### **Graveney with Goodnestone Village Newsletter**

### April and May 2019



### A note from the editor

Spring is such a fabulous time, the scents of hyacinths and the emergence of snowdrops, daffodils and then tulips... and lambs in the fields. It is definitely time to get out and enjoy the fabulous countryside.

It is also a great time to walk out in the countryside. However, a walk outdoors can be spoiled by dog mess, which can also be a health risk especially to children. So if you have a dog, always make sure to clear up!

This edition also covers May, the newsletter will return in June. Happy Easter!

As always get in touch at:

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### All Saints' Church

Everyone is welcome to all our services and events

### 7 April

8 am	Holy Communion	<b>Boughton Church</b>
10 am	Sung Communion	Hernhill Church
10.30 am	Morning Worship	<b>Graveney Church</b>

### Palm Sunday with blessing of palms~ 14 April

8 am	Holy Communion	Graveney Church
10 am	Sung Communion	<b>Boughton Church</b>
10 am	Readings and music	Hernhill Church
	for Palm Sunday	

### Maundy Thursday ~ 18 April

6.45 for 7 pm	Passover Supper,	St. Barnabus,
	tickets needed,	<b>Boughton Street</b>
	see separate notice	

### Good Friday ~ 19 April

10 am to noon	Messy Good Friday	St. Barnabus,
$^{\sim}$ Easter activities for all the family		Boughton Street
2 pm - 3 pm	Last Hour of the Cross	Graveney Church

# Easter Day ~ 21 April

5.45 am	Dawn service with	Hernhill Church
	<b>Holy Communion</b>	
	followed by pastries	
	and coffee	

10 am	Easter Celebration Communion	Boughton Church
10.30 am	Easter Celebration Morning Worship	Graveney Church
Sunday after E	aster ~ 28 April	
10 am	Sung Communion ice for all our churches	Hernhill Church
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5 May		
8 am	Holy Communion	<b>Boughton Church</b>
10 am	Sung Communion	Hernhill Church
10.30 am	Morning Worship	Graveney Church
12 May		
8 am	Holy Communion	Graveney Church
10 am	Sung Communion	<b>Boughton Church</b>
10 am	Morning Worship	Hernhill Church
19 May		
8 am	Holy Communion	Hernhill Church
10 am	Morning Worship	<b>Boughton Church</b>
10.30 am	Holy Communion	Goodnestone Church
26 May		
10 am	Holy Communion	Graveney Church
~ a united serv	ice for all our churches	
2 June		
8 am	Holy Communion	Boughton Church
10 am	Sung Communion	Hernhill Church

### Clergy letter

'Twenty five years ago on St George's Day, 23rd April 1994, along with thirty-four other women, I was ordained a priest in the Church of England, the first women ever to be ordained in Coventry Cathedral. It was a showery April day and I remember members of my congregation huddled under umbrellas in the cathedral ruins watching the service as it was relayed outside on large TV screens, the cathedral was absolutely full. I also remember my Area Dean standing up in the service to object and the Roman Catholic women who greeted us as we left the cathedral after the service; they carried placards asking that Roman Catholic women be allowed to be ordained too. I think they attended every Anglican ordination service for women that year all over the country and we pray that one day they too will be allowed to fulfil their God-given vocation.

I had been working in my parish as a deacon for three years, some women had been working as deacons, before that deaconesses and before that as lady workers for many years and probably thought they would never see the day when women were ordained. We knew it would come one day but would it be when the vote was held in General Synod, the ruling body of the Church of England, in November 1993? I didn't think it would pass so decided not to go down to London saying, 'I'll go next time.' Praise God there was no 'next time.' At last my vocation would be recognised and fulfilled.

For the past twenty five years it has been an amazing privilege to live out the calling which I first felt back in the mid-1980s.

At my ordination service the preacher (the female principal of an Anglican theological college training men and women for ministry, think about that for a moment) spoke about Jesus' resurrection on the first Easter Day and how Mary, the first to his tomb discovered it was empty. It is shocking that God entrusted the message of the resurrection to a woman. At that time a woman's testimony wasn't accepted in a lawcourt, it is one of the things which absolutely guarantees that the early Christians did not invent these stories. It is Mary, not any of the male disciples, who becomes the apostle to the apostles, the first Christian evangelist. With Jesus' resurrection there is a new world order, where women are empowered and given new callings and ministries.

This twenty-fifth anniversary is an opportunity to celebrate all the women priests who have been enabled to grow into the fullness of who God has called them to be as bearers of Christ's good news for the world.

A very happy Easter to you all. Revd Jean Burrows

### **Maundy Thursday Passover meal**

On Maundy Thursday evening (18 April, 6.45 for 7 pm) we will celebrate a Passover meal in St Barnabas. As well as enjoying a cooked meal together and drinking a lot of red wine or red grape juice we will learn more about the significance of Passover for Christians as it was at Passover time that Jesus was killed. It was also at a Passover meal that Jesus instituted the new Passover, the Holy Communion service, so there is a lot of rich symbolism to be unpacked.

Our Passover meal includes some symbolic starters such as haroseth, parsley and hard boiled eggs as well as a hot main course (there is a vegetarian/vegan option) and is suitable for all ages except very young children. Tickets (£8.50 for adults, under  $16s \pm 4$ ) are limited as we want to keep a family feel to the meal so book early to avoid disappointment by contacting 01227 750742.

#### **Lent Lunches**

You are all invited to come to a simple lunch of homemade soup, bread, fresh fruit and hot drinks, in St Barnabas every Wednesday in Lent, 3 and 10 April, noon to 1.30 pm. Donations welcome in aid of Christian Aid.

Graveney Church open every 2nd Wednesday for Coffee, Chats and Cleaning.

### Parish Council News

The following is an edited summary of the Parish Council meeting held Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March at 7:30pm in the Village Hall. Attended by 4 Councillors, Councillor George Bobbin (Borough Councillor), Andrew Bowles (County and Borough Councillor), the Clerk and four members of the public.

### **Matters Arising:**

There is a new supervising officer for the PCSO team, who has contacted all parishes in the area regarding attendance at meetings. A representative has been asked to attend when possible. The gun shop has been reported to SBC and they have investigated. The correct licence is in place for selling guns. Planning permission for change of use is required and has been applied for.

Expression of interest regarding the Cleve Hill Solar Park was amended and submitted.

Restoration of the bench is now being looked at by another local contractor as the price quoted was rather high. However, grant funding could not be applied for as there was no definite plan at the time.

The parked car issue raised with PCSO.

An article regarding dog fouling for the newsletter was requested.

Several planning comments have been made.

### **Crime Report:**

There was no crime report available.

#### **Cleve Hill Solar Park:**

A report from GREAT was read out. There were 867 responses to the expression of interest stage, from Graveney, Faversham, Seasalter and Whitstable, of which 97% were opposed to the proposal. It was queried whether there were any responses from Sheppey. Swale Borough Council has not yet responded but does not have to adhere to the same timescale as other consultees.

### Streetlighting:

Councillor Mitchell has informed Streetlights of the requirements. Streetlights have ordered four SL7 lanterns; two to replace two columns and two to hold in stock.

#### Finial signs at the school:

There was no update available.

### Landscaping around village sign:

There was no update available.

### **Annual Parish Meeting:**

It was agreed to hold the APM on Monday 8th April, at 7pm, before the parish council meeting. The local PCSO Sgt and/or a representative from the Rural Team will be invited to attend to give a presentation, or a representative from CPRE if they are unavailable.

#### **Correspondence:**

Councillors expressed an interest in the Brexit Preparedness document, the Resilience and Emergency Planning information, and the Rural Kent newsletter.

The report on Ethical Standards in Local Government has been published. It recommends more training and stronger sanctions for councillors breaching the Code of Conduct.

Emails had been received regarding the bench and vandalism at the village hall, suggesting CCTV as a deterrent. The resident has been advised to contact the village hall committee.

Nomination packs for the forthcoming elections had been received and were distributed. It was noted that candidates no longer have to publish their home address. The Parish Council currently has one vacancy in the Faversham Without ward. The Clerk will publicise elections on website.

#### Finance:

The financial statement and bank reconciliation were reviewed and accepted. A number of small payments were approved.

Despite asking other clerks for recommendations, no further information on possible online banks had been found. It was agreed to ask the auditor for advice.

#### Planning:

Ewell Farm, Graveney Road — Erection of polytunnels (retrospective). Of a 14 hectare site, 12.25 are covered by polytunnels in four different areas. They will be uncovered from mid November to early February. The area is well screened with no flood risk. The nearest polytunnel is 70m away from the listed building. Concerns were raised regarding the rainwater run off, the lack of a landscape and visual impact assessment and an environmental impact assessment, and the status of the public footpath through the land. It was agreed to object to the application on these grounds.

Concerns were raised by residents about East Kent Recycling using the Cleve Hill site for storage. SBC has investigated and is monitoring the situation.

### **Graveney & Goodnestone Trust:**

A scheduled meeting was held but a follow up meeting has been called to consider a grant application so that all five Trustees can attend. The year-end accounts are being sent to the auditors.

#### **Councillor Reports:**

Councillor Stewart: The signs currently being used by GREAT will be repainted to discourage littering. Dunkirk has some similar signs. Clerk to contact Dunkirk Parish and find out if they have been successful. Councillor Stewart is attending the KALC planning conference later this week.

### **Reports from Borough and County Councillors:**

Councillor Bowles attended an Environment Agency meeting in London and raised the issue of the solar park. Swale Borough Council and Kent County Council are hosting a visit from the Environment Agency this summer.

#### **Any Other Business:**

The fire hydrant report has been done and submitted. There are two forthcoming training events for the Footpath Warden and it was agreed that he could claim mileage to Lenham and to Meopham. It was requested that convex mirrors be installed at the end of Sandbanks Lane, Goodnestone Lane and Monks Hill Road. A drone was spotted flying over the church and village in February; this may be related to CHSP.

### **Next Meeting:**

The next meeting will be held on Monday 8th April 2019 at 7.30pm. It will be preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.00pm.

## A Message from your County Councillor

February is always one of the 'big' months in the Local Government Calendar, it is Budget month.

The month started with my "You Decide" event awarding my Member Grant money to local voluntary organisations. For full results see last months report. Two organisations missed out, Hernhill Parish Council who could not find a representative to present their request and Sheldwich Parish Council where their application arrived too late. Luckily, working with Officers, I have been able to find funding to allow both projects to, hopefully, go ahead.

I recently attended the District Councils Network Conference held on 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> February at Kenilworth in Warwickshire. Over 200 delegates representing the majority of Councils in membership with, perhaps surprisingly, as many if not more Chief Executives than Council Leaders present. Highlights included the following speakers:

- Secretary of State James Brockenshire MP who spoke about the future challenges facing Local Government and answered questions on planning, housing and other current matters.
- Chief Secretary to the Treasury Liz Truss MP who set out her highly localist approach to the forthcoming spending review. This will, however, maintain a commitment to incentivise Councils to build more homes.

- Opposition Shadow Minister Andrew Gwynne MP who said that powers taken back from Brussels after Brexit should go to Local Councils not to Whitehall.
- Local Government Finance Minister Rishi Sunak MP who spoke in great detail about future Council funding.
- Bill Grimsey a regeneration expert and author who spoke on the future of our High Streets.
- Tom Walker from Homes England talking about how they can help and support District Councils in housebuilding.

The two Budget meetings were somewhat lacking in drama or any close debate. As you have probably read Swale Borough Council proportion of Council Tax is going up 2.7%, the County Council proportion is going up by 2.99% plus the extra 2% allowed as a levy to pay increasing Social Care costs. On top will be Parish Precepts over the 23 Parishes in Swale East varying from Tonge with a 33.65% cut to Selling with an 80.62% increase.

Other meetings of special note this month include a meeting with Canterbury City Council, Kent County Council and Highways England to discuss progress on providing safe and secure lorry parking on the A2/M2 corridor. A proposal should be going to the March Cabinet Meeting of Swale Borough Council. I have also met with the Hyde Housing Association and Optivo Housing Association (separately) to discuss social housing provision going forward. Other meetings that may be of interest include a meeting with Kent Highways at Lenham to discuss ongoing improvements to the A20/Faversham Road

crossroads, Doddington Parish Council were among those represented. I also met the latest management team at Peel Ports Sheerness, one of Swale's major employers.

Parish Council's attended in February were Doddington, Sheldwich, Badlesmere & Leaveland, Selling, Newnham, Dunkirk, Lynsted and Hernhill.

## Andrew Bowles

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### Four Horseshoes Pub

Hi Everyone,

Well things still continue to surprise us all at The Four Horseshoes and we once again thank everyone for your continued support, a big thank you to everyone who attended our Baby Dolly's 1st Birthday Party she had a brilliant day and got so many presents from you all which was very much appreciated.

Great nights time after time are no coincidence, and our latest success story was the incredibly well attended St Patrick's Day function, a great trio in Atlantach Werp who entertained an all singing and dancing audience for several hours with some great open mic audience members joining in for the enjoyment of everyone, we almost run out of beer.

Keep an eye on our website or pop into the pub for updates on our Carvery & Cabaret Sundays with all Bank Holiday Sundays

included in this programme, and more Sundays throughout the summer months.

Rayoke has proved very popular and has now been booked to appear throughout the summer every two weeks or so, come along and share your vocal talents on these Karaoke Saturday Nights.

We continue to improve things in the pub making it a great venue for the up and coming Summer programme of events, two new outside deck areas have been added in order that our visitors have the option to eat alfresco if they wish, or just sit out in the summer sun [fingers crossed] and enjoy a relaxing drink.

The bigger decked area will become the conservatory by the time we get to autumn and winter creating a bigger dining room for our ever popular carvery, we expect the times for the availability of the carvery to extend during the summer months, meaning we will book into early evening on Sundays.

Other additions in the pipeline are a revamped Tearoom / Coffee lounge with work expected to start very soon.

The promised Fish Friday's are proving a little more difficult to achieve as the extra equipment needed in the kitchen, requires a bigger electrical supply which we are waiting for more advise on, updates soon.

The Four Horseshoes is available for any kind of function, and we have had some great nights over the past few months, so if you have an event coming up feel free to ask as your date might still be available, we welcome new clubs or groups and may still be able to fit you into our ever growing list of time slots to use different areas of the pub.

Our existing clubs continue to grow and still welcome new members, alternate Wednesday afternoons are shared between Knit & Natter where you can join in for a chat, a game of cards, dominoes, crafts or anything that you would like to bring to the party.

Or maybe you've always fancied playing the banjo but never got round to it, well now is the time as Keith & Janet run The Banjo Club on the other Wednesdays from 2 o'clock so pop along and see what you think.

Bridge Club welcomes new members and meets on Thursday's from 2 o'clock as for Peter.

Ukelele Club is every Friday, Great fun and very popular but we could squeeze a few more members in, also from 2 o'clock.

Our Quiz Night is currently once a month on a Thursday, but we are being asked to run this twice a month from April so pop in for more details new teams or individuals always welcome.

Bat & Trap is back at The Four Horseshoes this year and the matches are fortnightly on a Wednesday Evening, a big thank you to Sean our Captain and his partner Alisha for putting this together for us, Keith who kindly attended the AGM to register the team, and Reece who will be looking after the pitch as well as the rest of the garden at the pub, we are sure he will rope his partner Toni into helping out from time to time, great people and great help as we couldn't do all this on our own.

And finally a New Daytime & Evening Menu will be available from Mid April please pop in or look out for the notice board's to see what's on offer.

\*\* Please Note: As this edition covers April & May we cannot update you so please keep an eye on the website www.thefourhorseshoespub.co.ukor pop into the pub to see what's going on.

Look forward to seeing you all soon

Steve, Kim, Lisa & Baby Dolly



### **News from GREAT**



We are concerned about Swale's response to our request for information about their own registration to the National Inspectorate.

Graham Thomas, the Area Planning Officer for Swale, responded to say that he "expected any substantive response from the Council to go to our Planning Committee but not before the Council elections in May. It's too early to say what the report will say or what comments Members will wish to submit."

He added: "FYI - we did not send in a so-called Relevant Representation (RR) in January because we are a Host Authority and the purpose of the RR procedure as I understand it is to let PINS know you exist and that you wish to be involved in the NSIP process. They know who the Borough Council is anyway, so we did not send anything. We will be sending our

comments on the matter when requested after the timetable for the process is announced in due course. "

The examination is expected to take place in May so there appears to be a problem if this is also the time that the planning committee takes place regarding Cleve Hill. We have approached the Parish Council to look into this.

#### **Collaboration with Helen Whately**

Helen has been approached by GREAT to get information from the National Inspectorate (NI) as GREAT has failed on 2 occasions to get a Freedom of Information response and we assume that this is because concessions have been made by/from/to Cleve Hill developers and they do not want us to know. The Information Commissioner has now been contacted twice to complain.

Helen published the article below in her latest update about the solar power station:

# "Let's make Graveney Marshes a haven for wildlife instead of a solar power station

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#### **Kent Wildlife Trust support continues**

KWT included the following article on page 2 of their Spring 2019 Wild Kent magazine:

#### "Cleve Hill Solar Park

Kent Wildlife Trust is generally supportive of renewable energy generation in the right location, but a plan for a massive solar park adjacent to our South Swale reserve, and surrounded on three sides by internationally important habitats, is not the right location.

Plans submitted to the Planning Inspectorate in November 2018 are for 176 hectares (435 acres) of solar panels and a large energy storage facility, to be built across 387 hectares (956 acres) of arable land.

This is an important foraging area in winter, particularly for large numbers of brent geese.

We have had several meetings with the applicant as part of the consultation process, and while we can say the application is not as bad as the original plans, we are still not happy. The key issue is the area of arable land to be managed for brent geese — we do not believe it is enough.

Kent Wildlife Trust has long had aspirations to return the arable farmland here to wetland habitats – grazing marsh, saltmarsh and mudflat. These aspirations are now also shared by the Environment Agency. This is a great opportunity to restore some habitats lost to land drainage and climate change, and achieve a Wilder Kent.

At the time of writing we are going through the (250+) documents of the planning application, and by the time you read this we will have registered as an 'Interested Party' so we can take part in the examination, which we expect to take place in Summer 2019."

# <u>Update meeting with statutory agencies and the developers</u> on 6<sup>th</sup> March

This was also attended by members of GREAT and the slides are included below.

#### Overview

application: October 2017 - November 2018

DCO application submitted to the Planning Inspectorate: November 2018

Acceptance from Planning Inspectorate:

December 2018

Relevant representations period closed: 28 January 2019

Awaiting appointment of examining authorized and examination timetable: March 2019 (TBC)

to September / October 2019 (TBC)

Anticipated decision: late 2019 / early 2020

Indicative construction start date: 2020 (TBC)



#### Key concerns raised

- In response to the consultation, we have reduced the overall area of solar panels to 45.5% of the developable
- This has been due to a number of project changes including removing 34 acres of solar panels on Cleve Hill.

- · We have undertaken a full EIA for the project as submitted with the application.
- We have set up a Habitat Management Steering Group to discuss impacts and mitigation and to ensure that net gains for biodiversity within the site through enhancements are achieved.
- We have held monthly meetings with the local planning authorities.

- In addition to removing and setting back panels, we have devised an extensive screening and set back plan as part of our DCO application.
- This includes a bespoke biodiversity management plan setting out a range of mitigation including: 3.64 km of native hedgerow planting, proposed lowland hedgerow at Nagden and areas of lowland meadow around the site.

- We have developed a Construction Traffic Management Plan which includes a range of mitigation
- For example, it is proposed that the project will not accept HGV deliveries to site or let HGVs leave the site between the hours of 08.30 to 09.30 and 15.00 to 16.00 to avoid Graveney Primary School start/finish times

#### Mitigating flood risk

- We have consulted with the Environment Agency and their plans for the Medway Estuary and Swale Strategy
- · The solar park is designed to withstand an overtopping of the existing defences. It is therefore in our interest to maintain the current standard of defences, to at least the same standard that the EA currently do.







### Thought of the Month

### A Happy and Blessed Easter to all our Readers!

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.

The cross stands empty to the sky.

Let streets and homes with praises ring.

Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant years in Palestine, but saving, healing, here and now, and touching every place and time.

Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and every age, till earth and sky an ocean ring with joy, with justice, love and praise.

### Village Hall Events and Notices

**Wednesday Club** - Meet fortnightly on Wednesdays, 2:00pm at the Village Hall. Tea, cake, bingo and chat. Subs £1.00. Lifts are available to the hall if needed.

#### Contacts:

Penny Foster 01795 538732 or Trish Timms 07926 351628

### **Graveney Art Group**

First and Third Monday of each month, 10:00am until 12:00 noon. Back at the village hall, from October. Refreshments and good company. All for £4.00 per morning. If you wish to know more contact:

Val on 07866 984 678

### Village Notice Boards

We now have two sets of keys for the village notice boards. If you wish to put up a notice please contact:

Carol Mitchell 01795 532 372

Penny Foster 01795 538 732

### Neighbourhood Watch

Please be safe: DO NOT LEAVE YOUR HOME UNLOCKED

WHILE YOU ARE AWAY OR AT NIGHT

DO NOT LEAVE YOUR WINDOWS OPEN WHILE YOU ARE

AWAY OR AT NIGHT

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DO NOT LEAVE TOOLS OR MACHINERY IN PLAIN SIGHT

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### Update from Helen Whately MP

Many people have told me they've had enough of Brexit, but it is the most important thing going on in Parliament at the moment, so I feel I have to mention it.

At the time of writing, I have voted twice for the Prime Minister's Brexit deal. I have also voted to keep 'No deal' on the table and against an indefinte extension. The country voted to leave, and that is what we should do. I would prefer we left with a deal, as that avoids the challenges of a no-deal Brexit. I'm also pragmatic; though the deal isn't perfect, the most likely alternatives are either a closer Norway-style Brexit, or a second referendum, both of which I think would be worse.

You have to choose among the options you have, not the options you might like there to be.

And I am worried about this whole process dragging on for ages, to the detriment of our economy and people's livelihoods. I hope more of my colleagues will come round to this way of thinking and back the deal so we can get out and get on. Meanwhile, I'm getting on with my local campaigns.

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#### What does stroke units decision mean for patients?

If you have a stroke and you live in Kent, your chances of recovering are currently worse than in other areas. That's not acceptable. Now that the NHS has decided where the new stroke units will be we're a step closer to getting better care.

I know some people are worried about the choice of William Harvey Hospital, and what it means for the future of the Kent & Canterbury. That's why I have previously sought reassurance on this and been told very clearly that this does not affect forthcoming decisions about the future of East Kent Hospitals (and Kent & Canterbury specifically). If the decision is made to have the major acute hospital in Canterbury, the Stroke Unit would move there.

I have written again to the NHS following the latest announcement asking for confirmation of this, and assurance that if £20 million is spent on a unit in William Harvey, that facility can either be moved or repurposed to make sure public money isn't wasted.

### Faversham purges plastic

Congratulations to all the businesses in Faversham that have gone plastic free! Edible Culture has got rid of plastic straws bags, bottles, sachets and cutlery while The Yard, Jittermugs, Tides, The Pantry and MB Farms all allow customers to fill up their water bottles for free.

Email plasticfreefaversham@gmail.com if you'd like to get involved in the brilliant Plastic Free Faversham Campaign.

I'm doing my bit by taking the Tearfund charity's Plastic Pledge for Lent. I'm using a reusable coffee cup and water bottle, cutting back on products with too much plastic packaging in my weekly shop and avoiding disposable cutlery. And the Government has ambitious plans to make it easier for all of us to reduce, reuse and recycle. A deposit-return scheme for plastic bottles, a tax on plastic packaging that isn't at least 30% recycled and simpler household recycling are all in the pipeline.



### **ABBEY UKULELE CLUBS**

Meet as follows:

### **The Four Horseshoes Pub**

Graveney

WEDNESDAYS - Banjo Club

fortnightly - 2pm - 4pm

### **William Gibbs Court**

Orchard Place, Faversham every **THURSDAY** 1pm – 2.45pm

### **The Four Horseshoes Pub**

Graveney

FRIDAYS - Weekly 2pm - 4pm

**Beginners & players all welcome** 

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### A Thank You

The trees and shrubs around and in the vicinity of the Village Hall have now been cut back and tidied up. This area is now spic and span due to the hard work and dedication over several days by Colin Relf.

In light of his efforts, particularly during the current cold spell, a thank you is greatly deserved.

F G Chapman MBE

**Four Horseshoes Park** 



**Elizabeth Wilson-Smith Chartered Physiotherapist** 

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## Friends of Graveney Church – Events 2019

**MAY 18th.** Faversham Vintage Bus Day. Church open 10am - 4pm. Refreshments served all day. Enjoy riding on vintage buses for free.

**JUNE 28th, 29th, 30th.** Flower Festival. Church open. Fri, Sat. 10-4pm. Sun 12-4pm. Refreshments served all day. If you would like to take part, contact Linda on 07961427997

AUGUST 31st. Harvest Quiz. Evening

**OCTOBER 19th, 20th.** History weekend. Church open Sat 10-4pm. Sun 12-4pm. Refreshments served all day. If you have any interesting stories or articles we may use please contact Linda on 07961427997.

**NOVEMBER 16th.** Christmas Fair. Church open 10-4pm

The church may be open on other Saturdays, see notice boards for details.

#### **PCC Events**

**APRIL 27th** . Concert in church. For details see notice boards at church.

SEPTEMBER 14th. Churches Ride and Stride.

Would you like to help keep Graveney Church open, can you help serving refreshments on our open days, just for a couple of hours. Please join our happy band, for more details phone Linda on 07961427997





### Woman's Institute

We meet in the Village Hall on the second Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm. Visitors always very welcome to attend.

### **Upcoming Events:**

April 10th - Bee Keeping - Colin Relf.

May 8th - Brenda Tumber - Kori.

The W.I. are having a Quiz Night on 13th April - Tables of Eight - food included - £6 per person. Tables bookings contact Teresa Bowles or Sue Wraight

For further information contact: Teresa Bowles on 07966 299648 or e-mail teresa.bowles22@btinternet.com
Or Sue Wraight on 01227 751361

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