

Graveney with Goodnestone Village Newsletter

February 2019



A note from the editor

This is the first edition of 2019, so wishing everyone a belated happy new year.

This is a year where the village faces a major change at the hands of a central government decision (and no it is not Brexit). GREAT have provided another update on the solar power station, but if you have any comments and would like to share your views on this topic, please do get in touch.

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

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All Saints' Church

Everyone is welcome to all our services and events

Sunday services:

3 February

- 8 am Holy Communion at St Barnabas
- 10 am Education Sunday a special service for all ages, in Hernhill C of E School
- 10.30 am Morning Worship at Graveney Church

10 February

- 10 am Holy Communion at Boughton Church
- 10 am Morning Worship at Hernhill Church

16 February

- 3.30 pm Messy Church at St Barnabas, The Street, Boughton theme: a home for all
Messy Church is for all the family

17 February

- 8 am Holy Communion at Hernhill Church
- 10 am Morning Worship at Boughton Church
- 10.30 am Holy Communion at Graveney Church

24 February

- 10.30 am Benefice service, Holy Communion at Graveney Church

3 March

- 8 am Holy Communion at St Barnabas

10 am Sung Communion at Hernhill Church
10.30 am Morning Worship at Graveney Church

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

Clergy letter

Bishop Trevor, our bishop, has announced that he is retiring in May after nine years in the role.

Bishops remind us that we are part of something bigger, Christians don't just belong to a small local church, important though that is, we are linked to a much larger family and fellowship formed by all the churches of our diocese. The bishop is a visible sign and a practical link joining us together in that wider fellowship. Bishops also remind us that we are part of something ancient; we belong to all the Christians who went before us in previous centuries, and to those who will come after us in years to come.

Speaking of his and his wife Margaret's time in the Diocese, he said: "Everywhere we go, we're received with extraordinary generosity, hospitality and kindness. So when I do come to say goodbye to the Diocese, it will be with a heart overflowing with thanksgiving – and that's due to the people who are in this Diocese. In the time I've been in the Diocese, what gives me real joy and energy is the myriad ways – thousands and thousands of ways – that I've been privileged to share in the lives of others who have discovered that God loves them. '

The process of appointing a new diocesan bishop is complex and is handled by the Crown Nominations Commission which submits names to the Prime Minister for consideration. The new bishop is then appointed by the Queen on the advice of the Prime Minister. January was spent in consultations and drafting a statement of needs. On 9th February the Archbishop's Council meets to approve the final job description and the statement of needs. On 5th April the Crown Nominations Commission has its first meeting and then interviews are held on 7th and 8th May. That's the timetable as we know it at the moment.

Bishop Trevor's diocesan farewell will be on Saturday 11 May after Evensong in the Cathedral, which starts at 4pm. He will then conclude his public ministry by celebrating Holy Communion and preaching in the Cathedral on Sunday 12 May.

Please hold Bishop Trevor and Margaret in your prayers as they say farewell and prepare to leave this diocese and begin a new life in retirement. Pray also for all involved in discerning the needs of this diocese and choosing the new bishop.

Could a woman be our new bishop? Yes. Will it be me? NO!

Revd Jean Burrows

All Saints' Church, Graveney Electoral Roll

What is the Electoral Roll?

The church's Electoral Roll is the register of its voting members; it is a list of those qualified to attend and to vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. Electoral rolls provide

an indication of the real membership and strength of the church.

Who can be on the Electoral Roll?

Baptised adults (over 16 years) who live in the parish, or who have worshipped regularly at All Saints for at least six months and are committed to being part of the life of the local Church of England congregation.

Why join?

Enrolment is a way of saying.... "*I belong*".

For us it is an act of commitment to All Saints' Church, Graveney and the church as a whole. It opens the way for a greater involvement in the life of the church at parish, deanery, diocesan and national levels.

Every six years each church's electoral roll has to be started from scratch with **all members** having to sign up afresh. This is more than just a statistical clean-up. It gives regular worshippers an opportunity to commit themselves to the mission of the church and to the worship here at All Saints.

If you would like to be on the new All Saints Electoral Roll please contact our Electoral Roll Officer, Mike Page (07815666446) for an application form which has to be returned by **10th February**.

Parish Council News

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

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

Matters Arising:

Letters regarding fireworks are still to be sent.

Signatory forms for bank accounts are ready to be sent. New cheque books also received.

Individual responses by councillors to the Kent County Council ("KCC") budget consultation have been sent.

Cost of dog bin stations have been queried, but are unlikely to go down.

A questionnaire regarding local services was completed and now sent.

SSE have been contacted again around an overpayment. Lots of other customers have been affected, so it is taking them time to work through the back log. Clerk is monitoring the situation.

Local salt bins will be refilled. The low bridge sign is now in situ.

Crime Report:

The Neighbourhood Watch report and the Rural Crime Team report have been received. There is now a contact number for the Rural Crime Team and four dedicated officers in this area. There has been a burglary at a commercial property in Hernhill and other burglaries nearby recently.

Cleve Hill Solar Park:

A report from GREAT was read out. All residents were encouraged to register as interested parties individually, as the volume of representation could prove a deciding factor. It was agreed that the PC would register as an interested party and draft an initial submission based on bullet points from the previous response. It was also agreed to notify the planning consultant and check his future availability should his advice be required. The Clerk will register, draft submission and notify Lindsay Frost. The letter had gone to Swale Borough Council planning committee councillors and one response in support received, as well as one acknowledgement. An enquiry from Faversham Town Council as to the Parish Council's stance on the proposal had also been received and responded to.

Streetlighting:

The trial lantern has been fitted opposite the Four Horseshoes pub. It was agreed that it looks good and can be used for all future lantern replacements when necessary.

Finial signs at the school:

Although quotes for the finials have been received, there has been no response to requests for quotes for the larger sign.

Councillor Boggia has contacted more companies for further quotes.

Landscaping around village sign:

Detailed quotes are awaited.

KCC consultation on libraries, registration and archives:

It was agreed to respond in support of the mobile library service. Clerk to respond and send consultation link to councillors.

Kent Fire & Rescue Service consultation:

It was agreed that councillors would respond individually.

Swale Borough Council Corporate plan consultation:

It was agreed that councillors would respond individually.

Correspondence:

Contact numbers for the Kent Police Rural Team have been received.

Posters encouraging residents to stand in the elections next year have been requested.

Details of the Local Landscape Designations Review report have been received.

Finance:

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

Planning:

1 Quarry House, London Road, Boughton-under-Blean – proposed first floor extension with balcony. It was agreed not to comment.

Graveney & Goodnestone Trust:

The request to take the village children to the pantomime was approved.

Councillor Reports:

Councillor Lound: Reported that her bin has been emptied regularly for the last few weeks.

Councillor Boggia: Queried the state of Brenley roundabout. This is being chased by Councillor Andrew Bowles and Helen Whately MP. A pedestrian was injured in Hernhill. It was agreed to write to S & A Nursery asking them to remind their workers to walk responsibly.

Reports from Borough and County Councillors:

Councillor Andrew Bowles: Reported that KCC is managing to close the gap in the budget and the capital amount set for highways has gone up. An ongoing challenge is providing the necessary amount of housing in Swale.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting was held on Monday 14th January 2019 at 7.30pm.

A Message from your County Councillor

For those who didn't receive my November report may I wish you a Happy New Year.

I am now eagerly looking forward to my "You Decide" funding event to be held at Teynham Village Hall on Saturday 2nd February. The details are in last month's newsletter, but all Swale East residents are welcome to help decide where the money is spent.

December started very busy, the first week included an Informal Cabinet Meeting, a meeting of the Sittingbourne Town Centre Regeneration Steering Group, a member workshop on Swale's air quality, a full day of Home to School Transport Appeal Hearings at County Hall, a joint briefing for Swale and Canterbury County Members on school attainment and future place provision, Local Action Group Meeting to allocate Grant Funding to rural businesses and finally I chaired the Kent Environment Annual Awards held this year at Broome Park, Barham. Swale organisations as well as some Swale Borough Council Officers and Departments were prominent amongst those recognised.

Later in the month were a Full Meeting of Kent County Council, a Swale Borough Council Cabinet meeting and the AGM of Thames Gateway Kent Partnership where I was re-elected as Vice Chairman. There was also another Informal meeting of Swale's Cabinet, a meeting with Officers at County Hall to discuss the provision of youth services in Swale especially the Swale East Rural area which I represent. This is a matter where the delivery of the contract gives me serious

concerns. I also attended a site meeting at South Street, Boughton to review the Boundaries of the Conservation Area together with representatives of both the Parish Council and the Neighbourhood Plan Committee.

During the month of December I attended Parish Council meetings at Selling, Graveney, Sheldwich, Newnham and Lynsted. I also facilitated a site meeting at Bapchild with representatives of the Parish Council together with the Kent County Council Footpaths Officer to discuss the duration of any temporary footpath closures associated with the Stone's Farm development.

Andrew Bowles

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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

Four Horseshoes Pub

We would like to thank everyone who supported us during 2018, and especially those 70 plus who enjoyed Christmas Dinner with us, along with an equally memorable New Years Eve Party night, the minibus to get people home safe was gratefully received and proved a winner.

The Carvery continues to go from strength to strength and booking is now a must to guarantee your place, the past few Sunday's we have had to turn away a dozen or more guests as we were either fully booked or ran out of everything, even though we cater for more each week.

From the middle of February (watch the notice board and Facebook) we will be rolling out Fish Fridays, these will run from 17:00hrs until 20:00hrs initially were similar to the Carvery you can help yourself to as much Fish, Chips, and associated items as you like for one set price, there will also be a takeaway service available.

Coming soon there will also be a You Ring, We Bring service on the Sunday Roast and Fish Friday offer delivered to your door (terms and conditions apply).

The rest of the week we will revert to a normal menu.

Many new things planned for 2019, with Trash & Treasure Days, Beer Festivals, Gigs in the Garden with live music, and much more....

Our weekday calendar of events are now fairly full with Knit & Natter every fortnight run by Gwen from 14:30 till 16:00 everyone welcome.

And then the Wednesdays in between is Banjo Club run by Janet & Keith from 14:00 till 16:00.

Every Thursday is Bridge Club run by Peter new members always welcome this runs from 14:00 till 16:00.

Fridays is Ukelele Club which is always well supported but we may just be able to squeeze a few more in come along and ask for Janet or Keith also 14:00 till 16:00.

Food is available before and after all of the above clubs should you wish to eat.

Wednesday night is Mixed Darts every other week home matches new members welcome.

Thursday night is Men's Darts every other week home matches new members welcome.

Fun Quiz Night once a month on a Thursday new teams welcome or individuals can join existing teams.

If you have a Club or Group that meet up regularly and you are looking for a new home our facilities are now inviting and we would be happy to talk to you to see where we could fit you in.

We are currently closed on Mondays & Tuesdays until further notice but certainly for the Winter months.

Lots to come in 2019, we look forward to seeing you soon, to book a table or ask about anything please call 01795 538143 or email thefourhorseshoespub@gmail.com

Best

Steve, Kim, Lisa, Daniel & baby Dolly



News from GREAT



The Cleve Hill Development Consent Order (Planning Application) was accepted for examination by the National Planning Inspectorate and the deadline for registration of expressions of interest/objections was 28 January. GREAT is encouraged that the Parish Council submitted a very robust response to the Planning Inspectorate. They are also aware that a number of key organisations / groups have registered their interest. It is expected that all registrations will be available to view on the National Planning Inspectorate's website at some point in February. More details on this will be provided in our next update.

GREAT made every effort to encourage all individuals in a household to register their individual objections to the Planning Inspectorate. Concerns were raised by some parishioners that they did not have computer access to register or an email address, which was a mandatory field in the registration process. GREAT helped a number of individuals to complete their registration at the event held in the village hall on 20 January. This was primarily for people to view the full paper version of the application submitted made by the developers. The only other copy available locally was at Faversham Library, which wasn't considered to be easily accessible for many parishioners. Thanks to Graham and Maggie for, again, helping to distribute the flyers for the event. An additional copy of the documentation has also been provided to a parishioner with a disability (under the Disability

Discrimination Act), which required a number of emails but was eventually agreed to.

GREAT also worked with The Faversham Society on raising awareness about the proposals and the need to register. A stall in Faversham market was manned by The Faversham Society and GREAT representatives on two Saturdays in January, where people could view a sample of the application documentation and complete their registrations.

To encourage registration by villagers and others passing through, a display of geese and sheep were strategically placed in the village. They were designed, made and positioned by Tom King from the parish and proved to be very effective at gaining people's attention. The Parish Council was impressed with this display and have asked Tom to design a few more. These will be placed in the meadow near the village sign (from Seasalter direction) to discourage people from throwing their empty alcohol bottles and cans where there are sheep grazing.

GREAT met with the RSPB to encourage a more assertive approach to their objections to the development, and are collaborating with them on a communication campaign to increase national awareness of the proposals.

Helen Whately, MP for Faversham and Mid Kent, continues to be very supportive and is organising a number of additional meetings with GREAT and other organisations, including the Environment Agency, to further strengthen our campaign. Finally, Rosie Duffield, MP for Canterbury, held a meeting on 25 January at The Seasalter Christian Centre on the proposed development. GREAT was represented there and successfully 'encouraged' her to register her objection to the scheme.

Thought of the Month

Some light-hearted thoughts this month...

On the door of a parish church is this notice: "Where your parents bring you to be baptised. Where your friends bring you to be married. Where your relatives bring you to be buried. Why not try coming on your own some time?"

And...

An elderly woman decided to prepare her will and told her preacher she had two final requests. First she wanted to be cremated, and second, she wanted her ashes scattered over Wal-Mart.

'Wal-Mart?' the preacher exclaimed. 'Why Wal-Mart?'

'Then I'll be sure my daughters visit me twice a week'.

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

Village Hall News

In December, we held a jumble sale at the village hall, which raised £130. This money was put aside to offset the cost of our January 'winter warmer' party.

Also, in December our Wednesday club held its annual Xmas lunch. This year we went to the Four Horseshoes, where we were made most welcome and had a very tasty lunch. The coach trip to see Aladdin at the Haslet Theatre was well attended and both adults and children has a really goodtime.

The party for the over 55's on January 12th was very successful with plenty of food and drink for all. Our entertainer, Richie, soon had his audience singing and dancing.

We start a new programme of boot fairs on March 24th. Villagers can still have a car boot for only £5.00, no need to book.

Our regular programme of Hall Improvements this year will include; repairing guttering, improving exterior lighting and replacing the stage carpet. Our fundraising boot fairs provide the money for all repairs and maintenance, so please continue to support them.

Thank you

Penny, Trish and Elaine (Trustees)

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

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Xmas Quiz Answers

1. Which colourful and much sung-about Christmas character was invented by American ad writer Robert L. May in 1939?
Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer
2. What is the date of St. Stephen's Day? **26th December**
3. Which country is Eggnog said to have originated from? **UK**
4. What are the names of the Three Wise Men (also known as the Three Kings)? **Balthasar, Melchior and Gaspar**
5. Which Christmas word means "turning of the sun"? **Yuletide**
6. In Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol, which was the first ghost to visit Ebenezer Scrooge? **Jacob Marley**
7. Which popular Christmas item gets its name from the old French word estincelle, which means "spark"? **Tinsel**
8. What is the date of "Twelfth Night"? **5th or 6th January (both accepted)**

Toby Dangerfield

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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:

February 13th - Theatrical Memories - Kate Birtles - this meeting is being held at the White Lion in Selling 7.30pm.

March 13th - Easter Card Making - Lyn Fitzgerald - Graveney Village Hall 7.30pm.

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

Contacts of Local Representatives

Parish Councillors:

Clare Boggia, details to be updated.

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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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