

Graveney with Goodnestone Village Newsletter

June 2018



A note from the editor

The village sign is finally here, standing proudly between Graveney and Goodnestone. A thank you to everyone involved, it is a reminder that things only happen when people devote their time to achieve things together.

Also a note to anyone who receives the newsletter via email, the General Data Protection Regulation came into force on May 25th. This means we require you to reconfirm your preference to receive the newsletter via email. If you have not done so already, please get in contact on the email below.

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Chris Harding

All Saints' Church

Everyone is welcome to all our services and events

Sunday services:

3 June - 10.30 am ~ Holy Communion

10 June - 10.30 am ~ Morning Worship

17 June - 10.30 am ~ Holy Communion

24 June - 10 am ~ St Peter and St Paul patronal festival, benefice service (Holy Communion) in Boughton Parish Church, don't forget to wear a red rose, followed by bring and share lunch in The Vicarage, The Street, Boughton. All welcome.

1 July 10.30 am ~ Holy Communion

Messy Church:

16 June in St Barnabas, The Street, Boughton at 3.30 pm
theme: Zacchaeus

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Curate: The Revd Paulette Stubbings (part time)

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Boughton Church's patronal festival:

Some of you will have seen the display of discarded refugee clothing which has been in the Cathedral for the last few

weeks, and was featured on the news. Certainly the plight of migrants, and the problems associated with strangers in our midst has been much in the news in recent times. One book in the bible -Ruth- shows us that this is not a new situation. We have the privilege of seeing some wonderful paintings illustrating this story; they are being brought all the way from the Netherlands by their artist, just for our service.

The Rev.Dr.Corja Menken-Bekius is a Dutch Reform church minister, and an academic from Utrecht. In retirement she has trained as an artist; all her skills in Bible study, story-telling, poetry, and the ability to produce stunning pictures in jewel like colours, come together here. They have been displayed already in various continental churches. On Sunday June 24th at 10 am they will be in Boughton Church for our patronal festival. Please come and see them and hear Corja talking about her artwork.

Testing Times:

We are A-Level central in our house at the moment. To parents and children sharing or who have shared this experience recently (SATs, GCSE's, Finals - whatever) - we feel your pain! As a consequence, I've been thinking about the positives and negatives of testing. Of course, we test things all the time. Materials are tested to see if they are strong enough, or suitable for the task. Cars are tested for safety, machines are tested to make sure they are fully functioning. Much of this sort of testing we don't bat an eyelid about because we know it is to make sure things we use run well and safely.

When it comes to testing people, again it rather depends what it is. An eye test or a blood test with a negative outcome can

provide information that can lead to vital intervention. We'd probably all agree that some kind of driving test is a good idea. We tend to test things like safety, competence and health. The very fact that we test these things sends people messages about what is valuable. We test the fire alarm and evacuation procedure because we want to know people will be safe if there is a real fire.

Testing can be a useful tracker of progress and even stimulating to those being tested, if it takes place in an environment of encouragement and growth. However, if we are not careful, testing can lead us to place value on something that only reflects a tiny part of the whole. Teachers are keen to tell children sitting their SATs that they know that the greater picture includes personality, qualities, unique gifts and talents that can never be demonstrated through these written tests.

Does God test us? Well I don't subscribe to a view of God that sees him as some kind of despotic puppet-master, chucking joy or misfortune our way just to see what we'll do. Life does what life does – some of that is of our own making, or the making of our fellow human beings, and some of it is beyond anybody's control. But I do firmly believe God can and does use our experiences, good and bad, to test us in the sense of helping us to see what is in us that is good for us and others and needs developing – love, kindness, patience, peace and self-control for example – and also what is not good for us or anyone else and we need to let go of – such as greed, bitterness, envy, hate and selfishness.

We only discover if something works when it's put to the test. In the same way, we find out what we're really made of when

we're under pressure. I wonder what in your life is testing you at the moment? Can you see what qualities it is bringing out in you? Will they help you and others to grow and flourish or could they do damage? Testing questions!

Rev. Paulette

Parish Council News

The following is an edited summary of the Parish Council meeting held Monday 14th May at 7:30pm in the Village Hall.

Attended by 6 councillors, Councillor George Bobbin (Borough Councillor) the Clerk and 2 members of the public.

Matters Arising:

The dog waste bin will be purchased and installation will be arranged shortly.

Bus shelter work still needs to be checked.

The NeighbourhoodWatch sign will be collected by the Clerk.

A response has been sent in respect of the Monkshill Farm Premises License application.

A response has also been sent in respect of the Local Government Ethical Standards consultation.

Kent County Council are still to be contacted about vehicular speeding through the village.

Crime Report:

There have been three crimes (all thefts) in the local area, but none in Graveney or Goodnestone.

Cleve Hill Solar Park:

GREAT continues to hold weekly meetings and met for the first time with the developers last week. There is also an upcoming meeting with SBC and KCC. The focus is still on raising awareness, including producing posters. There is now some drone footage of the site. The second phase of the consultation opens on 14th June; all residents should have received a community newsletter from the developer. Residents were encouraged to attend the sessions and make comment. It was agreed to ask Kent Association of Local Councils (“KALC”) for any advice.

Review of policies:

The following policies were reviewed and approved; Code of Conduct, Standing Orders, Financial Regulations, Complaints, Diversity and Equality, Freedom of Information and Risk Assessment.

Data Protection, the draft Privacy Notice was agreed subject to minor changes of wording. Clerk to publish and check that newsletter distribution complies with GDPR.

Other policies were reviewed and approved.

Committees and election of representatives:

Committee and working party structure and terms of reference: It was agreed to continue with no standing committees and for the finance working party to continue with

Councillors Stewart, Mitchell and Wilkinson as the members and for them to continue as signatories.

KALC Swale Area Committee: It was agreed to continue with no formal representative but with cllrs to attend as available.

Streetlighting:

Councillor Stewart provided a summary of the issues. The Clerk to follow up.

Village Sign:

The sign has been installed and good feedback has been received. Landscaping of the area around the sign is going to cost more than expected. The WI will put an application in to the Trust and Councillor Bobbin's member's grant fund.

KALC Membership:

It was agreed to renew membership of KALC at a cost of £178.90 plus VAT.

CPRE Membership:

It was **agreed** to become members of CPRE at a cost of £36.

Correspondence:

The requirement under GDPR to appoint a Data Protection Officer may be discretionary for parish councils. The Clerk will monitor the situation.

It was agreed to sign up for access to free aerial photography data.

Councillor Stewart may be able to attend the Annual Councillors Conference.

Finance:

The Financial Statement and Bank Reconciliation were provided to Councillors. A number of small payments, including the KALC and CPRE membership, were approved.

Internal Audit: The Internal Audit Report was not yet available. It was agreed to appoint David Buckett as the Internal Auditor for 2018-19.

End of year accounts 2017-18. The Statement of Internal Control was reviewed and signed with minor changes regarding external audit. The Annual Governance Statement was reviewed and signed. The Accounting Statements for 2017-18 were approved and signed. The Certificate of Exemption was reviewed and signed. The Clerk will publish the Annual Governance and Accountability return and return Certificate of Exemption to PKF Littlejohn.

Graveney & Goodnestone Trust:

The funding report for this quarter shows that the amount held has gone down due to a weaker market for the investment funds held. The AGM is at the end of the month.

Councillor Reports:

Councillor Boggia: The 'turn right' sign at Cleve Hill was reported but hasn't been dealt with.

Councillor Lound: The fingerpost sign at Monkshill has been knocked into.

Councillor Bobbin: There is ongoing discussion between KCC and Highways England over who is responsible for the bridges at Brenley Corner in view of the poor condition of the road surface.

Any Other Business:

Fire Hydrant checks are ongoing and some work has been carried out by KFRS. Speeding in Goodnestone is an issue. Councillors will attend the licensing hearing for the Monkshill application.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Monday 11th June 2018 at 7.30pm.

A Message from your County Councillor

April's diary was dominated by Parish Councils, Planning and Highways. Also, by leafleting and canvassing at the Maidstone end of the Constituency for the Maidstone Borough Elections. All 47 Swale Borough Council seats will be up for election in May, 2019.

During April I attended Annual Parish Meetings at Graveney, Boughton, Selling, Norton Buckland and Stone and Hernhill. Most were followed by ordinary monthly meetings. Other Parish Councils attended in April were Tunstall, Selling, Newnham, Lynsted and Teynham. Good attendance at some notably Selling, Norton Buckland and Stone and Hernhill. This is a chance for me to go through highlights of the last Council year at both County and Borough levels and signpost major

issues going forward. The latter including Parliamentary housing targets, social services funding, air quality and site provision for gypsies and travellers.

I attended a further meeting of Bredgar Parish Councillors with Kent Highways to try to make progress with local desires for reduced speed limits. I also chaired a meeting in Sittingbourne with Kent County Cabinet Member for Highways, Mike Whiting, my Deputy Leader and Planning Portfolio holder Gerry Lewin and both County and Swale Borough Council Officers to discuss progress funding and timetable for the new roundabout and road improvements to the Lower Road on Sheppey. Of more local interest I attended a meeting, again with Mike Whiting, to look onsite and discuss dangers on Staple Street Road with Dunkirk Parish Council. A full safety audit has been commissioned.

Other meetings during the month of either great importance, interest or both included a meeting of the Mid Kent Services Board. This covers joint services to Swale, Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells Councils in Legal, Audit, IT, HR etc. I also attended the Kent Flood Risks Network at County Hall, Environment Agency Southern Region Flood and Coastal Committee at Worthing, Thames gateway Strategic Group meeting attended by Thames Estuary Commission in London and a Sittingbourne Town Centre Steering Group with our private sector partners, Kent County Council and Network Rail at Swale House.

Of great interest was a meeting of the Kent Rural Board Water Task Group. This was held at East Malling Research Station and concluded with a tour of the W.E.T. (Water Efficient

Technologies) Centre. Growing strawberries etc in poly tunnels with minimum water use, recycling of all water including rain water and minimising run offs.

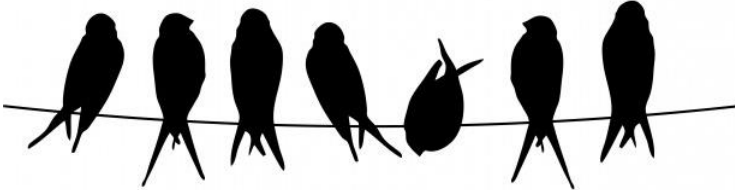
The low point of the month was the Planning Committee consideration of the much-enlarged Gypsy and Traveller site at Brotherhood Wood, Dunkirk. When this was first heard in March, Planning Committee Members voted to reject, it was then 'called in' by the head of Planning. When it was revisited in April Members of the Committed were treated to strong warnings as to the consequences of refusal in both financial and planning terms from both Legal and Planning Officers. Warnings unprecedented in my 30 years as a Borough Councillor. Not surprisingly despite strong argument against by both myself and the Chairman of Dunkirk Parish Council Members voted to approve by 9 votes to 6.

On a related matter, the two Gypsy and Traveller Appeals I Mentioned in my January report resulted in one total victory for Swale Borough Council and one site decreed inappropriate but allowed temporary permission for current occupiers. This month I attended a further Appeal Hearing for another site in the Syndale Valley along with the Chairmen of Ospringe, Newnham and Dunkirk Parish Councils.

Andrew Bowles

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Spring is in the air! Birds are enthusiastically making nests, spring flowers are popping up everywhere and in May GREAT has been involved in many activities and lots of things are planned for the next few months!

A community leaflet was produced by Cleve Hill Solar Park but unfortunately not everyone received a copy (please let us know if you require one).

We now know that the second round of consultations will take place in June. At these events there will be an opportunity to see how the proposals have developed and give feedback (but beware of leading questions !!)

Here are the dates and venues:

- Wednesday 13 June from 4.30pm to 7.30pm, at Ferry House Inn, Harty Ferry Road, Harty, ME12 4BQ
- Thursday 14 June from 1.30pm to 8pm, at Graveney Village Hall, Graveney, Faversham, ME13 9DN
- Friday 15 June from 11am to 4pm, at Seasalter Christian Centre, Seasalter, Faversham Road, Whitstable, CT5 4AX

- Saturday 16 June from 11am to 5.30pm, at Faversham Guildhall, 8 Market Place, Faversham, ME13 7AG

This second consultation phase will begin on Thursday 31 May and finish on Friday 13 July.

GREAT are organising a community event to discuss the proposed development. Details are included below.

In the meantime, GREAT met with the developers of the Cleve Hill Solar Park at the Alexander Centre in Faversham. This meeting was set up in response to GREAT approaching Swale Borough Council, Kent County Council and Canterbury City Council about the un-democratic response from the developers not wanting to engage with GREAT. At the end of the meeting there were more unanswered questions than answers about exactly what the solar park will contain and how it will be build --- but that appears to be the developers' strategy --- keep everything well hidden and as dark and dank as the ground underneath the 4 meter solar panels! By the way -- this is as high as a double decker bus!

The developers did say that they are experienced using the 'innovative' (and controversial) east-west orientation solar panels that are planned for Cleve Hill. The specific example they give is Sunport Delfzijl, in Holland, which was developed and built by Wirsol, one of the CHSP partners.

Here are a couple of pictures --- SPOT THE DIFFERENCES!!!!!!



Image from <https://www.dataports.eu/news/green-electricity-sunport-delfzijl-to-google-data-centre-eemshaven/>



Image from: <http://www.pveurope.eu/News/Markets-Money/Netherlands-pushes-solar-with-ambitious-national-energy-plan>

GREAT Community Event

On June 30th between 10-2pm, GREAT will be hosting a Community Event at All Saints' church. There will be an exhibition and politicians will give their view and comments on the proposed development. Villagers will have an opportunity to ask questions to help formulate their response to the developers.

Thought of the Month

An Alzheimer's Poem

Do not ask me to remember.
Don't try to make me understand.
Let me rest and know you're with me.
Kiss my cheek and hold my hand.
I'm confused beyond your concept.
I am sad and sick and lost.
All I know is that I need you to be with me at all cost.
Do not lose your patience with me.
Do not scold or curse or cry.
I can't help the way I'm acting,
Can't be different though I try.
Just remember that I need you,
That the best of me is gone.

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: 10th, 24th June and 1st July, 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 01795 538732 or Trish Timms 07926 351628

Concert at All Saints' Church

A concert by the Canterbury Singers is to be held at All Saints Church, Graveney, at 7.30p.m. on 7th July.

Tickets £8 (including refreshments) available from Janet Turner 01795 534999 or at Graveney Church.

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

Neighbourhood Watch

Please be safe: DO NOT LEAVE YOUR HOME UNLOCKED
WHILE YOU ARE AWAY OR AT NIGHT

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REPORT ALL INSTANCES TO THE POLICE

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Friends of Graveney Church

*** Correction Notice ***

Please note the Flower Festival was advertised as June in the May Parish newsletter. Correct dates in July below.

Events for 2018:

9th June: Come along and enjoy a Vintage Cream Teas plus sale of Jewellery and Smart Clothes, get ready for that evening out or cruise.

21&22nd July: Flower Festival. Theme “ Occupations “
Church open 10am - 4pm

8th Sept: Ride & Stride + Crafts. Church open 10 am - 4pm

17th Nov: Christmas Market. Church open 10am - 4pm. Refreshments served all day.

The Friends of Graveney Church need new members to help keep this 13th century Church open. For more information please phone:

For more information please phone: Linda 07961427997 or Val 07866984678



ABBAY UKULELE CLUBS

Meet as follows:

**1st & 3rd each month on
TUESDAYS**

**Sheerness East W.M.C.
2pm – 4pm**

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

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

ALSO

**Uke Get-together at William Gibbs Court, Orchard
Place, Faversham – every Thursday 1pm – 2.45pm**

FRIDAYS – wooden ukes
The Freewheel Pub/Cafe
Weekly 2pm – 4pm

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Mary Wraight of Graveney Bridge

Mary would have been 97 on the 30th June.

The last of a generation who has inspired us all.

She was the youngest of 7, times were hard in the 1920-30's, leaving school at 14 she worked in service, then the war intervened and she joined the Land Army working on a farm in Graveney where she met her husband to be Bob Wraight..

They married in 1944, setting up home in All Saints View, they had 2 children Robert & Elizabeth. Later they moved in with Clara, Bobs mum at the family home Graveney Bridge. Starting a market garden Vegetable business, later adding the greenhouses growing flowers and tomatoes, supplying local villagers and the Canterbury area with a greengrocers round.

Mary worked hard in the field attached to the house helping Bob, but still found time to partake in village life and tend her beautiful garden at the back of the house. In earlier years helping along with all the villagers raise money for the new village hall in the 1950's, where concerts, summer fetes, jumble sales, youth club, and many xmas parties etc were held (still are to this day) Mary sadly missed this year's party.


She attended Women's Institute, went to the Bingo sessions, also the Whist nights, but never wanted to be partnered with Clive Marshall, he never forgot a card!! And lately attended Wednesday club where she greatly enjoyed the company. Lent lunches and Open days at the church were also much enjoyed, meeting lots of old friends and making many new ones.

She always considered herself lucky having a long and happy life.

Mary will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

Thank you to everyone who attended the Church Service on May 11th ,especially the great turnout by villagers past and present ,and for the many tributes paid to her.

The Wraight Family.



HAVE YOUR SAY

Local landowner, the Duchy of Cornwall is responding to Swale Borough Council's invitation to submit proposals for New Garden Communities.


The Duchy of Cornwall is holding a series of workshops to ask for community input into how its land, south of Canterbury Road, could be developed, should it be allocated in the future in Swale Borough Council's Local Plan. Feedback from the workshops will create an overarching set of principles for the site which will form part of its submission to Swale Borough Council.

The Duchy of Cornwall aims to create places that are in keeping with existing communities, reflect local character and heritage, whilst providing housing, green space, employment, shops and services, all within walking distance. We want to work in partnership with the community and ensure any development which may be brought forward in future, is right for the town.

DROP-IN WORKSHOP

**Monday 4th
June 2018
1pm – 8pm**

Assembly Rooms, 66 Preston Street,
Faversham ME13 8PG



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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:

June 13th - Car Treasure Hunt

July 11th - Mandy Oliver-Richard, Medical Herbalist

August 8th - Outing to Chartwell.

September 12th - Alison Hill - Organ Donation.

For further information contact: Teresa Bowles on 07966

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Or Sue Wraight on 01227 751361

Contacts of Local Representatives

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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.

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:

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