

# Graveney with Goodnestone Village Newsletter

July 2019



## A note from the editor

This is a wonderful time of year; bright green hedge rows, long warm sunny days (hopefully) and for many a summer break, fast approaching.

It really is a great time to get out and enjoy the countryside. If you have any great pictures of the local area you would like to share, it would be great to include some in the newsletter.

In the meantime wishing you a great summer!

As always get in touch at:

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## All Saints' Church

Everyone is welcome to all our services and events

### 7 July

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

### 14 July

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

### 21 July

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

### 28 July

10 am	Benefice Sung Communion in Hernhill Church celebrating our ringers and singers	
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### 4 August

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

### **11 August**

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

### **18 August**

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

### **25 August**

10 am	Benefice Sung Communion in St Barnabas Church, Boughton Street
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### **1 September**

8 am	Holy Communion	Boughton Parish Church
10 am	Sung Communion	Hernhill Church
6 pm	Evening Worship	Goodnestone Church

**Wednesday Worship** 10.30 am in St Barnabas, Boughton Street

with Holy Communion on 10 July and 14 August

A half hour service followed by refreshments

### **Messy Church**

Saturday 20 July, 3.30 pm in St Bs, theme: Messy Outdoors with bar-b-q. Story and songs, crafts and a meal, lots of fun for all the family. All welcome.

No Messy Church in August

### **Clergy letter**

As holiday time approaches and the schools close for the summer, many of us plan to go away for a week or two. Our world can be so frantic and we need regular breaks, just to recharge our batteries.

In June I went away for a couple of weeks and enjoyed relaxing in the sunshine on the beach and swimming in the beautiful clear turquoise sea. Although the effect of a holiday can quickly fade I was very grateful to be able to take a step back from 'ordinary life' for a while.

God intends our lives to have rhythm. There should be plenty of work (paid or unpaid) and regular play as well. Without recreation and rest, we become stressed out, bored, exhausted, or all three. 'On the seventh day' we read right at the beginning of the Bible, 'God rested from all his work'. Why did God need a rest? After all he is God, but I think he was taking time to sit back and appreciate all he had made. He was also setting a pattern for everyone to follow.

Of course, God is to be found in the midst of ordinary, everyday life, not just in church or remote beautiful places. He is to be found in all the ups and downs, all the frustrations and complexities of life. He is with us whatever situation we find ourselves in. But when we make time to rest for a bit, we have the chance to re-focus and prioritize, to grow in our relationships. Time spent interacting with our family or friends is important ... and perhaps the chance to give a little extra time to God, to grow in our relationship with him.

So, whether at home or away this summer, have fun and enjoy.  
**Revd Jean Burrows**

**Graveney Church open every 2nd Wednesday for Coffee, Chats and Cleaning.**

## Parish Council News

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

Attended by 5 Councillors, Tim Valentine (Borough Councillor), the Clerk and one member of the public.

### **Matters Arising:**

SSE electricity contract was accepted.

Details of the Roadworks Interim Programme were shared.

Training for councillors has been booked.

Audit documents sent and published.

Village Hall Committee contacted about the play area; it was recently inspected by RoSPA and no major issues were found, although there is some matting which is starting to lift.

#### **Co-options of Councillors:**

There are still two vacant positions, with one interested party. It was agreed to co-opt Tom King to one of the positions, but he was unable to be present, so will take office at the next meeting.

#### **Crime Report:**

There was no report available, although an email had been received regarding PCSO attendance at meetings. It was agreed to keep this as an active request.

#### **Cleve Hill Solar Park:**

A report from GREAT was read out. The preliminary meeting with the Planning Inspectorate went well, and the Lead Inspector was felt to be fair and knowledgeable. The timetable and list of deadlines has now been published, the first of which is on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June. It was agreed to register Councillor Stewart and Councillor Lound to attend the Accompanied Site Inspection on 24th July; Councillor Stewart to attend and speak at the Open Floor Hearing on 22nd July and the Issue Specific Hearing on 23rd July; Councillor Wilkinson to attend and speak at the Open Floor Hearing on 16th July; and Councillor Lound to attend the Issue Specific Hearing on 23rd July. It was also agreed to submit written summaries of the oral submissions after the

hearings, and to submit an updated Written Representation (based on the original submission written by the planning consultant). It was also agreed to send a letter requesting support to all new Swale Borough Council planning committee members. It was also agreed to contact Faversham Town Council for information regarding the potential impact on tourism and the local economy, and to use the Local Impact Review written by Swale Borough Council ("SBC") as a basis for a written submission. The list of questions provided by the Examining Authority was felt to be comprehensive, and it was noted it would need monitoring for responses by Cleve Hill Solar Park.

#### **Street Lighting:**

The new lanterns have been installed at positions 11 and 12, and the energy contract renewed with SSE.

#### **Village Sign Landscaping:**

There was no update available.

#### **Grant Awarding Policy:**

The draft policy was considered. It was agreed to simplify it to reflect the council's policy of awarding two donations every year, and to direct any applicants to the Trust for funding.

#### **Correspondence:**

Details of the Kent Police Rural Liaison Team Report were requested.

Details of the Kent Association of Local Councils Swale Area Committee meeting were requested.

A new household waste site is due to be opened in Allington.

An invitation to attend a social evening for councillors in the area had been received.

Councillors were encouraged to attend the planning enforcement training at SBC on 18th June if available.

An email had been received from a local farmer, inviting a representative of the council to a trophy awarding ceremony on 18th July. It was agreed that Councillor Bowles and Councillor Lound would attend.

#### **Finance:**

The financial statement and bank reconciliation were reviewed and accepted. A number of small payments were approved and in addition a payment of £1,642.73 was made to Streelights for lighting maintenance.

The Internal Audit Report for 2018-19 was received and accepted. Quotes had been requested from two local auditors, but no response received as yet. It was agreed to defer this until next meeting.

It was agreed not to change to online banking, but to stay with HSBC, and amend the existing mandate if possible to do so without incurring fees.

#### **Planning:**



Denley Hall, Seasalter Road – Erection of a new lych gate and front porch extension. It was agreed to comment with no objection to the front porch extension, but to object to the lych gate due to its scale and proximity to the highway, the reduced sight line travelling south along Seasalter Road, and the concerns over safe access and egress if it were to be used regularly as a vehicular entrance and exit.

1 New Houses, Broom Street – Lawful development certificate for the proposed erection of single storey building for use as garages, home workshop, home office and games room/summerhouse. This item was chaired by Cllr Mitchell. Cllr Stewart declared an interest but made representation as a resident before leaving the room. Three other neighbours had also made representation. Concerns raised included: light pollution, loss of privacy, scale in terms of size and height, effect on a heritage asset (Sparrow Court – Grade II listed), and visibility from the footpath. It was agreed to comment with these objections and to request that if the application were approved, the building should be incidental to the property and not to be used for residential purposes.

#### **Graveney & Goodnestone Trust:**

Nothing to report. The AGM is still to be arranged, for the end of July or beginning of August; this will hopefully be a public meeting.

#### **Councillor Reports:**

Councillor Lound: Queried the hedge cutting schedule and commented that verges are particularly overgrown between Graveney and Waterham, although this falls under Hernhill. Overgrown verges will be reported to KCC in July.

Councillor Stewart: Reported a large pothole by the Four Horseshoes to Kent Highways and attended planning training at Faversham Town Council with the clerk, which was felt to be beneficial.

### **Reports from Borough and County Councillors:**

Councillor Valentine reported on the new co-operative alliance structure at SBC. He is cabinet member for environment and also on the planning committee. The planning committee had presentations from GREAT and Cleve Hill Solar Park recently and will discuss their written representation at the meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> June. There is no decision on the proposed lorry park at Brenley Corner as yet. The members grant scheme is continuing, with each member having £2,400 to spend.

### **Any Other Business:**

The fire hydrant checks have been completed and a report sent to KFRS. The kissing gates on the footpaths at Nagden have been cleared of undergrowth. Thanks were expressed to the Warden.

### **Next Meeting:**

The next meeting will be held on Monday 8th July 2019 at 7.30pm.

## A Message from your Borough Councillors

### The new Council and our priorities.

A Cooperative Alliance of Labour, Swale Independents, Liberal Democrats, Green and Independent councillors now run Swale Borough Council. Tim is the Cabinet member for Environment and a member of the Planning Committee. Alastair is the Deputy Cabinet member for Planning and Chair of the Policy Development and Review Committee. The priorities that the new administration have set out are:

1. **A constitutional review.** – To make decision making in the council more open and democratic.
2. **A review of the local plan.** - We recognise that issues around planning were a key concern at the local elections, and that we have been given a clear mandate for change.
3. **A climate and ecological emergency.** - We will develop an ambitious plan of actions that will tackle the climate emergency, protect the environment and our wild places, and promote a healthy lifestyle.
4. **Housing** – The council will end the use of B & B accommodation for temporary housing and improve the provision of social and affordable housing, so that everybody has a decent home.
5. **Community inclusion.** – The council will tackle social exclusion, for example by exploring ways to provide more rural bus services.

6. **Health** - A health officer will be appointed to support a new programme to improve health outcomes for local people.
7. **Economy & Skills** – Low pay is wide-spread problem in Swale. The Council will explore the feasibility of paying all employees the Living Wage (as defined by the Living Wage Foundation), and explore ways to extend the Living Wage to the Council's locally-employed contractors.
8. **Public realm and open spaces** – We have a number of plans to improve sea fronts and other public spaces and facilities.

Despite the age of austerity, the Council has reserves of £24m. This money belongs to the local people. A special project fund of £1m a year will be established to support the programme that the new administration has set out to improve the wellbeing of local people.

### **Grants for Community Projects Available**

Details of the member grant scheme have been announced. Each Swale councillor has £2,400 available to support small-scale, local community projects through the member grants scheme. Community groups can bid for funding for projects that provide benefits including culture, sport, recreation, health, environment and community safety. We are particularly keen to support projects that benefit the people of Boughton & Courtenay.

The application process is easy; groups simply need to discuss the project with their local councillor in order to get their support and fill in a simple application form. You will find the

forms and all the information you need to make an application at [www.swale.gov.uk/member-grants](http://www.swale.gov.uk/member-grants)

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Alastair Gould ([AlastairGould@swale.gov.uk](mailto:AlastairGould@swale.gov.uk))

## Four Horseshoes Pub

Hi Everyone

Hopefully we are about to get some sunshine at last

As always a big thank you to all of our customers for their continued support, which is allowing us to improve things as we go at The Four Horseshoes

You will have noticed that we have moved the fence and double gates back to create around ten more parking spaces which should help, especially on a Sunday for the Carvery which continues to amaze us a real success story and seeing new faces all the time, booking is really a good idea to avoid disappointment

Keep an eye out for new food menus coming soon, we are being asked for different dishes all the time, and currently trying to work on the most popular requests to add to the new brunch style offer

The Four Horseshoes is definitely a food venue and not necessarily a drinking establishment although we do have our moments especially every fortnight with Rayoke our regular Karaoke Host great entertainers but always room for more, if you can croon we hope to see you soon

July see's our venue booked for many private functions, however our regular customers are always allowed in whatever happens and Lettings are strictly on that basis

So if you have a special occasion coming up why not hold it at The Four Horseshoes we are sure we will have a package to suit you and your event

All our clubs continue to do well Knit & Natter every fortnight on a Wednesday with Gwen and then Banjo club on the alternate Wednesday's with Keith & Janet both from 2pm until 4pm

Bridge club on Thursday afternoon from 2pm is growing steadily and new players are always welcome from beginners to experienced

Ukelele every Friday afternoon 2pm until 4pm with Janet & Keith, new members welcome

The next Quiz Night is on Thursday 25th July which coincides with our Pie Night which is served every Thursday from 5 till 8 with Traditional Pie, Mash & Liquor, or different Pukka Pies served with Chips or Mash with or without gravy

We are closed on Mondays and Tuesdays as we have found these to be extremely quiet days generally

But we welcome you from Midday Wednesday to Sunday

To book a table 01795 538143

We look forward to seeing you soon

Steve, Kim, Lisa & Baby Dolly



## News from GREAT



It has been a very busy time for GREAT!

Following the Graveney visit from Graham Thomas in May, we were invited to Swale House to meet the new planning committee. Hilary from CPRE and Lut from GREAT were able to give an overview of the development and its impact. We got lots of questions and took our 3.9 metre pole -- for good measure --this really had the desired impact!! Thank you Tom King for your handy work in creating this and making the height of the panels really visible.

There were around 90 supporters at the Preliminary Meeting with the Planning Inspectorate which was GREAT! More chairs had to be brought out and there was a very full house. On this day the solar development was also on the front page of the KM as well as two further pages for an article entitled SOLAR FARCE! Well-timed --thank you KM for all your support. This was followed up by another article in the following week's KM.

Sir David Melville from the Faversham Society was interviewed on KMTV and raised the battery technology as a big problem. The BBC also did a very supportive piece for the campaigners against.

There had been 40 letters questioning the appointment of David Rose the Lead Examiner but he rebutted the arguments and quoted his professional credentials and ethical code.

Following this, a new time-table has come out and a large number of questions. These questions are mostly for the

developers to answer but Swale BC, the Environment Agency and the RSPB also have some.

The first deadline was the 12th June when people had to give notification of their attendance at Open Floor Meetings and the sites they want the inspectors to see. Nearly 40 responses were made to this.

Alan Stewart (Parish Council), GREAT and the developers were invited to the full planning meeting at Swale Borough Council and each gave a 3 minute report stating their case. At the end , each and every Councillor voted to accept Swale Borough Council's Local Impact Report for the Planning Inspectorate which completely opposes the application and calls it "perverse". Swale Borough Council did the most magnificent job in writing a detailed and professional submission and we are indebted to the commitment and effort of the planning officers in compiling this – Thanks very much.

In the meantime we are continuing to collaborate with the Faversham Council, the Faversham Society, Graveney Parish Council and the Campaign for the Protection of Rural England and this has resulted in some very expert arguments against the solar development --- we are keeping everything crossed!!!

### 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



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*Nets*

Pre-Season Nets Every Tues in April  
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*Cost*

Membership - £20.00 (under 18s - £1)  
Match Fees - £5.00

*Contact*

Nick Collins   07725615220  
nick.sheldwichcc@gmail.com

### 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

# ACOUSTIC CLUB

in

**Graveney Village  
Hall**

*1<sup>st</sup> Thursday each month*

*the next two club nights:*

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July**

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> August**

**7.30pm**

**Come along with your acoustic  
instrument and join us**

**Subs £4.00**

tea/coffee/biscuit included

For more details contact:

Janet & Keith - 01795 530854

[Janetipayne47@gmail.com](mailto:Janetipayne47@gmail.com)



## 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



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The advertisement features a vibrant, cartoon-style illustration of four children playing on a large, colorful inflatable castle in a grassy field. The background includes a blue sky with white clouds, several colorful balloons (yellow, pink, red, green), and a small house with a red roof in the distance. The text is presented in a playful, bold font, with the company name 'CHUCKLE BOUNCE!' at the top, followed by the service description 'Children's Bespoke Parties & Inflatable Hire!', the age range '3 to 11 years!', contact information, and the website URL.

## 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

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Use 999 if it is urgent or 101 if it is after the fact. After you  
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## **ABBEY UKULELE CLUBS**

Meet as follows:

### **The Four Horseshoes Pub**

**Graveney**

**WEDNESDAYS** – Banjo Club

fortnightly - 2pm – 4pm

### **William Gibbs Court**

Orchard Place, Faversham

every **THURSDAY** 1pm – 2.45pm

### **The Four Horseshoes Pub**

Graveney

**FRIDAYS** - Weekly 2pm – 4pm

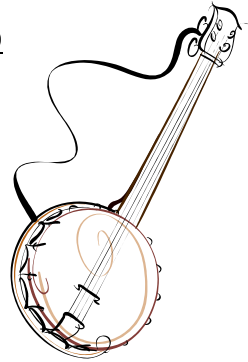
**Beginners & players all welcome**

**For more information please contact**

**JANET & KEITH 01795 530854**

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Walnut Cottage, Nursery Lane, Sheldwich, Faversham, ME13 0DZ

## 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:**

**July 10th** - W.I. Outing - Darwin's House

**August 14th** - Visit to Dargate Cheese Makers

**September 11th** - Singing Evening - East Kent Chorus.

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

Or Sue Wraight on 01227 751361

## Contacts of Local Representatives

### **Parish Councillors:**

Clare Boggia, details to be updated.

Teresa Bowles	07966 299 648
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### **Faversham without Ward**

Catherine Wilkinson	01795 591 731
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### **Goodnestone Ward**

Roger Mitchell (Vice-Chairman)	01795 532 372
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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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### **Clerk to the Council:**

Bex Ratchford	clerkggpc@gmail.com
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### **Parish Website:**

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### **County Councillor:**

Andrew Bowles	01227 752 840
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### **Borough Councillor:**

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Tim Valentine	TimValentine@swale.gov.uk
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### **MP:**

Helen Whately	0207 219 6472
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## Thought of the Month

I cannot promise you a life of sunshine; I cannot promise riches, wealth or gold; I cannot promise you an easy pathway that leads away from change or growing old.

But I can promise all my heart's devotion; A smile to chase away your tears of sorrow; A love that's ever true and ever growing; A hand to hold in yours through each tomorrow.

## Articles for this Newsletter

For any comments, corrections and contributions please email: [graveney.goodnestone.news@gmail.com](mailto:graveney.goodnestone.news@gmail.com)

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

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