



HERNHILL NEWS

September 2024

PARISH COUNCIL

The latest news from your Parish Council: **Planning, Highways, Litter pick, Speedwatch**

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 28 August 2024

The meeting on was attended by 6 councillors and the clerk, plus 4 members of the public.

Planning:

Application 24/502123: Land north and south of A2 Dunkirk "Winterbourne fields" to build 1,800 homes in phased delivery concluding in major changes to the Gate services A2 junction.

The Parish council agreed the final wording of the objection to this development to be submitted before the deadline of 31st August.

Application 24/500531: 2 Waterham Cottages Retrospective application for change of use of land for new outbuilding and car parking

The householder attended to explain to councillors the circumstances of the application to which the council had previously objected. New information has been provided, hence the revisit. On this occasion the council voted by majority to offer no further adverse comments.

Cleve Hill Solar panel installation: Councillors attended an open day on the site 13th August. All agreed it is very, very large. The group met with members of the management team and one of the ecologists employed at the site. Further dates for members of the public to visit will be forthcoming in the autumn. Anyone interested please contact Councillor Donna Waters.

Neighbourhood watch:

We await Swale council's contractor for removal of the asbestos, dumped on the Wey Street slip road. Peter Wilson reported that parishioners have been in touch with him regarding large HGVs coming down our lanes and downing overhanging vegetation. Branches on the road and other dangers can be reported immediately via the KCC website.

Speedwatch: Volunteers are still needed to join this group.

The online registration and training is straightforward (I have done it!) Please contact the clerk.

Neighbourhood plan:

Councillor Kim Wakes gave an update on recent activity please see the separate article below. A number of tasks have been allocated including an application for funding a housing needs assessment. Councillors agreed to fund the purchase of biodiversity mapping documents for £34. The next public meeting will be held on 16th October, 7.15pm Red Lion.

Allotments:

The annual inspection will take place on 17th September.

Chairman: Cllr Barbara Heller
Clerk: Rebecca Parr 07876 221580

Litterpick:

The litterpick on 10th August was performed by 8 parishioners and generated 20 bags of rubbish. The next round will be 2nd November, 1-3pm. Meet at the Village Hall for equipment, bags and refreshments.

War Memorial: A volunteer has agreed to undertake the annual cleaning prior to the Remembrance Day service. Thanks were conveyed by the meeting.

Road Closures: Thanet Way to be closed coast bound 11-15th October from 8pm to 5am (see later). We will request signage from KCC to prevent inappropriate diversions through the parish.

Next Parish Council meeting 25th September 2024 7.30pm Village Hall

Barbara Heller

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Over the Summer the Neighbourhood Plan working group have been making steady progress.

With funds allocated to us from the Parish Council we engaged the help of a professional Neighbourhood Planner to help us understand if we are going in the right direction and, help determine next steps. Her feedback was very encouraging and acting on her advice we applied to the Department of Levelling Up to ascertain if we qualified for their Technical Support package; which will assist in helping the working group produce a Plan to the standards required-

their feedback so far as been positive and we expect to hear from them within the next week or so.

In between time the working group have continued to work on various projects and I'd like to thank everyone who has been generous with their time, expertise and skills. Unfortunately we have had to push our next open meeting back to the 16th October where we will share our progress in as much detail as we can.

Kim Wakes

VILLAGE HALL

Can I please ask that nobody parks on the hatched area outside the Village Hall when attending sessions as this has recently caused the drains to collapse and block the main drain and cost us nearly £1000 to clear and repair.

These drain covers are not designed to be driven over, just walked on, as they are in NON PARKING areas!

The hatched yellow areas are safe walking areas for users of the car park/Village Hall facilities so should be kept clear of obstructions at all times.

David Mann





**PUBLIC
NOTICE**

**Kent County Council works.
KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
A299 Thanet Way, Hernhill
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
TEMPORARY ORDER OCTOBER 2024**

Kent County Council works.

To allow resurfacing works to be carried out, Kent County Council has made an Order to temporarily prohibit through traffic on part of A299 Thanet Way, Hernhill.

A closure is planned from 11th October 2024, with estimated completion by 15th October 2024, between the hours of 20:00 and 05:00, or where stated on a valid Permit (GE70557581162-03 - Kent County Council). The scheduled dates may vary for these works with appropriate signage displayed on site and the works will be displayed on [One.Network](#)

A299 Thanet Way, Hernhill will be closed coastbound only, in the vicinity of Dargate Services, from Plumpudding Lane overbridge, to the extent indicated by signs and barriers on site.

The closure is required for the safety of the public and workforce while resurfacing works are undertaken by Kent County Council.

The alternative route for any through traffic is via A2 Brenley Corner Roundabout, A2 Boughton Bypass, A2050 Harbledown Bypass, London Road, A290 Whitstable Road, St Thomas Hill, Whitstable Road, Blean Common, Honey Hill, Pean Hill, Clapham Hill, A2990 Thanet Way and A299 Thanet Way.

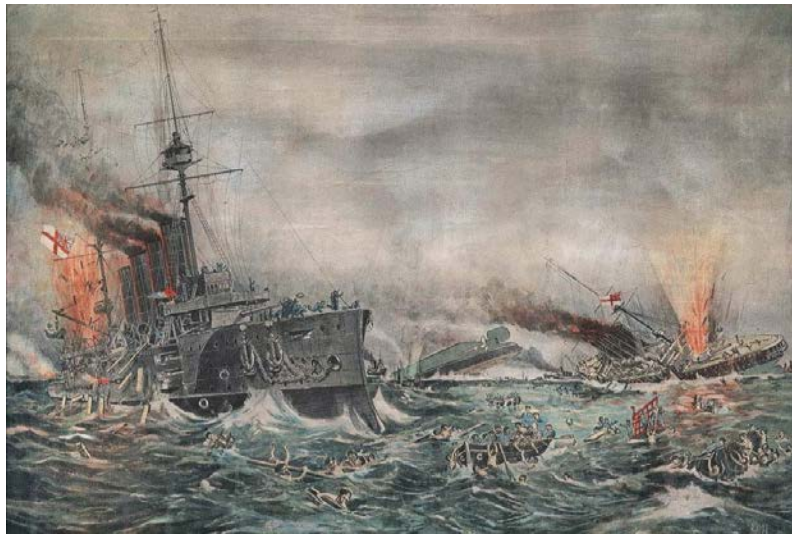
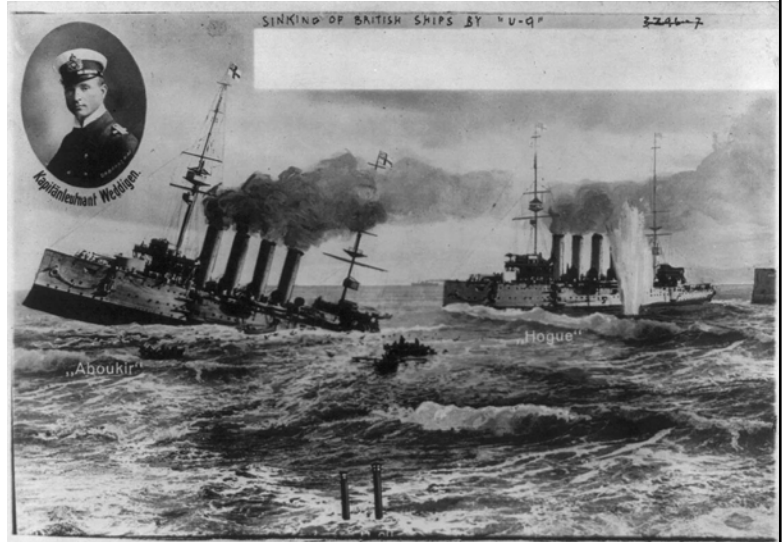
For information regarding this closure please contact Kent County Council on 03000 418181, who will be able to assist with the scope of these works.

*Simon Jones, Corporate Director of Growth, Environment and Transport.
Kent County Council, County Hall, Maidstone, ME14 1XQ*

HISTORIC HERNHILL

Just six weeks into the First World War, Hernhill was shaken by the loss of two village men in the greatest naval catastrophe of the war.

On September 22, The submarine U9 sank three obsolete and slow British Cruisers in just 90 minutes off the Dutch coast, HMS Cressy, HMS Hogue and HMS Aboukir, all from the Chatham Division. Many of the 1,459 men and boys killed were from Kent and memorial services were held at parish churches around the county.



Grieving family and friends were at St Michael's to mourn Stoker First Class Charles Edgar Arnold of the Cressy aged 26, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold of Oakwell Cottages, the weatherboard house at the bottom of the dip, and Petty Officer William Edward Harvey of HMS Aboukir, who lived at 2 Staplestreet.

The Faversham News reported that the Arnolds were a family who had been in the village for generations and of the five sons, two were in the Navy, and another two in the Royal Garrison Artillery. Petty Officer Harvey was a man of "high character and heroic spirit and leaves a mother and wife to lament his loss." Although Stoker Arnold's parents lived at Oakwell, the Faversham News reported that he "belonged to Staplestreet" so the two heroes would have been near neighbours, perhaps enjoying one another's company at the Three Horseshoes. "The service was conducted by the Vicar, Rev. A. Clark, who paid glowing tributes to the character and heroic spirit of the two men. The Dead March (in Saul) and Mendelssohn's Funeral March were impressively played by Miss Foreman at the commencement and close of the service."

Both men are commemorated on the War Memorial in the corner of the churchyard, opposite the Red Lion and on the Chatham Naval Memorial.

This month's edition of Bygone Kent includes my 12-page article on the 'Livebait Squadron' Cruisers and the effects of their loss on the county and on First Lord of the Admiralty Winston Churchill, who was widely criticised. There is an excellent book on the subject, The Coal Black Sea, by former Naval Officer and journalist Stuart Heaver, from Whitstable which is available from bookshops and online.

Crispin Whiting

HERNHILL CHURCH

It still feels strange writing about new beginnings in the last quarter of the year. New beginnings were something I associated with a New Year, until I moved to the UK. I learned September is a month mostly associated with new beginnings. There are probably various reasons for this. But I will stick to the one that is obvious – the school calendar.

After a long summer break, vacations and lazy days, schools re-open. Children and young people return to school (I can't wait for my weekly visits into the schools for collective worship). Others are starting a new year group, while others are starting a new school. In the home, it feels like life starts settling into a routine. A new beginning brings with it new opportunities. Even if it's returning to a familiar school, job or normal routines, new beginnings also bring new energy. It's both exciting and challenging.

The meaning of new beginnings varies from person to person. Sometimes, with context too. But what does the Bible say about new beginnings? The Bible offers encouragement and advice for new beginnings.

For example, **one can start is wherever they are** in the context of Christenings and fresh starts with Jesus, the Bible says, therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! (2 Corinthians 5.17). **Perseverance and Joy are important attitudes to new beginnings**, rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus (1 Thessalonians 5.8). **God doesn't remember our past failure. When one sets off for a fresh start, He starts with them.** Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland (Isaiah 43.18-19).

In the same way that our schools and families are preparing for the beginning of the new beginnings. The church in our benefice is also preparing itself for some new beginnings. This includes:

Kingsquad: An afterschool club in Boughton and Dunkirk School. Through fun activities, games and crafts, children will explore bible stories, Christian values and ask questions.

Soul Space: A monthly gathering every first Sunday of the month at 6pm St Barnabas. It offers an informal space to explore the Christian faith with conversation, prayer and contemporary music. Whether you are taking first steps to discover your own thoughts about faith, or seeking to grow by talking to others, you are welcome.

Wednesday Evening Prayer: 5pm at St Michael's Hernhill. A set service with readings, prayers and reflections to help us process all that may be happening in our lives. There will also be Holy Communion on some days.

These are just some of the new beginnings in the Church Life. Look at the detailed schedule for our new Sunday service pattern.

Watch the space for more updates!!!!

Also take note of dates for our Christmas events (never too early to start talking about Christmas, is it?)

Cathrine Ngangira

**“A RACE AGAINST TIME”
Hilary Lister’s round Britain dream.**

This amazing film is being shown at **Hernhill Church of England Primary School on Wednesday, 2nd October at 7pm** with Peter Williams MBE. who produced and directed it. Peter says” Hilary Lister was one of ours. She lived in Dunkirk and was one of the bravest people I have ever met. Despite being almost totally paralysed she established a reputation around the world for her ability to sail yachts” The film shows Hilary’s solo circumnavigation of Britain in 2009, the first quadriplegic person to sail solo around Britain. A marvellous achievement!

Hilary died in 2018 aged 46 and is buried in Hernhill churchyard.

All are welcome to this fundraising event for St. Michael’s Church, which promises to be a special and interesting evening.

Suggested minimum donation of £10 per person to include a complimentary glass of wine.

**“A RACE AGAINST TIME”
Wednesday, 2nd October at 7pm
Hernhill Church of England Primary
School ME13 9JG**

Peter Willcock





SUMMER FETE



Saturday 14th September
12noon-3pm

HERNHILL C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL



FREE ENTRY

JOIN US FOR LOTS OF FUN!

- Food and Drink •
 - Inflatable Fun •
 - Grand Raffle •
 - Music •
 - Fete Games •
 - Fire Engine •
 - Tombola •
- and much more!



Hernhill C of E Primary School PTAFA



**CHURCH SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER
2024**

Sunday 1st 10am Hernhill
Sung Communion
6pm St Barnabas' Boughton
Informal Service

Sunday 22nd 10:30am St.Barnabas'
Informal Worship
6pm Hernhill
Said Holy Communion

**Sunday 8th 10am Boughton Parish
Church**
Sung Communion

Sunday 29th 10am Hernhill
Sung Communion
Patronal Festival of St Michael and All Angels
Guest preacher - Rev. Dr. Emma Pennington,
Canon Missioner, Canterbury Cathedral
Special singing by Hernhill School choir
4:30pm St Barnabas'
Iona Service

**Wednesday 11th 10:30am St Barnabas'
Boughton**
Wednesday Worship

Sunday 15th 10:30am Graveney
All Age Communion Service

All are welcome to our services

Wednesday 18th 5pm Hernhill
Evening Prayer

**Peter Willcock
Churchwarden**

Bin Collections

Apologies for the errors in the bin collection dates last month and thanks to those eagle-eyed parishioners who pointed them out. You have each been awarded a free subscription to the Hernhill News for a year.

BIN COLLECTIONS

September	4	Wednesday	Brown bin
	5	Thursday	Green bin
	12	Thursday	Blue bin
	18	Wednesday	Brown bin
	19	Thursday	Green bin
	26	Thursday	Blue bin
October	2	Wednesday	Brown bin

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