

Graveney with Goodnestone Village Newsletter

August/September 2017



A note from the editor

This edition covers both August and September as the newsletter will take a break next month.

We rely on volunteers for the editing and distribution, so if you have a spare hour or so once a month, do get in contact.

As always any; articles, comments or suggestions are very welcome.

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Chris Harding

All Saints' Church



FORTHCOMING SERVICES FOR AUGUST & SEPTEMBER 2017

EVERYONE IS WELCOME AT ALL OUR SERVICES & EVENTS

6th August THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD 10:30am Communion

13th August 9th Sunday after Trinity 10:30am Morning Worship

20th August 10th Sunday after Trinity 10:30am Communion

27th August **NO MORNING SERVICE IN ALL SAINTS' CHURCH**
As we are celebrating The Feast of St Bartholomew at Goodnestone Church
Evening Prayer with guest preacher at 6:30pm

3rd September 12th Sunday after Trinity 10:30am Communion

10th September 13th Sunday after Trinity 10:30am Morning Worship

17th September 14th Sunday after Trinity 10:30am Communion

24th September 15th Sunday after Trinity 10:30am Morning Worship

1st October **NO SERVICE AT ALL SAINTS**
AS WE WILL BE WORSHIPPING AT ST MICHAEL'S HERNHILL
FOR A BENEFICE SERVICE at 10:00am

VICAR: The Reverend Jean Burrows ~ 01227 751410

CURATE: The Reverend Paulette Stubbings ~ 07713777487

If you or someone you know, needs a member of the local clergy, who wishes to book a Baptism or Wedding or would like transport to a church service or event, please contact: The Reverend Gill Reed ~ 01795 534059

Parish Council News

Correction Notice: In the June news, the neighbourhood watch warden who had not responded was the Swale regional warden, not the local warden.

Parish Council News

The following is an edited summary of the Parish Council meeting held Monday 10th July at 7:30pm in the Village Hall.

Attended by 6 councillors, the Clerk, George Bobbin (Borough Councillor) and 3 members of the public.

Matters Arising:

Kent County Council have provided a document outlining possible safety measures and costs for the bridge. The Parish Council will review possible options with a view to asking residents' opinion at a future meeting. The document also included details on a low bridge sign, more information is needed on the cost.

The area for the village sign has been cleared and the sign will go up soon.

The full register of electors for the Parish is held by the clerk. This is available to view by inspection only and cannot be copied.

Information about Merchant Navy Day has been put in the newsletter and it will be the charity for the Freewheel during September. The vicar is happy to conduct a small service at the

flagpole. There is a grave for an unknown merchant seaman in the churchyard. A service will be held at 11am on Saturday 2nd September at the flagpole. It was agreed to purchase a Red Ensign flag up to the value of £40 plus VAT. It was noted that the current Union Flag is being destroyed by an overgrown tree within the school grounds. Councillor Boggia will contact school and ask for the tree to be cut back and for access on the day of the service.

The school has been written to about parking and a response received saying they will mention the issue to staff.

On the former Eco Merchants site, Swale Borough Council (SBC) planning enforcement has said they will revisit the site and has asked for any further information that can be given. A close neighbour has stated the occupants of the site do not cause any problems. It has been suggested that the yellow vans are carrying guns. It was agreed to pass this information on to the PCSO and that councillors and residents would inform the clerk of any activity and the clerk would pass this on regularly to SBC planning enforcement.

SBC has requested more information regarding the fence by Bridge Cottages. The clerk will respond.

Members of the public were invited to comment on the Four Horseshoes Park. Residents have no information on what is happening. The area that has been cleared is now available for parking but the surface is uneven. The soil is still on the land next to the park; this needs to be cleared. Clerk to write to park owners regarding this.

Crime Report:

There is some discrepancy in the figures, but there were no crimes in this area in May.

Streetlighting:

Streetlights have supplied some other options for lighting, including converting the existing lamps and different styles, both of which would be cheaper. These will be reviewed by councillors.

Village signs:

Nothing new to report. The sign is expected to be installed soon.

Freedom of information policy:

This was reviewed and approved.

Bus shelter grant application:

A formal quote for the work is awaited. The resident immediately behind the shelter was unavailable but two other near neighbours are happy for the work to be done. There was some uncertainty over the ownership of the shelter. The clerk will check this with Councillor Andrew Bowles. If the shelter does belong to the Parish Council, it was agreed to fund half the cost of the refurbishment and to therefore progress the application. The Parish Council will attempt to follow up with the immediate resident.

Correspondence:

Kent Fire Rescue Service / Kent Association of Local Councils (KALC) - Fire Hydrant Initiative. it was agreed to obtain a map

of the fire hydrants in the parish and a resident offered to do hydrant checks.

Councillor Boggia will attend the Faversham and District Engagement Forum.

KALC is liaising with local MPs over HGVs using unsuitable routes with a view to drawing up an action plan to prevent this happening.

Finance:

The Financial Statement and Bank Reconciliation were provided to Councillors. A number of small payments were approved.

The internal audit report was reviewed. The need for more hours to comply with the Transparency Code was noted. It was agreed that the clerk would claim the outstanding 15 hours next month and the position would be reviewed again later in the year.

Planning:

Country View Park, Cleve Hill: Demolition of existing structures and erection of a storage and office building (resubmission of 16/506792). The new proposed building is shorter than the previous one, the pitch is lower and it is more in keeping with the surroundings. The small unit is smaller than what is currently there. It was agreed to comment that the PC had no objections but the office use should be limited to the specific on site business, and should not be used by a third party.

Graveney & Goodnestone Trust:

Nothing to report.

Councillor Reports:

A resident had enquired about the telephone box next to the bus stop. Councillor Bowles to check there is no phone in the box and clerk to contact BT about removing the box.

Councillor Boggia expressed thanks to the Friends of Graveney Church for the superb flower festival.

Bins in Cleve Hill Lane are not being collected, despite many phone calls to SBC. Bonfires are also a problem. Cllr Lound to contact SBC.

A caravan being moved through the village had caused some traffic problems.

The hedges previously reported have been partially dealt with. Councillor Stewart to chase remaining issues.

Councillor Bobbin reminded the Parish Council that he had a members' grant available and suggested the Parish apply for the cost of the Red Ensign flag. Councillor Boggia to apply.

Any Other Business:

The footpath across the bridge is not suitable for disabled people and the hedges by the school car park are overgrown. Clerk will report footpath and hedges.

The speed of cars and cyclists through Goodnestone had been raised by a resident.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Monday 11th September 2017 at 7.30pm. There is no meeting in August.

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

07866 984 678

Graveney School Update

4th September School Returns

For more information phone Sarah Dunkin: 01795 532 005
www.graveneyprimary.com

A Message from your County Councillor

A shorter than usual report this month partly due to us taking our annual holiday during the last two weeks of June (we travelled to British Columbia where we have family) and partly due to the General Election on the 8th.

The first week of June was taken up, in part, with leafleting and canvassing. Enough has probably been written about the General Election. Politics aside my only comment would be that I find it easier and more effective to work on your behalf with two MP's from my own Party. Also on the national stage

very regular contact with Government Ministers can be used to press the case for issues important to Swale. For example, as I write this, in the last five days I have met with five different Government Ministers.

During the first two weeks of the month to attend Sheldwich, Badlesmere and Leaveland and also Selling Parish Councils plus a meeting of the Swale Branch of Kent Association of Local Councils. Congratulations to Sheldwich, Badlesmere and Leaveland Parish Council's Vice-Chairman Dave Austin for being re-elected as Vice-Chairman of Swale KALC and Faversham Area Representative on the Joint Transport Board. Also to Selling Parish Council's Amanda Saunders who remains as Secretary to the Swale Committee of KALC.

The big news in June was the Government Inspector's endorsement of the Swale Borough Council Local Plan. Once endorsed by Full Council we will be much better placed to refuse and subsequently defend refusal of inappropriate developments not included in the Plan. Indeed, one major appeal against refusal has already been withdrawn.

At County Hall my time has been largely taken up with attending training courses primarily aimed at newly elected Members but useful updates for all. Courses included "Code of Conduct", responsibilities as "Corporate Parents" and training for "Planning".

Outside of Politics, apart from visiting Canada, we spent a very enjoyable afternoon visiting Newnham Open Gardens.

Andrew Bowles

Volunteers Needed



Are you fun and energetic?

Are you open-minded?

Are you non-judgmental?

“Hi, our names are Samuel and Jacob, we live in Graveney and we are 12 year old autistic twins. We like to play and have fun and our mum and dad are helping us to make friends and to communicate. They are using a ground-breaking therapy called “The Son-rise Program” which is based on an attitude of love and acceptance”.

Jacob and Samuel’s parents are hoping to find volunteers and new friends for their fun-loving and playful sons who will spend time with them in their focus rooms at home. Just four hours a week (2 x 2hrs), no experience needed and all training provided. If you are interested please contact the twins’ mum, Annie, on:

montagueannie@yahoo.co.uk

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: 6th, 13th and 20th August and 24th 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

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Trish Timms

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Toby Dangerfield

Plumbing And Heating

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All small jobs

Contact number: 01795539781

Mobile: 07810351079

Upcoming Events at the Woman's Institute

9th August

Treasure Hunt

20th September

Anne Austen – Flower Arranging
from the Hedgerow

We meet in the Village Hall on the second Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm. Visitors always very welcome to attend. 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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1st & 3rd TUESDAY each mth
Sheerness East Working Mens Club
Isle of Sheppey
7.30 – 9.30pm

Graveney Village Hall,
Sandbanks Lane

WEDNESDAYS - Banjos

2pm – 4pm
fortnightly
&



1st & 3rd THURSDAYS each mth
7pm – 9pm

ALSO

Uke Get-together at William Gibbs Court, Orchard
Place, Faversham – every Thursday 1pm – 2.30pm

Beginners & players all welcome
For more information please contact
JANET & KEITH 01795 530854



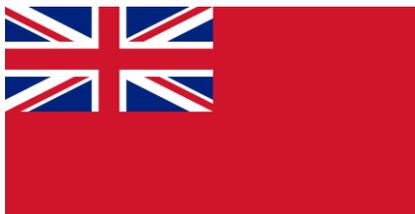
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Merchant Navy Day

While many people know that the 3rd of September 1939 marked the outbreak of WWII, few are aware that it also marks the first major British maritime casualty, the merchant vessel SS Athenia. The ship was torpedoed just a few hours after the outbreak of war, with the loss of 128 passenger and crew. Thousands more seafarers met the same fate in the years to come.

September 3rd is now enshrined as Merchant Navy Day to honour the brave people who kept the nation afloat during both World Wars as well as those who in peacetime face the routine perils of violent storms.

To commemorate the day, we plan to fly the Red Ensign flag on the flagpole at Graveney Village School. A service, held by the vicar, is also planned for 11am on the 2nd of September at the flagpole.



Merchant Navy Day (Seafarers UK) will also be the charity of the month at the Freewheel during September.

A Thought for the Month

If we wish to gain contentment, we might try such rules as:

1. Allow yourself to complain of nothing, not even the weather.
2. Never picture yourself to yourself under any circumstance in which you are not.
3. Never compare your own lot with that of another.
4. Never allow yourself to dwell on the wish that this or that had been, or were, otherwise than it was, or is. God Almighty loves you better and more wisely than you do yourself.
5. Never dwell on the morrow. Remember that it is God's, not yours. The heaviest part of sorrow is often to look forward to it. 'The Lord will provide'.

E.B. Pusey

Recipe for the Month

(Not) Papaya Salad (Serves 4)

After a recent trip to Thailand, here is a recipe for the zingy, spicy and awesome Som Tum Thai (Papaya Salad). Sadly, green papaya is hard to find locally, Macknades have it very occasionally, so this is adapted for what is available. Enjoy!

Ingredients

500g carrots
4 cloves of garlic
2 thai birds eye chilli
120g cherry tomatoes
120g green beans
Handful of dried shrimps (optional)
30g roasted peanuts

Dressing

3 tablespoon fresh lime juice
2 tablespoon fish sauce
2 teaspoon palm sugar
Salt a pinch to taste

Method

- 1) Julienne the carrots and set aside
- 2) In a large bowl or mortar, pound the garlic, chillies, so they largely break apart. Then add the green beans and shrimps and pound vigorously for about a minute
- 3) Add the peanuts and pound again until broken in to pieces. Then add the tomatoes and pound for about 5 seconds
- 4) Prepare the dressing by adding all the ingredients together in a small container and stir till the sugar dissolves
- 5) Finally, add the dressing and carrots to the bowl and pound together for 20 seconds while tossing the mix, to make sure the dressing coats the salad

Gardening Tips

Lawn care:

During the late summer, mow more lightly, but frequently. Allowing grass clippings to remain on the lawn can act as a moisture-retentive mulch.

Avoid using lawn weedkillers, they will be more effective in the cooler, damper autumn weather, or the spring-time. Weed killing is recommended either once or twice a year.

Browning of the lawn is very common. Although with the recent rain that may be less of a problem. To conserve water, don't water the grass unless absolutely necessary. It will green up when the autumn rains arrive.

Browning can be partially prevented next year by ensuring that the lawn is well scarified, aerated and drained later in the autumn.

On finer turf, especially if it is underfed and frequently mown, patches can be the result of disease such as red thread (on sandy soils) and dollar spot (in damp weather). Feeding usually helps eliminate these problems.

Fertilising the lawn can probably wait till September, particularly if you fertilised pre-summer.

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

♥♠ Mini-Bridge ♣♦

Every Thursday, 2pm – 4pm at The Freewheel. If you've
ever played any form of whist (trumps) before or if you just
like playing cards you'll pick the game up very easily. We
are a small very friendly group – why not join us? If you
want to know more you can just turn up on the day or
contact me: Peter 01795 531 851 or
peterppe@hotmail.co.uk

Contacts of Local Representatives

Parish Councillors:

Clare Boggia, details to be updated.

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Catherine Wilkinson 01795 591 731

Goodnestone Ward

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Graveney Ward

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Lesley Lound 07933 350 999

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Andrew Bowles 01227 752 840

Borough Councillor:

George Bobbin 01227 751 388

MP (note Parliament currently dissolved):

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:

Carol Mitchell 01795 532 372

Penny Foster 01795 538 732

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.

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