

Graveney with Goodnestone Village Newsletter

June 2019



A note from the editor

This year seems to be flying by, we are nearly half way through the year and it feels I have achieved far less than half of what I wanted to.

I was reminded by comments from the new Borough councillors (included herein) that actions are often best coming from the community. This newsletter is produced and delivered by volunteers and as always any volunteers to help with delivery are appreciated. More generally do get in touch with any articles or if you want to promote any local events. Cease the moment and don't let 2019 slip away.

As always get in touch at:

graveney.goodnestone.news@gmail.com

All Saints' Church

Everyone is welcome to all our services and events:

2 June

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

9 June

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

16 June

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

23 June

10 am Boughton Parish Church patronal festival, Benefice Sung Communion with a speaker from Porchlight followed by a Bring and Share lunch in the vicarage garden (in St Bs if wet). All welcome.

30 June

10 am Deanery Sung Communion At St Mary of Charity, Faversham with Archdeacon Stephen Taylor

Wednesday Worship: 12 June 10.30 am in St Barnabas, Boughton Street. A half hour service followed by refreshments

Messy Church: Saturday 15 June, 3.30 pm in St Bs, theme: the wise and foolish builders. Story and songs, crafts and a meal, lots of fun for all the family. All welcome.

Come in your hi vis jacket, hard hat or builder's clothes.

Clergy letter

Ant and Dec, Simon and Garfunkel, Holmes and Watson, Morecombe and Wise, some names just go together, as do St Peter and St Paul, the patron saints of Boughton Parish Church, but Peter and Paul were more like chalk and cheese than egg and cress. They are two very interesting people to pair; I wonder what Peter and Paul would make of it ending up as saintly bedfellows in the Christian calendar.

Peter was an uneducated Galilean, a fisherman, impetuous, he often spoke before thinking. Paul was a very well educated Pharisee, a brilliant scholar, politically astute, a Roman citizen by birth, at home in any society. Peter had known Jesus for three years. Paul never met Jesus during those three years; he met Jesus in a vision on the road to Damascus. Both men started life with different names, Peter was Simon and Paul was Saul and both names were changed as a result of meeting Jesus.

Have you ever wondered why Peter and Paul were put together to share the same feast day when lesser saints have a feast day of their own? Perhaps the early theologians considered it wiser and safer to do this and avoid arguments

as to who was the greater, whose style of leadership was preferable, and which one had the greater impact on the development of the early church.

Peter and Paul were two of the greatest change agents in history and because of their differing skills, gift and personalities their relationship still fascinates us today. They had their moments of often public deep disagreement and confrontation but I think this is a great picture of the church. Peter and Paul stand together symbolising and emphasising how God can take us as flawed human beings and make us into his church. Every church has people who don't agree with each other, they may range from theological differences to the make of biscuits served on a Sunday.

Peter and Paul remind us there is a place for everyone in Christ's church with our different backgrounds, education and lifestyles. That also remind us to value others, however different from us they may be. You are warmly invited to join us as we celebrate St Peter and St Paul at our patronal festival service in St Peter and Paul's Church, Boughton on Sunday 23 June at 10 am.

Revd Jean Burrows

Church Open

From June to end of September Graveney Church will be open on every Saturday from 10-4. Tea and cake and a warm welcome always available. Special events also planned. Come and see how special your local church really is.

(Brenda Tumber member of PCC)

Parish Council News

The following is an edited summary of the Parish Council meeting held Monday 8th April at 7:30pm in the Village Hall.

Attended by 6 Councillors, Andrew Bowles (County and Borough Councillor), the Clerk and four members of the public.

Matters Arising:

Quotes have been received for landscaping around the village sign. It was agreed to accept the higher of the two quotes from S & J Services as the materials would give greater longevity, subject to receiving the full amount from the Graveney & Goodnestone Trust prior to payment.

Police representative and CPRE invited to Annual Parish Meeting but are unable to attend. Clerk to request police attend a future meeting.

Parish council elections were publicised but uncontested. Councillors Stewart and Lound were elected in the Graveney ward, Councillor Mitchell in the Goodnestone ward, and Councillor Wilkinson in the Faversham Without ward. This leaves three vacancies although Councillors Boggia and Bowles are hoping to be co-opted, which would leave one vacancy.

A meeting with the auditor has been booked. Another council uses Unity Bank for making payments.

A planning comment was made in respect of Ewell Farm.

Dunkirk Parish Council were contacted about 'no littering' signs, these were not installed by the council, but do seem to have had some effect.

KCC were contacted about convex mirrors at the Sandbanks junction. These are only installed as a last resort. The Clerk will contact KCC to understand the legal implications of installing mirrors.

Crime Report:

There was no crime report available.

Cleve Hill Solar Park:

This was discussed at the Annual Parish Meeting previously.

Streetlighting:

Streetlights are progressing with the replacement schedule. It was agreed to request the renewal rates for a three year period, but if not available, to accept the two year contract with SSE.

Finial signs at the school:

The finial sign has been ordered. It was agreed to leave the larger sign for the present.

CPRE membership:

It was agreed to renew membership of CPRE at a cost of £36.

KALC membership:

It was agreed to renew membership of KALC at a cost of £178.32 plus VAT.

Correspondence:

Details of the Great British Spring Clean had been received.

An email had been received about the parked car in Sandbanks Lane.

An email had been received about a faulty streetlight and the details passed to the maintenance team.

Details of the Merchant Navy Day had been received.

Finance:

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

Planning:

There was no update on the issue of East Kent Recycling using Cleve Hill for storage. Clerk will contact SBC and enquire about the current status of the buildings.

Graveney & Goodnestone Trust:

This was discussed at the Annual Parish Meeting.

Councillor Reports:

Councillor Stewart: Attended the KALC Annual Planning Conference, which included a presentation from CPRE

highlighting concerns about national planning policy and its effects on housing allocations.

Reports from Borough and County Councillors:

This was discussed at the Annual Parish Meeting.

Any Other Business:

Some damaged / missing signs were reported.

The following is an edited summary of the Parish Council meeting held Monday 13th May at 7:30pm in the Village Hall.

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

Matters Arising:

No response has been received from the police but Councillor Teresa Bowles had seen the PCSO, who hopes to attend next meeting.

KCC has responded about installing mirrors at road junctions; they have no objection to mirrors being installed on private land.

A response was received from Swale Borough Council regarding the EKR storage at Cleve Hill; change of use planning permission should be sought within the next few months.

Damaged signs reported to KCC but some confusion over where they are.

Election of Councillors:

Councillor Stewart was elected as Chair and signed the declaration of acceptance of office.

Councillor Mitchell was elected as Vice-Chair and signed the declaration of acceptance of office.

Councillors signed the declaration of acceptance of office.

It was agreed to co-opt Teresa Bowles to one of the three vacant positions. Councillor Teresa Bowles joined the council for the remainder of the meeting.

Councillors had no interests to declare and were reminded to return the necessary DPI forms.

Crime Report:

There was no crime report available.

Cleve Hill Solar Park:

This was discussed at the Annual Parish Meeting previously.

Street Lighting:

It was agreed to replace the Worcester lantern (by the village hall) with an SL7. The electricity supply contract renewal rates with SSE had been offered for a three year period and it was agreed to accept this contract.

Village Sign Landscaping:

There was no update available, but no request for funding had been received by the Trust.

Training:

Councillor Stewart and the clerk are due to attend the free planning training being held in Faversham on 15th May. It was agreed that Councillor Teresa Bowles would attend the Dynamic Councillor event on 19th October.

Correspondence:

An email regarding bonfires at Langdon Court had been received but they seem to have stopped again for now.

Details of the Roadworks Interim Programme were requested.

Councillors and residents were encouraged to report highways issues online via the KCC website, as local knowledge is preferable and should bring a quicker result.

Finance:

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

Internal Audit:

- i. The Internal Audit Report was not yet available.
- ii. It was agreed to obtain an alternative quote for the Internal Audit for 2019-20 and discuss at the next meeting.

Annual Governance and Accountability Report – end of year accounts 2018-19:

- i. The Statement of Internal Control was reviewed and signed.
- ii. The Annual Governance Statement was reviewed and signed.

iii. The Accounting Statements for 2018-19 were approved and signed.

iv. The Certificate of Exemption was reviewed and signed.

Graveney & Goodnestone Trust:

A meeting had been held and dealt with some applications. The next meeting should be the AGM and Councillor Mitchell is investigating making this a public meeting. It was **agreed** to put information regarding the Trust on the website.

Councillor Reports:

Councillor Stewart had trimmed the vegetation back from the give way sign near the top of Head Hill Road. Councillor Stewart had obtained a quote to replace the millennium bench and fit the old panel; this will be discussed next meeting.

Reports from Borough and County Councillors:

Councillor Andrew Bowles reported that the funding for highways works has doubled this year. There is no news on the lorry park at Brenley Corner.

Any Other Business:

A resident had mentioned the poor state of the play area and it was noted this is the responsibility of the Village Hall Committee. The stile on the footpath by the railway line is too high and has been reported.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Monday 10th June 2019 at 7.30pm.

A Message from your County Councillor**Why I fear for the future of our Democracy.**

I am drafting this before the votes are counted in the Local Elections this year. This has been by far the most unpleasant campaign in my 32 years in Local Government, 43 years if you include my early years serving as a Member of Graveney Parish Council.

Even before campaigning started this year there were worrying signs. The larger than usual number of Councillors nationally choosing not to seek re-election. Of particular concern was the large number of these Councillors who had stood for the first time just four years ago in the previous Elections for these seats. Also, the disproportionate number amongst them who were younger and/or female Councillors who had chosen not to stand again. The abuse endured via social media was widely quoted as a major reason behind their decisions. If this trend continues, I fear we will slide to a position where it is only the angry mobs on both the extreme right and extreme left who take part, hurling abuse and I fear worse at each other. I am glad that earlier this Spring I completed my maximum four years as Constituency Association Chairman. It would be very difficult in the current climate to approach potential Candidates and urge them to stand. I am pleased that in the 32 years that I have

campaigned I do not believe I have ever stooped to personal abuse or lies about my opponents. I do not intend to start now.

Stop Press

As I am sure most, if not all of you, will be aware by the time you read this I lost my Swale Borough Council seat at the beginning of May after 32 years. It has been an honour and mostly a pleasure to serve the residents of the communities where I was born and have always both lived and worked. Within those communities I have been lucky enough to work with and to get to know so many good and genuine people. People who do so much for their communities without, in most cases, seeking either reward or recognition.

I would wish to pay credit to all who offered themselves for election this year whether successful or not. I appreciate the time and effort so many put in and the ideals that hopefully motivated the vast majority of them.

To my successors I promise my support as long as they work for the benefit of our communities. Only if they put Party Politics first will I seek to oppose and expose them.

I shall continue my duties as your County Councillor. Already, in the first week following the Election results I have attended three Parish Councils, namely Ospringe, Newnham and Stalisfield.

Andrew Bowles

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A Message from your Borough Councillors

The local elections on 2nd May brought political change across Swale. Alastair Gould and Tim Valentine, the Green Party candidates, were elected to represent Boughton & Courtenay. First and foremost, we wish to thank everybody who voted Green for the trust you have given us. We will continue to work hard to make change happen. If you voted for a different candidate, we assure you that we will work to represent the interests of all residents.

No political party has overall control of Swale Borough Council, but a 'Cooperative Alliance' has been formed which includes Labour, Swale Independents, Liberal Democrats, Greens and the Independent Group. The new Council will meet for the first time on Wednesday 22nd May.

As Green Party candidates in Boughton & Courtenay we campaigned on three main issues: No inappropriate housing developments in the countryside; opposition to the industrial-scale solar power station on Graveney Marshes and zero tolerance of racism on the Council. We will deliver all of these promises. The decision on the solar power station will be made by the planning Inspectorate, rather than Swale Borough Council. However, we will use our influence as councillors to oppose the development as vigorously as possible.

Our reports in the parish magazine will not include a list of all the committees attended. However, we do want you to know that Alastair has already attended Dunkirk Parish Council, and Tim has attended Sheldwich, Badlesmere & Leaveland PC and

Selling PC. We have been invited to Hernhill, and have yet to hear from Graveney. We looking forward to working closely with all of the parish councils in our ward.

The Green Party do politics differently. We believe decisions should be taken as locally as possible. Politics is not restricted to the council chamber but happens through actions in the community. From picking up a piece of plastic waste to running a group like the Brownies, positive actions make our villages the great places they are to live. We want to support positive action by everybody. So get in touch. Let us know your priorities, and what we can do to help. You can contact Alastair via AlastairGould@swale.gov.uk and Tim via TimValentine@swale.gov.uk or by calling 07752 191807.

Alastair Gould & Tim Valentine

Swale Borough Councillors

Graveney Church Flower Festival

Theme Films and Musicals. Fri 28th June 10am - 4 pm, Sat 29th June 10am - 4pm, Sun 30th June 12 noon - 4pm. Refreshments served all day.

More details phone. Linda 07961427997

Four Horseshoes Pub

Hello Everyone and thank you all for your continued support, as our regular visitors will know the decked areas are proving very popular and getting used well when the weather permits

The Carvery is as successful as ever and booking is essential to avoid disappointment, occasionally you might be lucky and we can fit you in but better to get booked in and runs from Midday until 4pm

We also have a new Lunch Menu running from Midday until 4pm Wednesday to Saturday booking is always helpful on 01795 538143

Thursday night is Pie Night from 5pm till 8pm with Traditional last London Pie, Mash & Liquor, or Pukka Pies with Chips, Mash Veg & Gravy, Pie & a Pint

Bat & Trap is now back at The Four Horseshoes and we are in the Kent League with matches every Wednesday evening sometimes at home and sometimes away

Several regulars have expressed an interest in starting a Cribbage Night with a view to joining the Faversham league providing we get enough members

Wednesday afternoon is shared between Knit & Natter with Gwen and The Banjo Club with Keith & Carol both run from 2pm until 4pm

The Bridge Club on a Thursday afternoon are able to teach you the game if you do not already play, either come into the pub

or contact Peter on 07789 361031, if you already play feel free to come along between 2pm and 4pm to meet everyone

Friday afternoon is Ukelele Club from 2pm until 4pm with Keith & Janet all levels from beginners to advance players welcome

More changes and additions are on their way at the pub over the coming months, feel free to pop in and see us, keep an eye on the website www.thefourhorseshoespub.co.uk

With regard to the recent publishing of local authority Food Hygiene ratings where we were scored a rating of one

Just to be clear the inspector on the day informed us that whilst the kitchen premises was ok, because the correct food management folder was not available they were duty bound to give us a score of one

This was seven months ago and those of you that have eaten at The Four Horseshoes will know that the standard of food is excellent as the popularity of the Sunday Carvery indicates, we have and continue to improve what was a very dilapidated kitchen when we took over

We trust this explains the situation from our side, whilst we understand the importance of the food inspectors reasons for publishing these statements from time to time they are not helpful when all of the facts are not available for all to read

We are currently awaiting a re inspection where we are confident that a score which reflects the efforts of the team here will be achieved

We look forward to seeing you soon

Steve, Kim, Lisa & Baby Dolly



News from GREAT



Spring is in the air which has changed the landscape and nature beyond recognition. The same is also true for the political scene!

A lot of changes came about following the elections: Tim Valentine and Alasdair Gould from the Green Party are our new Ward Councillors. They have supported GREAT from the beginning and will continue to do so. Tim Valentine will be meeting GREAT in the foreseeable future to get an update of the campaign and plan future actions.

GREAT is pleased to be able to count on the continued support from Andrew Bowles at County level. Helen Whately continues to support the campaign in Westminster.

Graham Thomas from Swale Borough Council Planning met with villagers closest to the proposed site in May and GREAT facilitated this visit, including a view from the church tower. The visit was positive and on the 4th June CPRE and GREAT have been invited to give a presentation to the new Swale planning committee.

Leaflets were distributed in the village and we are hoping for a healthy turn- out for the meeting on the 30th May.

A traffic survey has been organised for the week commencing 3rd June. This is because villagers have raised the potential traffic disturbance as a main bone of contention and in

addition they have questioned the figures quoted by the developers following their own traffic survey last year.

Following a meeting with CPRE - tasks were allocated and now GREAT members are in the process of writing reports on:

- Heritage
- Landscape
- Traffic
- The Parish Council has been allocated topics on the impact on people, businesses and tourism.

We are following the News closely as there are many items/issues that impact on the environment and renewables:

- BBC - coastal erosion - a real concern
- UN report on biodiversity
- And last but not least, Extinction Rebellion -- a double edged sword for the Government in supporting renewables but ok if 'extinction' is looked upon as a generic concept which includes the extinction of the marshes, wildlife , etc.

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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

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

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
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Penny Foster	01795 538 732
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Graveney

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William Gibbs Court

Orchard Place, Faversham

every **THURSDAY** 1pm – 2.45pm

The Four Horseshoes Pub

Graveney

FRIDAYS - Weekly 2pm – 4pm

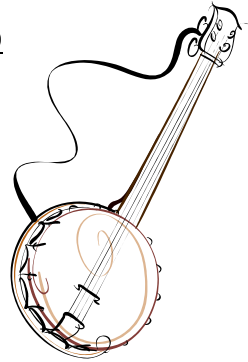
Beginners & players all welcome

For more information please contact

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PILGRIMS WAY CHALLENGE

SATURDAY 22 JUNE 2019



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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 12th - Car Treasure Hunt

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

Or Sue Wraight on 01227 751361

Contacts of Local Representatives

Parish Councillors:

Clare Boggia, details to be updated.

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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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Tim Valentine	TimValentine@swale.gov.uk
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MP:

Helen Whately	0207 219 6472
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Thought of the Month

Never expect others to give to you. Give others what they would never expect, yet need the most. Show them that you appreciate them with whatever you are able to give because maybe they need you more than you think they do.

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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