



HERNHILL NEWS

JULY 2011

PARISH COUNCIL

The monthly meeting took place on 29th June. Mrs Taylor sent apologies for her absence, and Mrs Figgis was unavoidably delayed in reaching the meeting. The minutes of the meeting held on 25th May were signed as a true record. On a proposition by Mr Morsman, seconded by Mr Woods, the post of Vice Chairman is to be filled by Mr T. Chapman.

Reports: Mrs Ge1iot said that she has completed the planting of the War Memorial for the coming year. She was thanked by the Chairman. Mr Chapman updated Councillors on the ongoing problem at the site of the old shop. Deadlock appears to have been reached in the present negotiations, and all interested parties are to reconsider the options available.

The Clerk reported on the Council's financial state, and a comparison of the Council's financial records, and the current bank statement, showed no disparity.

Correspondence: the Audit Com-

mission has now completed its examination of the Council's financial records for the year ending 31st March. No adverse comments have been raised by the auditor.

Correspondence: a letter received from South East Water attempts to excuse its poor work rate in the Staple Street area - "a mixture of difficult ground conditions and traffic management issues" are, apparently, the explanations.

Kent County Council's Minerals and Waste Development Framework is part way through its development - this will set out objectives for minerals and waste strategies and policies for future years.

Two residents in the Staple Street area attended the meeting to give an account of the ceaseless threats and harassment they are receiving from "travellers" in the area. All present are of the opinion that too little and too late is being done by the appropriate authorities, presumably caused by the alleged "rights" of certain persons. The Clerk is to write to Swale Borough

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Clerk: Terry Smart; phone 01227 752840

Swale Representatives: Andrew Bowles; phone 01227 767423

and George Bobbin; phone 01227 751388

KCC Representative: Andrew Bowles

Council Enforcement Team of its Planning Services with a copy to be sent to Councillor Andrew Bowles. Mr Elliott put forward an alternative plan for the printing of the Hernhill

News, and the matter is to be discussed further at the July meeting. There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting to be closed at 8.55 **p.m.**

CHARITY HORSE SHOW

Sunday 10th July

On 24th April our very close friend, Brenda Irving, lost her battle with cancer and died peacefully at the Pilgrim's hospice in Canterbury. On Sunday 10th July we are holding a

dressage show to raise money for the Hospice, in her memory. For details please check our website (cairoldodge.co.uk).

Clare & Steve Waterman
07789 908218



ART EXHIBITION

St Michael's Church Hernhill

Saturday, July 23rd and Sunday July 24th
11.00am - 5.00pm

This exhibition will present all the original works of local artists from which the images have been created for the new Hernhill Artists Calendar for 2012. The works are rich in their variety and excellence.

The Calendars will be on sale and in addition, the artists will also exhibit some of their other work which may be for sale.

THE TURNER MUSEUM

Contemporary, let alone conceptual art may not be your scene. But how your taxes are spent is everyone's concern. The Kent County Council has paid for a great museum. The architect, David Chipperfield, has created a space worthy of the gorgeous northern light that makes Margate so interesting. The building was finished on time and within budget. Great!

Entrance is free but you must pay for the drinks and snacks on a lovely patio overlooking the beach. Whether or not the museum will create the interest to revitalise the

town we must wait to see. The exhibition will be changed with regularity so if this one does not excite you, come again later. The museum's name is unhelpful: it will not be full of Turners, but intends to have at least one with each new showing. And "contemporary" does not (as it should) mean very recent art, but, the curator intends to stretch the term back to Turner's time. Do visit it. On a sunny day with the tide high, Margate stopped being sad and became promising and happy. Perhaps your response could be in the next edition.

Alan Figgis

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The Summer Show: We had 20 entrants providing 208 entries. The Wade Cup the best bloom in show was won by John Sim. Other winners were: Greville Cup (floral art & home economics) Isabel Pettifer, Wade Cup (best vegetables), Roy George, Children's Classes (9 yrs and under) Emily Wallis, (10 yrs and over) Luke Wallis. The Mary Dawes Memorial Vase for most popular rose in show was won by Isabel Pettifer. The main contenders were John Sim, Alison West and Gordon Hogben. Isabel pipped the others to the post with her lightly scented, yellow floribunda rose.

Open garden: Helen & Peter Bentley would like to thank everybody who came to their garden on Sunday 26th June, the weather was fantastic and £800 was raised to share between the Pilgrims Hospice & Whitstable RNLI.

Summer quiz: A quiz will be held at the Village Hall on Saturday 6th August at 7.00pm for 7.30pm (bring your own food & drink). Tickets are £2.00 each. Tables of six. To book phone Peter Bentley on 01227 276032. If you can't make up a table come along and we will fit you in.

Evening with Matthew Biggs: Matt, well known for his participation on gardeners question time, articles in Gardeners World magazine and talks on specialist cruises, will be at the Village Hall on Thursday 6th October at 7.00pm. Entry is by ticket only and numbers are limited to 80. To get a ticket please write to me, Peter Bentley 41, Clover Rise, Whitstable, Kent CT5 3EY; a cheque for £4.00 per ticket made payable to Hernhill Horticultural Society together with a stamped addressed envelope.

Peter Bentley
01227 276032.

FROM THE VICAR

Wimbledon celebrates 125 years of the tennis championships this year and many of us will be glued to our television sets nervously following the progress of Andy Murray or our favourite tennis star. There was a programme on television just before the championships started about some of the history of Wimbledon featuring many of the well known players over the years including Cliff Richard who famously played centre court in 1996.

In the television programme Cliff said, "My life had been turned around by a couple of things, obviously my music, my Christian faith, but Wimbledon, becoming a member was just the cream on the cake." How great, I thought, to hear someone who is not afraid, in a very normal way, to talk about their Christian faith.

Christianity has always been about telling others because the Christian Church is always one generation away from extinction, if this generation doesn't pass

Christianity on it will die. But the problem is that many Christians are afraid to speak of their faith to others. J John, a Christian writer and speaker, said, "A lot of Christians are like Arctic rivers – frozen at the mouth." All Christians are called to be witnesses, witnesses speak of their own experience, they don't speak from hearsay. God's strategy is to use human beings to spread the good news of his message but that is very risky because we are not very good at it. When God wanted to tell us about himself how did he do it? He sent Jesus, God in human form, the Word became flesh. God didn't send a telegram or shower bible study books from heaven, he

sent a man, his Son. His strategy hasn't changed, he still sends men and women before he sends literature and techniques to change his world. God's strategy is risky but that is his problem not ours. Speaking of our faith to others is the calling of all Christians, so like Cliff may we not be afraid to speak of how God has changed our lives. May we want to share our experiences of God with others and let's be positive rather than fearful. When the teenage David saw the giant Goliath there were two possible reactions, 'Oh no he's really big, I'd better run away' and 'He's really big how can I miss!'

Revd Jean Burrows
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STAPLEGATE WI

Although there was a reduced number of members at this month's meeting we had a really interesting time. We were pleased to welcome Clive Medley, who came to talk to us about his role in the conservation of the environment, concentrating particularly on the coastal and surrounding waters in the South East. He told

us how many departments and wildlife groups are involved in making any decisions to upgrade or alter defences, bridges and sluices etc. He illustrated his presentation with slides.

Next month on 13th July we will be listening to Brian Whitehead who will be telling us about hearing dogs and we will welcome guests.

Liz Walton.

THE LION'S ROAR

It gives me great pleasure to announce that as of Friday 24th June I have taken over the management and sole responsibility for the Red Lion here in Hernhill. As many of you know, I have been the head

chef here for a number of years however I have been heavily restricted by the previous management. I feel the pub has suffered over the last few years and my aim is to get the pub and restaurant back to being busy and serving the local community. I want us all to

see the Red Lion as the heart of our Village, as a hub for socialising and a place to entertain friends and family. We all know village pubs are closing down at alarming rates and so I believe it's time to give this Village pub back to the Village, making it your first choice! I will of course be making some changes to the pub over time, however our favourite offers will remain such as Wednesday and

Thursday steak night and our ever popular pensioners special on Wednesday lunchtime.

Please join our mailing list for up and coming events, sign up to this at www.theredlion.org. I am always open to your ideas and suggestions, please send these to enquiries@theredlion.org. Your comments are always welcome.

See you in the Red Lion soon,
Ben Edwards

GOING FOR GROWTH

An evening for everyone who is interested in what we are doing and where we are going as a church will be at Boughton Church on Monday 4 July, 7.30pm.

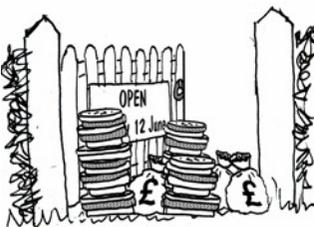
We will look at the proposed deanery plan which involves forming a grouping of seven parishes and

look at plans for a deanery youth adviser. We will also start to plan for 'Back to Church Sunday'. We are taking part for the first time in September. Back to Church Sunday has the potential to double our congregation but it needs your help!

Revd Jean Burrows

A GREAT SUCCESS

The Open Gardens day on 12th June was a great success once again, despite the weather trying to spoil it! We had more visitors than last year and money raised was up. A grand total of £1590 was raised ben-



efiting the Dawes CA, the Horticultural Society and the Church Restoration Fund. So thank you to all who opened their gardens and everyone who came round.

Alison West

VILLAGE HALL AGM:

The Village Hall AGM will be held on Monday 1st August at 8.00pm in the Village Hall.

Everyone is invited to attend and have their say on past performance and future plans for the Village Hall in relation to future improvements. We need a few more villagers to

come onto the Committee and be Trustees to represent village organisations and groups. We now meet every two months for about one hour on the first Monday of the month (the second if it is a Bank Holiday). So, there is not a lot of time involved in supporting this Village facility.

As advised at last years AGM this coming year will be my last as Chairman (ending at the 2012 AGM) as I feel it should really be taken on by someone who lives in the Village!

I am happy to stay on as Treasurer for the foreseeable future, if required. If you would like to know

more about the role before the AGM please contact me at dsmannSO@msn.com or on my mobile, 07736 463921

We look forward to seeing lots of Villagers at the AGM.

On behalf of
the Committee and Trustees.
David Mann

IMPORTANT NOTICE

HERNHILL ARTISTS CALENDAR 2012

Unfortunately, a fault was recently discovered in some of the Calendars where pages are missing or other pages are duplicated. The printers have been alerted and all the unsold Calendars have now been thoroughly checked with the faults not as widespread as we feared.

If you bought a Calendar between May 7th (Village Fete) and June 20th.

or you know anyone who received a Calendar during this period, please make sure the Calendar is checked without delay. If any fault of any description is detected, please let me know immediately with your name and address. The printers will send you a new copy by post but of course your envelope should be retained.

Our sincere apologies for this most unfortunate mishap. If you have any problems, please contact me.

Brian Jelfs 01227 752309

HERNHILL SCHOOL

Mrs Mary Clarke retires, as deputy head, at the end of the summer term. Mary joined the school in September 1992



Ex-pupils are invited to mark her retirement at an afternoon tea on Friday 15th July between 3.15pm and 5.00pm at the school.

LONDON TO PARIS

On the 1st June 2011 Ollie King and Steve Gadd started their epic bike ride from London to Paris in order to raise money for the 'Child Brain Injury Trust' in memory of our son. Tom died following an accident last July on the Thanet Way, if he had survived and due to the nature of his injuries he would of been in need of this charity.

Ollie and Steve successfully finished the ride on Saturday 4th June under the Eiffel Tower and waiting for them to cross the finish line were Ollie parents and us. We were so proud of the boys on their achievement and for raising a whopping £3,500.

We would like to thank everyone who gave to this charity event, the support from this village has been

overwhelming, Thanks to the the Red Lion Team, the Dove, the Three Horseshoes, Hernhill Herons the cricket team from the Horse-shoes and everyone else, there are so many people to thank. Losing

Tom was and still is the hardest thing ever but having the support from the village and all our dear friends has helped us to carry on.

Thank you.
Jackie and Dave Brenchley

BITS AND PIECES

Barbara and I have just come back from the wilds of Herefordshire. I have never driven on roads with so many twists and turns. There are miles and miles of narrow roads that swing wildly; one sharp bend after another. But, what a beautiful county that is, with its great vistas of fields and woods and the many centuries-old houses and churches. It was well worth dodging the showers. And what a lovely surprise to come back and find that the garden is green again.

The Village Open Garden managed to improve on last year by £450. Joy Pritchard and her cohorts sold mountains of wonderful cakes to passers-by and raised £469 for the Restoration Fund. Helen and Peter Bentley opened their garden and about 170 people crowded in and £800 was raised. Add to that the proceeds from the bike ride and you have a total of over £6350 raised for various charities in just one month. Very well done all concerned.

On Sunday 10th July there is the horse show at Cairo Lodge, Dar-

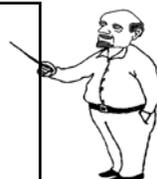
gate for the Hospice and now Simon Carroll tells me that he intends to go running up and down mountains. He is planning to join the 'Three Peaks Challenge'. The aim is to climb Ben Nevis, Scarfell Pike and Snowdon; all in 24 hours starting at 9.00am on Friday 15th July. Simon is seeking sponsors and the money goes to 'Help for Heroes'. You can find out more by logging on to bmycharity.com/ADT3PEAKS or by talking to Simon.

Before I went on holiday, I had to drive into Staplestreet and came up against the 'No Entry' sign. I hadn't paid sufficient attention to the notice that I put into the last issue of the 'News'. It seems that things have not gone strictly to plan for the diggers. The contractors are now going to return to finish the job. Aware of the inconvenience to Villagers, the project manager is holding a public meeting at Graveney Village Hall on Thursday 7th July at 6.00pm. If you want to comment or ask questions, be there.

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DATE
Mon
25th**



Sun 3 Jly	10.00am	St. Michael's Ch	Sung communion
Mon 4	2.00pm	Village Hall	Monday Club
Tues 5	-----	-----	GREEN bin collection
Wed 6	7.45pm	Jubilee Room	WI Committee
Sun 10	8.00am	St. Michael's Ch	Holy communion
	-----	Mt Ephraim	Cherry day
	-----	Cairo lodge	Horse show
Tues 12	-----	-----	BLUE bin collection
Wed 13	7.45pm	Village Hall	WI - Brian Whitehead, Hearing dogs
Sun 17	10.00am	St. Michael's Ch	Sung communion
Mon 18	2.00pm	Village Hall	Monday Club
Tues 19	-----	-----	GREEN bin collection
Sat 23	11am to 5pm	St. Michael's Ch	Art exhibition
Sun 24	8.00am	St. Michael's Ch	Holy communion
	11am to 5pm	St. Michael's Ch	Art exhibition
Tues 26	-----	-----	BLUE bin collection
Wed 27	8.00pm	Village Hall	Parish Council
Sun 31	10.00am	St. Michael's Ch	Said communion
Mon 1 Aug	2.00pm	Village Hall	Monday Club
	8.00pm	Village Hall	Village Hall AGM
Tues 2	-----	-----	GREEN bin collection
Wed 3	7.45pm	Jubilee Room	WI Committee
Sun 7	10.00am	St. Michael's Ch	Sung communion
Tues 9	-----	-----	BLUE bin collection
Wed 10	7.45pm	Village Hall	WI - Social evening
Sun 14	8.00am	St. Michael's Ch	Holy communion
Mon 15	2.00pm	Village Hall	Monday Club
Tues 16	-----	-----	GREEN bin collection
Sat 20	10am to noon	Crockham Farm	Children's Soc coffee morning
Sun 21	10.00am	St. Michael's Ch	All Ages Service & baptism
Tues 23	-----	-----	BLUE bin collection
Sun 28	8.00am	St. Michael's Ch	Holy communion
Tues 30	-----	-----	GREEN bin collection
Wed 31	8.00pm	Village Hall	Parish Council