



HERNHILL NEWS

OCTOBER 2011

PARISH COUNCIL

The monthly meeting of the Parish Council took place on Wednesday 28th September. All Councillors were present and apologies for absence were received from Mr Bobbin and from the Clerk.

The minutes of the Council, held on 31st August were signed as a true record.

Matters arising:~the Chairman is to ask the school if they wish to be involved in plans for the celebration of the Queen's Jubilee

Reports: There have been requests for "Drive Carefully" signs to be erected in Staple Street. Mr Chapman undertook to contact Kent Highways on the subject Landowners are to be reminded that hedges and verges should be trimmed. In parts of the Parish they are creating a hazard because they are impeding sight lines.

Concern was expressed about the proposed amendments to the ex-

isting planning regulations. The local MP is to be written to notifying him of Councillors' fears for the countryside.

Mr Morsman reported that he had repaired the rubbish bin at Staple Street He also reported that the footpath leading to Fostall is becoming difficult to walk due to earth spilling through a fence onto the path.

The Local Government Boundary Commission was discussed. It was considered that any such review should be kept as small and efficient as was possible.

The methods of printing the Hernhill News was finalised, following lengthy enquiries made by Mr Elliott, who, on a proposal made by Mrs Geliot, seconded by Mr Morsman, was thanked for his long and thorough work in research. On Mr Elliott's recommendation, the Parish Council is to register with Kent County Supplies, for stationery purchases and the like.

Planning applications: no ad-

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and George Bobbin; phone 01227 751388

KCC Representative: Andrew Bowles

verse comments had been made to the following:

- Corner House, Fostall – extension.
- Microgeneration installation, White House, Staple Street.
- Renewal of planning permission, Hernhill School.

Total rejection was expressed by Councillors in respect of proposals to a change of use of land to the keeping of horses, the erection of an American Barn, creation of

vehicle access and the creation of an all-weather riding area at what was Snowdon Farm, Dargate. Numerous objections were expressed at some length by Councillors, and the members of the public who attended the meeting. The Clerk is to inform Swale's Planning Services accordingly.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting to be closed at about 8.45 p.m.

HERNHILL ARTISTS CALENDAR 2012

A unique calendar for 2012, London Olympics Year

Local scenes from the original work of local artists

Ideal Christmas Gift: £5. 00 with envelope.

All proceeds from the sale of these calendars to the St Michael's Church Restoration Fund.

Contact Brian Jelfs : 01227 752309

There are also greetings cards and postcards available which use the pictures from the calendar



There seems to be among a few, confusion and misunderstanding about the purpose of the Restoration Fund.

The Restoration Fund is not a 'religious' organisation. It is not a camouflaged system for the fund-

ing of religious services. The money raised by the Fund is exclusively for the purpose of making the building structurally sound and functionally accessible to all. As a Grade 1 listed building, the work done on the building has to meet with the approval of English

Heritage and other authorities responsible for preservation.

The annual running costs of St. Michael's Church as a place of worship and as part of the Church of England exceed £30,000. THESE COSTS ARE NOT CONTRIBUTED TO BY THE RESTORATION FUND.

The Restoration Fund is separately managed and has separate accounts from those of St. Michael's Church.

If, like so many other churches in England, the building should cease to be used as a place of worship, its value to the community will re-

main. It has already been used for concerts, art exhibitions and flower festivals. In the future, more events of wide appeal will be encouraged.

Our 14th century pub and church on the village green are a picture-book example of a typical English village. At this time when the countryside is under threat as never before, we must strive to cherish and preserve our heritage for future generations. This is not just a local matter. This is a matter for all who care about our children and grandchildren. This is why the Fund needs the help of everyone, individuals and organisations alike.

Alan Taylor
Chairman

BADGER CONSERVATION GROUP.

There will not be Wine and Wisdom in the Spring of next year due to our dear friend Tim Richards passing away on 3rd September. Tim was a long standing and valuable



member of the group who always travelled to France in order to provide some good wine for our evenings. Hopefully we may be able to resume our annual event next Autumn.

Beryl Chipperton



Mount Ephraim House and Gardens has formed a new business partnership for weddings and special events. Mount Ephraim is licensed for civil ceremonies in the Grand Hall as well as the pavilion in the Edwardian garden. The Hernhill Estate, which has been in the Dawes family for more than 300 years, has teamed up with catering partner Scott Anderson Ltd. Chef Scott said, "We use a whole host of local suppliers from our base at Brogdale Farm and we try to source the food from no more than 10 miles away". Lucy Dawes said,

"This is two local businesses coming together and it makes sense in order to create a more bespoke service for our clients and guests".

DOVE DOINGS

I can't believe how quickly the month has flown by and we are already another month closer to Christmas!

Our Retro Night last month went down well and our diners enjoyed blasts from the past such as Prawn Cocktail in all its former glory and the revival of Chicken Cordon Bleu. It was really lovely to hear our guests fondly reminiscing about food from the good old days as the theme tune from 'Minder' belted out throughout the bar! We will be taking another trip down memory lane on Tuesday 20th October when Phill's repertoire will deliver yet more retro decadence!

October will also bring the long awaited 'Tapas Fiesta' evening to The Dove. Taking place on the evening of Wednesday 12th October, a welcoming Mediterranean theme will dominate the evening and of course, yes, Olly will be dressing



up for the occasion (we just can't stop him these days!). In true authentic Spanish style, Phill will prepare a sensational selection of miniature cuisine for you to enjoy with a selection of Spanish Cervezas and Vinos. With the weather being so glorious of late we may even have the sun to complete what will be a great, fun event where family and friends can share our dishes in the casual, convivial style of a Spanish Tapas Bar. As with all of our food evenings booking is essential.

Our busy Autumn calendar also includes our annual burn-up on Friday 4th November. There is no charge for this event and we hope that our locals and regulars will enjoy a great Bonfire Night celebration with us. If you have any burnable waste for our bonfire we would be grateful for it.

Best wishes
Sarah



The Crafts Centre shop at Mount Ephraim closed for the season in

mid September.

Sales in 2011 have been very mixed. Some days there were very few visitors. Perhaps because the weather was miserable they just walked round and straight out again with hardly a glance at the wide range of quality items produced by members. Fortunately there were

many other days to compensate, when visitors really showed an interest.

The AGM this year is to be held at the Queen's Head in Boughton.

The meeting will be run in conjunction with lunch on Thursday 6th October and members are asked to be there at 12.30pm for 1.00pm.

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HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The evening trip to Laurenden Forstall had been a great success – a beautiful house and garden and a good turn out of members. Our host Mrs Cottrell guided us round the garden and provided lovely refreshments in the barn. She is a very entertaining speaker on a variety of subjects and it is hoped that we may invite her to talk to us in the future.

The visit to Cambridge Botanic Gardens was also enjoyed by 35 people, in spite of the heavy rain. The glass houses were particularly admired. The journey each way went well, however, there are extensive road works in preparation for the Olympic Games next year and the committee decided that it would be sensible to keep next year's outings to places south of the Thames.

There has been no take up by members for the opportunity to stage on the Friday evening before shows and so next year, although the committee may set up the show on the Friday evening there will be no staging for members.

The Autumn Show was held on Saturday 24th September there were 22 entrants showing a total of 189 entries, numbers were lower

than usual but members still managed to stage an impressive display of flowers and vegetables. New members were very successful and we wish them continued success. It was also good to see so many children's entries.

Cup winners

Best bloom - Violet Croll

Best vegetables - Richard Walton

Best home economics - Isabel Pettifer

Children's class

10 years and over Hannah Bentley

9 years and under; 1st Oliver

Macjieski, 2nd Matty Grassow, 3rd

Isabel Scott.

The exciting auction raised over £70 and the raffle over £50 Everyone enjoyed free tea and biscuits.

Matt Biggs from Gardeners Question Time and Gardeners World magazine will be at Hernhill Village Hall to give a talk and slide show on Thursday 6th October at 7.00pm. Tickets are £4.00 each. Please contact me on 01227 276032

The Social Evening will be on Thursday 20th October 7.00pm for 7.30pm.

After the prize giving we have a wine and wisdom for tables of six. Prizes for winning table will be £5.00 garden vouchers for each of the six contestants. Everyone is welcome you do not have to be a

member. If you cannot make up a table come along and we will fit you in. The price is £4.00 per person to include the buffet and wine. To book a table please phone me.

Cup Winners - could you please remember to bring back your cups at the social evening. Thank you.

Peter Bentley,
01227 276032

BIG B-B-Q

The morning of Saturday 10th September saw a hungry crowd assemble in the garden of Yew Tree house. The purpose of the gathering was the consumption of a B-B-Q breakfast which consisted of sausages, bacon, eggs, tomatoes, beans and hash browns followed by toast and marmalade for those who found room to spare. Tea, coffee and soft drinks were also available. Certainly enough to set you up for

the rest of the day.

Many willing helpers prepared the breakfast. Doreen ran a splendid raffle and Pam and Joy did an excellent trade on their knick-knack stall.

The money from those who came and generous donations from those who could not attend has now brought the total profits up to £600 for the Restoration Fund.

Thank you all so much.
Barbara Taylor

FROM THE VICAR

As a child at Sunday School I sang, from the Scripture Union chorus book

‘The best book to read is the Bible,
The best book to read is the Bible,
If you read it every day,
It will help you on your way,
Oh, the best book to read
is the Bible.’

The Bible I owned, and read occasionally, was the Authorised or King James Bible (KJB), my edition had tiny print and a few pictures, not terribly appealing to a child, I had to wait until I was a teenager before there were modern language editions with attractive illustrations. Today I have at least fourteen different translations or paraphrases on my shelves, ranging from the

Street Bible and the Blokes Bible to Good News and the New Revised Standard Version with inclusive language. How things have changed since the 1960s, as well as paper versions we can also read the Bible on the Internet, as an app on our mobile phone or listen to it on CD. This year we are celebrating the 400th anniversary of the KJB Bible, the first English Bible to be available to ordinary people. For some people it is an opportunity to celebrate the impact that one book has had on our culture. Other people will reflect on the sacrifices made by those whose scholarship and courage produced an English Bible. The Bible is the world’s best seller but sadly it is perhaps the least read book on anyone’s shelf. Today we have the advantage of many Bible reading notes and commentaries

available to help us understand what we read and apply it to our everyday lives. I am always happy to recommend which version of the Bible may be best for you or which Bible reading notes may help you, it can be very bewildering with so many options on the market. There are also many different ways of reading the Bible which suit different personality types, again I am happy to advise.

If we read the Bible regularly it really will help us on our way, it is one of the ways by which we meet with God and can hear his living words to us. The object of reading the Bible is not just to deepen our understanding of God and his ways, but, more importantly, to deepen our relationship with God, and to equip ourselves with the resources we need to live as Christians in today's world.

On Sunday 2nd October at 10.00am there is Sung Communion, at St Michael's Hernhill to celebrate the patronal festival. Don't forget to wear a white rose. The guest preacher will be David Kemp (former diocesan secretary).

On Sunday 16th October at 10.00am it is Harvest Festival with Holy Communion. Please bring gifts for 'Catching Lives', a charity that works with the homeless in Canterbury.

On Tuesday 18th October at 7.30pm in St Michael's Church you are warmly invited to the service of thanksgiving for the restoration work so far completed and the ded-

ication of our new kitchen and toilet facilities. Our Area Dean the Revd Canon Tony Oehring will be taking the Service which will be followed by refreshments.

On Sunday 30th October at 4.30pm in St Barnabas, there will be 'A time to remember'. This is a service of prayer and thanksgiving for all who have been bereaved. All are welcome to attend this service but personal invitations will be sent to those who have been bereaved over the past 3 years. During the service the names of our loved ones who have died will be read out, if you would like a name included or if you would like to attend but need transport please contact me. The service will be followed by tea and cake

We are hoping to have a Christmas Crib Festival in Hernhill Church the weekend before Christmas but we need your help. Would you be willing to lend us your Christmas crib? Christmas cribs are nativity scenes made from many different materials, they come from different countries and are in different styles, some are hand made, others mass produced, some may be old, others modern. If you have a nativity scene you are willing to lend please contact me. Maybe there are children or adults who would like to make a crib for us to display We will look after it and return it to you in time for Christmas.

Revd Jean Burrows
01227 751410

THE LION'S ROAR

I must say that with the end of summer and the night's drawing in, I was expecting a quieter month in the run up to Christmas, and I've been pleasantly surprised not only with the return of the sun in the garden but also with a real buzz about the pub!

September found the Lion overrun with creepy-crawleys! Don't worry, there wasn't a need to call the exterminator, it was all part of our educational children's day; I even held a boa constrictor myself and some of the other staff stepped up to handle the tarantulas, giant centipedes and scorpions! Thankfully we haven't any remaining visitors since then!

Just to let you know we have live music returning to the Lion with 'The Boogie Men' playing on Sunday 9th October and for the landlords birthday (that's me!) we are lucky to have 'Hulaballoo' playing on Tuesday 18th October. We hope you can make it! Finally I'd like to thank Sam Coomber for her time behind the bar and waitressing at the Lion over the last 5 years! We would like to congratulate her on completing her teaching degree and wish her the best of luck in her new career.

As ever, I'd love to hear your ideas and suggestions please send these to enquiries@theredlion.org your comments are always welcome.

Ben Edwards

UK PAPER BAND

St MICHAEL'S CHURCH
HERNHILL

Saturday 22nd October
7.30pm

Tickets £7.50 (£3.00 under 12yrs)
including refreshments

phone 01227 751293
01227 274746

DAWES COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
CHARITY FIREWORKS DISPLAY
MOUNT EPHRAIM, HERNHILL
Saturday 5th November



Display starts 7.30pm

Licensed bar & food available

Tickets £9 in advance. £12 on the gate
(each ticket admits 1 adult + 3 children under 14)



Spectators must not bring their own fireworks or sparklers.

Enquiries: 07513 750145

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It's that time of year again. The DCA annual fireworks event.

This event has become more and more successful over the last few years and as a result we have been able to offer more support to village organisations, something we hope to be able to continue to do.

As usual we need volunteers, both for set up on Friday as well as on the night and clear up on the Sunday morning. If you think you can

help in any way, however small, then please call our hotline on 07513 750145 or 07931 354989

As with many community events we are now working with tighter and tighter health & safety requirements which means we need to know well beforehand if you can help. Turning up on the night to offer help appears to be no longer an option!!

I do hope you can support this

event in any way you can, as I believe that it is really becoming an event which benefits our communi-

ty as a whole.

Felix Krish Chairman
Dawes Fireworks Display Ltd

BIBLE READING

2011 marks the 400th Anniversary of the King James' version of the Holy Bible.

To celebrate the Anniversary and to support its Restoration Appeal, St. Michael's Church Hernhill is organising a reading of the complete Bible over six days. The reading will take place from 9.00 a.m. to 9.00 p.m. each day commencing on the 7th November in half hour slots. The public is warmly invited to take part and to read for one or more of the "slots".

Although there had been a number of previous versions of the Bible, in 1604 King James VI (of Scotland) – in James I of England, commissioned a translation – persuaded by moderate puritans. The puritans, as we know, felt persecuted and left these shores to start a new life (in what is now America). They took the Bible with them but the new version was not published until 1611. Melvyn Bragg who has recently broadcast and indeed written a book on the Kings James' version, takes the view that it has had an indelible influence on language, art, architecture, slavery and the rights

of women worldwide. Its influence has been massive and indeed some argue that its influence worldwide on the English language has been greater than that of Shakespeare.

Andrew Motion, Poet Laureate from 1999 to 2009 states, "to read it is to feel simultaneously at home, a citizen of the world, and a traveller through eternity." And, "we have to recognise the power of this book, and in particular its power to fuse history with poetry, connects at the most fundamental level with our history and poetry."

And so this is a rare opportunity to take part in a celebration and only half an hour is needed if anybody wishes to take part.

Readers may be sponsored or make a contribution to the Restoration Fund but there is no obligation to do either.

The Restoration Committee is honoured that The Very Revd. Robert Willis, Dean of Canterbury Cathedral, hopes to commence the reading on the 7th November at 9.00 a.m.

For further information and to book your place, please contact Diane at Pocock's Solicitors of Whitstable on 01227 770222.

BITS AND PIECES

Last month I missed reporting on someone who had lived in Dargate for some years. Violet Wood ,who

now lives in a care home in Whitstable, celebrated her 112th birthday. I understand that makes her the oldest person in the U.K. Many con-

gratulations. Earlier this month, another ex-Dargate resident, Buddy Mansfield, died. He was 86 years. He started his farming career with a 20 acre orchard in Dargate and over the years bought other farms in Kent. The firm of Mansfield and Son now has 3,500 acres.

I have just come back from camping in the Chichester area to find the garden parched. I didn't have the same kind of weather. Leaden skies and showers was more the rule on the South coast. It is interesting that the leaves there are already turning to yellows and reds, much ahead of the trees round here. Anyway, now that I am back the weather man is promising a hot dry spell. At least I can get the holiday washing dry.

You may be aware of the concern about the changes to the Planning Regulations. Many organisations have expressed their fears that the new regulations, which give priority to development, will lead to massive building schemes to the detriment of the countryside. If you want to know more about these concerns, the National Trust, the Campaign for the Protection of Rural England and the Daily Telegraph all have web-sites worth reading. This is really a major issue and now is the time for you to act. Having written to our MP stating my alarm at

the proposals, I have a letter from Hugh Robertson stating that he has already made known his concerns to the Minister. These regulations could have a considerable impact on our local countryside. Whatever conclusions you come to, for or against, it is worth making your views know to the Government. The closing date for the receipt of comments is Monday 17th October. It seems that we are to be moved. The Boundaries Commission has decided that in the interest of reducing the number of MPs, the various wards in our constituency are to be split up and shared round. If I have got it right, we are due to become part of Canterbury.

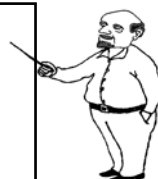
When the paper mill in Sittingbourne closed, one thing carried on. Their brass band continued to play. They still do, and you can enjoy hearing them here, in the church on Saturday 22nd October. They have a varied programme of light music which I am sure will suit all tastes. Come and enjoy the UK Paper Band. Book the date and for details keep an eye open for the posters on the notice boards.

While I think of it, the clocks go back on Sunday 30th October. You will get an extra hour in bed!

ADT

Alan D. Taylor
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**COPY
DATE
Mon
24th
Oct**



Sat 1 Oct	11.00am	St. Michael's Ch	Flower Festival
Sun 2	10.00am	St. Michael's Ch	Sung communion - Patronal Festival
Mon 3	2.00pm	Village Hall	Monday Club
Tues 4	-----	-----	BLUE bin collection
Wed 5	7.45pm	Jubilee Room	WI Committee
Thurs 6	12.30pm	Queen's Head	Crafts Centre AGM
	7.00pm	Village Hall	Horticultural Society - Matthew Briggs
Sun 9	8.00am	St. Michael's Ch	Holy communion
Tues 11	-----	-----	GREEN bin collection
Wed 12	7.45pm	Village Hall	WI - AGM
Sun 16	10.00am	St. Michael's Ch	All Ages Service Harvest Festival
Mon 17	2.00pm	Village Hall	Monday Club
Tues 18	-----	-----	BLUE bin collection
Thurs 20	7.00pm	Village Hall	Horticultural Society - Social evening
Sat 22	7.30pm	St. Michael's Ch	UK Paper - brass band
Sun 23	8.00am	St. Michael's Ch	Holy communion
Tues 25	-----	-----	GREEN bin collection
Wed 26	8.00pm	Village Hall	Parish Council
Sun 30	8.00am	St. Michael's Ch	Said communion
	4.30pm	St. Barnabus	Time to remember
Tues 1 Nov	-----	-----	BLUE bin collection
Wed 2	7.45pm	Jubilee Room	WI Committee
Sat 5	7.30pm	Mount Ephraim	DCA fireworks
Sun 6	10.00am	St. Michael's Ch	Sung communion - Amnesty Sunday
Mon 7	2.00pm	Village Hall	Monday Club
Tues 8	-----	-----	GREEN bin collection
Wed 9	7.45pm	Village Hall	WI - Kate McNicholas, Papercraft
Sun 13	10.45am	St. Michael's Ch	Remembrance Sunday
Tues 15	-----	-----	BLUE bin collection
Thurs 17	7.30pm	Village Hall	P.C.C
Sun 20	10.00am	St. Michael's Ch	All Ages Service
Mon 21	2.00pm	Village Hall	Monday Club
Tues 22	-----	-----	GREEN bin collection
Sun 27	8.00am	St. Michael's Ch	Holy communion
Tues 29	-----	-----	BLUE bin collection
Wed 30	8.00pm	Village Hall	Parish Council



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