



HERNHILL NEWS

July 2024

PARISH COUNCIL

The latest news from your Parish Council: Music on the village green, Neighbourhood Plan, Road Closures.

If you have a suggestion: You can contact the Parish Council Clerk on 07876221580 or clerk@hernhill-pc.gov.uk

Full copies of the approved minutes for meetings and updated news on planning and road closures are available on the Parish Council Website. www.hernhill-pc.gov.uk information is also shared on Facebook through the Parish Council page and Hernhill Village forum.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 26th JUNE 2024

The meeting was attended by five councillors and the clerk (cover provided by Boughton and Dunkirk clerk), councillor Alistair Gould (SBC) plus 6 members of the public.

Public participation: No further items were raised. Several parishioners were in attendance following the item raised previously about music on the green, therefore this agenda item was brought forward. Discussions focussed on the noise, parking and safety.

PC Morris, our community policeman, has agreed to support where possible with any parking issues. Whilst it was agreed the parish council has limited options, it does own the village green. They would approach the landlord about the level of noise, possible alternative locations and notices requesting considerate parking. It was also highlighted that the village hall car park has been offered as an overflow.

The Vice Chair thanked all those who attended and took part in these discussions

The Parish Council will also consider parking safety in the new Highways Improvement Plan.

Neighbourhood Plan: Cllr Wakes gave an update on responses to the latest survey which were positive and wanted the group to continue to develop a plan. Over the summer, whilst not meeting, various members of the working group will undertake tasks. Access was requested to the parish council archives which may contain a previous housing survey and outcomes.

Neighbourhood watch and community policing: Theft of some fruit from Bessborough Farm was reported to PC Morris who visited the farm. PC Morris had no further incidents to report, He is holding a surgery in the village hall on 28th June 18:00 -20:00.

Cleve Hill Solar Farm Development: Councillor Waters gave an update on her regular meetings with the contractors. Issues remain around unescorted vehicles accessing the site, speeding and excess traffic passing through Graveney. Some remedial work to the road and its boundaries has been requested and it is hoped this can be coordinated with other work being undertaken by the council, to reduce inconvenience.

War Memorial maintenance: Peter Wilson has been very kindly offered a washer by Steve Essex. We are now requesting any willing volunteers to please contact the clerk.

Allotments: Fencing work is due to start on

Chairman: Cllr Barbara Heller
Clerk: Rebecca Parr 07876 221580

1st July, all plots are now taken.

Planning:

Application 24/502123: Outline application for mixed use phased development of 1815 dwellings North and South of A2 Boughton Bypass. A poster circulated and displayed on the notice boards of a public consultation taking place on 1st July at Dunkirk Village Hall. It was agreed that the parish council would formulate a response to the application in a very similar style to the recent Duchy response for agreement at the next meeting.

Application 24/502251: Relocation of existing vehicular access Mount Ephraim Bungalow, Staple Street. The council voted to submit no adverse comments to this application.

Planning Decisions from Swale:

24/501227: Refurbishment of the existing overhead conductor and poles on five sections of existing low voltage overhead line surrounding Thanet Way. No objections

25/501572: Demolition of existing garage and stores and replace with erection of new garage/store building. Hideaway, Highstreet Road, Hernhill. Permitted

Road Closures:

Huffkins Way 2-25th July

Staplestreet 20th July - Wheelie bin race

Brenley slip road to Boughton 21st July

Next Parish Council meeting: Wednesday 31st July 2024 7.30pm Village Hall

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The working group have now gone through the responses. Thank you for your positive remarks and support.

It is clear from your comments you would like us to continue. We now feel ready to take the Neighbourhood Plan to the next stage and will use the Summer period to work on specific tasks to keep moving us forward.

Our next working group meeting is planned for Wednesday 9th October where we hope to be in a position to have a more fully formed plan to present.

In between that time we will keep you informed and updated on our progress.

Kim Wakes

D-DAY TRIBUTE June 6th

On a beautiful summer's evening parishioners assembled on New Zealand Banks. The beacon was lit and a tribute read by the chairman of the Parish Council.



HISTORICAL HERNHILL



Percy Miles standing proudly outside his butcher's shop in 1909. Tom Boorman told me that Percy had bought the old signal box from St Ann's Crossing in Faversham and converted it to the shop, attached to his home The White House, at Staplestreet.

The house is still there, but the upper floors were destroyed in August, 1945, after a disastrous blaze while Percy and his wife were on holiday in Weymouth. The Faversham News reported that it happened during a storm, and it is thought that the house was struck by lightning.

"Happening to look out of a window, a neighbour next door saw that the roof of Mr. Miles' house was on fire. The fire brigade got the call just after midnight and two motor pumps went out from Faversham, one of them manned by a part-time crew. They found the upper part of the house well alight. There was no hope of saving that, but by dint of hard work the firemen, under Leading-Fireman Bruce, did a really fine job in salvaging the contents of the ground floor and preventing the fire from spreading."

I don't know if the butcher's shop was still there at the time of the fire, but I do know that Mr Mile's son, also Percy, was a long-serving parish councillor, and was chairman in the 1960s and 70s.

Crispin Whiting

HERNHILL CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

June has been a busy month at Hernhill!

The month started with Year 4 camping on the school field overnight. The children were supported by Creed Outdoor Learning to put up their own tents for the night. They then took part in archery and blind-line activities, before having a jacket potato supper on the playground! Having talked about the plight of the homeless in collective worship with Revd Cathrine earlier in the term, the children decided to use the camp to support the homeless charity Porchlight. They got themselves sponsored by family and friends. And they raised an incredible £610 for the Kent charity! Well done to them.

Later on in the month, our Year 6 class went off for their week-long residential at Kingswood in Ashford. They attempted a huge range of outdoor activities including abseiling, 3G swing, buggy building, laser tag, orienteering and bushcraft shelter building. They had an amazing time, all attempting the activities with bravery, determination and resilience. They also conducted themselves impeccably, demonstrating Our People Rule (treat others as you wish to be treated). We are very proud

of the wonderful children that they are and wish them all the best as they move onto their secondary schools over the summer.

June finished in glorious sunshine with our sports day. A morning of varied sporting activities was followed by sprint and relay races in the afternoon. Unfortunately the heat put paid to the long distance races. Congratulations to Team Berners-Lee (green) for winning the sports day trophy. However, almost everyone stayed on after sports day to participate in the PTFA's Colour Run for the second year running. We had an incredible 368 children, parents, staff and families running the race around both the school and village playing fields while also enjoying being covered in coloured powder paints!! Watch this space for the photos. The whole day was a sporty, joyful and colourific day!

And finally, a date for your diaries - our September fete will be held on Saturday 14th September, we hope to see you there.

Sarah Alexander
Headteacher

A racing champion in our midst

Martin Wood, co-editor of the Hernhill News, was top of the podium in the recent meeting at Thruxton Race Circuit for historic cars. Driving a 1973 March BDA 73B (on the far left, below) Martin was first and second in the two races. "I'm ecstatic" said Wood, whose previous win at Thruxton was in 1987!



Acknowledgement to Autosport magazine



HERNHILL GARDENING CLUB

We have all been devastated by the news that Mark James is very ill in hospital. He has had a brain tumour removed and will require a course of chemotherapy. At the moment he is in Kings College Hospital but it is hoped that he will be transferred to a local hospital which will make visiting much easier. The hospital staff are pleased with the way the operation went and Mark is making good progress. We all send our good wishes for his continuing improvement.

We realised what a crucial role Mark plays at our shows when we were faced with the Summer Show on June 15th June but we had offers of help from a number of members and managed to put the Show on. The cold wet weather has played havoc with the garden and entries in the sweet pea, rose and vegetable classes were down but there was pleasing show of pot plants and entries in the cooking and photograph classes and the judges were very impressed with the sprays and buttonholes. We could do with more flower arrangers! It was also encouraging to see a number of entries from new members.

The following certificates were awarded;

Best sweet pea	Tony Bentley
Best Bloom	Jill Geliot
Best vegetable	Paul Goodnaugh
Floral Art	Sally Bryce
Home economics	Carol Stone
Best Pot Plant	Sylvia Philpot
Best photograph	Tricia and Tony Chapman

Mary Dawes Memorial Vase for best rose selected by members Jill Geliot

A big thank you to everyone who helped on the day.



From the Spring Show

Coach Outing

There are still some places left on the coach for our outing on Thursday July 18th to Ham House near Richmond. This is a 17th Century house with an interesting collection of Stuart designs and furniture and art. The restored gardens include a walled vegetable garden, terraces, a "wilderness" and a cherry orchard.

The price for the coach is £26 for members and £28 for non-members. We will leave the car-park at Mount Ephraim at 9.30am. National Trust members will get free entry at Ham House and we hope to get a reduced group entry for non-members.

To book contact Tricia on 07487258438 or tt.chapman@yahoo.com

Jill Geliot

THE THREE HORSESHOES CRICKET CLUB

The Three Horseshoes Cricket Club entered the 2024 season with a full slate of fixtures, a strong bowling attack and a new mentality to fight to the very end in every game.

So with the first two months of the season complete, how have our local team done both at home in Hernhill and on their travels? The team have been able to play seven games from the start of May to the end of June, with only couple of cancellations (including a disappointingly rained-off early season fixture in Eastry) and there has been plenty to celebrate so far.

With Hernhill pitch always proving tricky to bat on in early season, the Shoes compiled a steady 103 for 5 against the much-improved Motley Crew on 5th May (L.Morris 32, C.Hills 27) before skittling the Crew for 69 (N.Wallace 3/13, R.Evans 2/11) to win by 34 runs and restore bragging rights after recent tight games.

An overdue return to the Radfall ground on 12th May saw us take on old rivals Whitstable Labour Club. Put into bat, the Shoes batted steadily to reach 158 for 9 off 39 overs (L.Morris 45, S.Morris 36) before blowing through a shellshocked WLC batting line-up (C.Hills 2/4, N.George 2/10) who were forced to bat for time to hold out for a draw, but fell 2 overs short, scoring just 54 and leaving the Shoes winners by 104 runs.

Northdown, a team who have caused us numerous difficulties in the past, were the visitors on 19th May, winning the toss and electing to bat at Hernhill. A tenacious bowling performance by the Shoes limited them to 137 all out (R.Evans 4/33, M.Allen 3/20) and gave an outside chance of a home win against a strong Northdown bowling attack. Unfortunately despite a spirited response, the Shoes fell 17 runs short with the final wicket falling for 120 (C.Valente 40, T.Berry 15) handing the team a first defeat of the season. An absolutely shambolic batting collapse left the Shoes in tatters against Nomads in Broadstairs on 26th May, rescued only by captain N.George (84 not out) and a 50 partnership with C.George (0 not out!) 122

for 7 was always going to be a tough target to defend on a good track but the Shoes came close, ultimately only losing by 2 wickets as the Nomads' tail "wagged" to see them home with 123 for 8 (L.Morris 3/24, N.George 2/24). Back at 2-2 for the season, the Shoes needed a response against a young Faversham team visiting Hernhill on 2nd June, and response they got. In tough batting conditions the Shoes cautiously compiled 94 for 8 (T.Berry 38, A.Kay 17 not out), knowing that the total would be a tough ask. Faversham started well, getting almost half way without losing a wicket before inspired bowling by C.Hills (5/14) and N.George (5/15) blew them away, Faversham slumping to 59 all out, with a 35 run win for the Shoes!

Another local fixture on the 16th June saw the Shoes make the trip up Dark Hill to face Davington Priory. Put into bat on a damp pitch the Shoes took the attack to Davington, racking up 188 for 4 (L.Morris 92 not out, A.Kay 28, C.Hills 28), helped by a fast outfield and three strong partnerships. The Shoes bowling attack managed to take wickets at key points as the home team subsided to 119 all out (J.Boshier 5/24, L.Morris 2/20) giving the Shoes a 69 run win.

The final game in June was a visit to the glorious Belmont House ground to take on rivals Eastling on the 23rd. Batting first, opener L.Morris took the attack to the home team, scoring 140 not out, including a 118 4th wicket partnership with A.Kay (21). 213 for 4 was always going to be a tough target to chase and Eastling struggled to get going as the Shoes bowling attack was relentless. A huge 131 run win was confirmed as Eastling were all out for 82 (J.Boshier 2/2, N.George 2/13).

A strong start to the season has left the Three Horseshoes with a 5-2 record and in a confident mood! If you're interested in playing some friendly cricket give Luke a call on 07712712519 or leave a note at the Three Horseshoes pub. If you fancy coming to watch your local team the next home games are the Heyland Game (Sat 6th July), Nomads (Sun 14th July) and Shepherdswell (Sun 11th August), all starting at 2pm.

Luke Morris



Wheelie Bin Race 20th July 2024
Entries accepted to 5th July. Entry
forms available inside.

Race starts at 12pm.

Winners and prizes announced at
3pm.

Live music in the garden with
Squeeze Gut Alley 4pm to 6pm
and

Barracuda from 7pm to 10pm.

Barbeque, outside bar, face
painting, vintage display and a
whole lot more.

01227 750 842

CHURCH SERVICES FOR JULY 2024

Sunday 7th 10am Hernhill
Sung Communion.

Sunday 28th 10am Hernhill
Benefice Sung Communion

Wednesday 10th 10:30am St Barnabas' Boughton
Wednesday Worship
A short service followed by refreshments

Sunday 4th August 10am Hernhill
Sung Communion

All are welcome to our services

Sunday 14th 10am Boughton
Sung Communion.

Peter Willcock

Sunday 21st 10am Boughton
Morning Worship.
10:30am Graveney Holy Communion.

BIN COLLECTIONS

July	4	Thursday	Blue bin
	10	Wednesday	Brown bin
	11	Thursday	Green bin
	18	Thursday	Blue bin
	24	Wednesday	Brown bin
	25	Thursday	Green bin
August	1	Thursday	Blue bin

