



HERNHILL NEWS

OCTOBER 2014

THE CLOCK 'FALLS BACK' AT 2.00AM ON
SUNDAY 26TH OCTOBER



HERNHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 23rd September.

Present: Mrs H. Figgis (Chairman), Mr G. Morsman, Mr A. Chapman, Mrs J. Geliot, Mr M. Cooper, Mr M. Woods, Mr M. Woodcock, Mrs S. Muteham (Clerk). Also present was one member of the public (Mr J. Tutt). Apologies were received from Mr A. Bowles (County & Borough Councillor) and Mr G. Bobbin (Borough Councillor).

The minutes of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 27th August were taken as read and signed by the Chairman. There were no matters arising.

Reports: Mr Chapman commented that the sinking pothole between the old school and Red Lion is still awaiting repair work. The Clerk will follow this up with KCC. Mr Woods attended the recent presentation by the

Highways Agency/Balfour Beatty in Boughton, where the matter of the scheduled road closures of the A2 was discussed. Mr Woodcock reported that history of the local war memorials is now online and very informative. The Parish Council would like to formally record their thanks to Sue & Julian for their hard work in providing such a unique part of the local history. Mrs Figgis commented that the Hernhill school fete held on Saturday 20th September was very well attended and lots of money was raised.

Planning: Number 14/501563 Lychgate Service Station, Thanet Way – non illuminated fascia to canopy with an illuminated Pecten (Shell brand motif) sign. The Parish Council recorded no objection to the application. SW/14/0391 Land adjacent Acorns, Butlers Hill – notice of appeal. SW/13/1447 Evaluna, Plumpudding Lane – notice of ap-

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peal. 14/502998 Oaklea, Lamberhurst Farm – Proposed detached garage.

The Parish Council recorded no objection to the application.

Administration: It was agreed by those present to make a donation of £50.00 when purchasing the 2014 remembrance day wreath.

Correspondence: A letter was received from PKF Littlejohn confirming the completion of the audit of the Annual Return. An e-mail was received from the local PCSO regarding the parking concerns in proximity to Laurel Place, Staplestreet and it was agreed by those present to try and obtain photographic evidence of the poor sightlines caused by the legally parked vehicles in the area. KCC confirmed that the white road markings could not be extended at present, as they are based upon the original traffic order. The clerk will investigate whether or not this order can be amended. An e-mail was received from KCC who have confirmed that the flooding at Fairbrook is caused by a blockage in part of the drainage system and a works order has now been passed to a survey team to carry out a CCTV survey of the system to determine the cause of the problem. The clerk reported

that she had received information from Swale Borough Council regarding Sport and Physical Activity Grants of up to £1000 for community projects and programmes. Any local groups wishing to apply for a grant should contact www.activeswale@swale.gov.uk.

The clerk had received various e-mails regarding the scheduled roadworks on the A2 and reported that they will be displayed on the noticeboard. Work will take place during weekends from Friday 3rd October to Monday 1st December between 8.00pm Friday and 6.00am Monday. The A2 will be closed coastbound between Brenley Corner and Wincheap, including the slip road into Boughton. Lorries travelling to the coast will be diverted via the A299 and A256. Local motorists wishing to travel to Canterbury will be directed off the A299 onto the A290 at Whitstable.

The next meeting of the Parish Council is to be on Wednesday 29th October at 8:00pm.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the Meeting closed at 8.45pm.

YOUR COUNTY COUNCILLOR

I will start this month with a vital date. Although the sum of money available for County Members to spend within their local division has halved this year, I still intend to allow YOU to decide where it is spent. The Annual Participatory Budget event will take place at Teynham Village Hall on Saturday 8th Novem-

ber. If you know of a Community Group, Village Hall Committee, Sports Club or Parish Council which serves the residents of Swale East who have a scheme which requires funding please direct them to Bill Ronan. He can be contacted at billronan@kent.gov.uk. Remember, all residents of Swale East are welcome to attend and to

listen to the applicants and then vote on the allocations.

The last weekend in August I spent two highly enjoyable days at the Faversham Hop Festival. Better feel to this year's Festival than for many a year. This remains one of the first dates I enter into my diary each year.

Not surprisingly with the problems at Hospitals both ends of Swale this month has been dominated by meetings of, and with, Health Bodies. I seem to see more of senior figures at Swale and Canterbury C.C.G's plus those from Medway

Hospital than I do of my fellow Swale Councillors.

Since my last report to you I have attended Parish Council meetings at Hernhill, Ospringe, Selling, Graveney, Boughton and Newnham plus a village plan group at Selling. I have also attended both Faversham Area and Sittingbourne Area Local Engagement Forums. Wearing my Selling Parish Council hat I had a meeting with the Kent County Council footpath Officer for Swale and Ashford to discuss various problems.

Andrew Bowles

There have been yet more thefts from garages and outhouses in the area. Rather than say the same tiresome thing each time, I have decided to put in my 'thief' drawing. One for each reported event. count the 'thieves' and you know how many

break-ins have been reported since the last issue. This time there are three.



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AUTUMN SHOW.

The show proved to be a success with 21 entrants and 187 entries. The cups were presented by the President Mr Sandys Dawes. The prize winners were as follows; Vegetable Cup - Richard Walton, Dahlia Cup Best in show - Tony Bentley, Photography - Violet Croll, Home Economics - Peter Bentley, Floral Art - Peter Bentley. The auction of

produce, with the giant marrow weighing 37 pounds grown by Richard Walton, made £10.00 totalling altogether £70.00. The total for the raffle was £69.00.

Also, we would like to welcome the new members who attended the show, and everybody for their support and look forward to seeing you all at the AGM in the new year.

Peter Bentley

DOVE FIREWORKS

I have been asked to contact you by Chris Johnson (Landlord of The Dove). He is planning a Firework Display on November 5th (donations only) and he is hoping to raise enough money to make a donation

to the Kent Air Ambulance charity. Chris would like to invite local organisations to use the event as a fundraiser and is hoping to encourage people to provide a few stalls, i.e. tombola, cakes, face painting, lucky dip, raffle etc. If anyone is able

to help, will they please contact Chris direct either by using his email (bookings@thedovedargate.co.uk) or by telephone on 01227 751360.
Christine Kay

A BIG THANK YOU

On behalf of St. Michael's Church, we would like to thank the people who have put in so much of their time to look after the Churchyard: Dave Brenchley, who looks after the new section. Ted Roffey and John Sim, who take care of the south side. Len Greener and Steve Waterman, who mow the front sec-

tion of the Churchyard and keep it in pristine condition for the weddings. A special thank you to Keith and his band of workers who arrive every Monday and look after the middle section and are only too willing in helping out wherever needed. Thank you all.

Brian Jenkins & Peter Willcock
Churchwardens

VILLAGE HALL MATTERS

I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that the AGM of the Village Hall Committee will be on Monday 6th October at 7.30pm in the village hall. This is your opportunity to elect your committee. We have a vacancy at the moment owing to Liz

Walton deciding to step down. Therefore, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Liz on behalf of the trustees for all the hard work that she has done in the past. I hope to see you at the village hall
Thank you.

Peter Rawlins
Chairman, Village Hall Committee

FROM THE VICAR

Over the past few months the news seems to have been one disaster or war after another, I'm almost afraid to switch the television or radio on, what will it be next? A plane missing and still not found, another shot down, the Ebola outbreak in west Africa which it seems has only just come under control, barbaric beheadings of hostages, religious minorities persecuted, thousands of refugees fleeing Syria, the indiscriminate bombing of Gaza, conflicts in Syria and Ukraine, the list seems endless. We can feel overwhelmed and helpless in the face of such agonising human suffering. We may feel we're becoming im-

mune to the suffering of other human beings. Even if we are people of prayer we can still feel God doesn't seem to be doing much to resolve all these conflicts. We may feel angry with God that he allows all this chaos and evil to continue. In the Old Testament particularly there is protest, questioning and doubt. Where is God, is he doing anything at all? Some of the Psalms can be quite difficult to read as the writer asks God to inflict terrible suffering on his enemies. We can't condone that sort of prayer today but we can understand the pain behind such a plea. In the Bible people who argue with God aren't criticised by him for doing

that, it shows that they care and are passionate about justice and peace for all.

It is alright to express our true feelings to God, whether it is about the state of the world or our own personal dark times. God can take our anger, our rage, our doubt and our questioning. He doesn't turn his back on us just because we're having a rant.

Praying for our world challenges

the way we pray, it can lead us deeper into prayer, it challenges our perseverance and questions whether we are really serious about wanting God to intervene or not. Through such praying we learn discernment, which things do I pray about just once and which things do I keep badgering God about? Prayer for our world can be hard but please don't give up.

Revd Jean Burrows

NOT JUST A NAME

We have a new and fascinating local web-site that is well worth your attention. It pieces together the stories behind the 126 names on our village War Memorials; Boughton,-under Blean, Dunkirk and Hernhill. The web-site has the stories behind those names, their families and their sacrifice. There are still just a few names about which there is little in-

formation. If you can fill in the gaps please get in touch with Julian Owen (1227 750203). He has done a wonderful job researching the names, the families and the events but could do with some help with the finishing touches. The address of the site is <http://bought-dunkirk-hernhill-warmemorials.com>.

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ARTS AND CRAFTS FAIR in aid of maintenance costs.

St. Michael's Church
Saturday 8th 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.

BITS AND PIECES

Mists in the evening and the wet grass in the morning herald the beginning of the autumn. It is to be hoped that there are still a few good days to come but we have already had what there was of the summer. Overall, there has not been much evidence of global warming



in this part of the World.

Thank goodness the 'YES/NO' marathon is over and that other items can be given time in the news. By and large it was only the big conurbations with big social problems that voted for separation. Perhaps we should now be worried about London,

the Midlands and the like who have similar problems. All the excitement was about Scotland but their total population is only about 5.3 million, a tenth of the size of England. Even London with a population of over 7 million is bigger. Having voted to stay, Scotland has been promised greater devolution. There is now talk in England that we too should have more devolution and certainly that Scottish MP's should not be allowed to vote on English matters. The problem is that once you stir the pot you never know what might come up from the bottom.

There was a superb photo of the thousands of poppies in the moat around the Tower of London. The Tower of London over the Summer has become an impressive and fitting art installation that will mark the centenary of the commencement of the First World War. The ceramic poppies are installed by a team of over 8,000 volunteers from across the UK and the last one will be planted on Armistice Day, 11th November. Hand made in Paul Cummins' studio, poppies are available for



£25.00 + p&p. All net proceeds plus a guaranteed 10% from every poppy sold will be shared equally amongst six service charities. The charities will receive an equal share of all net proceeds once costs are recovered, in addition to a guaranteed 10% of every poppy sold from the outset. These costs have been incurred by Historic Royal Palaces, the independent charity that cares for the Tower of London, and Paul Cummins Ceramics in manufacturing, transporting, installing and selling the poppies as well as VAT. The 10% donation combined with the net proceeds will raise millions of pounds for the charities if all poppies are sold. Historic Royal Palaces and Paul Cummins Ceramics will not profit from the sale of the poppies. You can still make a contribution, but only on line. The address for you to purchase a poppy from is; poppies.hrp.org.uk/buy-a-poppy.

Making her own contribution, Val Rook has been selling fruit at her front gate. As a result she has raised £230 for 'Help for Heroes'.

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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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| Sun 5 Oct | 10.00am | St. Michael's Ch | Harvest Festival |
| Mon 6 | 7.30pm | Village Hall | Village Hall AGM |
| Tues 7 | ----- | ----- | GREEN bin collection |
| Sun 12 | 8.00am | St. Michael's Ch | Holy Communion |
| Tues 14 | ----- | ----- | BLUE bin collection |
| Sat 18 | 3.30pm | St Barnabas | Messy Church |
| Sun 19 | 10.00am | St. Michael's Ch | Sung Communion |
| Tues 21 | ----- | ----- | GREEN bin collection |
| Sun 26 | 8.00am | St. Michael's Ch | Holy Communion |
| Tues 28 | ----- | ----- | BLUE bin collection |
| Wed 29 | 8.00pm | Village Hall | Parish Council |
| Sun 2 Nov | 10.30am | Graveney Ch | Patronal Festival |
| Tues 4 | ----- | ----- | GREEN bin collection |
| Wed 5 | ----- | ----- | Guy Fawkes night |
| Sat 8 | 10.30am | St. Michael's Ch | Arts and Crafts Fair |
| Sun 9 | 10.50am | St. Michael's Ch | Remembrance Sunday |
| Tues 11 | ----- | ----- | BLUE bin collection |
| Sat 15 | 3.30pm | St Barnabas | Messy Church |
| Sun 16 | 10.00am | St. Michael's Ch | Sung Communion |
| Tues 18 | ----- | ----- | GREEN bin collection |
| 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 | Holy Communion |



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