



HERNHILL NEWS

October 2024

HERNHILL PARISH COUNCIL

The latest news from your Parish Council: Planning, Highways, Allotments, Speedwatch

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

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

25 September 2024

The meeting was attended by 5 councillors and the clerk, Councillor Alistair Gould (SBC) plus 4 members of the public.

Planning:

Applications 22/505450 and 22/505449: Land South of A299 Slip road.

Request to remove planning condition regarding mezzanine floors.

The council note that the application is to allow for each unit to apply individually if they wish to add the mezzanine space rather than the complete removal of the restriction of mezzanine space. However the units are currently being actively marketed as already having mezzanine space and that photographs show the mezzanine space as having already been installed. Therefore the applicant has not complied with the existing planning conditions. The council also feel that the potential to receive 48 separate application, one for each unit is time intensive and unworkable. The council maintain its objection that adding mezzanine space will result in the overintensification of the site with

implications for road safety and parking. If Swale Borough Council are minded to approve the application, then Hernhill Parish Council request that conditions are added for the inclusion of double yellow lines along the slip road and High Street Road to prevent parking overspill.

Planning decision:

24/500531: Waterham Cottages

Retrospective application for outbuilding permitted.

Speedwatch:

We now have a group of three speedwatchers who will next receive on the road training with equipment, via a local coordinator. The clerk will liaise to make arrangements. More volunteers of course welcome.

Neighbourhood plan:

Councillor Kim Wakes reported that our request for technical support was successful and that a new housing needs assessment will be conducted. The clerk attended a training session on the future of neighbourhood plans which seemed positive. The next public meeting will be held on 16th October, 7.15pm Red Lion.

Allotments:

The annual inspection took place on 17th September. At the same time volunteer councillors cleared a vacant lot which will now be relet. All the plots were looking good. However there are a number of holes in the wire fencing which need temporary patching whilst we make further grant applications to cover the cost of replacement. We have received a report of a theft of a lawn mower

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and wheel barrow from an allotment.

Posts on Village Green:

Councillors reviewed 4 quotes for replacing these posts and unanimously agreed to support the offer by volunteer parishioners to replace with tannalised timber as used for tree supports. The work will be carried out after risk assessment when weather conditions allow. The council also hope to plant some wildflower bulbs around the oak tree and alongside the new posts in due course.

Remembrance Service:

This will take place on 10th November, beginning with a service in church at 10am to be followed by the reading of the roll of honour and wreath laying.

VE Day 80 celebration 8th May 2025:

The beacon will be lit again for this commemoration.

Road Closures:

Thanet way to be closed coast bound 11-15th October from 8pm to 5am.

Staplestreet to be closed from The Paddock to Dawes Road from 4th November to 2nd December. Then from Bull Lane junction to A299 from 25th November to 24th December!! Just to note that contractors are required to maintain access for local homes and businesses at all times apparently.

NB A251 now open again ahead of schedule!

Next Parish Council meeting: 30th October 2024 7.00pm Village Hall. Note the change of time for winter!

Barbara Heller, Chairman

PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

Please look out for the new Parish Council website during October which has been given a redesign and upgrade.

The web address will remain unchanged at www.hernhill-pc.gov.uk.

The Hernhill News is available there in full colour!

Rebecca Parr

KENT POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

I am the KPCC, Matthew Scott's, Communications Manager and every year at this time of year we publish our Policing Survey. It measures how safe people feel where they live, whether they trust the police and how seriously things like antisocial behaviour affects them.

If you would like to engage with this survey it is on our website: www.kent-pcc.gov.uk.

The quickest way for people to take the (anonymous) short survey is to go to this link: <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/PoliceandCrimePlan2024/>

Thank you very much for your time. I really do appreciate you helping us. The results feed into the new "priorities for Kent Police", so it is

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important as many people as possible have their say.

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SWALE BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

I am very sorry to report that there has recently been a significant change to the housing allocations proposed for the emerging new Swale Borough Local Plan. This new plan for housing in the borough was proposed by council members from wards to the West of the borough, who also carried the vote to bring it forward to the next stage of the plan process.

This new allocation proposes that a very large site is built to the east of Faversham, significantly increasing the number of houses allocated for our area in the previous draft Swale Borough Local Plan and means that we will have a large majority of the additional housing in our part of the borough, well over the 45.5% previously proposed. This level of growth around our small market town and surrounding villages is inappropriate and unsustainable, but communities are being pitted against each other as we all feel the effects of housing growth on inadequate infrastructure.

These proposals will need full council approval, and will still need to be developed with actual sites, rather than the broad direction of travel proposed by this

decision, and they will go out for public consultation. I will argue strongly that this level of development will result in unacceptable harm to the scale and character of Faversham, a small market town, and to the rural villages and countryside that surrounds it.

The housing targets are handed down from central government, and may increase with the change of administration. They simply cannot be accommodated within the borough if we give proper protection to "Best and Most Versatile" agricultural land, Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty and avoid building on land subject to flooding. I have helped put these points into a robust response from Swale Borough Council to the recent consultation on the proposed changes to the National Planning and Policy framework, which governs the plan making process.

Please look out for and take the opportunity to comment on the proposed new Local Plan when it goes out for public consultation and, in the meantime, email me if you have any comments or questions about these proposals.

Alistair Gould
Swale Borough Councillor for Boughton & Courtenay

HERNHILL GARDENING CLUB

Autumn Show

There was a pleasing number of entries at the autumn show and a colourful display of dahlias (mostly from Henry Bryant's garden). The photo classes were a bit thin and we could do, with some more flower arrangers. There were plenty of tomatoes and a good display of fruit and vegetables. Two hints from the judges:

A) pick your tomatoes as close as possible to the show so that the sprigs look green and fresh.

B) make sure that the pot containing your pot plant is clean and presentable otherwise marks will be deducted.

The following certificates were awarded:

Best bloom	Henry Bryant
Best fruit and veg	Tony Bentley
Best floral art	Jean Wilson
Best home economics	Jill Geliot

Best photo	Olga Jelfs
Best pot plant	Sylvia Philpot
Max points dahlias	Henry Bryant

Please would members return cups and trophies to Jill as soon as possible.

Garden Party

This is our end of season social event and all members and partners are invited. Saturday October 5th at Church Oast 2.00pm – 5.00pm. Tea will be provided.

Thanks

Thanks to all committee members and helpers who have given such support this year. The club would not survive without your contribution.

Our best wishes to Mark James who is currently undergoing various tests and treatments. We hope to see him out and about before too long.

Jill Geliot

HISTORIC HERNHILL



Who remembers when a Fruit Salad was not one of your five a day, but a four-a-penny raspberry and pineapple flavoured treat, usually bought along with liquorice Black Jacks? This month's pictures show Doreen Bowyer, mother of our own village cheesemaker Jane Bowyer, when she was running Dargate Post Office and sweet shop in 1976. It was not simply stamps and postal orders of course, but was a proper village shop, with a wide range including Ritz Crackers, Rice Krispies, cigarette lighters, Bird's Eye frozen foods and even Christmas decorations.

Sweets in those days were sold loose from the jar, usually by the quarter, but I can remember scraping together fourpence for two ounces of Pineapple Squares or Sour Apples. Or perhaps they were Humbugs. The weirdest ones of all, I reckon, were those scented cushions in pastel pale greens and pinks, with a hint of chocolate in the centre. Flying Saucers were edible coloured discs filled with some sort of sherbert which sent shockwaves through the roof of your mouth, and Sherbert Fountains, with a liquorice straw, shot a cloud of citric acid and sugar dust up the back of your nose. Apparently these are still available from "retro" sweet shops online, but something you certainly can't get are the wide range of smoking-related sweets. Sugar cigarettes with a glowing end (ok, dipped in red food dye) and Spanish Gold sweet tobacco. That curly brown stuff was made from coconut, and was delicious.

It was approaching the end of an era when Doreen ran the post office. There's not much money to be made from Dolly Mixtures when people are drifting away to larger shops in bigger villages and towns, and I have found a piece in the Faversham News I wrote in April 1988 about the parish council urging people to use Dargate Post Office rather than Boughton or Faversham "even if it is only to buy a stamp."

Another report from 1989 signalled the end. Following the closure of the business in August, Dove landlord Peter Smith and his wife Sue had offered to run a post office from a mobile building in the pub garden. I cannot remember whether this plan ever took off, or if it did, how long it lasted.

Doreen died earlier this year, and there was a short obituary in the July Hernhill News. Many thanks to Jane Bowyer for the pictures of her mum, from whom so many village children bought their pocket-money sweets.



Crispin Whiting

HERNHILL CHURCH

Friday 4 October is the Feast of St Francis, and it also marks the end of the Church's season of Creationtide. This is a liturgical season that has its origins in the Eastern Orthodox Church, but is now embraced by most Christian denominations throughout the world. So it's both ecumenical and international. This year the theme has been 'To hope and act with Creation'. It's a time when we have both thanked God for the wonders and beauty of Creation, and also said sorry for the many ways we've failed to take care of and work with that Creation. Too often we treat Creation not so much as a gift to enjoy and to live alongside and work with, but as a resource to be used and plundered for our own ends.

St Francis understood what it meant to have a close relationship with the natural world. He spoke not only of Mother Earth, but also regarded all of creation as his brothers and sisters. In The Canticle of Brother Sun, which inspired the well-known hymn 'All creatures of our God and King', Francis wrote not only of Brother Sun, but also Sister Moon, Brother Wind, Sister Water, and Brother Fire. The animals and birds were his friends and he had great respect for all living creatures.

Creationtide leads us neatly into the season of Harvest, and during October each of the churches in our benefice will be holding Harvest Festivals. It's a time to give thanks for the produce that is grown in the orchards and farms surrounding our villages. And it's also a time to remember those who do not have enough to eat: those in war-torn and poverty-stricken parts of the world, and also those on our own doorstep who are struggling to feed themselves for whatever reason.

One of the local charities our churches support at harvest time, is Catching Lives. This is a charity that works with the homeless and insecurely housed in Canterbury and East Kent.

'Our vision is of a society where all are included and all, no matter how disadvantaged, can make a contribution.'

Catching Lives works towards ending the harm caused to individuals, families and the community, by homelessness, rough sleeping and insecure housing. They do this by offering immediate respite at the Canterbury Open Centre, as well as working with people to address any issues that they may have in accessing suitable accommodation, enabling them to find the motivation to take steps towards personal recovery and independent living. The Open Centre, in Station Road East, Canterbury, is open every day offering breakfast and lunch as well as hot drinks throughout the day. There are toilets and showers with a range of toiletries as well as a clothes bank and laundry facilities. Telephone, computer and internet access are also available, and the Centre's postal address can be used by homeless clients, enabling them to claim benefits, look for work or register with a GP. Mental health support and a regular nurse drop-in are also available.

Hernhill Church collects items for Catching Lives throughout the year. And each year some of the harvest gifts from our three churches are also donated. The charities website (<https://www.catchinglives.org/donate-items>) has a list of the items they especially need, which includes toiletries and clothing as well as non-perishable food.

You will be most welcome to join us at any of the Harvest Festival services in the churches in our benefice and, if you would like to, to bring a donation for Catching Lives.

Pat Saunders
Licensed Lay Minister

A prayer for harvest from The Changing Lives Prayer Network

Loving God, giver and sustainer of life,
you created a world of beauty and gave it to us for a home.

Forgive us when we forget to enjoy it,
strengthen our resolve to care for it,
give us the humility to learn from it,
as we work for a world where all can flourish.
Amen.

HERNHILL CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

The new school year has started really well at Hernhill. We have been delighted to welcome 33 new pupils – 30 in Reception and 3 others in different classes across the school.

As ever, sport has been firmly on the agenda at Hernhill. In just the first four weeks, Year 5 have started their weekly swimming lessons at Faversham pool, Years 4 and 6 have been taking part in hockey coaching and Year 2 have begun their term of badminton coaching. A large number of children in Year 6 have also completed their Bikeability training.

We have also had two fantastic events this month. Our PTAFAs Summer fete was a great

afternoon with lots of children's performances of singing and dancing, along with the usual stalls. Even the sun shone for us! We are thrilled to announce that we raised £4653 which is being put towards fundraising for new awnings outside each classroom. And then this week, our Year 2 class held their annual Macmillan Coffee morning. The cakes were generously donated by the Year 2 families, and parents, carers & friends from across the school community came along for a cuppa and a piece of cake. An incredible £627 was raised for the Macmillan cancer charity. Well done Year 2!

Sarah Alexander
Head Teacher

HERNHILL SCHOOL ECO REFILL SHOP

- Do you want to save the oceans and seas?
- Do you know about the Hernhill School Eco Refill shop?
- Do you want to use products that smell nice?

Hernhill School has an eco refill shop. At this shop, you can buy lots of different products such as hand soap, washing up liquid, body wash and more. These are branded products from Miniml and Faith in Nature. Our shop runs once a month, usually on a Tuesday after school. (3:00-3:40pm). We have tester bottles so you can smell the different fragrances before you buy!

How does our shop work?

Bring an empty bottle to the shop and then we will fill it up for you with your chosen product. You can use an old plastic bottle or some people buy a new bottle and get it refilled each month. We sell products in 250ml or 500ml amounts.

Our shop is cashless so please bring your card or ApplePay/GooglePay device.

Coming along to our eco shop means you are helping the environment, one plastic bottle at a time!

When is the shop open?

Tuesday 8th October

Tuesday 19th November

Tuesday 17th December

3:00-3:40pm, in the school playground

Thank you very much for reading our article.

Leo Y6 (marketing manager)

Molly, Lora & Orla Y5 (deputy marketing managers)



ECO REFILL SHOP



PRICES

	250ml	500ml	Bars
WASHING UP LIQUID			
Rhubarb & lemon	£1.00	£2.00	
Apple orchard	£1.00	£2.00	
BODY WASH LIQUID			
Tea tree & mint	£1.40	£2.80	
Pink grapefruit	£1.40	£2.80	
Nourishing coconut	£1.40	£2.80	
HANDWASH LIQUID			
Clementine	£1.25	£2.50	
Cucumber & aloe vera	£1.25	£2.50	
Lime, basil & mandarin	£1.25	£2.50	
LAUNDRY LIQUID			
Fresh linen	£1.25	£2.50	
BARS			
Fragrance free soap			£2.50
Coconut soap			£2.50
Aloe vera soap			£2.50
Dragon fruit			£2.50
Dog shampoo			£4.50

THREE HORSESHOES CRICKET CLUB

Ahh August! The time of the year where the Three Horseshoes Cricket Team struggles for players! This year has been no different with only three games possible out of six arranged since returning from Tour! With just one game remaining in the season at time of writing, the Shoes will be looking to end on a high, but how did we fare across August and September?

We started August on Tour in Dorset enjoying some fine weather, a lovely campsite, splendid local pubs and a traditional Tour curry. We also snuck in two cricket games! The first against a "Barbarian" team of friends based around the village of Broadwindsor. Playing on a tight ground it quickly became clear that we were outgunned! Playing a 30 over game Broadwindsor smashed an intimidating 265 for 7 with all bowlers taking some punishment (T.Berry 3/42, N.George 1/27) leading the way for the Shoes bowlers. In response we started badly and didn't improve much as their opening bowlers ripped apart our top order. R.Boshier played a stoically defensive innings as the target receded into the distance, before S.Morris and N.George helped us into three figures, albeit falling to a massive 158 run defeat, our worst of the season. 107 all out (S.Morris 35, N.George 21).

Thankfully Tour means that two games in two days allows us to put things right almost immediately and our Sunday trip into Beaminster gave us that opportunity. Winning the toss against the local team, the Shoes batted first on a fair wicket and small outfield. An 86 run opening partnership between the Morris brothers (S.Morris 42) was immediately followed by another 41 partnership before L.Morris (60*) retired to allow more players to bat. N.George enjoyed the chance to hit out and with 5 players making 20+, the Shoes were happy with a score of 209 off 30 overs. Mixing up the bowling somewhat, the Shoes took early wickets but conceded steadily too. The game was evenly balanced to the exact run at mid-innings drinks and despite N.George's excellent bowling display, Beaminster were

able to hit the winning runs with only one ball remaining! 213 for 7 (N.George 3/22, R.Boshier 1/17) meant a 3 wicket defeat for the Shoes.

Two weeks later the Shoes hosted Eastling in the return fixture of our early season triumph, albeit with a weakened team. Losing the toss we took to the field as the Eastling openers built a strong foundation, reaching 100 before the loss of their first wicket. The Shoes breakthrough started a revival, however, as 8 wickets fell for 80 runs, leaving Eastling on 180 for 8 off their 35 overs (C.Hills 3/25, T.Berry 2/30). In response the Morris boys looked to match the runrate without taking risks, putting on a 62 run opening stand before S.Morris fell. By the time L.Morris was out, the Shoes were teetering on 105 for 4 and despite some excellent late hitting from N.Wallace (25*) he ran out of partners and overs, with us slumping to 164 for 9 and a disappointing 16 run defeat (L.Morris 41, S.Morris 33).

Almost a month passed before our next game and a brand new fixture against Tyler Hill near Canterbury. Losing the toss and being inserted on a tricky looking wicket, the Shoes had to work hard against some vicious early bounce. L.Morris carried his bat with a stabilising innings, joined by N.George (37) in an 88 run partnership and C.Hills for 78 runs. 185 for 3 wickets (L.Morris 61*, C.Hills 49*) felt like an excellent score on a pitch that looked fun to bowl on. This proved to be the case as a brutal opening spell from N.George, supported ably by S.Morris left Tyler Hill reeling on 45 for 6 and despite some resistance from the lower middle order, R.Boshier, L.Morris and J.Evans all chipped in with wickets to bowl Tyler Hill out in the gloom for 119 (N.George 4/19, J.Evans 2/17). A well-deserved and much-needed victory after a terrible run of results.

Our penultimate game of the season was our third Sunday match against Eastling, played at Hernhill on the 22 September. With the certainty of rain later on the Shoes took to the crease looking to make the most of drier,

lighter batting conditions. Despite an early wicket and a slow start, S.Morris took charge with a tremendous 97, ably supported by W.Mills and A.Kay, leading the Shoes to an above-par 151 for 3 (S.Morris 97, A.Kay 21*) on a bouncy, two-packed wicket. With limited bowling options, the Shoes knew we needed to strike early against a big hitting Eastling top order. An important wicket in the first over for L.Morris put us on the front foot, but by the time the rain arrived in force, Eastling had pulled things back to a pretty even state at 77 for 2 off 16 overs (L.Morris 2/9).

So as the nights draw in and we find ourself just one week away from putting the cricket square to bed for the winter, I'd like to thank those who have followed the ups and downs of our season. I'll report back to you from our cricket awards dinner in November as well as provide any news over the off season.

Anyone interested in playing (we take any standard) contact Luke on 07712712519 or leave a note at the Three Horseshoes pub.

Luke Morris

CHURCH SERVICES FOR OCTOBER

Sunday 6th 10am Hernhill

Harvest Sung Communion
Donations for "Catching Lives".

6pm St Barnabas' Boughton

Informal Service- "Soul Search"

Wednesday 9th 10:30am St Barnabas' Boughton

Wednesday Worship.

Sunday 13th 10am Boughton Parish Church

Harvest Sung Communion

Wednesday 16th 5pm Hernhill

Evening Prayer

Sunday 20th 10:30am Graveney

All Age Harvest Communion Service

Sunday 27th 10:30am St.Barnabas' Boughton

Informal Worship

6pm Hernhill

Said Holy Communion

**Peter Willcock
Churchwarden**

BIN COLLECTIONS

October	2	Wednesday	Brown bin
			Green bin
	9	Wednesday	Blue bin
	16	Wednesday	Brown bin
			Green bin
	23	Wednesday	Blue bin
	30	Wednesday	Brown bin
November	6	Wednesday	Green bin

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