

Graveney with Goodnestone Village Newsletter

February 2020

New Editor Needed

Firstly, a rather late Happy New Year!

It has been almost 4-years since I took on the role of editor of the newsletter, taking over the great work done by Carol Mitchell. The time has come to step down and offer someone else the chance to take on this great role for the community.

If you are interested and would like more information, email at the address below or call me on 07410 500855.

I would like to say thank you to everyone who has and continues to support the newsletter. In particular, the regular distributors who take time every month to post these to houses across Graveney and Goodnestone.

It has been a real privilege to have worked on this for so long. I hope we can find a new editor soon, so that the newsletter continues to be a great source of news for the local community.

As always get in touch and share your views at:

graveney.goodnestone.news@gmail.com

All Saints' Church

Everyone is welcome to all our services and events

9 February

8 am	Holy Communion	St Barnabas Church
10 am	Morning Worship	Hernhill Church
10.30 am	Holy Communion	Graveney Church

16 February

8 am	Holy Communion	Hernhill Church
10 am	Sung Communion	Boughton Parish Church
10.30 am	Morning Worship	Graveney Church

23 February

10 am	Sung Communion Benefice Service	Boughton Parish Church
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26 February ~ Ash Wednesday

8 pm	Holy Communion	St Barnabas Church, Boughton Street
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1 March ~ Lent 1

8 am	Holy Communion	St Barnabas Church, Boughton Street
10 am	Sung Communion	Hernhill Church
10.30 am	Morning Worship	Graveney Church

Holy Rumpus 'A family friendly way to discover church'

A new monthly programme for families, Saturday 8 February in St Barnabas. 3.30 to 4.30 pm followed by refreshments.

Wednesday Worship in St Barnabas

12 February at 11 am ~ a half hour service followed by refreshments

Lite Bite Lunch

Wednesday 12 February (2nd Wednesday of every month), drop in between 12-1.30 pm. Home-made soup, rolls, fresh fruit, tea, coffee. St Barnabas, Boughton Street,

Breathing Space Friday

21 February 7.30 – 8.30 pm in Hernhill Church

An hour of peace, in a candlelit church with music and silences, no words to say, no pressure. Come as you are, find a seat, soak in the atmosphere, leave when you are ready. All welcome, whether you go to church or not, full of faith, no faith or just curious – but need an oasis of calm in a busy life.

Vicar: The Revd Jean Burrows 01227 751410

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A couple moved into a new community. Their first morning in their new house, while they are eating breakfast, the woman looked out of her window and saw her neighbour hanging the washing outside. 'That laundry's not very clean,' she commented to her husband. 'Our neighbour doesn't know how to do the washing. Perhaps she needs better detergent.' Her husband looked on, but remained silent. Every time their neighbour hung her washing on the line the woman would make the same comments.

Then, about a month later, again while eating breakfast, the woman looked out her window and was surprised to see a nice clean wash on her neighbour's line. She said to her husband, 'Look! Our neighbour has finally learned how to wash correctly. I wonder who taught her?' Her husband replied, 'No one. I got up early this morning and washed our windows.'

Sometimes we find it so easy to think the problem is with someone else, it can't possibly be me. We also find it difficult to see ourselves as others, including God, see us. Sometimes we're not aware of the bad habits which have built up slowly in our lives, we've become so accustomed do them.

Lent begins at the end of this month and it can be a time when we let God come and wash the windows of our soul, enabling us to see ourselves a little more clearly and realise the problem isn't always with someone else. Lent is a time of looking at ourselves a little more deeply. It's a time to abandon the wrongs in our lives, to receive God's forgiveness and receive new strength to live in his ways.

This Lent why not spend some time in a bit of soul washing, reflecting with God at the end of each day. What was good? Give thanks. How about the difficulties? Could you have responded differently? Was it all the other person's fault? Did a bad habit that really needs dealing with come into play? Being honest with ourselves can be difficult but God wants us to be the person he made us to be and he will help us do that, if we but take a little time and ask for his help.

Revd Jean Burrows

We would like to thank you for your responses to the article in the November magazine about the financial difficulties of All Saints Church.

It is amazing how, with modern communication, words spread widely as the publicity also led to Meridian TV coming to the Church and putting a well-researched item on the 6 p.m. news, and at the same time a live item was broadcast by KMTV and following that a report was in the Daily Telegraph as a result of which we had two responses from America.

A number of villagers have very kindly offered to assist us and in addition we have met with some Parish Councillors so they now better understand how the finances of the Church of England work.

We are grateful to you all and if anyone would like to contact me with advice or support, I am available on 01795 534999.

We are determined to do as much as we can to keep All Saints open to all and full of life and we are currently planning events for 2020. Elsewhere in this newsletter is information about a concert to take place on 6th March, which will be a wonderful experience as musicians and singers from the University of Kent will be performing. In addition I am currently negotiating with the Snowdown Colliery Band, who gave a splendid concert last year. We hope that they will be able to come in May, for an evening of varied music, followed by supper. In addition, on 27th March we will be open to all who might like to come to a Lent Lunch at which we will do our best to feed you well!

It is our intention to try to continue to raise the profile of the Church throughout the village so that more residents will feel able to become involved with events and with the life of the Church.

Janet Turner
Parish Secretary

Parish Council News

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

Attended by 5 Councillors, Alastair Gould and Tim Valentine (Borough Councillors), Andrew Bowles (County Councillor), the Clerk and one member of the public.

Matters Arising:

Councillor King has spoken to the school caretaker about the school flag and proposes changing the rope, modifying the internal mechanism and installing a tamper-proof guard outside the access panel. He is also trying to get the nearby tree cut back to protect the flags from damage in the future and he will initially contact Kent Highways.

Councillor King attend a social evening for councillors.

Planning conditions for Cleve Hill farm were forwarded to Councillor Boggia.

A resident and Swale Borough Council (“SBC”) were written to regarding fireworks.

Landowner still to be written to regarding flailing an embankment near Broom Street.

Crime Report:

A number of Neighbourhood Watch notifications have been received but these relate mostly to Boughton ward. Hilderbrands had some diesel stolen overnight recently.

Cleve Hill Solar Park:

An update from GREAT was in the recent newsletter. The examinations stage has now finished; 867 documents were submitted, including a late submission from Sir David Melville regarding battery storage. GREAT is continuing to campaign to raise awareness and is hoping for more media coverage once the general election is over. The Inspector’s Report could take up to three months to be published. Residents were thanked for their support and time and trouble taken in making representation.

Graveney Church:

A recent report has highlighted the financial difficulties of the church. It was noted that the present incumbent may have many parishes to cover and therefore not as much time to spend locally. It was noted that the church would have had to close some years ago if not for funding from the Trust for essential repairs. It was agreed to write to the Bishop of Dover asking if the Parish Council could help and to set up a meeting

with the vicar in the new year to discuss possible support that could be given by the Parish Council.

Village sign landscaping:

There was no further news from the contractor.

Village sign landscaping:

The current website is provided free of charge by KCC but will start charging £995 for the first year and £675 for subsequent years from September next year. Sign up is required by the end of January. Other website providers are available, some of which are free of charge. It was agreed to discuss this at the next meeting, once the new clerk has been appointed.

Local Electricity Bill:

Councillor Valentine offered to look into this and report back at the next meeting. It was agreed to discuss the bill at that point.

Action with Communities in Rural Kent (“ACRK”):

It was agreed to become members of ACRK at a cost of £52 per year.

Millennium Bench:

A quote had been received to repair the bench for £950. Councillor King had suggested buying a new bench and installing the current ‘2000’ panel on to it, at a cost of approximately £500. It was suggested that the ‘2000’ panel could be put on stakes in the ground and a different bench, to

commemorate the VE Day anniversary, could be purchased instead. It was agreed to discuss this next meeting.

Correspondence:

An invitation to read at the Carol Service had been received. It was agreed that Councillor Stewart would attend and read on behalf of the Parish Council.

Finance:

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

The 2020-21 budget had been prepared by the working party. Most budget headings have remained the same, although the budget for lighting maintenance repairs has been reduced; the budget for audit has been increased; an additional heading for website provision has been made and the budget for Cleve Hill Solar Park has been reduced. The suggested budget is £11,790 but it was noted that this might be subject to change once the new clerk has been appointed. If the precept is kept the same as last year, there would be a shortfall of £15. It was agreed to confirm the budget and set the precept at the next meeting.

Planning:

There were no planning issues to discuss.

Graveney & Goodnestone Trust:

There was a meeting last week, but no applications have been received recently. The presentation was discussed; there is still

lots of work to do on it but a community event will be arranged.

Councillor Reports:

Councillor Boggia: suggested providing charging points for electric cars, holding a VE Day celebration event at the church and an open day at the village hall for community groups.

Councillor Stewart: had reported fly tipping in Sandbanks Lane and had received an email with the resignation of the newsletter editor. Councillor Stewart will ring the editor and to discuss and see whether he will continue.

Reports from Borough and County Councillors:

Councillor Gould reported that the Joint Transportation Board meeting which was due to look at the restriction of HGVs travelling through Boughton had been postponed.

Councillor Valentine reported that EV charging points were being planned for Central car park in Faversham and usage will be monitored.

Any Other Business:

The Footpath Warden reported that he is trying to get the two stiles at the level crossing replaced by kissing gates.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Monday 13th January 2020 at 7.30pm.

Four Horseshoes Pub

Hi

Firstly a big thank you to all of you who managed to make the various Carvery & Cabaret nights in December, and many thanks for all the messages on what great nights they were, we appreciate your support

We will be starting them again in March keep an eye out for dates coming soon

Karaoke with Rayoke will be on the 8th & 29th in February and then every fortnight on Saturdays starting 14th March

New Year and New Lunch & Evening Menu's coming soon also

Our clubs are still doing well, new members always welcome

Wednesday every fortnight our Community Group meets from 14:00hrs with Gwen, pop in for a chat, game of cards, dominoes or just a cup of tea

The Wednesday's in between the banjo club meets 2pm till 4pm all levels welcome with Janet & Keith

Thursday afternoon is Bridge Club with Peter from 2pm till 4pm beginners welcome

Friday afternoon is Ukelele club 2pm until 4pm with Keith and Janet new members welcome

Our first Fun Quiz of 2020 is on Thursday 27th February which is also Pie night book your table before the quiz starts at 8pm,

The Carvery is getting back to its self after the festivities, and booking is definitely advised to avoid disappointment,

The Four Horseshoes is available for all functions, large or small, two rooms available, Marquee in the Garden this Summer for bigger events, full catering available.

We are also pleased to be working in conjunction with the Village Hall with Full Bar and Outside Catering available ask at the pub or talk to Trish or Elaine their numbers are on the Notice Boards

We look forward to seeing you soon

Regards

Steve, Kim, Lisa & Baby Dolly

The Four Horseshoes

01795 538143



News from GREAT



The Examination of the Cleve Hill application was completed on 30 November. The findings and conclusions arising from the examination, together with the Examiners recommendation, will be sent to the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (currently Rt. Hon Andrea Leadsom MP) by no later than 28 February 2020. The Secretary of State will then have 3 months to make their decision to approve or refuse the outline application, so we should know the decision by the end of May.

We are very hopeful that the application will be refused for so many reasons including, among others, the location, size, landscape impact, loss of an important amenity, impact to wildlife, and risk from the enormous battery storage compound. However, if the decision should go against us we will be launching an appeal, so we're working with the Faversham Society, CPRE, RSPB and others to determine the level of funding likely to be needed for this, and how we might raise it. We will update you as we learn more!

Forthcoming events at All Saints Church

University of Kent Chamber Choir .Friday 6th March
7.30.pm.Light refreshments .Free with retiring collection.

Lent Lunch in church. 12 for 12.15. Friday 27th March.
Voluntary contribution. This is always a joyful event with friends.

The church will be open every Saturday 11-3 April to October.
All welcome to pop in for a cup of tea, chat or a quiet sit.

Future events still in the planning include a sponsored sea side walk and a sponsored sleep over in Church.

Please chat to us if you have ideas for getting to know your church. Please remember that the future of your church is still very uncertain.

All Saints PCC



COACH TRIP

to

BRIGHTON

Tuesday 28th April 2020

Option 1 - Coach fare £20.00

Or

Option 2

Coach + Royal Pavilion £33.00

p/up points:

8.30am opposite The Four Horseshoes Pub,
Graveney

8.45am Jubilee Way, Faversham
return approx 7pm

£20.00 payable now, (refundable only if coach
trip is cancelled due to lack of interest)
balance of £13.00 nearer the day for **Option 2**

please contact Janet

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ABBEY UKULELE CLUBS



The Four Horseshoes Pub

Graveney

WEDNESDAYS – Ukulele Club

Fortnightly

2pm – 4pm

William Gibbs Court

Orchard Place, Faversham

every **THURSDAY** 1pm – 2.45pm

The Four Horseshoes Pub

Graveney

FRIDAYS every week - 2pm – 4pm

Ukuleles & Banjos are welcome at all Clubs

Beginners & players all welcome

For more info please contact

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Christmas Quiz Answers

1. Indian and Atlantic Oceans.
2. c. Goose.
3. The first Christmas Card
4. Frankincense
5. b. Rome
6. Cindy Lou Who
7. Czech Republic

Thought of the Month

There is a peace within a garden, a peace so deep and calm
That when the heart is troubled, it's like a soothing balm

There is life within a garden, a life that still goes on
Filling empty places, when older plants have gone

There is glory in the garden, at every time of year;
Spring, summer, autumn, winter
To fill the heart with cheer

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Hedge Cutting ☆ Weeding ☆ Blowing/Raking ☆
Planting ☆ Fence Painting

Any gardening jobs considered

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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

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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 12th - Faversham in Photographs - Mike Rogers

March 11th - It shouldn't happen to a carer - Kate Birtles

April - 8th - Making the Most of your Hanging Basket -
Sandra Collison

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

Or Sue Wraight on 01227 751361

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/

If you are missing a copy, please email, alternatively spare copies are available at All Saints Church, The Four Horseshoes Pub and Mallards Farm Shop.

Adverts are welcome at a cost of £2 per half page. Please get in contact via the above email or on 07410 500 855, to discuss placing an ad.

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

Elaine Cooper

07922 461 543