

Graveney with Goodnestone Village Newsletter

May 2017



A note from the editor

As always there is a lot going on in the local area. May marks the 2nd birthday for the Freewheel and Oliver has arranged another special day of events on May 1st.

The Faversham Transport Weekend takes place on the 13th and 14th and there will be free vintage bus services around the local area, with All Saints' Church as a pick-up and drop off point.

As always do get in touch with any suggestions, articles or advertising for the newsletter. Please note my new mobile number below.

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Chris Harding

All Saints' Church

FORTHCOMING SERVICES FOR MAY 2017

EVERYONE IS WELCOME AT ALL OUR SERVICES & EVENTS

30 th April	Third Sunday of Easter BAPTISM at 12:30pm	10:30am	Morning Worship
7 th May	Fourth Sunday of Easter	10:30am	Communion
14 th May	Fifth Sunday of Easter	10:30am	Morning Worship
21 st May	Sixth Sunday of Easter	10:30am	Communion
Also.....			
Special Service with our Bishop, the Right Reverend Trevor Willmott Celebrating the Installation of The Cross of Nails at 4:00pm			
Thursday 25 th May	ASCENSION DAY	7:00pm	Communion
28 th May	Seventh Sunday after Easter	10:30am	Morning Worship
4 th June	PENTECOST	10:30am	Communion

VICAR: The Reverend Jean Burrows ~ 01227 751410

CURATE: The Reverend Paulette Stubbings ~ 07713777487

If you or someone you know, needs a member of the local clergy, who wishes to book a Baptism or Wedding or would like transport to a church service or event, please contact: The Reverend Gill Reed ~ 01795 534059

Bell Ringers still Needed! Please Contact the above if you are interested

Parish Council News

The following is an edited summary of the Parish Council meeting held Monday 10th April at 8:50pm in the Village Hall.

Attended by 4 councillors, the Clerk, Andrew Bowles (Borough Councillor) and 11 members of the public.

Details from the Annual Parish Meeting will be published in the next edition of the newsletter.

Matters Arising:

Swale Borough Council (“SBC”) planning enforcement is investigating the former Eco-Merchant site.

The casual vacancy on the parish council has been advertised with no success so far.

The litter pick was well attended and went well; 24 sacks of rubbish were collected.

Councillor Bowles provided details of the contact at KCC to talk to about the bridge.

Footpaths in some local fields have been reinstated and are usable.

On investigation, it appeared that the school at Cleve Hill closed some years ago and no contact details could be found. Councillor Boggia to visit and speak to the manager.

Street lighting:

Streetlights are still waiting on a price from the supplier of the lantern so no decision could be made.

Bus shelter repair:

The advice from the insurers is not to claim for such a small amount (£45) and it was agreed not to claim on this occasion. The Clerk will enquire about lowering the excess.

Kent Association of Local Councils (“KALC”) membership:

It was agreed to renew membership of KALC at a cost of £213.98 (inc VAT).

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

It was agreed to renew membership of ACRK at a cost of £50.00.

SSE contract:

It was agreed to renew the contract with SSE.

Village Sign Update:

Proofs will be available by next meeting. It was agreed to write to Mr Brooks as he offered to clear the area and then the pole can be erected. Soil is available from The Freewheel to level the area for the Graveney sign. The WI will pay for this and get a grant back to cover the cost. KCC is happy with the position of the sleepers. The drain will be painted white to discourage cars from hitting it.

Correspondence:

A new local travel app is being trialled, details were included in the April newsletter.

Finance:

The Financial Statement and Bank Reconciliation were provided to Councillors. A number of small payments were approved including £213.98 for KALC membership, £108.00 for the KALC Rural Conference and £50 for ACRK membership.

Planning:

No planning matters to be considered.

Graveney & Goodnestone Trust:

A report had been made at the Annual Parish Meeting.

Councillor Reports:

It was highlighted that there are no streetlights at Brenley Corner, dog walkers are parking at the start of Odin's Path.

The speed of cars on Graveney Road was raised as a concern.

A village clean up date needs to be set in September/October. It was also flagged that there seems to have been lots of crime in the area recently.

Any Other Business:

The resident who complained about the LED in Goodnestone has moved. More 'low bridge' signs were requested in the village.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Monday 8th May 2017 at 7.30pm.

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

Graveney School Update

26th May

End of term – School breaks up

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A Message from your County Councillor

Regular readers will know that March and April are among my favourite times of the year. Once Swale Borough Council and Kent County Council have held their last Full Council meetings of the Civic Year the number of Committee meetings at both, especially Kent County Council thins out. This allows me more opportunity to attend Parish Council Meetings and get out and meet the electorate on the doorstep.

Pleasant duties in March included attending the Awards Ceremony for Swale Volunteers. It was humbling to see how much our Community benefits from those in the Voluntary Sector who give so unstintingly of their time.

I was also part of a Swale Borough Council Delegation to the Local Government Chronicle Awards in London where our Transformation Team had been nominated. This team is doing brilliant work transforming the way that the Borough Council works and delivers services to residents. This is being done by exploring opportunities for the greater use of technology to improve services and the way our resident access them. In these days when Government funding is disappearing it is important to ensure we make best use of every penny.

I was pleased to accept an invitation to speak at the Kent Association of Local Councils first Annual Rural Conference where several local Parishes were represented, Graveney, Selling and Sheldwich amongst them. This inaugural event for Local Councils explored key challenges and opportunities for communities in the rural environment. As a Vice-President of KALC I provided an overview of these issues focusing on

Housing, Health and the Rural Economy including the provision of broadband. I attempted to interpret current Government thinking and how it will influence evolving Government Policy, with particular reference to the delivery of the three areas I have mentioned, within the rural community.

During the month I have attended Parish Council meetings at Selling, Newnham and Graveney as well as Throwley Annual Parish Meeting.

Andrew Bowles

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: 14th and 21st May, 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:

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Trish Timms

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Expert palliative care for our community

Divas on Wheels: Sunday 18th June, 8.30am – 5pm. Starting at the Freewheel Pub

Together you can make a difference as you cycle through the picturesque Kent countryside. Enjoy a great atmosphere, support along the route and plenty of pampering afterwards, as you take part in the county's only ladies bike ride for charity. Choose to ride either a [25 mile](#) or [50 mile](#) route on quiet roads.

If you're new to cycling have no fear, dozens of our special Bike Heroes will join you, leading small groups and offering roadside repairs to anybody who needs it.

As you cross the finish line you'll receive a hero's welcome at our exclusive Divas Village. Enjoy a complimentary sports massage or visit our hairdressing team to re-style your helmet-flattened hair. Then there's a barbecue, refreshments and lots of retail therapy with some very special cycling boutique stalls and our Divas raffle with luxury prizes.

Early Bird £22 per person closes Sunday 7 May.

Advance £25 per person closes on Sunday 11 June.

On the day £35 per person

<http://www.pilgrimshospices.org/supporting-pilgrims-hospices/events/cycling/divas-on-wheels-2017/>



COACH TRIP KENSINGTON PALACE

Tuesday 9th May 2017

Coach fare £30.00

Included in price:

- Coach fare
- Entry to Kensington Palace
- Entry to Princess Diana's Fashion
- Garden History Tour
- King & Queen's state apartments

p/up point

8.30am Bus Stop opposite The Freewheel
Graveney Village

8.40am Jubilee Way, Faversham
return home by 7pm

£15 payable now, (refundable only if coach trip
is cancelled due to lack of interest)
£15 balance nearer the day

please contact

Janet – 01795 530854

janetipayne47@gmail.com

Upcoming Events at the Woman's Institute

May 10th Birthday Meeting - Guest Speaker - Johnny Homer - Beer

June 8th Outing to Sissinghurst Place

July 12th Dick Bolton - Sir Edwin Lutyens

We meet in the Village Hall on the second Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm. Visitors always very welcome to attend.

For further information contact:

Teresa Bowles on 07966 299648 or e-mail
teresa.bowles22@btinternet.com

Or

Sue Wraight on 01227 751361

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A Thought for the Month

STEPPING STONES

NO-ONE likes to make mistakes
Or feel they've been a fool,
But those who never make mistakes
May never learn at all.
So don't get too discouraged or
Dwell harshly or too long
On bygone slips or blunders,
Or the times you got it wrong.
Just think of them as stepping stones,
You've passed and left behind,
They've paved your path to wisdom, so
Move on with peace in mind.

Margaret Ingall

Recipe for the Month

Jersey Royal Salad (Serves 4)

May is the peak season for harvesting Jersey Royals, it is also a month when asparagus is still tender, so here is a recipe that combines these two fantastic ingredients.

Enjoy!

Ingredients

500g Jersey Royals, scrubbed and halved
200g asparagus spears, trimmed and halved
4 spring onions, finely sliced
2 tbsp lemon juice or white wine vinegar
4 tbsp olive oil
1 tsp wholegrain mustard
12 cherry tomatoes, halved
Salt and freshly ground black pepper
Basil leaves, to garnish

Method

- 1) Cook the Jersey Royals in lightly salted boiling water for 15-20 minutes, until tender
- 2) While the potatoes are cooking, toss the asparagus in 1 tbsp of olive oil. Preheat a char-grill pan or the grill and cook the asparagus, until tender
- 3) Put the spring onions into a salad bowl and add the lemon juice or vinegar, olive oil and mustard. Leave to marinate for 5-10 minutes
- 4) Drain the Jersey Royals and put them into the salad bowl, stirring them gently to coat in the dressing. Leave to cool for 10 minutes, then add the asparagus and tomatoes. Season and mix gently, then serve, scattered with basil leaves.

If you like things a little spicier, then adding chilli flakes or paprika to the dressing works well.



ABBAY UKULELE CLUBS

Meet as follows:

1st & 3rd TUESDAY each mth

THE AVIATOR

Queensborough Road

Isle of Sheppey

7.30 – 9.30pm

Graveney Village Hall,

Sandbanks Lane

WEDNESDAYS 2pm – 4pm

fortnightly

&

1st & 3rd THURSDAYS –

7pm – 9pm

ALSO

Uke Get-together at William Gibbs Court, Orchard
Place, Faversham – every Thursday 1pm – 2.30pm

Beginners & players all welcome

For more information please contact

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At The Freewheel this May

We are focussing much of our efforts on improving Saturday Nights at The Freewheel. We've established a cracking Open Mic Night that takes place twice a month, this month on 13th and 27th. We are also organising live bands to come and play on Saturday nights. This month The Culprits are playing on Saturday 6 May. I feel that it's important to support good live music so we are investing in these events and your support would be greatly appreciated. Ellen's Saturday Dinner menu changes from week to week depending on the events that are happening. Last Saturday we had the pleasure of hosting Slick Pixie, a group playing Americana music, so Ellen made lovely Pulled Pork Totchos.

We're kicking off May with our 2nd Birthday Celebration. I know many of you didn't believe we would survive this long, but here we are! Come and join in the fun. We've got live music from Big Orange Head and there's also the Garden Shed Disco with Karaoke, so everyone can join in. To keep the children entertained the Bouncy Castle will be up in the garden. And of course, we'll be serving up some scrummy food & drink. It all starts at Midday on Bank Holiday Monday.

Friday Film Nights continue with a series of Magical Movies for May (see the events calendar for more detail). We've got a Movie Meal Deal on Friday Nights - Two Course Dinner for £10.

The Giro d'Italia starts on Friday 5th and finishes on Sunday 28th. You can see most of the stages live on the big screen in the Workshop and you may notice a bit of an Italian influence on our food & drink during May.

As well as our weekly events, Guitar Club on Tuesday, Bus Pass Lunch & Pizza Dinner on Wednesday, Bridge Club & Curry Night on Thursday, Roast on Sunday, there's a number of monthly activities too (see the events calendar).

As we enter our third summer, we are delighted that we have finally got a Bat & Trap Team competing in the Canterbury League. The squad is large enough to guarantee that we will field a full team throughout the season. Please come along and support them at Home & Away. This month's home matches are:

10th - v. The Black Pig

24th - v. The Catholic Club

31st - v. Artichoke B

We'll be having a Late Spring Garden Party on Monday 29th May. We finish off the month with another great country tradition. On Wednesday 31st May at 8pm, Dead Horse Morris & The Broombashers will be performing outside the pub and probably having a sing along inside a bit later too!

As ever, it's a busy month of activities at The Freewheel with something for everyone.

Finally, we were delighted to be shortlisted for Pub of The Year by Swale CAMRA, recognising our efforts to revitalise a village pub as a community asset.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1 Freewheel Birthday Celebrations 10am - Art Club 12pm-Late - Party 2pm-Big Orange Head 4pm-Disco	2 7:30pm - Guitar Club	3 12-3pm:Bus Pass Lunch* 6-9pm: Pizza Night* 8pm: Astronomy Night	4 2-4pm: Bridge Club 6-9pm: Curry Night* 6-10pm - Bike Fit Clinic*	5 12-5pm: Live Cycling: Giro d'Italia Stage 1 7:30pm Film: The Illusionist	6 9:30am: Divas Practice Ride 12-5pm: Live Cycling: Giro S2 7:30pm-Late: Live Music - The Culprits	7 9am Roadies Ride 10am - Roadies Mystery Ride 12-3pm Roast Lunch*
8 7:30pm - Mick's Acoustic Evening	9 12-5pm: Live Cycling: Giro S4 7:30pm - Guitar Club	10 12-3pm:Bus Pass Lunch* 6-9pm: Pizza Night* 8pm-Late: Bar & Trap Home Match	11 2-4pm: Bridge Club 6-9pm: Curry Night* 7:30pm: Quiz Night*	12 7:30pm Film: The Prestige	13 12-5pm: Live Cycling: Giro S8 7:30pm: Open Mic	14 9am Roadies Ride 10am - Roadies Mystery Ride 10:30am- Marsh Walk 12-3pm Roast Lunch* 12-5pm Live Cycling Giro 4pm Cycling Club BBQ
15 10am - Art Club 6:30pm: An Introduction to Bike Maintenance	16 7:30pm - Guitar Club	17 12-3pm:Bus Pass Lunch* 6-9pm: Pizza Night*	18 2-4pm: Bridge Club 6-9pm: Curry Night*	19 7:30pm Film: Stardust	20 9:30am: Divas Practice Ride 12-5pm: Live Cycling: Giro S14	21 9am Roadies Ride 10am - Roadies Mystery Ride 12-3pm:Roast Lunch* 12-5pm: Live Cycling: Giro S15
22 7:30pm -Acoustic Open Floor	23 7:30pm - Guitar Club	24 12-3pm: Bus Pass Lunch* 6-9pm: Pizza Night* 8pm-Late: Bar & Trap Home Match	25 2-4pm: Bridge Club 6-9pm: Curry Night* 8pm: Karaoke	26 7:30pm Film: Now You See Me	27 9am - BIKE JUMBLE 12-5pm: Live Cycling: Giro S20 7:30pm: Open Mic	28 9am Roadies Ride 10am Steel Steed 12-3pm Roast Lunch* 12-5pm: Live Cycling: Giro S21
29 12pm-Late - Spring Garden Party	30 7:30pm - Guitar Club	31 12-3:Bus Pass Lunch* 6-9pm: Pizza Night* 8pm-Late: Bar & Trap Home Match 8pm: Dead Horse Morris	1 2-4pm: Bridge Club 6-9pm: Curry Night*	2	The Freewheel Open Everyday 9am to 9pm (open later for events)	Contact 01795 538143 thefreewheel.pub Facebook Twitter

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

Contact: 07749 736669 - kevincastle@btinternet.com

♥♠ Mini-Bridge ♣♦

Every Thursday, 2pm – 4pm at The Freewheel. If you've ever played any form of whist (trumps) before or if you just like playing cards you'll pick the game up very easily. We are a small very friendly group – why not join us? If you want to know more you can just turn up on the day or contact me: [Peter 01795 531 851](tel:01795531851) or peterppe@hotmail.co.uk

Contacts of Local Representatives

Parish Councillors:

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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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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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