



HERNHILL NEWS

OCTOBER 2018

THANKS TO TONY

Tony Chapman has resigned from the Parish Council after more than 30 years as a councillor. I am sure that everyone will join me in thanking him for this outstanding public service and contribution to Hernhill. Tony also

prints the 350 copies of the Hernhill News and distributes them to the local delivery people and I am pleased to say that he is willing to continue doing this.

Jill Jeliot

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

This year, Remembrance Sunday falls on Armistice Day and will be exactly 100 years to the day that the guns of the Great War fell silent. A Service will be held at our war memorial, commencing at 10:50 on Sunday 11th November. Everyone is welcome. It is a short service followed by refreshments in church. In previous years only wreaths from the Parish Council and the Parochial Church Council have been laid, but as this is the centenary of the end of the war, it

will be wonderful to have more wreaths on behalf of Village organisations, local businesses and individuals. An opportunity for the community to come together to remember with gratitude those 30 men from this small parish who died in the service of their country between 1914 and 1918. Not forgetting the six local men who gave their lives in the Second World War.

Peter Willcock
Churchwarden

PARISH COUNCIL

You can contact the Clerk for Parish Council business on 07740 706189 or hernhillclerk@gmail.com or hernhillparishcouncil.org

Full copies of the approved minutes are available on the Parish Council website.

A full Parish Council meeting was held on Wednesday 26th September and

attended by four Parish Councillors, one Borough Councillor, one County Councillor and six members of the public.

Mr A. Chapman has resigned from his role as Parish Councillor and Chairman. Members of the Parish Council are extremely grateful for the 30+ years of service that Mr Chapman has given to the local community. Mrs

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KCC Representative: Andrew Bowles

J. Geliot has been elected as the new Chairman and Mr M. Woodcock has been elected as the new Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council. There is one vacancy for a Parish Councillor. Any interested party should in the first instance contact the Clerk by 31st October

Two planning applications were discussed at the September Parish Council meeting. 18/504548/FULL - 2 Monkshill Cottages, Monkshill Road and 18/504730/FULL The Paddock, Highstreet Road

The Parish Council provided an update at the meeting on the proposed Local Needs Housing at Staplestreet. It was reported that once all the surveys have been completed and a final layout produced, a date will be arranged for these to be displayed in the Village Hall for public comment, possibly before the end of the year. It is likely that a second stage independent 'housing needs survey' will be launched at this event.

A consultation relating to proposed double yellow lines at the junction of Staplestreet/Church Hill has been undertaken by Swale Borough Council and the results of this consultation will be discussed at the October meeting.

The Parish Council are considering the purchase of an ornate Village sign to be located in the Parish. If anyone is able to suggest fund-raising ideas or offer financial support for such a scheme then please contact the Parish Clerk in the first instance. The Clerk would welcome suggestions for potential locations for a sign. The public are invited to complete an online consultation from KCC regarding proposal for a charging policy at Household Waste Recycling Centres. The consultation documents are to be found at:

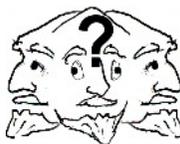
kent.gov.uk/wasteconsultation.

Members of the public are reminded that they can report highway matters such as potholes and vegetation obstructing the highway or footway either to the Parish Clerk or directly to Kent County Council at kent.gov.uk

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 31st October 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 the meeting then please can they contact the Clerk prior to Wednesday 24th October so that relevant items can be placed on the agenda for discussion.

BREXIT - WHAT NEXT

Many people have contacted me over the last three years to tell me what they think. I have lost count of the number of emails I have read and replied to. But I know that exchanging letters and emails isn't the same as talking about something face to face. I would be delighted if you would join me for a 'town hall' meeting to give you the chance to do exactly that. An opportunity to tell me



your views and ask me about mine, in person.

I feel strongly that we mustn't let Brexit continue to drive people apart. It's no good if Remainers only speak to Remainers and Brexiteers to Brexiteers – that just makes the divisions grow. This way we'll come together for the conversation so everyone hears other viewpoints, including how others will be personally affected by Brexit. This is ever more important as

the options for our future relationship become clearer. I will use what you tell me when I speak in debates and talk to Brexit Ministers in Parliament. There will be a private session for Conservative Party Members, followed by a public session open to everyone in Faversham and

Mid Kent.

- When? Friday 5th October
 - Where? Lenham Community Centre
 - What time? Conservative Party Members: 6pm. Public: 7.30pm
- Helen Whately MP

YOUR COUNTY COUNCILLOR

For the third year in a row August started with the New Day Festival at Hernhill. Perhaps not the best line-up for my taste but Caravan, Carl Palmer and Curved Air were brilliant.

I think the only committee to meet at County Hall in August was the Regulation Committee Home to School Transport Appeals Panels which met for four complete days of hearings. I chaired three of the four days.

Once again, this year we got away for a week with some of the younger members of our extended family, ten in total, plus our two border collies. Bude in Cornwall again this year. Plenty of walks along the beaches, coastal path and canal, also time spent in the outside swimming pool. Both probably good for me, not so a number of Cornish cream teas!

I did attend Selling Parish Council

earlier in the month. Also Swale Borough Council is revisiting its Corporate Plan. As part of the consultation for this we have offered to visit any Parish Council which wishes to host a discussion. In August, the Head of Policy and I have attended a joint meeting of Leysdown and Warden Bay Parish Councils plus local residents which was hosted by Warden Bay Parish Council in their Village Hall. Later in the month we attended Bredgar Parish Council in a similar capacity although as Bredgar is within my County Division I stayed for most of their meeting also. We have several more such events booked throughout September which is always the busiest month of the year.

Andrew Bowles

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AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Questionnaires Results

On the 25th July the results of the above questionnaires were presented to the Parish Council for consideration. Here is a summary of the results. Approximately 300 questionnaires were delivered around all 9 Hamlets of the Parish with 63 returned with a 20% return rate.

Would you like to see affordable housing built in one location?

No =81%
Yes=16%

Not answered=3%

Would you like to see affordable housing integrated into smaller various sites with the Parish?

Yes=63%
No=32%

Not answered=5%

Do you feel the proposed site in Staplestreet is the right location?

Yes=10%
No=85%

Not answered=5%

Are you in favour of the design, size and number of houses?

Yes= 21%
 No=69%
 Not answered=10%
 What type of affordable housing do you think is right for Hernhill?
 Part Rent to Buy=50%
 Rent only=18%
 Neither= 14%
 Both=10%
 Undecided=8%
 Also a petition was circulated with just one question 'Are you in favour or

against the proposal of Affordable Housing in Staplesteet Hernhill', the results are: 144 signatures with 140 against the proposal and 4 in favour of the proposal.

Can we thank all of you that took part in this survey and if you want more information there are comprehensive reports available in The Red Lion and the Three Horseshoes.

Jackie Brenchley & Tracy Tugwell

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

I have to admit that in the 18 years I have lived in the village I have not once attended a Parish meeting. I used to be on a resident/tenant committee and found that anything even slightly controversial was met by a brick wall. Having attended my first (and last) Parish meeting last night, I realised nothing had changed, it is all very self-serving coupled with total disinterest. No questions answered and nothing resolved. Personally, I think that this affordable housing situation was a done deal long before

the residents were ever 'consulted' and feel strongly that the site they are proposing is a disaster waiting to happen. Whilst I agree that more housing is needed, surely to goodness there are more suitable sites in less contentious areas.

None of what I am saying here will be taken on board by the powers that be, or have the slightest impact on the outcome, that said, I feel strongly it needs to be said.

Sincerely
 Barbara Glykeriou

THE CRAFTS CENTRE

We would like to thank all the crafters who have come and gone with their various skills over that time, and have taken their turn in the organising and running as, chair persons, secretaries and treasurers. Our thanks also to all those who have purchased the items made for the shop, especially the "regulars" who may like to know that we will still be having stalls at the church fairs and on a "special day" at Mount Ephraim. Many of us will be at the next



Christmas Fair in St. Michaels Church on November 10th., and would be pleased to see you there. We are also pleased to announce that the assets from the Crafts Centre will be donated to local charities to help with their art and crafts projects. Finally a thank you to the Dawes family who originally set up the Centre and have allowed us to use the stable block over the years.

Dave Chapman,
 Chairman and Potter,
 On behalf of all the members

CRAFTS CENTRE MEMORIES

I am so sorry to hear that after 40 years the Crafts centre has closed.

My mum (Mrs Ellen-Nellie Foster) was a keen member with her friend (Vi Price). They were keen spinners.

Fleeces were donated to them to spin, dye and knit into toys or garments. Mum loved the way that the lanolin rich wool made her hands soft. My sister (Helen Bentley) also did spinning for a while. I am sorry to hear of the death of Elspeth Holdstock. She and her husband Ricky were part of the Crafts Centre too. Ricky re-seated cane chairs and was a popular chap and very patient teacher of crafts. I do hope that another crafts centre can be

found in the Village if there are any suitable venues. It would be a shame for the crafts to be lost.

My dad worked for both Bill Dawes and Betty McKeever. Bill Dawes was a lovely man and very much part of my childhood. I wish William Dawes all the best in whatever he decides to do with the building. I am sure he and the family will put it to good use.

Dawn Bundock (nee Foster)

ON THE MOVE

Revd Paulette Stubbings, our curate, has come to the end of her 'vicar training' in our benefice and we are delighted that she has been appointed vicar of St Alphege in Seasalter. We will miss her enormously but our loss is their gain and it is very clearly the right church for the next stage of Paulette's ministry. Paulette's last Sunday with us is 7th October which is also St Michael, Hernhill's patronal festival. You are all invited to that service, at 10.00am in Hernhill, when Paulette will be preaching, and then to a bring and share lunch in St Barn-

abas, Boughton.

Paulette's licensing by Bishop Trevor and Archdeacon Jo is on Wednesday 31st October at 7.30pm in Seasalter Christian Centre (St Alphege), Faversham Road, Seasalter, CT5 4AX. Everyone is invited but the church needs an idea of numbers so please sign the clipboard in church or tell Jean. It would be lovely if as many of us as possible are there to show our support for Paulette and pray for her as she begins a new ministry and faces fresh challenges in Seasalter.

Revd Jean Burrows

BREATHING SPACE

Friday 2nd November and Friday 7th December, 7.30pm to 8.30 pm in Hernhill Church. Come as you are and enjoy some relaxing music and silence. The church is beautiful, dark

and candlelit. Perfect for your own thoughts. A time to unwind, no need to talk to anyone, leave when you are ready.

All welcome.



SAVING ENERGY AT HOME



As autumn is now upon us; the temperature is dropping, the nights are drawing in, we all start to consume a lot more energy.

Whether you're a homeowner, private or social renter, student, or you live at home with your parents, there are many things you can do to reduce the amount of energy you use, help the environment and save money as well.

The Energy Saving Trust has come up with this list of quick tips.

Understand your bill - the information on a typical energy bill can be confusing. However, understanding it can go a long way to helping you get to grips with your energy use. There is a useful video guide from Home Energy Scotland: (bit.ly/2xjqwMg)

Switch off standby - you can save around £30 a year just by remembering to turn your appliances off standby mode. Almost all appliances can be turned off at the plug without upsetting their programming. You may want to think about getting a standby saver which allows you to turn all your appliances off standby in one go.

Be careful in your kitchen - use a bowl to wash up rather than a running tap and save £25 a year in energy bills. Only fill the kettle with the amount of water that you need and save around £6 a year. Cut-back your washing machine use by just one cycle per week and save £5 a year on energy.

Get a new shower head - If you've got a shower that takes hot water straight from your boiler or hot water tank (rather than an electric shower), fit a water efficient shower head. This will reduce your hot water usage while retaining the sensation of a powerful shower. A water efficient shower head could save a four-person household (e.g. a family of four or even a shared student flat) as much as £75 a year on gas for water heating, as well as a further £120 on water bills if they have a water meter.

Spend less time in the shower - one minute less in the shower each day

will save up to £7 off your energy bills each year, per person. With a water meter this could save a further £12 off annual water and sewerage bills. If everyone in a four-person family did this, it would lead to a total saving of £80 a year.

Draught proofing - unless your home is very new, you will lose some heat through draughts around doors and windows, gaps around the floor, or through the chimney. Professional draught proofing of windows, doors and blocking cracks in floors and skirting boards can cost around £200 but can save around £20 a year on energy bills. DIY draught proofing can be much cheaper. Installing a chimney draught excluder could save around £15 a year as well.

Take control of your heating - more than half the money spent on fuel bills goes towards providing heating and hot water. Installing a room thermostat, a programmer and thermostatic radiator valves and using these controls efficiently could save you around £150 a year. If you already have a full set of controls, turning down your room thermostat by just one degree can save around £75 a year.

Switch to LEDs - you can now get LED spotlights that are bright enough to replace halogens, as well as regular energy saving bulbs (compact fluorescent lamps). They come in a variety of shapes, sizes and fittings. If the average household replaced all their bulbs with LEDs, it would cost about £100 and save about £35 a year on bills. Turn off lights when you're not using

them. If you switch a light off for just a few seconds, you will save more energy than it takes for the light to start up again, regardless of the type of light. This will save you around £15 on your annual energy bills.

If you're a homeowner, there are some other things you can consider to improve the energy efficiency of your home. These can be costlier to put in place but will benefit you in

the long term. Installing renewable technology for your heating or electricity can lead to greater savings on your energy bills and extra income based on the energy you generate. Making sure your home is well insulated can significantly reduce unnecessary heat loss - leading to lower energy bills and a more comfortable home.

Jo Kidd

CHURCH DOCUMENTS

I know that I am not alone in having enjoyed the Exhibition. The documents were so interesting. Family names mentioned still in the Village

today. A big thank you to Peter Willcock (Church Warden) for his collecting, sorting and setting up.

Anne Butler

VILLAGE HALL AGM

The Village Hall AGM will be held on Monday 8th October at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

At the meeting you will have the opportunity to elect both the Chairman and Treasurer, and hear their

reports. In addition, we also have vacancies for two committee members. So, come along and help to run your Village Hall and playing field.

Peter G Rawlins
Chairman

HORTICULTURAL QUIZ

Don't forget the general knowledge quiz on Saturday 13th October. 2.00pm for a 2.30 start in the Village Hall. There is a £3.00 contribution

towards the hire of the hall, tea and homemade cakes. There are prizes for the winning table. Everyone is welcome.

Jill Geliot

FROM THE VICAR

I spent six weeks this summer in Tanzania as part of St Philip's Theological College in Mlanga, a small village near a small town called Kongwa and about ninety kilometres from the capital Dodoma. I visited here for a few hours when I was on sabbatical last year so for the first time in all my trips to Tanzania I knew where I would be staying

and some of the people I would be spending time with.

Needless to say I had a very special time and it is always hard to leave, wondering if it will be my last visit to such a lovely country and welcoming, appreciative people. While I was there one of the things I was aware of was a sense of thankfulness for the many things we take for granted in this country, especial-

ly our food.

There is a line in one of the harvest festival prayers we sometimes use in church that thanks God for the variety of food that we have. Where I was staying, three miles from the nearest town, food was limited, mainly fresh fruit and vegetables, meat but no fish (it's too far inland and who has a freezer?), rice, maize and beans. Of course their food is seasonal and most people would also grow their own vegetables although they are at the mercy of the weather and whether the rains come or not. Locals might keep a few chickens or goats, the college principle had a few pigs and ducks but I think that's unusual. The college kept chickens for eggs and some cows for milk and meat and I would often see small herds of cows and goats out in the countryside.

We can go into any supermarket, whatever the season, where the range of food is overwhelming and we take it for granted. It is good that there is a growing awareness of trying to eat only seasonal food and also locally produced food of which there is plenty in this area. This month is a time for harvest festivals and saying thank you for our food, to our farmers, food producers and to God. This month is also when we'll be saying thank you and farewell to Paulette for her three years among us as she leaves and moves on to be vicar in Seasalter.

George Herbert in his poem 'Gratefulness' speaking to God says "Thou that hast given so much to

me, give one thing more, a grateful heart," and in one of our traditional harvest hymns we sing "Come ye thankful people come, raise the song of harvest home." You are very welcome to come to church to give thanks for the harvest and for Paulette's ministry among us.

We are very sorry there won't be any Spooky Stories in Hernhill Churchyard this year as we will be at Paulette's licensing in Seasalter but we plan to be back next year.

A new pattern of Sunday services

Our benefice has undergone quite a few changes. A few years ago Boughton, Dunkirk and Hernhill churches were joined by Goodstone and Graveney churches and their priest Revd Gill Reed. We realised we were very blessed to have three priests and a Reader ministering to three churches but we also knew that this situation wouldn't last. Gill retired last December and moved, with husband Pete, to Wales. In January, we were down to two priests and one Reader but still able to maintain the same pattern of services each month. Now Paulette is leaving and we have one priest and one Reader. It is impossible to maintain the same pattern of services so after a great deal of thought and prayer our PCCs have decided to try a different pattern for the next six months. It is a very fair pattern in that each church (Boughton, Graveney and Hernhill) will have in any one month: one 8.00am Holy Commun-

ion, one 10.00am (Boughton, Hernhill) or 10.30 am (Graveney) Holy Communion, one 10.00am or 10.30am Morning Worship which will be led by either our Reader or a group from the congregation, one benefice Sung Communion at 10 am or 10.30 am which will move round the churches so each church will host four such services a year. Fifth Sundays will continue with 10.00am at Hernhill, 10.30 am at Graveney and 4.30 pm in St Barnabas. At least one of these services will be Holy Communion. This pat-

tern means there is always at least one Holy Communion service in the benefice every Sunday, apart from special occasions such as Remembrance Sunday. We have also introduced occasional Holy Communion services into Wednesday Worship. As at present, there will also be a few services in Goodnestone Church each year. This pattern will start in November but with Remembrance Sunday services and then Christmas it won't be properly underway until January.

Revd Jean Burrows

CRAFT FAIR

The Craft Fair at St Michael's Church will be held on Saturday 10th November from 10:30am to 4.00pm. If you would like a table at the fair to sell your goods then

please, as soon as possible, contact Shirley on 01227 751782 and leave a message. 20% of takings go towards the costs of St Michael's Church.

Shane Croll

HERNHILL SCHOOL

The school has had a busy start to the new academic year. Our 29 Reception children established themselves quickly into their new class, making friends and having lots of fun! It has been lovely to welcome many new families to our school and we are delighted with the way they have all settled in so successfully.

The biggest event of this month has been our September school fete. It was organised by our brilliant PTA-FA committee who worked tirelessly in the months leading up to the event and on the day itself. They were complemented by many of our parents and carers who kindly volunteered their time to run stalls. There were tombola stalls, arts and

crafts, cakes, a wonderful BBQ courtesy of The Goods Shed, a well-stocked bar, coconut shy, inflatables, climbing wall, art classes and many other fun activities. In addition, over 60 children performed during the afternoon - we had infant and junior choirs, maypole dancing, wake up and shake up dance routines and bucket drumming! Thank you to everyone who came along to enjoy our fete. All in all, it made for a wonderful afternoon and the exciting news was that we made £3754.03 this year, Our best year for the last 6 years!! This money will be used to help fund a shade sail for our new outdoor classroom area.

We are now looking towards more exciting events coming up this term.

One such event coming up in November will be an art installation in the school grounds to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the ending of WWI. I look forward to

sharing more news of this next month.

Sarah Alexander
Headteacher

BITS AND PIECES

I would like to echo Jill Geliot's thanks to Tony Chapman for his dedication to the work of Chairman of the Parish Council. It is a demanding and often thankless job and Tony did it conscientiously. I don't envy Jill who is taking over the job but I wish her well.

The poll about affordable housing is published here with my apologies. It should have been in the previous issue but for some reason beyond my technical ability, their e-mail disappeared from my computer. The group have put forward some persuasive arguments and it is a pity that, because so many outside Staplestreet did not trouble to respond, the results of the poll may not reflect the views of the majority.

Barbara now has a need for help from many parts of the NHS. This has revealed to me that the NHS is a patchwork of functions that has more red-tape than stitches. That it manages to hold things together at all is miraculous. By way of example, Barbara needs a hoist to get in and out of bed. When she was returned from hospital, we found that the ambulance men are not allowed to use a patient hoist. Only specially trained carers can use a hoist but they are not allowed to remove or replace a leg-brace. Only a specially trained occupational therapist

can do that. And so, to get Barbara from hospital into bed at home required two ambulance men, two carers and an occupational therapist. We still have the two carers to operate the hoist but, I do the brace whilst they look on. And then there is more. If you should need eye drops put in, a district nurse can't do that without special training. The same is true of syringing ears. If you have a sore place on your foot, a nurse can't deal with it, that requires a podiatrist. If you need to eat, you require an assessment by a dietician. (I made that one up). And so it goes on. Each specialist part of the NHS patchwork performs its allocated function, signs you off and passes you on to the next specialist agency. But.....they don't talk to each other. You soon realise that you have to do the stitching together yourself. I'm still learning.

In the church, the exhibition of local documents was fascinating. Some items went back to the early nineteenth century. The school, the church and many local people were represented. The amount of interest was such that Peter Willcock, who did most of the hard work, thinks there could be a repeat in the Spring of next year. Have a hunt in your attic to see if you have anything suitable for the display next time.

ADT

Tues 2 Oct	-----	-----	Green Bin Collection
Fri 5	7.30pm	Lenham	Brexit discussion
Sun 7	10.00am	St. Michael's Ch	Patronal Festival
Mon 8	7.30pm	Village Hall	Village Hall AGM
Tues 9	-----	-----	Blue Bin Collection
Sat 13	2 00pm	Village Hall	Hort Soc Quiz
Sun 14	8.00am	St. Michael's Ch	Holy Communion
Tues 16	-----	-----	Green Bin Collection
Sat 20	3.30pm	St. Barnabas	Messy Church
Sun 21	10.00am	St. Michael's Ch	Harvest Festival
Tues 23	-----	-----	Blue Bin Collection
Sun 28	8.00am	St. Michael's Ch	Holy Communion
Tues 30	-----	-----	Green Bin Collection
Wed 31	7.30pm	Seasalter Church	Licensing Paulette
	8.00pm	Village Hall	Parish Council Meeting
Fri 2 Nov	7.30pm	St. Michael's Ch	Breathing space
Sun 4	10.30am	Graveney Church	Patronal Festival
Tues 6	-----	-----	Blue Bin Collection
Sat 10	10.30am	St. Michael's Ch	Craft Fair
Sun 11	10.50am	St. Michael's Ch	Remembrance Sunday
Tues 13	-----	-----	Green Bin Collection
Sat 17	3.30pm	St. Barnabas	Messy Church
Sun 18	10.00am	St. Michael's Ch	Service
Tues 20	-----	-----	Blue Bin Collection
Sun 25	8.00am	St. Michael's Ch	Holy Communion
Tues 27	-----	-----	Green Bin Collection
Wed 28	8.00pm	Village Hall	Parish Council Meeting

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

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