



HERNHILL NEWS

JUNE 2019

PARISH COUNCIL

You can contact the clerk for Parish Council business on 07876221580 or hernhillclerk@gmail.com. Full copies of the approved minutes are available on the Parish Council website.

A full Parish Council meeting was held on Wednesday 29th May and attended by three Parish Councillors, one Borough Councillor, and three members of the public.

Mrs Jill Geliot was re-elected as Chairman, Mr Simon Edgington was elected as Vice-Chairman. Three new councillors were co-opted onto the Council; Ms Angela Rumble, Mr Steve Castle and Mr Chris Page. All the vacancies on the Parish Council have now been filled and we have our full complement of seven Councillors.

Litter Pick: This was a great success with 15 people attending. There was support for more regular litter picks and it is proposed to hold another one in the autumn. Many thanks to all who helped.

Community Policing: PS Jason Hedges gave a short presentation on

the work of PSCOs and asked that if anyone saw anything suspicious or some criminal activity they contact him on 07929376786 or Jason.hedges@kent.pnn.police.uk

Swale Borough Council: Councillor Alistair Gould gave an update on the changes in the Borough Council as a result of the local elections.

Waste Disposal: From June 3rd the following charges will apply in Kent Household Waste Recycling Centres.

Soil, Rubble and Hardcore £4.00 per bag
Plasterboard £6.00 per sheet
Tyres £2.50 per tyre.

Allotments: There is a full allotment available to rent. Please contact the Clerk if you are interested.

The next Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 26th 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 the meeting they should contact the Clerk before Friday 14th June so that relevant items can be placed on the agenda for discussion.

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YOUR COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Why I fear for the future of our Democracy.

I am drafting this before the votes are counted in the Local Elections this year. This has been by far the most unpleasant campaign in my 32 years in Local Government, 43 years if you include my early years serving as a Member of Graveney Parish Council.

Even before campaigning started this year there were worrying signs. The larger than usual number of Councillors nationally choosing not to seek re-election. Of particular concern was the large number of these Councillors who had stood for the first time just four years ago in the previous Elections for these seats. Also, the disproportionate number amongst them who were younger and/or female Councillors who had chosen not to stand again. The abuse endured via social media was widely quoted as a major reason behind their decisions. If this trend continues, I fear we will slide to a position where it is only the angry mobs on both the extreme right and extreme left who take part, hurling abuse and I fear worse at each other. I am glad that earlier this Spring I completed my maximum four years as Constituency Association Chairman. It would be very difficult in the current climate to approach potential Candidates and urge them to stand. I am pleased that in the 32 years that I have campaigned I do not believe I have ever stooped to per-

sonal abuse or lies about my opponents. I do not intend to start now. Stop Press

As I am sure most, if not all of you, will be aware by the time you read this I lost my Swale Borough Council seat at the beginning of May after 32 years. It has been an honour and mostly a pleasure to serve the residents of the communities where I was born and have always both lived and worked. Within those communities I have been lucky enough to work with and get to know so many good and genuine people. People who do so much for their communities without, in most cases, seeking either reward or recognition.

I would wish to pay credit to all who offered themselves for election this year whether successful or not. I appreciate the time and effort so many put in and the ideals that hopefully motivated the vast majority of them.

To my successors I promise my support as long as they work for the benefit of our communities. Only if they put Party Politics first will I seek to oppose and expose them.

I shall continue my duties as your County Councillor. Already, in the first week following the Election results I have attended three Parish Councils, namely Ospringe, Newnham and Stalisfield.

Andrew Bowles

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SCHOOL INSPECTION

We have been informed that Hernhill will be having their Church School Inspection on Thursday 23rd May. Hernhill is due to be inspected under Section 48 of the Education Act 2005. This is known as the Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools, or SIAMS. All schools with a religious character are inspected under both SIAMS and Ofsted. The SIAMS inspection is a one day inspection, where one inspector will look at and explore how our school's distinctive Christian vision enables all pupils and adults to flourish.

When Hernhill was last inspected under SIAMS in March 2016, the school was graded satisfactory. In previous years there were four possible grades following a SIAMS inspection.

A school might have been awarded 'outstanding', 'good', 'satisfactory' or (very rarely) 'inadequate'. The SIAMS process has now been reviewed, with more rigorous and challenging inspection criteria, and grades have been changed as follows:

- The old 'outstanding' grade has gone, and the criteria that would previously have attracted this outcome have been merged with those for a 'good' grade.

- A new grade of 'excellent' has been introduced with a higher threshold than the previous 'outstanding' grade and it will only be awarded in exceptional circumstances

- There is no longer a 'satisfacto-

ry' grade, but 'requires improvement' might be awarded instead

- Very occasionally, a school may be deemed 'ineffective' as a church school

The National Church of England Education Office is promoting the aim that all church schools are to be 'Good' church schools, where the school's distinctive Christian vision is established and applied by leaders at all levels, inspiring in ways which enable the whole school community to flourish. This is a shared ambition; we are proud of our school community and will always be striving to be the most effective and innovative church school we can be.

- The inspection criteria now has seven aspects to it. They are as follows;

- The vision and leadership of the school (includes leadership at all levels including governors)

- Wisdom, knowledge and skills (curriculum)

- Character development of pupils

- Community and a focus on mental health / wellbeing

- Dignity and respect (opportunities for the children to understand, respect and celebrate difference / diversity)

- The impact of collective worship

- The effectiveness of Religious Education

We will share the outcome of the inspection with you once the report is published.

Sarah Alexander
Headteacher

WASTE NOT WANT NOT

It is a shocking statistic that a third of all food produced globally is wasted and that food waste on this scale fuels climate change, making life harder for the world's poorest people. Food waste is such a big global problem that the United Nations set a target to halve it by 2030, and asked companies (and governments too) to commit to reaching that target. Every year in the UK we produce around ten million tonnes of avoidable food waste. That's a mountain of waste roughly double the weight of the great pyramid. Meanwhile, 8.4 million people in the UK struggle to afford to eat despite the endless expansion of global food production. It's a situation that many say is morally unjust as well as unsustainable. Here are some useful tips to help you reduce your food waste:

Make a rough plan before you shop

Write a shopping list and try not to get tempted by deals or food which might not get eaten.

Odd one out – make a meal to use odd ingredients

Instead of re-stocking the fridge, turn any small bits and bobs into a new meal using stock cupboard ingredients, saving you money.

Know what's in your fridge and freezer

Every now and then, remind yourself of the contents of your fridge and freezer and you might find you don't need to go shopping.

Know the difference between 'use

by' and 'best before'

The 'use by' date is found on perishable foods that could make us ill if we eat them after this date. 'Best before' dates usually refer to quality, rather than food safety and eating food after this date is unlikely to be harmful.

Perfect portions – only cook what you need

Measure before you cook – it's easier than you think and avoids frustration and saves money. For instance, a mug of rice will feed three people.

Super storage – know how to keep your food fresher for longer. The way we store food can make a big difference to how long it stays fresh. For instance, most fruit and vegetables will last longer if kept in the fridge, which should be kept between 0°C and 5°C. However, bread will actually keep better in a bread bin

Go Gleaning. Gleaning is the act of collecting leftover crops from farmers' fields after they have been commercially harvested or on fields where it is not economically profitable to harvest. See here for details of gleaning being organised in this area:

feedbackglobal.org/campqaigns/gleaning-network

Buy local. This will reduce food miles and, therefore, greenhouse gas emissions.

Jo Kidd

LITTER PICK

A successful litter pick took place on Saturday 27th April with several folk taking part.

Our thanks go to Rebecca Parr (Clerk to the Parish Council) for or-

ganising it. With health and safety these days that was quite a job.

Next time why not come along and join us in this event.

Anne Butler

FROM THE SCHOOL

Everyone at Hernhill has had a very busy term 5. We started our whole school topic of "Nature Detectives" with the arrival of duck eggs and an incubator! A few days later, five beautiful ducklings had hatched to the delight of children and staff. These yellow bundles of fluff with big beaks lived with us for ten days and in that time, they brought much joy to everyone who saw them. The children loved their handling sessions and the teaching assistant who looked after them over the weekend proudly shared photos of their first swim in her bath! What a super start to the topic.

A real highlight of the term has been the weekly Wildbeach sessions run by Guardians of the Deep through Kent Wildlife Trust. The children in Years 3 and 4 were lucky enough to take part in a half day session every week for the whole term. Wildbeach is a children-led programme, run over the course of half a term. It is based on the ethos of forest schools, encouraging children to interact at their own pace, increasing their confidence and team working skills as the weeks progress, covering a range of topics and allowing them time to connect with the natural environment of the beach and wildlife. The sessions have been absolutely brilliant and the children have loved them.

Alongside this exciting curriculum learning, we have also had two classes lead collective worship for their parents - Reception and Year 3. Both classes did brilliantly using the units from their RE Understanding Christianity lessons.

We have also taken part in lots of sport this term - netball matches, football matches, gymnastics competitions, girls' football event and Year 3 have been swimming.

Last but by no means least, a number of Hernhill pupils have led the way with charitable events over the past month of so. We held a "Beauty or Beastly Hair" day where pupils were allowed to do anything they wanted to their hair in exchange for a donation to The Little Princess Trust. This event was inspired by one of our Year 4 pupils who had grown her hair especially to have it cut off for the trust so they could use it to make wigs for children with cancer. And towards the end of term, some Year 3 girls organised and ran an after-school cake sale to raise money for a local charity which supports disabled children in the Herne Bay and Whitstable area. Both great causes and we are very proud of all that these children achieved.

Here's to a fabulous term 6!

Sarah Alexander
Headteacher

THE CHURCH

To the church I walk
To the church, I do not talk.
Only the sound of the birds in the trees,
The gentle sound of the gentle breeze,
The sound of steps along the way.
The green-leaved trees do gently sway,
The old stone walls would never fail
to tell a very wondrous tale.
A tale of centuries gone by
If only they could talk, Oh my!
I enter through the wooden door.
The walls are stone as is the floor.
I have a feeling in my shoes
As I sit upon the wooden pews.
A feeling of no joy no laughter
Only the noise of a creaking rafter.
And all is still none is heard
Except the sermon's holy word.
The church it echoes with the sound
The word of God is all around.
About our god the vicar's teaching
The word of god is what he's preaching

**Kenton Barnes
Hernhill School 1978**

PLEA FOR HELP

We moved to Hernhill 12 years ago and with the starry eyed enthusiasm of the fresh convert to the country I started the Hernhill.net website. I set about trying to add lots of local and interesting content and including things like a photo library of local events.

Unfortunately as time has gone by I've had less time to keep the site up to date so I'm looking for some help to do that. It is a multi-user Wordpress site and I can set anyone up with a login and show them how to put information on, it's as easy as using Microsoft word.

Please contact me on

featof clay@gmail.com

if you think you could help

Simon Carroll

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Coach Outing Motissfont

Date Thursday 20th June

We will be departing from Mount

Ephraim car park at 8.30am We
will be returning at 5.30 to 6.30pm.

We have booked a large comfortable coach with a toilet.

Motissfont is a romantic house set in beautiful gardens famed for roses.

This outing is open to everyone. The cost of the coach is £22.00 for members, £23.00 for non members. National Trust members have free entry to the house and gardens,



non-members can buy tickets at the door.

To book contact Tricia Chapman on 01227 750874. Money is payable with booking.

Thank you
Jill Geliot

FROM THE VICAR

Ant and Dec, Simon and Garfunkel, Holmes and Watson, Morecombe and Wise, some names just go together, as do St Peter and St Paul, the patron saints of Boughton Parish Church, but Peter and Paul were more like chalk and cheese than egg and cress. They are two very interesting people to pair; I wonder what Peter and Paul would make of it ending up as saintly bedfellows in the Christian calendar.

Peter was an uneducated Galilean, a fisherman, impetuous, he often spoke before thinking. Paul was a very well educated Pharisee, a brilliant scholar, politically astute, a Roman citizen by birth, at home in any society. Peter had known Jesus for three years. Paul never met Jesus during those three years; he met Jesus in a vision on the road to Damascus. Both men started life with different names, Peter was Simon and Paul was Saul and both names were changed as a result of meeting Jesus.

Have you ever wondered why Peter and Paul were put together to share the same feast day when lesser saints have a feast day of their own? Perhaps the early theologians considered it wiser and safer to do this

and avoid arguments as to who was the greater, whose style of leadership was preferable, and which one had the greater impact on the development of the early church.

Peter and Paul were two of the greatest change agents in history and because of their differing skills, gifts and personalities their relationship still fascinates us today. They had their moments of often public deep disagreement and confrontation but I think this is a great picture of the church. Peter and Paul stand together symbolising and emphasising how God can take us as flawed human beings and make us into his church. Every church has people who don't agree with each other, they may range from theological differences to the make of biscuits served on a Sunday.

Peter and Paul remind us there is a place for everyone in Christ's church with our different backgrounds, education and lifestyles. They also remind us to value others, however different from us they may be.

You are warmly invited to join us as we celebrate St Peter and St Paul at our patronal festival service in St Peter and Paul's Church, Boughton on Sunday 23rd June at 10.00am.

Revd Jean Burrows

100 YEARS AGO

There was a rather special event took place in Hernhill 100 years ago. On Monday 23rd June 1919 General John Pershing, Commander of the American Expeditionary Forces on the Western Front in WW1, visited Mount Ephraim. He accompanied General Dawes who had been invited to be my father's godfather.

At Mount Ephraim we have some interesting photos of this visit and also some paintings and photos of the gar-



dens as they would have been at the time of the visit. We are mounting these as a special exhibition to be held on Sunday 23rd June between 4.00pm and 6.00pm in the main house. The event is free and only for members of the Village.

You are also welcome to go round the gardens at your leisure. Please use the main car park. If the walk to the house is impractical you can use the B&B spaces at the back of the house.

Sandys Dawes

THE CHURCHYARD

I know most dog walkers have their dogs on a lead when walking through the churchyard but unfortunately there seem to be a few that are not. Recently, a local lady was very upset when she found dog excrement on a

loved one's grave. Please respect this consecrated place and clear up any mess left by your dog(s). Thank you

Peter Willcock
Churchwarden

HARRY MUMFORD

Died 4th May aged 90 years

Where do I start to tell the life of a man who did so much? With his ever-present passions of cycling, motor-cycling and fishing? Or the passing adventurous phases of caving, parachuting or gliding? Or his character-defining service in the Royal Marines; a source of great pride to him? Perhaps it is best to start at the centre of his life, with his love for Hilda around whom it all revolved; a love kindled as teenagers on cycle rides over Lancashire Moors and through Yorkshire Dales with Oldham Cycling Club; a love bound together by climbing ropes on Cumbrian crags then honeymooned under sail on the Norfolk Broads; lifelong love celebrated with 68

years of shared adventures across five continents. Harry's story is inextricably linked with Hilda's, the Great Woman behind a Great Man.

Like many couples of their day Harry and Hilda started married life living with Harry's parents, moving out only when Harry took a job as a Reservoir Keeper at Chew on Saddleworth Moor, coming as it did with a tied house; albeit the most isolated house in England! Chew House was full of life, always open to passing walkers (frequently lost) and with tea on tap from Hilda's samovar. It was here that Harry & Hilda's son, Karl was born – it was clear Karl was unlikely to get a "normal" upbringing when the Health Visitor on her first visit exclaimed "What on earth are

those animals in the baby's cot?" "Ferrets for him to play with" replied Harry matter-of-factly before driving her back to civilisation in his Land Rover and ensuring she got the most hair-raising view of the unfenced drop at the side of the track. Oddly she never visited again! On another occasion while out hunting Harry was fording a stream with two terriers under one arm and the baby under the other while, so he said, on-lookers shouted "Don't drop those dogs!".

An Open House would be a continuous theme throughout Harry and Hilda's life together; as Harry's career as a gamekeeper moved them on to Denbighshire and Herefordshire, weekends would see visitors from "Up North" helping Harry all day in the woods or on the pheasant rearing field before a dinner stretched out with a couple of extra spuds, a few pints in the local pub and then bedding down on my bedroom floor. It hardly needs saying that Harry loved the outdoors; though apprenticed to his Grandfather as a plumber one week after his 14th birthday, he would escape to the countryside on his bicycle at every possible opportunity while saving hard for three years to raise the £26 10s 6d (he kept the receipt) it took to buy the hand-built bicycle he would use for leisure and to compete in races and challenges, achieving amongst other things, a Cyclists Touring Club certificate for 250 miles cycled in 24 hours. Never short of a cycling tale he would relate the time his brakes failed on Honister Pass and he careered down unchecked at break

neck speed, finally coming to rest in Seatoller; when asked what he did next he simply said "I smoked a cigarette to calm my nerves".

Having failed in his attempt to run away to sea at age 16, Harry seized the opportunity of National Service to join the Royal Marines where he saw action in several 'skirmishes' in the Far East and Africa. There was time too though for sport: boxing, wrestling, rowing and rabbit shooting. He would tell of the time during exercises on Dartmoor when a rabbit ran out in front of him, chased by a weasel, he drew his pistol and shot the rabbit. That night as his comrades slapped him on the back and ate rabbit stew round the campfire he didn't let on that he'd actually shot at the weasel but missed! It was during his Royal Marines service that he decided to grow a 'full set', claiming it gave him ten extra minutes in bed by not shaving. In his later years when it turned white he was a shoe-in for Father Christmas duties every year at a children's home, a role in which he took great pleasure.

Perhaps it was a mid-life crisis but moving from Herefordshire Head Gamekeeper to Kent Caravan Site Manager was not the vast leap it might at first seem; Harry and Hilda had camped and caravanned all their lives and, what's more, the new job came with more holiday and a closer proximity to Dover ferry port. Harry returned to motorcycling with a vengeance; volunteering to instruct new riders as they wobbled around a Canterbury car park on Sunday mornings and also helping

found the Kent Advanced Motorcyclists Group. Harry and Hilda set off on regular adventures to Europe and beyond; to East Germany before the Wall came down; to Istanbul; to Tunisia; to Morocco where they drank mint tea with a village Imam before watching the desert turn purple in the setting sun. Harry had always wanted to see Mt. Everest so, aged 69 and with a little help from Saga Tours, they pitched-up in Kathmandu to trek with Sherpas in the Himalaya. Clearly this wasn't exciting enough so Harry hired a motorbike and they rode off to see Tibet! Unfortunately the altitude got too much for the little 125cc engine and they had to stay overnight in a tea-house and

turn back the next day.

Retirement suited Harry down to the ground; allowing free-rein to motorcycle, travel & fish while adding bell-ringing on the side. He would often speculate how he had ever managed to fit work in between all his hobbies! By now a grandparent his pleasure at seeing a young James Harry Mumford catch his first trout was a joy to see and his pride was evident in the fishery log book where he quoted James saying "I did it with just a little help from Granddad". I suspect there are many others who, over the years, have said "I did it with just a little help from Harry".

Karl Mumford

BITS AND PIECES



book on holiday.

Before I went I was wondering if I had made a bad choice. I was nervous of a five-plus hour drive towing a caravan and the weather up to the time I left had been really bad up there. Heavy rain and cold winds. Having booked, the only thing to do was to give it a try. In the end the drive was not too bad and the weather was wonderful. Sunshine and bright blue skies for the whole holiday. And what wonderful countryside. After all that rain the dales were a beautiful, lush green. The skies were so clear and made me conscious of how polluted they are down here. We are relatively

lucky, but driving home round London the fog was obvious.

Arriving home I was delighted to see that the roses on the walls were in full and splendid bloom. even if the sky was not as blue, the roses made the day.

There is to be an event this month which, as a never-to-be-repeated, is something that you should make a special effort to see. I hope that many of you will be able to take advantage of a visit to Mount Ephraim to see the photos and other exhibits of an event that was very special to the Village 100 years ago. It is exclusive to Villagers.

I also hope that someone will respond to Simon's plea for help. In this day and age it is not enough to have 'The News' delivered to your door. With the Village website you also have the added advantage of keeping in touch even when far away. Don't be shy. Please volunteer to help

ADT

Sun 2 June	8.00am	Boughton Church	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Hernhill Church	Holy Communion
	10.30am	Graveney Church	Morning Worship
Tues 4	-----	-----	Blue Bin Collection
Sun 9	8.00am	Graveney Church	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Hernhill Church	Morning Worship
	10.00am	Boughton Church	Holy Communion
Tues 11	-----	-----	Green Bin Collection
Sat 15	3.30pm	St. Barnabas	Messy Church
Sun 16	8.00am	Hernhill Church	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Boughton Church	Holy Communion
	10.30am	Graveney Church	Holy Communion
Tues 18	-----	-----	Blue Bin Collection
Thurs 20	8.30am	Mount Ephraim	Horticultural Soc. coach trip
Sun 23	10.00am	Boughton Church	Benefice Service. Sung Communion
Tues 25	-----	-----	Green Bin Collection
Wed 26	8.00pm	Village Hall	Parish Council Meeting
Sun 30	10.00am	Faversham Church	Deanery Service
Tues 2 July	-----	-----	Blue Bin Collection
Sun 7	8.00am	Boughton Church	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Hernhill Church	Holy Communion
	10.30am	Graveney Church	Morning Worship
Tues 9	-----	-----	Green Bin Collection
Sun 14	8.00am	Hernhill Church	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Boughton Church	Morning Worship
	10.30am	Graveney Church	Holy Communion
Tues 16	-----	-----	Blue Bin Collection
Sun 21	8.00am	Hernhill Church	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Boughton Church	Holy Communion
	10.30am	Graveney Church	Morning Worship
Tues 23	-----	-----	Green Bin Collection
Sun 28	10.00am	Hernhill Church	Benefice Service
Tues 30	-----	-----	Blue Bin Collection
Wed 31	8.00pm	Village Hall	Parish Council Meeting

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

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