

Graveney with Goodnestone Village Newsletter

December 2018 and January 2019



A note from the editor

This year has flown by, I really cannot believe it is December already. When time flies by, it highlights the need to seize the moment and not let time slip by without achieving the things you really want to do.

This is the last newsletter of the year and as usual the newsletter takes a break in December, so there will be no newsletter in January.

Wishing everyone a very happy Xmas and successful 2019!

If you have any ideas for the magazine or would like to place an advert, get in touch at:

graveney.goodnestone.news@gmail.com

All Saints' Church

Everyone is welcome to all our services and events

2 December	10.30 am	Morning Worship
9 December	8 am	Holy Communion
15 December (Saturday)	8 pm	Carol singing The Four Horseshoes Pub Graveney well known carols that all can join in
16 December	10.30 am	Holy Communion
23 December	10.30 am	Holy Communion
24 December Christmas Eve (Monday)	3pm	Carols and Crib, Graveney Church
	4pm	Crib service, Hernhill Church children may come dressed as a shepherd or angel
	11.30 pm	Midnight Communion Hernhill Church
25 December Christmas Day (Tuesday)	9am	Holy Communion Boughton Parish Church
	10 am	Christmas Cracker, Hernhill Church

10.30 am	Family Worship , Graveney Church Christmas
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Cracker and Family Worship are for all ages

30 December	10 am	Sung Communion ~ a service for all the benefice in St Barnabas
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6 January Epiphany	8 am	Holy Communion Boughton Parish Church
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10 am	Sung Communion Hernhill Church
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10.30 am	Morning Worship Graveney Church
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13 January	8 am	Holy Communion Graveney Church
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10 am	Sung Communion Boughton Parish Church
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10 am	Morning Worship Hernhill Church
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20 January	8 am	Holy Communion Hernhill Church
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10 am	Morning Worship Boughton Parish Church
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	10.30 am	Holy Communion Graveney Church
27 January	10 am	Sung Communion and Plough Sunday, a service for all the benefice in Hernhill Church
3 February	8 am	Holy Communion Boughton Parish Church
	10 am	Education Sunday a special service for everyone in Hernhill C of E School
	10.30 am	Morning Worship Graveney Church

If there are adverse weather conditions services may be cancelled or venues changed, please phone Jean if in doubt.

Clergy letter

Christmas preparations have begun and are looked upon by many with a mixture of dread and mounting excitement. The various Christmas adverts encouraging us to shop in particular stores are eagerly awaited and dissected. Apparently when a certain top store releases their Christmas advert, for many this signifies the official start of the festive season. Giving gifts is a big part of Christmas and for Christians Christmas is celebrating the most wonderful and precious gift of all, Jesus, God made flesh, born as a baby.

Jesus is God's great gift to people who had turned away and lost sight of him. In Jesus we meet the reality of a God who

loved his creation so much that he would gift and sacrifice that which was dearest to him so that we might be saved. That is the great joy of Christmas and the reason for all our festive celebrations.

On 6th January the church celebrates Epiphany, the visit of the Magi to Jesus. Epiphany is marked and remembered every year as a special event because the Magi were the first non-Israelites to visit Jesus and honour him as the Messiah and so, as well as the Magi's visit, the feast also celebrates the realisation or the epiphany of Jesus Christ as Messiah and Son of God by the many other nations and peoples of the world. In Jesus, God's salvation plan is opened up beyond the house of Israel to all people wherever they live.

The Magi's recognition of who Jesus was is seen in the gifts they brought him; gold for the King of Kings, frankincense for a High Priest and myrrh, an embalming oil, for a man whose death would one day prove highly significant.

As we draw near to Christmas and buy gifts for loved ones, it's the perfect time to reflect upon our response to God's gift to us. Is it all just a nice story, represented each year in our children's nativity plays? Is he simply a great moral teacher who gave us good advice on how to live our lives? Or is he our Saviour, in whom we put all our faith and trust?

Is there a gift we can give to God as a token of our response to Jesus? Christina Rossetti sums it up beautifully in the last verse of her carol 'In the bleak midwinter'.

What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb;

If I were a wise man I would do my part;
yet what I can, I give him, give my heart.

I wish you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas and New Year.

Revd Jean Burrows

A changing pattern of services

Following Gill's departure last December and Paulette in October it is no longer possible to sustain the present pattern of services. Our church councils together have decided that the fairest way is that in one month each church will have 1 x 8 am Holy Communion, 1 x main service Holy Communion, 1 x main service Morning Worship and the 4th Sunday will be a benefice Holy Communion service which will move around our three churches. 5th Sundays in Graveney would alternate between Holy Communion and Morning Worship. 8 am Holy Communion is a new service for Graveney, this is a shorter quiet service with no hymns or music, held in the chancel and an ideal start to Sunday.

We are now thinking much more as a benefice so we have made sure that there is Holy Communion every Sunday somewhere in the benefice, although there are a few exceptions such as Remembrance Sunday. The benefice service on the 4th Sunday gives us an opportunity to visit each other's churches and worship together. This new pattern has semi-started but with Christmas services it is difficult so it will start fully in January and be a trial for six months.

Please check carefully this newsletter, service posters, the Christmas card or the benefice website (www.boughton-

hernhill-graveney-churches.com) so you aren't caught out especially over the Christmas period when we have several special services.

Parish Council News

The following is an edited summary of the Parish Council meeting held Monday 12th November at 7:30pm in the Village Hall.

Attended by 3 Councillors, the Clerk and six members of the public.

An open session was held before the meeting started. The meeting was chaired by Councillor Mitchell. Members of the public raised concerns over the recent fireworks in Goodnestone, due to the excessive size, noise and length of the display. Complaints had also been made on the village Facebook page and a member of the public had written to the parish council. It was agreed to write to the tenant and Swale Borough Council highlighting the issues; Kent Fire and Rescue Service for advice on the law; and to highlight in the parish newsletter.

Matters Arising:

Signatory forms have been completed by the clerk and are waiting for Councillors' signatures.

Parish lighting inventory sent to UK Power Networks and updated certificate received.

Swale Borough Council (“SBC”) are currently undertaking a bin audit and will review the possibility of a new bin once this is complete.

The Faversham Engagement Forum agenda was forwarded.

All outstanding invoices for the newsletter, except one, have now been received.

Councillor Simmons at SBC has been contacted regarding missed bin collections, the matter is now passed to SBC.

Amicus Horizon contacted, response awaited regarding residency criteria.

Crime Report:

There have been no local crimes reported.

Cleve Hill Solar Park:

A report from GREAT was read out. The draft letter to SBC planning committee had been approved by Councillor Andrew Bowles. It was agreed to send this out now as the planning application is imminent.

Streetlighting:

The updated UMS certificate has been received and bills should reduce in future. A report was provided by Streetlights; the last recorded problem was in February. The trial SL7 lantern should be installed soon (opposite the pub).

Finial signs at the school:

Quotes have been received of between £216 and £288 for a finial, depending on size and whether it is filled in. There is £229.61 remaining in the restricted fund. It was agreed to spend up to this amount on a finial, with any remaining cost to be paid by the WI. The school is happy to install a sign on the two posts at the entrance to the school car park and will encourage parents to assist with clearing the area once a date for installation is known. It was agreed to get quotes for a sign with wording on both sides.

Landscaping around village sign:

Detailed quotes are awaited.

KCC budget consultation:

It was agreed that Councillors would respond individually.

Correspondence:

SBC is offering the opportunity to rent a dog waste bag dispenser station at a cost of £300 per year for a two year contract. Whilst the idea was applauded, it was felt the cost was prohibitive for small councils. The Clerk will enquire whether the cost could be reduced.

A questionnaire regarding local services was completed and will be returned to SBC.

Finance:

The financial statement and bank reconciliation were reviewed and accepted. A number of small payments were approved. An overpayment to SSE has not yet been repaid.

Planning:

The Nurseries, Seasalter Road – demolition of existing dilapidated structures and erection of a new 3-bedroom dwelling with associated garaging/workshop and drive. Application has been withdrawn.

Graveney & Goodnestone Trust:

There has been a grant request to take the village children to the pantomime and the bill for the return to Companies House has been paid. The next meeting is in December.

Councillor Reports:

Councillor Boggia: Asked if the salt bins would be replenished before winter. The Clerk will enquire. The shop next to Hilderbrands is on the market. Fences have been cut by poachers.

Any Other Business:

The Footpath Warden will complete rounds of the footpaths in January/February. The additional low bridge sign is not yet in situ.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Monday 10th December 2018 at 7.30pm.

A Message from your County Councillor

Following on from last month's Newsletter I started the month with four days at the Party Conference in Birmingham. Not the Conference some expected, no blood-letting and a general feeling of unity.

On returning there was a well-attended meeting at Teynham on air quality – a lot of support for a Sittingbourne Southern Relief Road to get traffic, especially lorries, off the A2 through the village.

The highlight of the first weekend back was attending Murston Old Church to view the display of poppies etc.

Locally the Agenda is increasingly dominated by Planning and housing numbers. Although our Local Plan was only adopted in 2017 the Inspector ordered a review by 2022 due to concerns over the highways network. The "Objectively Assessed Need" for housing is expected to show a 36% higher figure, up to 1,050 houses per year. In order to give the Council maximum choices to meet the increased figure we invited expressions of interest in the concept of a 'Rural Town or Village' from land owners and developers.

This concept, which is increasingly being adopted by local planning authorities, is to deliver future housing provision in one or two locations. The advantage being that a larger development would be expected to fund its own infrastructure needs, roads, schools, health facilities, etc.

Of the four proposals received by Swale Borough Council, three lie within the Swale East County Division which I

currently represent. The most fully developed proposal is that between Bapchild and the M2 in the vicinity of Kent Science Park. Another proposal from the Dutchy of Cornwall lies East of Faversham, South of the A2. This proposal lies almost solely in the Parish of Boughton. The most recent proposal to come forward is that to the South of the M2 either side of the A251, largely in Sheldwich Parish. Sheldwich Parish Council have called a meeting on the 21st November to receive Gladman's proposals and to hear the views of residents. At the time of writing I am intending to attend. The fourth proposal lies mainly to the West of the A249 in the vicinity of Bobbing and Iwade Parishes.

Early in 2019 we hope to be in possession of enough information to decide whether or not to continue a rural settlement option or a return to a traditional Policy of spreading any extra development throughout the Borough.

During October in addition to the usual exhaustive list of Kent County Council and Swale Borough Council Committees etc I also attended meetings of both Doddington and Dunkirk Parish Council's.

As this will be the last Newsletter, or certainly the last one to come out in print, in 2018 can I wish all residents a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Andrew Bowles

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THE FOUR HORSESHOES

Thank you all again, the various activities at The Four Horseshoes are being well supported, Keith's Ukelele and Banjo Workshops Tuesday afternoon, Folk Club Tuesday Night, Gwen's Knit & Natter every fortnight on a Wednesday, Peter's Bridge Club on a Thursday afternoon's, Abbey Ukelele Friday afternoon's new members and guest's are always welcome phone the pub for more info or just turn up and join in

Christmas Dinner is now SOLD OUT.....

Sunday Carvery is getting very popular and BOOKING is NOW Advisable as we are turning people away most Sunday's because we sell out.

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Numbers will be limited and tickets are available at the pub £5

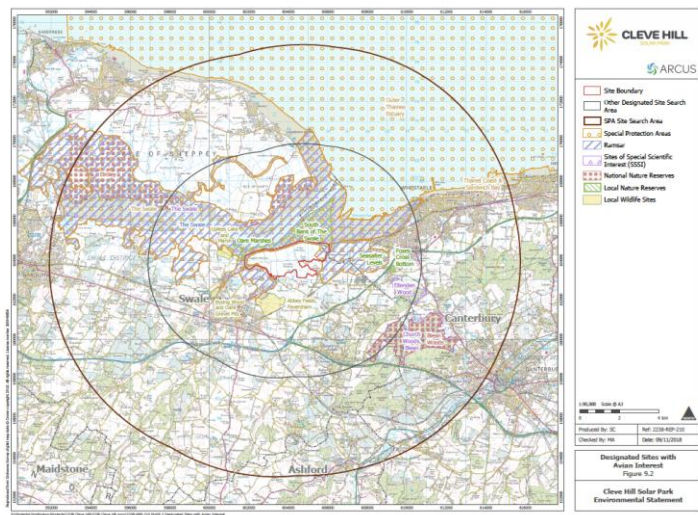
Disco and Guest Singers, ticket includes Buffet

We will be open all over the festive season and look forward to seeing you all soon.

Best

Steve, Kim, Lisa & Baby Dolly

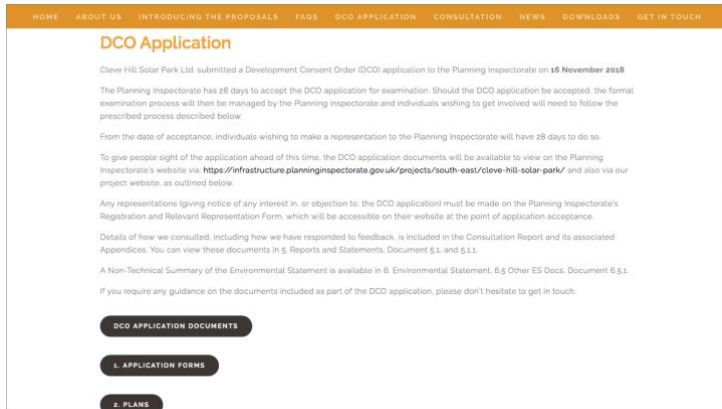
The application has landed



Did you know it was a year ago when we first heard about the massive solar power station proposal? Now, finally, the developers have submitted their formal application to the Government's Planning Inspectorate. This happened on Friday 16th November 2018 and marks the start of a formal planning examination timetable. It has taken one year to get to this point - the process will now run for another 16 months or so.

There's a huge amount of information in the application. Altogether there's over 5000 pages provided in hundreds of files. It's all online available for viewing on the developer's website and also on the Planning Inspectorate's website. To help

navigate this GREAT is in the process of producing an online guide: <https://savegraveneymarshes.org/the-dco-application/>



Here's the timing for the formal planning process:

1. Pre-Application - this stage has now completed with the application on 16 November 2018
2. Acceptance – the Planning Inspectorate decide if the application meets the required standard. Concludes 14 December 2018.

Only if the quality threshold is met does the process continue...

If the application is accepted for examination, there is a 28 day period during which you can register to 'make a representation'. This will be your only chance to have a say in the formal process! Be prepared to register during the Christmas break from mid-December to mid-January. You can do this online, or by paper form – don't leave this until the last minute!

Here's the Planning Inspectorate's guide to this part of the process: <http://bit.ly/CHSPrep> If you'd like a printed copy just ask GREAT at the details below.

3. Pre-examination – the Planning Inspectorate spend up to three months organising the next phase, so this could last until March 2019.

4. Examination – this is the formal examination and is like a public enquiry. Can take six months, so estimated end date is September 2019.

5. Decision – this can also take up to six months: three months for the Planning Inspectorate to make a recommendation, and another three months for the Secretary of State to consider his/her final decision. Estimated date of decision is therefore March 2020.

6. Post-decision – there is an opportunity for legal challenge. Timescale unclear...

Finally, we are continuing our battle against the Cleve Hill development and are holding an awareness event at Faversham Guildhall on Sunday 9th December. Unlike the events we held at Graveney and Whitstable, this will be more structured and include addresses by Helen Whatley and Andrew Bowles.

We will be producing flyers to raise awareness of the event and would really appreciate any help you can give in delivering these in the Faversham area. If possible, for them to be delivered by Friday 7th December.

As ever the team at GREAT will keep you informed with what's happening. Do keep an eye on the website www.savegraveneymarshes.org or follow our Facebook and Twitter profiles. You can also get in touch:

Email: enquiries@great-graveney.org.uk

Phone: Lut Stewart – 07484 262264

A Poem for Graveney Marshes

Stillness covers the golden fields

The wind caressing sheaves of reeds

On the pilons Peregrines dance

Peewit the Lapwings say

Costal ruggedness is at risk

Harriers homeless... a

Solar park desert is developed

Please help stop this devastation



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

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Remember question your suppliers as to the authenticity of their produce.



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30th OCT

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The Four Horseshoes

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WHILE YOU ARE AWAY OR AT NIGHT

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AWAY OR AT NIGHT

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Val on 07866 984 678

Thought of the Month

Prayer for the New Year – Robert Louis Stevenson

Lord, we thank Thee for this place
In which we dwell;
For the love that unites us;
For the peace accorded us this day;
For the hope with which we expect the morrow;
For the health, the work, the food,
And for the bright skies that make our lives delightful;
For our friends in all parts of the earth.
Give us courage, gaiety, and quiet mind.
Spare to us our friends, soften to us our enemies.
Bless us, if it may be, in all our innocent endeavours.
If it may not, give us the strength
The encounter that which is to come,
That we may be brave in peril,
Constant in tribulation, temperate in wrath
And in all change of fortune,
And, down to the gates of death,
Loyal and loving one to another. Amen.



ABBEEY UKULELE CLUBS

Meet as follows:

Graveney Village Hall
WEDNESDAYS - Banjos
fortnightly - 2pm - 4pm

&
1st & 3rd THURSDAYS each mth
Ukuleles & Banjos
7pm - 9pm

William Gibbs Court
Ukuleles & Banjos
Orchard Place, Faversham
every **THURSDAY** 1pm - 2.45pm

The Four Horseshoes Pub/Cafe
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Weekly 2pm - 4pm

Beginners & players all welcome
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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:

8th December – Quiz night at Graveney Village Hall - Tables of 8 - £6 per person - 7pm for 7.30pm start. If you would like to book a table, please contact Teresa or Sue

9th January 2019 - Games Night

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

**** WARNING - Bridge is seriously addictive ****

FOUR HORSESHOES PUB BRIDGE GROUP

Thursdays 2pm – 4pm

Four Horseshoes Pub at Graveney

We are currently a group of 15, so generally have 3 tables playing at a **very social** level_(aptly referred to by some as 'kitchen table bridge!).

Very few of the group had any prior knowledge of Bridge before the group started a few of years ago.

Bridge is a complex game and you will never master it BUT join us and you will soon realize what an addictive game it is and wish you had got into it years ago. If you have ever played Whist and understand trumps so much the better.

We have produced our own guide booklet (our Green Book) which helps with Opening Bids and first responses. The Green book can be referred to at any time during play. We also have copies of a 'Learn Bridge' DVD available. There are no tuition costs involved and from time to time Q & A handouts are produced on specific topics.

Social 'fours' are often arranged between members and if requested I'm always happy to attend as a player or to assist wherever I can.

We are very lucky that the pub landlords, Steve, Kim, and Lisa who took the pub on just 8 months ago have done such a great job of re-energising social life in Graveney in such a short time.

The pub now serves up good wholesome pub food 6 days a week and does a great Sunday Carvery Roast. There's now always something happening at our pub and the beer's pretty good too !

Steve & Kim *and all the staff* make us very welcome every Thursday and the Bridge Group holds a 'Lunch 'n' Play' event 2 or 3 times a year (at the pub), paid for from the members' social accounts – so effectively it feels like a free lunch.

We'd love a few extra players so why not join us in the New Year.....or even better - **come along and check us out any Thursday in December - you'd be most welcome.**

If you need more information, contact me on phone or email.

Peter

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Some Christmas 'Fun'

And a few Christmas quiz questions... answers in the next edition. You definitely deserve a sherry on Christmas Day if you get all 8!

1. Which colourful and much sung-about Christmas character was invented by American ad writer Robert L. May in 1939?

2. What is the date of St. Stephen's Day?

- 3. Which country is Eggnog said to have originated from?**
- 4. What are the names of the Three Wise Men (also known as the Three Kings)?**
- 5. Which Christmas word means "turning of the sun"?**
- 6. In Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol, which was the first ghost to visit Ebenezer Scrooge?**
- 7. Which popular Christmas item gets its name from the old French word estincelle, which means "spark"?**
- 8. What is the date of "Twelfth Night"?**

...And if you can't wait for Christmas day and those ever so funny Christmas cracker jokes, here are some to keep you going...

How does Santa keep track of all the fireplaces he's visited?

He keeps a log book.

When is pizza an acceptable Christmas food?

If it's deep pan, crisp and even.

Who's the bane of Santa's life?

The elf and safety officer.

Finally, I tried to come up with a cracker joke fit for the solar park... its tough this is the best (worst) I could come up with!

What do you get if you cross a solar park with a blizzard?

A black and whiteout.

Contacts of Local Representatives

Parish Councillors:

Clare Boggia, details to be updated.

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Faversham without Ward

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Goodnestone Ward

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Graveney Ward

Alan Stewart (Chairman)	01795 533 205
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Lesley Lound	07933 350 999
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George Bobbin	01227 751 388
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MP:

Helen Whately	0207 219 6472
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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 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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www.graveneywithgoodnestonepc.kentparishes.gov.uk/

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