Graveney with Goodnestone Village Newsletter

August 2019



A note from the editor

A longer issue this month with a detailed update around Examination Hearings in relation to the Cleve Hill Solar Park.

There are also updates from the Footpath Warden and a contribution regarding some local history.

This is your magazine, so do get in touch with any contributions or ideas.

As always get in touch at: graveney.goodnestone.news@gmail.com

All Saints' Church

Everyone is welcome to all our services and events

4 August			
8 am	Holy Communion	Boughton Parish	
		Church	
10 am	Sung Communion	Hernhill Church	
10.30 am	Morning Worship	Graveney Church	
11 August			
8 am	Holy Communion	Boughton Parish	
		Church	
10 am	Morning Worship	Hernhill Church	
10.30 am	Holy Communion	Goodnestone Church	
18 August			
8 am	Holy Communion	Hernhill Church	
10 am	Morning Worship	Boughton Parish	
		Church	
10.30 am	Morning Worship	Graveney Church	
25 August			
10 am	Benefice Sung Communion in St Barnabas		
	Church, Boughton Street		
1 September			
8 am	Holy Communion	Boughton Parish	
	-	Church	

10 am	Sung Communion	Hernhill Church
6 pm	Evening Worship	Goodnestone Church

Wednesday Worship 10.30 am in St Barnabas, Boughton Street

with Holy Communion on 10 July and 14 August

A half hour service followed by refreshments

Messy Church

Saturday 20 July, 3.30 pm in St Bs, theme: Messy Outdoors with bar-b-q. Story and songs, crafts and a meal, lots of fun for all the family. All welcome.

No Messy Church in August

From the Vicar

Our new bishop has been appointed and as I predicted it's not me. She is Revd Rose Hudson-Wilkin, currently speaker to the Speaker of the House of Commons, John Bercow who, following her appointment said, "Rose is one of the warmest, kindest and most loving people I have ever met, so she will be sorely missed by Members across the House, the staff and especially, by me. She has an unfailing sense of duty and an ability – more than she would herself ever know – to bring comfort in times of tragedy. Furthermore, her steely resolve when confronted with loss and evil, following the death of our dear colleague Jo Cox, and in the wake of the Westminster Bridge attack, was plain for all to see. Both in the celebration of happiness and in condolence and prayer, she has the most reassuring, fortifying presence anyone could want. Personally, I would like to thank Rose for her steadfast support and friendship over the last nine years. Our loss is certainly the Diocese of Canterbury's gain. She will be the most excellent Bishop of Dover, and I will watch keenly the next stage of her spiritual journey."

Rose comes to us with a wealth of experience, as well as being a parish priest she has served on the General Synod of the Church of England, twice represented the Church of England at the World Council of Churches (in Zimbabwe & Brazil); she served on the Anglican Consultative Council for 9 years. She also served as a Selection Secretary for the Church of England, helping to select men and women seeking to test their vocation to the ministry. She does numerous preaching and speaking engagements nationally (and occasionally overseas). She was a member of the Broadcasting Standards Commission and has wide experience of media engagement. Rose has also challenged the Church of England over its engagement with UK minority ethnic groups. She has been described as a prophet, pastor and evangelist.

Archbishop Justin said, "She will bring great energy and ... an outward looking approach to the mission of the church and a profound spiritual life. We pray for God's blessing on her as she prepares to move."

We look forward to welcoming Rose to our diocese and working with her. She will be consecrated in a service at St Paul's Cathedral on 19 November and installed at Canterbury Cathedral on 30 November.

Revd Jean Burrows

Parish Council News

The following is an edited summary of the Parish Council meeting held Monday 8th July at 7:30pm in the Village Hall.

Attended by 4 Councillors, Tim Valentine (Borough Councillor), Andrew Bowles (County Councillor), the Clerk and three members of the public.

Matters Arising:

Information about the Graveney with Goodnestone Trust to be placed on the parish website is still awaited.

The police have been contacted about attendance at meetings.

Details of the Kent Police Rural Liaison have been shared.

A response regarding an invitation to a social event has been sent.

A farmer has been informed about attendance at an award giving ceremony.

An amendment to the banking mandate can be made without incurring fees,

Two planning comments were made.

Overgrown verges will be reported once the bird nesting season is over.

Standing order forms still need to be obtained and signed.

Declaration of acceptance of office:

Councillor King signed the declaration of acceptance of office. It was agreed to co-opt Clare Boggia to the last vacant position. Councillor Boggia signed the declaration of acceptance of office and joined the council for the remainder of the meeting.

Crime Report:

The website has been updated but the most recent data available is for May. This shows the highest amount of crimes since last year, although almost all took place in the lorry park. There are some public order and violent crimes but not in this area.

Cleve Hill Solar Park:

A report from GREAT was read out. Councillors have been registered to attend the Planning Inspectorate site visit and also to speak at the Hearings as agreed last meeting. Councillors at Swale Borough Council ("SBC") planning committee were written to, requesting they support the Written Representation prepared by the Parish Council, as this was powerful in its opposition to the proposal. SBC planning committee approved the Local Impact Report prepared by the planning officers which was also against the proposed development. A letter of thanks was sent to the planning officers for their preparation of such a comprehensive report. CHSP's responses to the Planning Inspectorate's questions are starting to come in; these will be monitored by the Clerk. The Clerk will monitor answers to questions. An email from a representative of a group of parish councils in Suffolk/Cambridgeshire who are in a similar situation with a solar park proposal had been received. The Clerk and Councillor King had met with the enquirers and provided help and advice as requested.

Grant Awarding Policy:

It was agreed to add the wording 'to each charity' after the sum to be awarded. Subject to this amendment, the draft policy was agreed.

ICO registration:

Advice regarding the necessity of registering with the Information Commissioner's Office is unclear; some parishes do and some do not. It was agreed to renew the registration for £40.

Correspondence:

An email had been received from a resident regarding the dog bin at Nagden which is not being emptied by SBC. SBC are happy to empty the bin but need the exact location. The location was confirmed.

The next Faversham and District Engagement Forum is on 9th July.

Finance:

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

The budget report for the first quarter was reviewed and accepted.

Quotes had still not been received from the other auditors contacted. It was agreed to appoint David Buckett as the Internal Auditor for 2019-20.

Planning:

Langdon Manor, Head Hill Road – non material amendment to increase of garage size with additional velux windows. Proposed retaining wall surrounding existing lake for safety concerns. It was agreed not to comment.

It was noted that the Four Horseshoes Pub appears to be building a conservatory on the back of the building and also that the walnut tree (covered by a Tree Protection Order) seems to be dying. Clerk to query both issues with SBC planning.

Graveney & Goodnestone Trust:

Nothing to report.

Councillor Reports:

Councillor Bowles: The hedges over the railway line in Hernhill are very overgrown. It was also noted that some contain bollards which makes passing other vehicles difficult. Councillor Andrew Bowles offered to ask KCC Highways to investigate.

Councillor Boggia: Some residents are commenting on the village Facebook page about the footpath verges. It was agreed to write to the landowner and put an article in the

newsletter about what each council (parish, borough and county) is responsible for. Clerk to write to landowner and do article. The Merchant Navy Day is going ahead on 3rd September. The vicar will attend and the schoolchildren will also be involved. Councillor Bowles will represent the parish council. Councillor Boggia is investigating installing a bench at the entrance to the school car park and will approach the Trust for funding.

Councillor King: A crash at the railway bridge took out some of the bollards but these were reported and replaced by KCC very quickly. Some hedges are rather overgrown and causing visibility problems; Councillor King will approach the resident first, then report if necessary.

Councillor Lound: Bins in Cleve Hill are still not being emptied properly. Councillor Valentine offered to investigate this with SBC.

Reports from Borough and County Councillors:

Councillor Valentine reported that SBC is undertaking a bin audit; a climate and ecological emergency has been declared and SBC welcomes input form the community to an action plan which is being formulated. It was queried whether there were plans for new build houses to include solar panels as a requirement and noted that it is being considered within the review of the Local Plan.

Councillor Bowles reported that planning conditions imposed by SBC have been overturned by the Planning Inspectorate in the past, and any change would need to be brought about by MPs at central government level. Councillor Bowles attended the CHSP Preliminary Hearing and is registered to speak at the first Open Forum Hearing. Councillor Bowles will also speak at the KCC planning committee hearing regarding the nearby East Kent Recycling Plant at Oare. Kent Highways is looking at other ways of delivering the maintenance contract.

Any Other Business:

The fire hydrant checks have been completed and a report sent to KFRS. The kissing gates on the footpaths at Nagden have been cleared of undergrowth. Thanks were expressed to the Warden.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Monday 9th September 2019 at 7.30pm.

A Message from your Borough Councillors

A Climate and Ecological emergency.

A motion to declare a climate and ecological emergency was proposed by Tim to the full council meeting on June 24th. It was passed with cross-party support (40 votes in favour, none against, 2 abstentions).

The vote commits the council make its own operations carbon neutral by 2025, and to working with businesses, residents and organisations with the aim that the whole borough is carbon neutral by 2030. It also commits the council to eliminating single-use plastic in its own operations by 2021. Improving energy efficiency and creating space for nature will become key priorities in all of the council's strategies.

Swale is vulnerable to flooding and has areas where there are unacceptably high levels of air pollution. Globally one million species face extinction, many within decades. Habitat loss is contributing to species-extinction in Kent. The motion is a clear statement that we will take bold action now to tackle these issues. Insulating homes will reduce the number of people in fuel poverty and provide skilled jobs. Improved public transport will lead to fewer car journeys, create jobs and reduce social exclusion in rural areas. Walking and cycling encourages a healthy, active lifestyle. Protecting our wild places and providing access to nature promotes good physical and mental health.

Council to pay the real Living wage.

Many local jobs don't pay enough for people to live on. There are too many people in Swale struggling to keep up with the cost of living - stretching their wages as best they can, hoping they make it to their next payday without any unexpected bills.

To start to tackle this problem, Swale Borough Council's cabinet have approved plans to pay staff the real living wage. Unlike the national minimum wage, the real living wage takes account of the cost of living. The real living wage, which now paid by one third of Britain's biggest companies, is set by the Living Wage Foundation. It is currently £9.00 an hour for anybody over 18. In comparison the national living wage is £8.21 for anybody over 25. The cabinet also agreed to draw up proposals to encourage the council's contractors to pay their staff the real living wage.

Introducing the real living wage will cost the council 1.2% of its total salary bill. Businesses that have introduced the real living wage report improvements in staff motivation, productivity and quality of work, and reductions in absences and turnover.

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A Message from your County Councillor

Following on from the Swale Borough Council elections in May I have suffered two further defeats on issues I care deeply about The first was at the Health Overview Scrutiny Committee at the end of May when despite arguments from myself and other mainly East Kent Members, Kent County Council decided by 7 votes to 6 to support the NHS proposals for the allocation of Hyper Acute and Acute Services across Kent and Medway. I expect you all know that future services are to be provided from just 3 hospitals, none East of Ashford. Also, none in the Medway area. This was followed by a narrow vote in favour of going ahead with the introduction of some changes at household waste sites. Although I voted against the decision I believe some clarification is needed. It is ONLY soil, rubble and hardcore at £4 per sack and plasterboard at £6 per sack which will be charged for. For most residents they may never need to pay any charges. Please note that Faversham recycling centre at Salters Lane does not accept plasterboard.

There have been some highlights in the six weeks covered. Being invited to Evensong at the Cathedral and the subsequent reception to say goodbye to Bishop Trevor was one such. We also took our usual post-election break. This year we travelled to Northumberland, a part of our beautiful country we had often travelled through but never spent time in. The Cheviot Hills are perfect for walking, we took the Collies with us. Also, we visited Lindisfarne (Holy Island) and Kielder Water with its glorious famous "dark skies" totally unspoilt by light pollution from street lighting etc. We also took the opportunity to catch up with elderly relatives, both in the North East and in Norfolk on the way home.

We have made two visits to the Marlowe Theatre, one to see the stage version of the Bodyguard and the other to hear the extraordinarily funny Jasper Carrott. The last weekend of June saw our annual Selling Church Fete on what proved to be an amazingly hot day. A lot of work by volunteers in the days leading up to the actual date and again after the event. All worthwhile as, despite the extreme heat, the Fete was a great success.

Finally, I would like to continue the theme of my last report and quote from the editorial in the latest edition of the Local Government Chronicle:

"Local Government Association research reveals the growing levels of violence, intimidation and abuse suffered by Local Government officers and Councillors, largely fuelled by social media which amplifies the harshest and most ignorant voices officers and members are usually motivated by a genuine desire to improve, the places they live and work in. They deserve better."

Andrew Bowles

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Four Horseshoes Pub

Hi Everyone,

Well another month has past and we are making great progress at the pub

The conservatory is now finished along with the refurbishment of the dining room much bigger and brighter space with the ability to seat around fifty guests comfortably

All done mainly by our son Jordan but with help of a few fantastic local people who volunteered their help or expertise for which we are truly grateful, Clint French for all his help and input, Matt for advise on best materials to use and Colin Relf for his hard work in getting the flooring up to the area for Jordan to lay, again with the help of Clint who just appeared from time to time with his son Sam and happily gave their time without question

Will Ferguson for his great job plastering the conservatory during the hottest two days of the recent heatwave, well done mate and many thanks

So that's the car park extended, the garden refigured and the new Dining and Carvery all done apart from a few tweaks The bar area is next, and then back room after that, so keep an eye on us for more changes and we look forward to seeing you soon

Booking for the Carvery is still advised to avoid disappointment, and the long awaited new menus are coming soon, look out for the advertising boards

Our clubs are still doing well, Knit & Natter every fortnight on a Wednesday with Gwen, Bridge Club on a Thursday with Peter, and Ukelele on Friday's with Janet & Keith pop in for more details new members always welcome, all clubs from 2pm till 4pm

Every Saturday and Sunday we have a plant sale in the side yard with Reece very knowledgeable on all aspects of gardening, he is also offering a full Garden Maintenance service Monday to Friday with available slots filling up quick

Karaoke every fortnight on a Saturday apart from the 9th of August which is a Friday so come along and have a laugh

If you would like to know anything about the pub and what our plans are we would be happy to see you, so that you hear it from us

Our great venue is available for private functions, we are licensed for entertainment and the sale of drinks until late, whilst every effort is made to respect our neighbours in our endeavours, we respectfully request that the same courtesy is extended to us when we have functions of this nature at the pub in order to keep viable and open, should you have any concerns please feel free to come and speak to us In closing thank you to Jordan and his much appreciated team of volunteers who have helped in getting us this far

We look forward to seeing you soon

Best

Steve, Kim, Lisa & Baby Dolly



News from GREAT



July has been a busy month with the Examination starting in earnest and featuring two open floor hearings, an accompanied site visit and five issue specific hearings on Compulsory Acquisition, the Development Consent Order (DCO) application, Need, Landscape and Biodiversity. A brief summary of each session is included below and the recording of each session is available on the National Inspectorate website. The next important date is 9 August 2019 when the Examiners will confirm the next round of written questions and hearing topics and dates.

In other news, The Faversham Society hosted an exhibition in the Faversham Council Offices which included details of the proposed Cleve Hill power station. And we are delighted to announce the launch of our updated website – please do take a moment to have a look! The address is the same – <u>www.savegraveneymarshes.org</u>. We welcome all feedback please, as it is important the website provides you with the information you want to see.

Brief summary of Examination Hearings July 2019

Open Floor Hearing 16 July 2019

Andrew Bowles (KCC Cllr) – Gave his background to his connection with Graveney. Has farmed most of his life in Graveney. Land is Whitstable clay. When farmed well can produce excellent crops. Wildlife – one of the first places marsh harriers came back to when reintroducing themselves. One of last few remaining natural places on north Kent coastline. Green tourism is growing industry in area. Will not be able to return land back to its current state in 40 years.

Brian Jefferys (local resident) – Disregard for local communities by applicants. Opportunity to open new cycle paths which avoid main roads.

Bruno Erasin (local resident) – Agricultural land classification report is incorrect. There is data missing and it has been wrongly assessed. Correct assessment is 3a or 2 based on 40 data points, not 3b as reported by applicants. He believes up to 75% of the land is Grade A listed land. Land very suitable for growing good crops. Needs to be reassessed as the application should never have got through. Assessments should be completed March/April and September/October for 10+ years. David Rose, lead examiner, commented that they had walked the boundary and had seen crops growing.

Clir Ben J Martin (Faversham Council) – Concerns about the application outweigh the benefits of renewable energy. Solar panels should be on rooftops, not on beauty spots. The area should be returned to flood plain. Size of development is unprecedented. Loss of public amenity. Proposed mitigation will not suffice. Many concerns including CCTV, battery storage (toxicity), potential damage to archaeology, no business

support, transport – cycle, school, air quality, biodiversity – SSSI, 24 pairs of marsh harriers, 1^{st} in the UK.

George Bull (local resident) – objects to the size, location, health & wellbeing impact, natural facility. Should press for consideration to reduce environmental impact.

Dr Paul Wilkinson (Graveney Parish Council) – PhD on Port of Faversham. Archaeological report submitted not fit for purpose. Either the report has been manipulated, or content restricted as maps not included. Nagden Bump is a burial ground within the proposed development site, no evaluation undertaken to determine what is there. Needs to be evaluated before judgement is made – should have had a pre-application assessment completed. Due diligence not done – should have done survey pre-application. Described 'sense of place' in the area.

Marie King (GREAT) - In respect of this topic, it is important to note that the construction of the solar plant and battery storage are likely to be undertaken as two phases. Phase 1, the solar plant development, is expected to take around 24 months to complete and Phase 2, the energy storage facility, will potentially take another 6 months. This means that this project will take at least 2 and a half years to build – not 2 years as most people believe. This is an unreasonably long period of impact on villagers, businesses, walkers, cyclists and tourists and having two phases will add to the disruption. The operational times have also been extended to 14 hours on weekdays, starting at 06:00 and finishing at 20:00, to provide time for site workers to prepare in the morning and clear up in the evening. There will also be an extra two hours for these

purposes on Saturday mornings. The applicant had produced a 'Sensitive Receptor' map which identified just 6 receptors impacted by the development along the 2 mile route through the village. Along this short distance there are actually 23 quite diverse local businesses that use this route (see map). The impact on the operation of the businesses can never be resolved and there will be clear conflicts with vehicular movements six days a week through the villages, particularly for Langdon Manor Farm, Hilderbrands removals and the school. This is further exacerbated when a traffic incident occurs on the A299 Thanet Way, resulting in complete chaos when diverted traffic funnels through the village. All businesses consulted report that these construction phases will have a negative impact on their ability to run their businesses, both operationally and financially. The inaccuracy of the Sensitive Receptors map also includes a public telephone in the village that no longer exists. If the traffic management plan is based on the applicant's incomplete and inaccurate information then the villagers should be given an explanation on who submitted this information, how it was obtained, and why it is so incomplete.

Professor Chris Wright (Faversham Society) – Heavy truck every 6 minutes. Access route unsuitable. School adjacent to road - lack of pedestrian pathways through village, air pollution, vibration, noise, dirt. Ongoing and long term legacy as will continue for maintenance and battery replacement.

Dr Patricia Reid (local archaeologist) – Historic landscape with lots of features, e.g. salt works, duck decoy, sheepfolds. Never been charted. Graveney boat example of what has been found

there. Roman/Saxon landscape untouched. Faversham Creek is incredibly important. There is an emotional importance.

Matthew Hatchwell (local conservation expert) – Managed realignment will allow carbon sequestration which has recently been valued at \$194k per ha per year. Based on proposed site this would equate to \$39m per year if realignment went ahead. European glass eels – present on site. Critically endangered. Global populations declined by 98% since the 1970's and they must be safeguarded (drainage channels, outfalls complying with new regs, etc)

Victoria Osborne (Beach chalet owner) – Immoral for private company to take over flood defences. Noise issue as lithium batteries 'hum'.

Helen Whately (Local MP) – (statement read out by Alison Eardley) Environment strategy, Connected nature, etc. Application should be assessed against missed opportunities from managed realignment and carbon storage – national priority.

Anna Stanford (Swale FoE) – Supports project. Wants reassurance on balance environmentally. Only on basis positive impact on local biodiversity. Would prefer south facing design.

Richard Knox-Johnston (Kent CPRE) – Highlighted heritage points that applicant got wrong. Climate change and sequestration of carbon – scientific evidence not looked by FoE. Need report for impacts under panels. Air quality – challenged in an application in Newington, went to High Court and declined. **Richard Filipzak (local resident and footpath warden)** – Objects to size, location, traffic, impacts on footpaths.

Penelope Gaigen (local resident) – lived in area for 8 years, everything she came here for is being eroded. Large housing developments in Faversham with no solar panels – outrageous and immoral.

Gareth Williams (legal counsel for applicant) – Will respond to points raised by deadline 3 (1 August). The MEASS plan is with DEFRA pending approval – asked ExA to write and ask when they attend to adopt plan. ExA responded that they will 'reflect' on this.

Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 16 July 2019

- Application is a development consent order to 'own, operate and maintain'. Is this accurate as there is an intention to sell in the future?
- All affected parties were notified of hearing. Those with strong objections were invited to attend, including London Array and National Grid. None attended.
- ExA checked that Public Interest, Human Rights Convention and Planning Act complied with to assess the application.
- Application to demonstrate that all areas are needed, other alternatives have been explored and funds are available.
- 3 hurdles to clear before Secretary of State can be convinced that compulsory acquisition need proved.
- Applicant has to demonstrate works represent development and convince the SoS that the works will pass the tests for compulsory acquisition.

- The applicant confirmed this was the case the ExA responded that "we understand you believe that, we need to be convinced."
- ExA: Maintenance of existing coastal defence how is compulsory acquisition justified? App: EA had said they would not maintain defences, existing infrastructure (pylons, substation etc) so had to look at assuming responsibility.
- Freshwater grazing marsh and habitat area applicant advised designated land added later. Habitat Management Steering Group recommended this area added in. Water management controls on east and west where water drains into water system at Seasalter Road.
- ExA: Clarification on mitigation and enhancement, how is the above mitigation? App: Told by Natural England that they can't claim improvements to SSSI so they must consider new land.
- ExA: Lowland grassland meadow management area originally identified for panels but then removed. App: Final design for slopes of Cleve and Graveney Hill. Landscaping proposes screening plus lowland grass and meadow for church, Sparrow Court and Graveney Court.
- ExA: Why didn't you just move the boundary back? Why is it still included in the development site? There is no meadow being lost so this is not mitigation, it is enhancement.
- Access route London Array have lease over substation. Blue Transmission London Array own and operate cables. Negotiations have been agreed, documents to be produced and approved by 1 August. National Grid not yet part of these discussions.
- ExA: Has the Human Rights Act been considered? App: Yes, public benefits of scheme outweigh personal loss.

 Equality Act 2010 – App referred to questioning at Prelim Meeting about Equality Impact Assessment not being done. Have now completed this – to depersonalise assessment it has been done at group level rather than individual level. No impacted groups / classifications. Aware that particular residents around site have special needs – not referred to them in document. Negotiations continue with these to provide mitigation.

Friends of Graveney Church

VILLAGE HISTORY

OCT 19th 10am – 4pm OCT 20th 12 noon – 4pm

DO YOU HAVE A FAMILY CONNECTION WITH GRAVENEY OR GOODNESTONE?

If so, please get in touch to help collate the village history for the event, which will feature past and present residents through timelines, reminiscences, photographs, display items, newspaper features etc.

> Phone: Linda 07961 427997; or Val 07866 984678

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

Local History: Remembering a Hero

On Saturday 7th September 1940, during the Battle of Britain, a plane crashed near Sandbanks farm. Here is the story of the fallen hero.



Kenneth Victor Wendel was born in Auckland, New Zealand on 8th May 1916 and educated at Kings College there. After

school he worked for an accountant but in 1934 he joined the RNZAF as a stores accounting clerk.

Whilst stationed at Hobsonville Wendel joined the Auckland Aero Club and obtained his 'A' Licence. He applied for a short service commission in the RAF in May 1937, was accepted and sailed for the UK on 1st December in *RMS Ruahine*.

Wendel began his initial training course at 13 E&RFTS White Waltham on 17th January 1938. After a short induction course at Uxbridge he went to 8 FTS Montrose on 9th April.

After completing his flying training on 29th October 1938 he was posted to No. 1 Electrical and Wireless School, Cranwell as a pilot. He left on 10th December 1939, going then to 12 Group Pool for advanced flying training.

Wendel joined 504 Squadron at Debden on 23rd January 1940. He went with it to France on 12th May and returned to England when it was withdrawn to Filton on the 22nd after suffering severe losses.

The squadron went north to Wick to reform and was assigned the defence of Scapa Flow. On 5th September the squadron went south to Hendon.

On 7th September it began operations. Wendel was leading the rear section on a patrol south of the Thames Estuary when it was jumped by five Me109's out of the sun. After firing short bursts they made off before the remainder of the squadron turned to meet them.

No-one saw Wendel go down but witnesses on the ground reported that his Hurricane, L1615, went down completely out

of control and crashed at Sandbanks Farm, Graveney, near Faversham. Wendel was badly burned and died of his injuries the same day.

He is buried in Faversham Cemetery. God Bless.



Pilot-Officer K. V. Wendel, of Auckland, who has been reported killed in air operations.

Thanks to Colin Relf for the contribution.

Summer 2019: Footpaths Musings

So here we are, summer already. Not a bad winter really was it, a bit of frost; but nothing like February 2018. Then of course record temperatures in February and June, and there's still some 5 or so months left of this year; who knows what's in store.

Just before the end of March I heard one of those sounds that for me indicates spring is just around the corner, a woodpecker; hammering away in the woods just across the field. Sad to say that the only cuckoo I've heard this year was whilst on holiday in Cornwall in May, locally I've not heard any.

If you've ever seen a song thrush, you'll appreciate their amazing markings, so just before the end of May, a Mistle thrush flew onto the local field, they're so well marked, standing really proud; and at almost a foot tall they're much bigger than a song thrush. Then the other day, a juvenile Great Spotted Woodpecker was espied pecking away at something on the ground, the juvenile can be identified by the red head and nape feathers; these change as the bird moves into adulthood.

If, like me you use the two stiles between the village hall and Goodnestone, that allow access across the railway line, you'll know they're not the easiest ones to negotiate; and have no 'doggy gate'. To this end, I reported online to KCC in May 2018 to highlight the condition and suitability of the stiles, and having heard nothing, I contacted KCC as to what was happening.

In late May 2019, I received a reply, and basically KCC have to liaise with Network Rail to see if they have any plans to remove the private vehicle crossing, which would make improving the footpath access much easier. As you might expect, I suspect that these stiles are not the most important items on Network Rails/KCCs jobs list, so for those of us who use the stiles, it's a case of wait, struggle and see, however; if you know anybody who's important in Network Rail!!

During my first footpaths maintenance walks of 2019, this time alongside the seawall in early January I came across a floral tribute to someone who passed away in unfortunate circumstances, it was a fitting memorial as it was decorated with bunches of flowers and letters of remembrance and condolence.



Sheldwich Cricket Club is

Looking for Players

Fantastic Village Cricket played on Sheldwich Lees Cricket League Matches Throughout the Summer Competitive but Friendly Standard

Social

Quiz Night in April Race Night in June Summer BBQ Club Dinner Xmas Drinks Karting & Golf Day

Net Pre-Season Nets Every Tues in April 6.30 - 8.00pm @ Canterbury Academy Cost Membership - £20.00 (under 18s - £1) Match Fees - £ 5.00

The



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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.

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******************* COACH TRIP to **HEVER CASTLE** Tuesday 24th September 2019 Coach fare £29.50 Included in price: Coach fare > Entry to Hever Castle > Entry to Castle Gardens p/up points: 9am opposite The Four Horseshoes Pub. Graveney 9.15am Jubilee Way, Faversham return approx 6.30pm £20.00 payable now, (refundable only if coach trip is cancelled due to lack of interest) £9.50 balance nearer the day please contact Janet 01795 530854 janetipayne47@gmail.com

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 Penny Foster 01795 532 372 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

DO NOT LEAVE OUTBUILDINGS UNLOCKED, DO NOT LEAVE TOOLS OR MACHINERY IN PLAIN SIGHT

REPORT ALL INSTANCES TO THE POLICE

Use 999 if it is urgent or 101 if it is after the fact. After you have reported it to the police, notify

Neighbourhood Watch - Mr. Kevin Castle

Contact: 07749 736669 - kevincastle@btinternet.com

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ABBEY UKULELE CLUBS

WEDNESDAYS – Ukulele Club

Graveney Village Hall

Sandbanks Lane

Every week for the time being 2pm - 4pm

Starting on Wednesday 7th August

William Gibbs Court

Orchard Place, Faversham

every THURSDAY 1pm - 2.45pm

Acoustic Club

Graveney Village Hall 7.30pm

Thursday 1st August & 15th August

The Four Horseshoes Pub

Graveney

FRIDAYS every week - 2pm - 4pm

Ukuleles & Banjos are welcome at all Clubs

Beginners & players all welcome. For more information please contact: JANET & KEITH 01795 530854 / janetipayne47@gmail.com

http://janetipayne.wix.com/abbeyukeplayers





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01795 530881 or 07974 146353

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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:

August 14th - Visit to Dargate Cheese Makers September 11th - Singing Evening - East Kent Chorus.

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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Thought of the Month

I cannot promise you a life of sunshine; I cannot promise riches, wealth or gold; I cannot promise you an easy pathway that leads away from change or growing old. But I can promise all my heart's devotion; A smile to chase away your tears of sorrow; A love that's ever true and ever growing; A hand to hold in yours through each tomorrow.

Articles for this Newsletter

For any comments, corrections and contributions please email: graveney.goodnestone.news@gmail.com

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