



HERNHILL NEWS

June 2024

PARISH COUNCIL

The latest news from your Parish Council: **Response to Duchy plans, Neighbourhood Plan, Roads and D Day 80th Beacon lighting.**

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 29 MAY 2024

The meeting was attended by six councillors and the clerk, councillor Alistair Gould (SBC) plus 3 members of the public.

Election of Chair and vice chair : Councillors Heller and Waters were re-elected and signed the declaration of acceptance of office.

Public participation: A parishioner raised the issue of weekly music on the green promoted by the Red Lion, causing noise and parking issues around the green. Councillors agreed this would be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

80th Anniversary of D-Day Landings June 6th 2024: The Beacon will be lit at 9.15pm accompanied by a reading of the International Tribute. Parishioners are welcome to attend, preferably on foot. A limited amount of parking will be organised at the junction of Thread lane and Crockham Lane.

Planning:

Application 23/505533: Duchy of Cornwall plan to build 2,500 homes between M2 and A2 from Faversham to Brenley Corner in phased delivery. The Parish council has voted unanimously to oppose this speculative development. After several meetings councillors agreed a 4 page response objecting on a variety of planning grounds including at least 15 policy documents contravened by the proposals. In addition the value of the land for food production security was stressed, and the inadequacy of local infrastructure and services already overstretched by recent housing estate developments. We expressed a lack of confidence in projected business and employment benefits or in the provision of social housing, shown by the failure of past Duchy projects to live up to promises. Environmental concerns over water supply, waste disposal and loss wildlife habitat were also raised.

Planning decisions from Swale :

Application 24/500517: Side extension; 2 Upland Cottages Highstreet Road. Permitted.

Application 24/500782: Loft conversion variation; Monkshill Bungalow, Monkshill Road. Permitted.

Application 24/500714: Conservatory roof; Honeysuckle Villa, Plumpudding Lane, Dargate. Permitted.

Canterbury Planning: Councillor Figgis raised the issue of many development plans from Canterbury city council arising in areas neighbouring the parish eg Yorkletts and

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Clerk: Rebecca Parr 07876 221580

South West Whitstable. The Council are not routinely included in consultation about such plans. It was unanimously agreed to place any such applications on future agendas so we can give our views.

Neighbourhood Plan: Councillor Wakes updated the meeting on the successful stall at the village fete. In addition to sharing information on neighbourhood planning, speed limit stickers were distributed and Duchy plans shared. Responses to the latest survey are being collated. The next meeting of the planning group will be on 19th June 7.15pm Red Lion.

War Memorial maintenance Tony and Trish Chapman are stepping down after many years and they are asking for volunteers to carry on the good work. The Council thanked them on behalf of the parish for their service. Anyone interested please contact the clerk.

Cleve Hill Solar panels installation: Councillor Waters gave an update on her regular meetings with the contractors. Issues regularly arising included unescorted vehicles accessing the site, speeding, excess traffic passing through Graveney and Waterham during the Thanet way closures and the deleterious impact on road surfaces from multiple heavy vehicles.

Neighbourhood watch and community policing: Peter Wilson gave an update on activity shared by PC Gary Morris including criminal damage to a vehicle in Cherrywood. PC Morris also advised : Vans are often targeted by thieves for the tools stored inside.

If you have to leave tools in a van overnight, it's a good idea to mark them clearly with your name / company name and address using paint pens and seal with a clear lacquer spray. Alternatively, you can use a variety of other property marking systems. Items that are clearly marked are less desirable and more difficult to sell on. Consider using a lockable cabinet within your van to store tools – a number of security rated products are available. Small cameras are also designed to record inside vehicles. Visit Secured by Design for more details. You can also take photographs of items of value, make a note of the serial numbers and consider registering them online at a property register site.

Road Closures:

Butlers Hill 3rd June (Woodlands and Crockham Road)

Crockham Lane 10th June (by Crockham Cottages)

Denstroude Lane 19th June (rear of 25 Honey Hill)

Staplestreet 20th July 11.00-21.00 (Three Horseshoes wheelie bin race)

Canterbury Road Boughton 21st-28th July (Chalkey road to Stockers Hill)

Kemsdale Road for 18 months (again!)

Next Parish Council meeting 26th June 2024 7.30pm Village Hall

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

A big thank you to everyone who fed back on the Neighbourhood Plan objectives-this has really helped us.

Plus, it was lovely that so many of you came to visit our stand at the village fete to share your thoughts and views.

So we can collate your responses we have

moved the next Neighbourhood Plan meeting to Wednesday 19th June, in the Red Lion at 7:15.

Kim Wakes

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

After a somewhat frustrating month of persistent requests, I finally managed to secure a meeting with two members of the Suez management team on Monday (13th May). The purpose of the meeting was to discuss Suez's poor performance since they took over the waste collection contract in late March.

The meeting was moderately constructive, and I was able to get answers to many of the pressing questions that I've been asking for the past few weeks. Unfortunately, some of the responses I received were not as helpful or informative as I had hoped.

Once the service stabilises and is running smoothly, we will compile a comprehensive report on the mobilisation of the contract. This report will hopefully provide more transparency and detail than I am currently able to share.

On a broader level, it seems fair to say that the responsibility for the current issues is

likely spread across all parties involved. There were multiple small failures that compounded, resulting in a fairly disastrous switchover period.

The problems have now been identified and are being actively addressed on a daily basis. Over the past couple of weeks, Suez's round completion rates have shown significant improvement.

Unfortunately, this progress has still not been as evident in the more rural areas. I am hopeful that the further changes to the service, which have taken effect from this week, will bring about continued improvements and finally get us to the stage where all the villages are being collected on their scheduled days (including food waste). The council will continue to monitor the situation closely to see how things develop.

Rich Lehmann

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**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.**

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HERNHILL CHURCH

First, I want to thank everyone who has responded to the questions I raised in the last issue. I am grateful for all your comments and ideas. We are still going through all the responses. Thereafter, we will update you on our direction of travel.

Second, I would like to say thank you to the organisers of the Village fete on 11 May. Many thanks to everyone who contributed to the success of this day. It was heartwarming to experience the Hernhill community Spirit displayed in various activities. You have set the bar so high. My expectations for the future events are higher.

Moving on into the life of the church, the month of May has been a busy month with preparations and hosting our Annual Parochial Church Meetings (APCM). These meetings provides an opportunity for members to reflect and express thanks and appreciation, and to look forward to the future. I must say there was a lot to celebrate but also a lot to work towards.

Finally, summer is here!!

We live in world where busyness is equated with success and status. This is true in the social and religious world as it is in the business world. But not all busyness leads to

productivity, success or status. Some may lead to burn out and health problems. Summer is usually a time when people take breaks and go on holiday. I have also realised that sometimes holidays can also be so busy with activities that one hardly rests. I am speaking from experience!

Rest is important. It is important not just for our own health and mental well being, but also for our relationships with others. When I speak of rest, I am not referring to going on holidays, though that is a part of it. I am referring to the freedom to 'just be' without doing any activity. The freedom to just relax in the garden and listen to the birds singing. The freedom to just stare across the field and be lost in the beauty of creation.

Let there be sun, and there was sun - warm sunshine. And it was good!! Those familiar with the creation story may remember a similar order. It is said in the Bible when God created, he repeatedly spoke the words, let there be ... and it was there... He saw and it was good. After six days of creation he rested. So maybe, rest is not a bad idea after all.

I wish you all a rest-filled summer.

Cathrine Ngangira

CHURCH SERVICES FOR JUNE 2024

Sunday 2nd June 10am Hernhill
Sung Communion

Sunday 9th June 10am Boughton
Sung Communion

Wednesday 12th June 10:30am St. Barnabas' Boughton
Wednesday Worship
A short service followed by refreshments

Sunday 16th June 10am Hernhill
Morning Worship
10:30am Graveney
Holy Communion

Sunday 23rd June 10am Boughton
Benefice Sung Communion

Sunday 30th June 10am Boughton
St Peter and St Paul Patronal Service
Sung Communion
Guest preacher - Rev.Duncan Dormor,
General Secretary of United Society Partners
in the Gospel (USPG) and a member of the
mission and theological advisory group of
Churches Together in Britain and Ireland.

All are welcome to our services

Peter Willcock

HISTORIC HERNHILL



The Staplestreet well in 1953, after the pump had been removed and the shaft capped. The tiled roof and wooden structure was removed in 1969. Tom Boorman told me in the 1980s that he "hadn't had a decent cup of tea since the wells were capped."

But there is a darker background. A diphtheria epidemic in Hernhill in the 1870s was first referenced in the village school log book which in November, 1878, mentions 13 children off sick and the death of two. Attendances fell, due to fear and illness and on December 19th "Dr Dring ordered the school to be closed." When it reopened a month later, having been "cleansed with sulphur," only 66 of the 134 pupils returned. The District Medical Officer noted there had been an epidemic of sore throats in the village before the onset of true diphtheria, with reports from Waterham, Forstal and Staplestreet. It had started in the household of the landlord of the Three Horseshoes, and quickly spread to neighbouring cottages. All those infected drew water from the same well. The effect on the village was huge. By the spring of 1879 there had been 70 cases in the parish with eight deaths. In Staplestreet alone, there had been 15 cases and three deaths in the space of a few weeks. William Hadlow, a Staplestreet carpenter, lost three of his children. It is not known if the well pictured was the one mentioned in the official report of 1880, and diphtheria is usually spread by droplets from the nose or throat and close contact, such as at school, but the epidemic abated and this well at least was in use for the next 64 years.

Crispin Whiting

HERNHILL CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

We have had a very busy term 5!
Our Year 6 went up to the Houses of Parliament for a tour and a workshop. They also met our MP Helen Whately and asked her lots of questions. Years 1 and 2 have visited Otterden Estate where they took part in a woodland workshop which was great fun. The Year 5 and 6 choir had an incredible time being part of an opera in London. They performed and sang in Puccini's opera La Boheme at Conway Hall - what an experience!

We also held our International Evening at the start of this term, to link in with our creative curriculum topic of 'Wonderful World'. Many children and their families joined us for the evening bringing food from around the world to share. We also had a number of musical performances from the children including singing a song in Zulu, English and Shona (taught to us by Revd Cathrine). It was a lovely evening.

Year 4 have enjoyed forest school and Year 1 have been swimming (the first time Year 1 have been swimming with the school!).

Our KS2 choir have performed in our Collaboration Choir concert at the Alexander Centre in Faversham. The collaboration choir consists of choirs from Hernhill, Boughton, Ospringe, Ethelbert and Davington schools. The children performed concerts over two nights to audiences of family members from all the schools.

We have also been very sporty this term taking part in tennis, football and gymnastic competitions. Our football team also just won the small school's league which was a brilliant achievement - well done to all involved. And now onwards to term 6 with all its summer and end of year events!

Sarah Alexander
Headteacher

HERNHILL GARDENING CLUB

Members enjoyed an interesting tour round Belmont Gardens with the head gardener. We saw 250 year old trees and wandered round the walled garden and admired the kitchen garden. The grounds are immaculate and there are wonderful views. We were told the history of the house which was bought by the first Lord Harris at the beginning of the nineteenth century for £9,000!

The estate is now owned by a Trust. The house is open to the public on certain days and you can visit the largest collection of clocks in the country. A lovely place to visit.

Coach Outing to Ham House July 18th

Places are filling fast so book soon.

Summer Show June 15th

We desperately need a few people to help set up the show. This involves getting to the village hall about 8.00am, going up to the loft and getting the tables etc. down and then putting them up in the hall. At the end of the show everything has to go back in the loft. We may have to cancel the show if appropriate help is not available. Please phone me on 750974 if you can help.

Jill Geliot



D-DAY 6 JUNE 2024

Lighting and Tribute @ 9:15pm
Location: New Zealand Banks,
Crockham Road

Hernhill Parish Council invite you to the lighting of the beacon and the reading of a tribute in commemoration to all those that took part in D-Day, The largest Naval, Air and Land Operation in History.

Note: Details may change according to the weather
Access & Parking: junction of Thread Lane / Crockham Lane

BIN COLLECTIONS			
June	6	Thursday	Blue bin
	12	Wednesday	Brown bin
	13	Thursday	Green bin
	20	Thursday	Blue bin
	26	Wednesday	Brown bin
	27	Thursday	Green bin
July	4	Thursday	Blue bin

