Graveney with Goodnestone Village Newsletter

August & September 2018



A note from the editor

What a summer so far! Getting out in our beautiful countryside is so rewarding at this time of year and while the verdant greens have gone, they have been replaced with sun-baked golden fields. These views can be spoiled by litter and this is true in our village, so please help keep our village tidy. There are tips included in this month's edition.

Back in the village we have a return of the Four Horseshoes pub, where new landlords Steve and Kim are bringing back a traditional pub and tea room. An update on what's going on at the pub included herein.

A reminder the newsletter is on holiday for the September edition. It returns for October.

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All Saints' Church

Everyone is welcome to all our services and events

Sunday services:

5 August	10.30 am	Holy Communion
12 August	10.30 am	Morning Worship
19 August	10.30 am	Holy Communion
26 August	10.30 am	Morning Worship
2 September	6.30 pm	Goodnestone Church, Evening Prayer for St Bartholomew
9 September	10.30 am	Morning Worship
16 September	10.30 am	Holy Communion
23 September 10.30 am		Morning Worship
30 September	10.30 am 4.30 pm	Holy Communion A time to remember, a quiet reflective service in St Barnabas, The Street, Boughton, for all who have been bereaved

Messy Church:

15 September theme: Creation, in St Barnabas, The Street, Boughton at 3.30 pm I am spending six weeks in August and September in Tanzania, not on holiday but working, teaching English to students in St Philip's Theological College in Kongwa. Kongwa is about ninety kilometres from Dodoma, the administrative capital of Tanzania and lies under the slopes of the Kibolyani Mountains. An attitude of nearly four thousand feet gives it a more pleasant climate than on the coast which is very hot and humid. I visited St Philip's briefly when I was on sabbatical last year and Archbishop Jacob invited me back to visit this year.

Swahili is the official national language in Tanzania although a Tanzanian's first language is their tribal language. English is their third language and in secondary school all teaching is done in English. Being able to speak English is important to the students as most of them are training to be church leaders and part of their job is to teach Religious Education in schools. Also English helps with foreign visitors and building up overseas links. For various reasons many students' English is not good enough or they are not confident speakers, even Tanzanians who are good speakers like to practice their English with a native speaker and improve.

I will arrive for the beginning of the academic year and I'll be working with Janet who is British and the college administrator, she went out ten years ago for three months and is still there, she likes it so much. The other person I'll be working with is Judy, an Australian priest who has been at the college about a year. As well as teaching English I'll be doing some work with children and Godly Play. Godly Play is a way of sharing Bible stories using symbols and objects as well as words, wondering questions and an open ended response time. There will also be opportunities for me to share in college life, leading services, preaching, and just being around. Tanzanian love visitors, it encourages them so much to know they are not forgotten and for someone to come from Canterbury diocese, the home of the Anglican Communion is that little bit more special.

Paulette and Keith will be looking after things while I'm away and the vicarage will still be in use for meetings etc. If you are interested in hearing about my trip or learning more about Tanzania you are very welcome to come along to St Barnabas on Friday 28 September at 7.30 pm, Tanzanian snacks included.

Paulette 'on the move'

Revd Paulette Stubbings, our curate, has come to the end of her 'vicar training' in our benefice and we are delighted that she has been appointed vicar of St Alphege in Seasalter. We will miss her enormously but our loss is their gain and it is very clearly the right church for the next stage of Paulette's ministry. Paulette's last Sunday with us is 7 October which is also St Michael, Hernhill's patronal festival. You are all invited to that service, at 10 am in Hernhill, when Paulette will be preaching, and then to a bring and share lunch in St Barnabas, Boughton. Please hold Paulette and her family in prayer at this time of change for her as she begins to say goodbye and turns her thoughts to fresh challenges. This change in ministry also brings changes to our service patterns so please pray for all our PCCs as they look to the future.

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Parish Council News

The following is an edited summary of the Parish Council meeting held Monday 9th July at 7:30pm in the Village Hall.

Attended by 5 Councillors, Councillors Andrew Bowles and George Bobbin (Borough Councillors) the Clerk and four members of the public.

Matters Arising:

The dog waste bin has been delivered to the contractor for installation.

The Parish Council has registered with the Information Commissioners Office.

The Clerk will write to Helen Whately about the road surfaces at Brenley Corner.

Kent Police were contacted and are attending this meeting.

The Clerk will be attending the Rural Transport seminar.

The licensing application for Monkshill Farm was withdrawn as the landowner realised the amount of objection from the public.

Road verges have now been cut.

The Four Horseshoes was written to regarding plans for the adjacent land.

A local contractor will take the bench from the Village Hall and assess if it can be mended. It does not appear to have been reported.

Crime Report:

PCSO Harriott and PCSO Rose were in attendance. They cover the Boughton and Courtney ward, the East Downs ward and all the Faversham wards, on a largely alternating shift pattern. Crime figures are used to inform their work patterns and targeted patrols. There have been no reports of off-road bikes in the area. Residents were encouraged to report all crime and this can now also be done online. The Rural Team is expanding and meets with Cllr Andrew Bowles (SBC & KCC) once every two months. The PCSOs were thanked for attending.

Cleve Hill Solar Park:

An update from GREAT was read out. A draft response to the second consultation phase had been prepared by the planning consultant, Lindsay Frost. The draft response was agreed with a few additions recommended by GREAT with regard to ecology. It was also agreed to add some extra points with regard to heritage, once the heritage report commissioned by GREAT was available. Councillor Stewart to add heritage points and clerk to submit response, with copies to SBC, KCC, Helen Whately MP and the Planning Inspectorate.

On the advice of Mr Frost, it was agreed to write to neighbouring parish councils asking for support. It was also agreed to write to KALC thanking them for their recommendation.

Streetlighting:

All outstanding work has now been completed, two lanterns have been disconnected and the lantern from one position has been moved to another. It was agreed to request an SL7 lantern in one position on a trial basis.

KCC Big Conversation programme:

Hard copies of the consultation and questionnaire documents are freely available from Faversham library and can also be requested from KCC. As the consultation document is 13 pages long and the questionnaire is 24 pages the cost of printing these for all residents would be prohibitive. It was agreed to publicise the consultation on the website and the newsletter if possible.

Kent Wildlife Trust Marshes Steering Group:

It was agreed that Councillor Teresa Bowles would represent the parish council in future.

Correspondence:

An email from a resident regarding footpaths had been received and passed on to the Footpath Warden. Thanks were expressed to the Warden for the excellent work he does.

An email regarding parking outside the school had been passed on to Cllr Andrew Bowles.

A response regarding possible traffic calming measures had been received. It was agreed to leave this issue for now.

Finance:

The budget report for the first quarter was reviewed and accepted. The Internal Audit Report was reviewed and accepted. It was agreed to add the remaining councillors as signatories

The Financial Statement and Bank Reconciliation were provided to Councillors. A number of small payments were approved. Payment to Lindsay Frost for consultancy work in relation to the Cleve Hill Solar development of £1,372.50 was also approved.

Planning:

The Nurseries, Seasalter Road, Graveney – demolition of existing dilapidated structures and erection of a new 3 bedroom dwelling with associated garaging/workshop and drive. Councillors Mitchell and Teresa Bowles left the room for this item. Swale Borough Council planning had agreed comments could be submitted after the meeting as the paperwork had not been sent originally. The application is to build a modern house on the corner of Seasalter Road and Monkshill Road, which is currently overgrown. The possibility of screening was discussed. It was agreed to comment in favour of the application.

Brickfield House, Seasalter Road, Graveney – erection of a replacement dwelling. It was agreed to comment in favour of the application but to request reinforcement of the no residency in the garage clause.

Graveney & Goodnestone Trust:

The application from the PC for funding for streetlighting maintenance has been approved and another received from the Village Hall Committee for their annual trip.

Councillor Reports:

Councillor Lound: A number of road signs are overgrown with ivy and one has slipped down its post. The Clerk will report. Signs from GREAT put up outside Cllr Lound's house have been slashed and removed.

Councillor Stewart: Queried the progress with the planting around the village sign. Quotes are being sought but the volunteers who will help are currently busy so it will be left until September. Litter is a problem in the village. It was agreed to put this in the newsletter and on the facebook page. Councillor Stewart is due to attend the KALC Councillors Conference.

Any Other Business:

Some residents are not receiving the newsletter due to a lack of volunteers to distribute. A resident offered to help with some deliveries.

An email had been received regarding regular and persistent bonfires at Langdon Court. It was agreed to write to the landowner about this.

Next Meeting:

There is no meeting in August. The next meeting will be held on Monday 10th September 2018 at 7.30pm.

A Message from your County Councillor

An especially dry month which suited our local Village Fetes if not our farming community. We attended both Throwley and Selling Fetes during June. The volunteers who put on these Fetes put in an incredible amount of time and effort. It is good when the weather helps them to achieve the results that effort deserves.

There has been the usual assortment of interesting meetings this past month. At the rural policing meeting we had an update of Police activity in Swale's rural areas, livestock worrying, hare coursing and theft of vehicles etc from rural farms and houses being amongst the issues covered. It was good to hear that the rural team in the division is to be doubled in terms of personnel.

Kent Council Leaders majored on housing demand and the necessary infrastructure required if we are to go anywhere towards meeting that demand. I also spoke on behalf of South East England Council's (SEEC), of which I am an executive member, at a London Seminar on the next steps for the Thames Estuary. This allowed me to stress the major infracture needs within Swale especially when the Lower Thames Crossing is constructed. These needs include the planned improvements to M2 Junction 5 at Stockbury, the widening of the M2 from Medway Services to Brenley Corner and the total redesign of Brenley Corner itself. Not forgetting that if housing numbers continue to grow we need not only better transport links but enhanced health and education provision as well as improved public utilities, water, waste water, electricity etc.

The following week I represented Swale Borough Council at the SEEC AGM. The new Chairman is Roy Perry the Leader of Hampshire County Council. I personally was re-elected to the Executive.

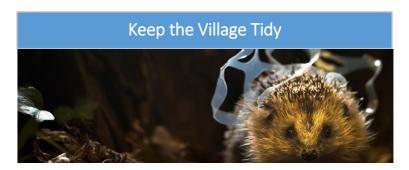
Highlights of the Month included a residents' meeting at Teynham organised by Borough Councillor Lloyd Bowen where local Borough and Parish Councillors, the PCSO and representatives of Kent Fire and Rescue Authority as well as myself took questions from residents, mainly from Teynham but including some from Lynsted and also from Norton.

I attended the start of works on the widening of the Lower Road on Sheppey, something the local residents and Swale Borough and Parish Councils have long campaigned for. There was also the "Swale Stars" staff awards evening where the Chief Executive and I present awards to members of staff, department teams and individuals from partner organisations whose work was judged to be particularly outstanding this year. A good chance to say a very well deserved Thank you.

Parish Council's attended in June were Selling, Oare, Dunkirk, Lynsted and Teynham. I also chaired the first meeting of Swale's Joint Transport Board, since I resumed the Chairmanship ,which rotates between Borough and County members.

Andrew Bowles

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Litter blights our village and the surrounding countryside. Do your part to keep the village clean:

- Pick up litter that has blown on to your property (be careful and ideally wear protective gloves)
- If you see friends or family drop litter, please ask them to be considerate
- Join volunteer litter picks
- Report litter dropping / fly tipping to Swale Borough Council <u>https://www.swale.gov.uk/report-litter</u>
- If you witness fly tipping, the most important thing is to stay safe. Where possible, try to get the time and date of incident; description of person(s) dumping waste; description of vehicle(s) involved, including registration numbers; photographs can also be very useful, but only if it is possible to obtain them safely



The big conversation – Rural transport

Kent County Council want to find out if there is an innovative and sustainable way of providing transport to rural communities in Kent. Against a backdrop of ever decreasing funding for local councils KCC want to maintain, and where possible, improve accessibility for those without an alternative means of travel in rural areas.

They are seeking input from you via an online survey. Your response is now needed quickly as the consultation will run only until the 8th August 2018.

KCC want to hear about:

- your use of public transport and the journeys you take
- your priorities for a sustainable rural transport service
- your thoughts on the 3 initial ideas we have developed (Feeder services, bookable flexible bus services or use of taxi-bus style services instead of a bus)
- any additional information you think we need to consider when shaping the services for the future.

Paper copies are available from Kent Libraries and Gateways. To complete the survey online, go to:

https://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/travelling-aroundkent/big-conversation

The Four Horseshoes

[New Signs arriving soon] 01795 538143

Steve, Kim & Family welcome you to the newly decorated and now inviting atmosphere, where the intention is to bring a **Traditional Pub** back to the village, along with a **Tearoom**

Art Club meets on the 1st & 3rd Monday of the month

Wednesday's Bus Pass Lunch is still available $\pounds 8$ for 2 Courses and a cup of Tea or Coffee

The Quiz Night is back the next one is Thursday 9th August 8pm start with food available from 6pm [Booking Preferred]

We also have a Dart Team on a Thursday [Players still required]

Friday Afternoon 2pm till 4pm **Ukulele Club** [New Members always welcome]

Karaoke every Friday Night from around 8:30pm [Food Available]

Saturday Night Live Music Coming Soon

Sunday Carvery Midday until 4pm 2 Courses for £12 [Booking is essential to avoid disappointment]

Currently we are closed on a Monday & Tuesday in order for us to finish the refurbishment

When we re-open on Mondays & Tuesdays the **Bus Pass Lunch** will be called **The Early Bird Lunch** and will be available on Mondays, Tuesdays & Wednesdays from Midday util 3pm [Booking advised]

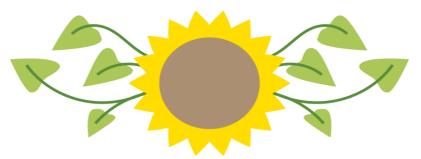
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"Summer afternoon - Summer afternoon... the two most beautiful words in the English language." - Henry James GREAT agrees with Henry James! We are currently taking a few days off to re-charge our batteries (no pun intended). This is following our formal 26 page response to the consultation. Thank you so much to everyone who filled in response forms or wrote letters and emails to raise concerns about this mega power station.

In June, the CHSP (Cleve Hill Solar Park) consultation meetings were attended by members of GREAT in order to ask further questions and seek clarification --- the developers however remained silent about their true intentions, including the battery storage and many of their photos and pictures misrepresented their true plans.

The Graveney Community Day on the 30th June attracted more than 70 visitors and was an example of excellent collaboration between the Church and GREAT. Activities included the drone video of the area that CHSP propose to develop. This video shows off the unique landscape and was a real hit on the community day. You can see a short version of this on our website "SaveGraveneyMarshes" (http://bit.ly/greatdrone). There was also a small exhibition, the opportunity to respond to the consultation, viewings of the land proposed for development at the back of the Church or in the church tower, talking to politicians,... GREAT received many thank yous from villagers and people from Seasalter, Whitstable and Faversham for their work in ensuring that the Cleve Hill Power Station does not become a reality.

Team members have met with the Planning Consultant and the Heritage Consultant . The Planning Consultant was appointed by the Parish Council and he incorporated many of the comments made by GREAT in his report. His report was comprehensive and set out the objections very clearly.

Michael Wilcox, our Chair, attended the formal meeting on the 4th July with the Faversham Society and the developers and following this the Society made their strong opposition to the scheme clear. Michael also attended the local Swale Green Party meeting and they are firmly against the CHSP proposal. There was also good discussion with members of the local Liberal Democratics and Labour Parties. We also have firm support from Campaign for the Protection of Rural England – Kent, the Parish Council, the Alexander Centre, the Kent Wildlife Trust and the Faversham Council to name but a few. Helen Whately's response and subsequent letter outlined very clearly her objections to the scheme. She also wrote that she has been in contact with the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, Greg Clark, who will ultimately make a decision about the proposal.

Considerable press coverage was achieved with the Faversham News writing articles about individuals that have additional personal challenges because of the CHSP proposal. There were also radio interviews, the Parish Magazine article, face book entries and website updates. A 2 page article appeared in the Mail on Sunday and this caused some consternation from the developers who allege that they were misquoted but then continued to provide more confusing details about their "series of options" for the battery storage. GREAT members have stressed in their consultation feedback that this is a very unfair and undemocratic way of dealing with a planning proposal --- villagers and interested parties and formal consultees should have an opportunity to comment on proposals that are finished – not fluid.

A brochure with "the real facts" was also distributed to 14 000 households in the local communities of Faversham, Seasalter and Whitstable and Graveney.

The poster campaign was received well by villagers and people from neighbouring villages and we have had to go to re-print three times already.

These awareness raising campaigns have alerted organisations and local people to the proposals and resulted in many objections to the consultation. Responses and support have been received from as far as Abu Dhabi!!

It is however concerning that we are still receiving emails on a daily basis reporting people's unease and objections to the proposed mega solar power station. This is as a result of the poor consultation process by CHSP, which did not succeed in reaching many people. This is an issue that GREAT will now pursue – GREAT has been able to contact many people with few funds that CHSP developers with lots of resources were not able to!

It is GREAT's intention to continue actively opposing the scheme and ensure that this remains in the forefront of everything we do! We have been asked to organise 3 more community events and are in the process of planning these!

We thank you for your continued support.

www.savegraveneymarshes.org

Thought of the Month

Time for Meditation

ARE you losing your zest for life? Is nervous strain and stress beginning to tell? Let us learn to get away from it all without going far. Maybe you have a problem of body, mind or spirit? DO you sometimes long for a rich and purposeful life?

In spite of the glories of modern science, there may still be an area of your life which causes heaviness of heart. Maybe you have not yet reached the goal of your ambition. The successful man or woman has without exception endured months of private misery wrestling with the opposition before breaking out into the open. What enables him/her to win through in the end?

There is such a thing as 'the winning feeling'. It is the conviction that in the end all will be well.

Let go of the past and its mistakes. If grief has entered your life, you can do no more for a lost husband or wife. You have done your best. Now, you can always do something for the living. In doing so, you will spread happiness in a way that would have brought joy and gladness to the heart of the one who has gone on before. Do not neglect human relationships.

Is worry becoming a problem? Do not hesitate to go over in the mind things for which you are thankful. If you think there is not much for which you can be thankful, be thankful for some of the unpleasant things you don't have. Maybe your problem is fear of the future. It helps to remind ourselves that "the clouds we so much dread are big with mercy, and shall break in blessings on your head."

I do not know the author of this yet I know he is speaking the truth:

"Where there is pain, may you have peace and mercy... where there is self-doubting, may you have a new confidence... where there is tiredness and exhaustion, may ou have understanding, patience and renewed strength... where there is fear, may you have love and fresh courage."

"Every day is a new beginning; every morn is the world made new."

A Thank You

A thank you to friends and neighbours for all the cards and good wishes sent following by recent operation.

I found them very comforting and encouraging. It goes to show what a caring and helpful community we have around us here. A special thanks to my sister Liz for nursing me so well and nudging me a long with my exercises!!

Many thanks and good wishes.

Val Kennard, Four Horse Shoes Park

Water saving tips

With some parts of the UK reintroducing hose-pipe bans, here are some tips to conserve water and hopefully save a few pounds as well!

Learn to love a brown lawn: Brown grass provides shade to newer grass underneath and your lawn should bounce back when we have plenty more rain

Water plants after 9pm: Watering when its cooler means less of the water will evaporate and more should go into the soil

Forget the paddling pool and go to the beach or pool: Kent has some amazing coast line, perfect for a cool dip!

Take showers not baths: A minute less in the shower every day can save up to £50 off a metered water bill a year

Fix dripping taps: Dripping taps can waste litres of water every day

Report a leak: If you see a leak in the street report it at www.southeastwater.co.uk/reportaleak

Order free water saving gadgets: South East Water have a range of water saving devices that can be ordered for free from:

https://www.savewatersavemoney.co.uk/southeast/freewater-saving-products

Village Hall Events and Notices

Wednesday Club - Meet fortnightly on Wednesdays, 2:00pm at the Village Hall. Tea, cake, bingo and chat. Subs 50 pence

Boot Fairs at Abbey School Field

When: 5^{th} , 12^{th} August and 16^{th} and 23^{rd} September start time: 8am for sellers

Location: Abbey School, London Road, ME13 8RZ Cars: £8.00 (Only £5.00 for village residents) / Vans or Trailers: £10.00. In aid of the Graveney Village Hall Fund. Charity number: 1073958

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 Freewheel Pub, until further notice. Refreshments and good company. All for £4.00 per morning. If you wish to know more contact: Val on 07866 984 678

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

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Friends of Graveney Church

Upcoming Events for 2018:

- 8th Sept: Ride & Stride + Crafts. Church open 10 am - 4pm
- **17th Nov**: Christmas Market. Church open 10am 4pm. Refreshments served all day.

The Friends of Graveney Church need new members to help keep this 13th century Church open. For more information please phone:

For more information please phone: Linda 07961427997 or Val 07866984678

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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 8th - Outing to Chartwell.

September 12th - Alison Hill - Organ Donation.

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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MP: Helen Whately	0207 219 6472

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:

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Penny Foster

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Articles for this Newsletter

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

Please ensure all submissions are made by the 20th of each month to ensure inclusion in the following months' edition.

Please also get in contact if you would also like to receive a pdf of the newsletter via email every month. Versions of current and prior editions are available on the Parish website:

www.graveneywithgoodnestonepc.kentparishes.gov.uk/

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