practice and often ate together in each other's homes or shared community meals. Many of Jesus' stories included meals.

Eating together brings people together, mealtimes are about more than food. Ideas are shared, we get to know others and friendships are built. Messy Church, the Alpha

course, Maundy Thursday, Passover meals, harvest lunch, these are all opportunities the church provides to eat together. Some people, very graciously, also invite others to share a meal in their home.

At the end of this month, on Sunday 28th June we celebrate our patronal festival and that is followed by a big barbecue in the Vicarage garden at 12.45pm. Everyone is welcome but you do need to let me know if you are coming. Please bring your own meat/fish/veggie to barbecue and a salad or pudding to share. There is plenty of room for children to play but you might like to bring a game or two. Then on Sunday 5th

July we are having a bring and share lunch, again in the Vicarage. This time to welcome our new curate to our villages. All are welcome but again please let me know if you are coming. The ordination of Paulette Stubbings as our curate is on Saturday 4th July at 11.00am in Canterbury Cathedral.

Food and eating together is such an important part of our life. Next time we find ourselves with good food and friendly company perhaps we can pause and realise that God is closer than we thought and give thanks to him for both.

Revd Jean Burrows
(01227 751410)

FAMILY SCROLL

Sandys and Lesley have been given a scroll that depicts the family history dating back to 1490. It starts with John Dawes of Deepdale in Patterdale, Parish of Barton, Westmorland and finishes with Lancelot Dawes in 1904. It has been produced on linen-backed canvas and



includes a number of family crests.

It is thought to be based on a 1903 document already in the possession of the Dawes family. However, Sandys has said that it does contain additional information about one of his great grandfather's sons who fought in South Africa in the Boer War.

FREE TO GOOD HOME

A five-pack of black ink printer cartridges, Canon Pixma PG1-5BK. If you are interested please contact Jean.

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CRAFTS CENTRE

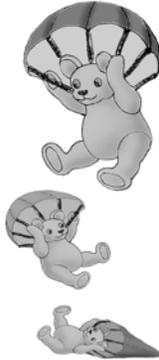
Sunday 28th June will be the first of three demonstration days at the Hernhill Crafts Centre in the Stable Block at Mount Ephraim. These days will start at 1.00pm.

Members will be there to demonstrate their skills in a wide range of crafts. It will be possible for you to have a go for yourself at some of the crafts being demonstrated.

TEDDY BEARS PARACHUTE CHALLENGE

Paratroops spend months in training before their first jump. Surely Teddy bears must have at least a few weeks of training to prepare for this special event.

The great "Teddy Bear Parachute Challenge" for this year is just a matter of weeks away.



Jump off begins at 2.30pm on Sunday 12th July. Last time there was great competition from adult keepers (male and female) as well as from the children.

It is time for your Teddy to get into training and put on some more weight to help him down. Honey is the recommended diet.

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Summer Show at the Village Hall will be on Saturday 13th June, open to the public at 2.00pm and followed by an auction of produce at 3.00pm, all welcome.

The society has arranged an outing

to Downs Court at Boughton Aluph on Sunday 12th July, meet at garden at 3.00pm. For details please contact Sylvia & Brian Philpott on 01227 750259

Peter Bentley

MAGNA CARTA

This year is the anniversary of the sealing of the Magna Carta. It was not signed as is mistakenly said, but was authorised by the king attaching his seal.

A touring exhibition displaying the Faversham Magna Carta is open in the Alexander Centre until Sunday 28th June. It is open seven days a week from 10.00am until 4.00pm but 7.30pm on Thursdays.

There will also be a Magna Carta themed exhibition at the Fleur de Lis heritage centre.

BITS AND PIECES



As usual, the Village Fete was held on the first Saturday in May. I can only remember one Fete day in the past when the heavens opened and drove us indoors. This time the weather was kind to us. Kind in the sense that it didn't rain but the wind had a spiteful cold edge to it. How-

ever, the fete was well attended and there was much to see, to do, to eat and drink. As always there was a lovely cheery atmosphere and I for one greatly enjoyed it. Special thanks are due to the many helpers and contributors to the event at which over £4,000 were raised.

May saw the devastating effects of the earthquakes in Nepal. Not to be undone, we have had our own. In

truth, more of an earth wriggle than a quake but it did generate a piece in the leader column of the Telegraph and Matt produced a cartoon to match.

But, things are looking up. The trees are in leaf, flowers are back in the garden and the General Election is finished at last. Thank goodness ! The noisy clammer from the politicians and the press is over at last and the pollsters have been put back in their box. I think we could profitably throw that key away.

One of the areas much featured in the election was the failing of the NHS. With an organisation that is so enormous, of course there are some failings, somewhere, but that has not been my experience. I have been a customer of the NHS for the past two years, first with prostate cancer and currently with cancer of the throat. The first has been successfully treated, the second is work in progress. Throughout, my treatment has been skilful and given with care and compassion. What more could you want?

I was idly thumbing through a book

of quotations and came across this from Francis Bacon (1598), "Opportunity makes a thief." Its relevance to a message I had earlier in the day is remarkable. I had a phone call from a friend who told me that her house and that of a neighbour had been broken into whilst they were out. The houses were for a short period empty and the thief took the opportunity to break-in. There are of course limits to what you can do but, bolt and bar doors, windows, sheds and garages whenever you are out. Deny the thief the opportunity of easy access. That sixteenth century observation is still true today.

Despite creating chaos for a few days and changing the frontage of a number of shops in Faversham, the results are disappointing. All that effort went into producing a one-minute advert for Cadbury. Those who have seen it say that the scene in Faversham lasts only seconds. One wonders how they justify so much effort for so little. And now there is to be one about cars. Perhaps the next, 'Downton Abbey' will get relocated to Faversham Abbey.

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

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Tues 2 Jun	-----	-----	Green Bin Collection
Sun 7	10.00am	St. Michael's Ch	Sung Communion
Tues 9	-----	-----	Blue bin collection
Sat 13	-----	-----	Horticultural Summer Show
Sun 14	8.00am	St. Michael's Ch	Holy Communion
Tues 16	-----	-----	Green Bin Collection
Sat 20	3.30pm	St. Barnabus	Messy Church
Sun 21	10.00am	St. Michael's Ch	Sung Communion + Baptism
Tues 23	-----	-----	Blue bin collection
Wed 24	8.00pm	Village Hall	Parish Council
Sun 28	10.00am	Boughton Ch	Patronal Festival
	12.45pm	The Vicarage	BBQ
Tues 30	-----	-----	Green Bin Collection
Sat 4 July	11.00am	The Cathedral	Ordination Service
Sun 5	10.00am	St. Michael's Ch	Sung Communion
	12.45pm	The Vicarage	BBQ
	17.00pm	Boughton Ch	Concert
Tues 7	-----	-----	Blue bin collection
Sun 12	8.00am	St. Michael's Ch	Holy Communion
	2.30pm	St. Michael's Ch	Teddy parachute challenge
Tues 14	-----	-----	Green Bin Collection
Sat 18	3.30pm	St. Barnabus	Messy Church
Sun 19	10.00am	St. Michael's Ch	Sung Communion
Tues 21	-----	-----	Blue bin collection
Fri 24	-----	St. Michael's Ch	Art exhibition
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Tues 28	-----	-----	Green Bin Collection
Wed 29	8.00pm	Village Hall	Parish Council