

Graveney with Goodnestone Village Newsletter

October 2017



A note from the editor

In this month's edition, there is an update from our footpath warden that reveals some of the history of the parish. Do you have any stories or thoughts to the questions that could be shared in the newsletter?

There is also an update from the Graveney & Goodnestone Trust, which remains there to support projects within the parish.

Back-up volunteers for distributing the newsletter are still needed. Do get in contact if you have a spare hour once a month.

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Chris Harding

All Saints' Church



FORTHCOMING SERVICES FOR OCTOBER 2017

EVERYONE IS WELCOME AT ALL OUR SERVICES & EVENTS

- 1st October** NO MORNING SERVICE IN ALL SAINTS CHURCH
AS WE WILL BE WORSHIPPING AT ST MICHAEL'S HERNHILL
FOR A BENEFICE SERVICE at 10:00am
- 8th October** 17th Sunday after Trinity 10:30am Morning Worship
HARVEST FESTIVAL
- 11th October** SCHOOL HARVEST CELEBRATION at 10:00am
- 15th October** 18th Sunday after Trinity 10:30am Communion
- 22nd October** 19th Sunday after Trinity 10:30am Morning Worship
- 29th October** 20th Sunday after Trinity 10:30am Morning Worship
also: Benefice Bereavement Service at St Barnabas
The Street, Boughton under Bleau at 4:30pm
- 2nd November** ~ Commemoration of the Faithful Departed at 7:00pm
- 5th November** All Saints' Sunday 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 11th September at 7:30pm in the Village Hall.

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

Matters Arising:

More information is awaited on the possible costs of installing a low bridge sign. The sign at Monkshill road is still leaning. Clerk to follow up on costs and enquire over Kent County Council's responsibility to provide sign, and report leaning sign.

Ivy at the house near to the bridge will be trimmed back by the resident.

The service for Merchant Navy Day went well. It was agreed to send a letter of thanks to the vicar for conducting the service.

The over growing tree that is encroaching on the flag is not on school property, so Kent County Council Highways to be contacted for pruning.

No new information on the former Eco Merchant site has been received.

A letter has been sent to the owners of the Four Horseshoes Park about the state of the site.

Work can start on the bus shelter repair as it was confirmed this belongs to the parish.

A hydrant map has been obtained and will be passed to the resident, who post training will carry out checks in capacity as local warden.

Bin lorries can no longer turn round at the end of Cleve Hill due to significant earthworks which have taken place. Alternative measures have been put in place but collections are currently not taking place regularly.

Overgrown hedges have now been trimmed.

Flags have been ordered by the Parish Council for the school, two Union Jacks and the red ensign, the cost of which will be covered by a members grant.

Crime Report:

There was one crime in June on the Thanet Way. There is a new district commander.

Street lighting:

The Service Inspection report has been received from Streetlights and details a number of issues, some requiring more urgent action. The Category 1 work includes four new lanterns and totals £6623. The Category 2 work includes work to three lanterns and totals £1697. The new lantern by the village hall also requires payment. The total cost would be £9320. Options include doing only the electrical work and not replacing the lanterns; making an application to the Trust;

asking Kent Highways to take responsibility for some of the lights; and removing some or all lights.

It was agreed to contact Kent Highways and to ask Kent Association of Local Councils about the legal implications and liabilities of removing the lights. It was agreed to ask Streetlights to fit a shield to light number 1 (Goodnestone), as long as the cost is less than £250 (not including VAT). The clerk will speak to Kent Highways, Kent Association of Local Councils and Streetlights.

It was agreed to renew the contract with Streetlights for two years ten months but to seek a discount due to the level of service received so far.

Village Sign Update:

This is progressing. It was agreed to create a 3m square area around the sign, with a raised bed and planting. Councillor Bowles to speak to Mr Brooks about preparing the ground, Councillor Boggia to check installation requirements with sign company and clerk to make an application to the Trust for funding.

Training:

A list of current training courses was provided and councillors were encouraged to attend.

Correspondence:

Councillor Bowles has completed the public rights of way survey.

Councillor Stewart will attend an Environment Agency information session on local flood risk management and will report back.

Councillor Mitchell requested details of the UK Power Network roadshows,

Finance:

The Annual Return (external audit) has been received with no matters raised.

The Financial Statement and Bank Reconciliation were provided to Councillors. A number of small payments were approved.

Planning:

Langdon Court, Head Hill Road – Application for the provision of a new access point, this had been received shortly after the last meeting, so councillors had made individuals comments as required.

Graveney & Goodnestone Trust:

The audit has been completed and an article about the Trust is ready to go in the newsletter.

Councillor Reports:

Nothing to report.

Any Other Business:

Vehicles are parking on Odin's Path and causing an obstruction. It was agreed to write to the landowner raising the issue.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Monday 9th October 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

20th October End of term – 3.15pm finish

30th October Start of term

This year we will be collecting food for the Faversham Food Bank. Parents and friends are welcome to come and join us at All Saint's Church in Graveney on Wednesday 11th October at 10.00am for our celebrations.

For more information phone:

Sarah Dunkin

01795 532 005

www.graveneyprimary.com

A Message from your County Councillor

Autumn seems to be upon us – misty mornings, heavy showers and a distinct nip in the air. I am hoping for an ‘Indian summer’ but who knows.

I reread my report written at the end of August last year and could really cheat and just reissue. A quieter month than most for meetings but a very large number of Home to School Transport Appeals.

Although we have not been away in August this year we have taken the opportunity to have days out with the grandchildren and other family members. Bedgebury Pinetum, Emmetts Garden and Leeds Castle to name a few destinations. I also spent one day with my eldest Grandson at Canterbury watching England’s under 19’s take on the Indian equivalents at Cricket.

The lesser number of Borough Council meetings has allowed me to visit more Parish Councils although not all meet in August. I have attended Selling, Tunstall, Newnham, Bredgar, Dunkirk and Hernhill. I was especially pleased to be able to get to Tunstall and Bredgar as these two Parishes are in the ‘new’ part of my County Division which I inherited this year due to the Boundary changes.

For the second year running I was at all three days of the New Day Festival at Mount Ephraim, Hernhill. I felt this year the organisation was better and I was pleased to hear only good reports at Hernhill Parish Council a few days later.

On the last day of August I had a very productive meeting with Kent's Chief Constable and some of his senior team. We discussed at length his Kent Police Change programme – Project New Horizon. Despite declining funds and increasing population Mr Pughsley is determined to maintain visible local policing. Modern technology such as body worn cameras are an essential element in keeping Officers on the beat rather than in the Office.

After the meeting above I attended a site meeting in Teynham with Kent County Council Cabinet Member for Highways Matthew Balfour together with Teynham & Lynsted Borough Councillors Lloyd Bowen and Mike Whiting. I believe we have made great progress in getting County to see the seriousness of the highway issues in these two villages. We must now wait the proposals Officers bring forward and then seek to secure funding.

Andrew Bowles

QUALIFIED LOCAL PLUMBER AND HANDYMAN.

No job too small.

All plumbing work.

Flat pack assembly.

Gutter replacement and cleaning.

Gardening.

Decorating.

And much more.

Peter Chambers.

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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: 1st & 8th October, 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

Trish Timms

07926 351628

Toby Dangerfield

Plumbing And Heating

Gas registered

Boiler changes, cylinder changes, power flushes,

Large leaks, small leaks. Gas pipe changes.

All small jobs

Contact number: 01795539781

Mobile: 07810351079

Upcoming Events at the Woman's Institute

October 11th Annual Meeting

November 8th Claire - Medical Detection Dogs

December 13th Christmas Party

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

Friends of All Saints Church

OPEN DAY

At All Saints Church on Saturday November 18th, between
10am – 4pm

**** Christmas Cheer ****

**** Seasonal Gifts and Goodies ****

**** Refreshments ****

Money raised goes towards the Fabric and Maintenance of
the Church

Early Warning for Xmas - Dates for the Diary

Shoe Boxes for Christmas

All Saints Church are collecting shoe box gifts for needy communities in Europe. These are given to children and adults and contain such items as soap, candles, socks, toys etc.

Information sheets will be available from the Church or The Freewheel.

In order to be delivered in time for Christmas, the boxes must be at All Saints by November 3rd.

Make a Christmas Wreath for your front door... Another date for your diary :

Saturday 9th December at St.Barnabas Centre, Boughton, organised by All saints Church.

Tickets will be available in November.

For further information on either of these items contact:

Brenda Tumber 01227 276 227



Village Hall Annual Pantomime Trip

**GRAVENEY & GOODNESTONE VILLAGE
HALL**

PANTOMIME OUTING TO

CINDERELLA

HAZLITT THEATRE, MAIDSTONE

SATURDAY 16TH DECEMBER 2017

FREE SEATS AVAILABLE ONLY FOR VILLAGE

CHILDREN UNDER 14 YEARS

CHILDREN UNDER 7 YEARS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

ALL ADULT TICKETS £15.00

OTHER CHILDREN £7.00

TICKETS LIMITED SO **BOOK EARLY**

FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED

**THE COACH WILL DEPART FROM
CULMERS TERRACE BUS STOP AT **12.30PM****

For Tickets, please contact:

PENNY 01795 538732

TRISH 07926351628

ELAINE 07922461543

BY SATURDAY 25TH NOVEMBER 2017

A Thought for the Month

I AM READY FOR WHATEVER COMES

THERE is no situation in human affairs which has not been provided for. Every agony has been foreseen. The deepest need of man's nature has been met every point. You cannot get to any place and not find God there. He is the stillness at the heart of every storm. He is the Eternal One, the unchanging Reality which lies behind that which is passing.

Are you fearful about the future? Do you wonder what is going to happen to you and yours? Do you dread poverty, disease, war, death? Ringing down the centuries comes the great "Fear Not" of our Lord. Jesus knew what was coming to His own people and yet He said, "Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." He knew to admit fear was to deny God. Fear nothing. Do not be scared of Life or death, of yourself or of other people.

Go calmly about your business whatever comes, holding firmly to your faith in the ultimate goodness of Life. Fear weakens, faith strengthens. Fear tears down, but faith builds up. That which you fear may never come to pass. Pray without ceasing and leave the issue with God.



ABBEY 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

JANET & KEITH 01795 530854



janetipavne47@gmail.com

<http://janetipavne.wix.com/abbeyukeplayers>

Update from the Footpath Warder

History Unfolding

We all had a good time at Langdon Court farm open day, especially eating the strawberries; many thanks to Mr Brooks and his staff.

I recently found a box of maps and guide books, from places we've been too and hopefully visit again, I suspect there's a lot of you out there with a box of maps/guides etc.; and memories of long forgotten holidays.

One such find was a 1978 Ordnance Survey map of the Whitstable and Faversham area.

The scale shows field boundaries and civil parishes, it shows the 2 individual, but now combined parishes of Goodnestone and Graveney; does anybody know when and why they were merged?

Also shown are the old post office at the corner of Sandbanks and Graveney Road, and the old Police house in Goodnestone Lane, both now private dwellings. Maybe someone could write an article about the history of these two premises, I'm sure there's lots of stories and tales to be told, when where they built, who used them; when were they de-commissioned etc.

Strangely, Goodnestone Lane is the only road in the parish that has no name plates, does anybody know the reason for this?

As we now we live in more enlightened and multi-cultural times, churches, of which there are 2 in the parish; are marked PW (Place of Worship) on Ordnance Survey maps.

What really struck me was the absence of the Thanet Way (A299), Brenley corner (A2/M2/A299) junction, nor any mention of the 2 petrol stations and adjoining buildings at Dargate, I'm sure we've all nipped down there for their services, these I suppose are now of course the modern equivalent of the 'corner shops'; how life has changed.

The map shows an old railway branch line running north from Faversham station towards the wharf at Standard Quay, what did it transport; did you work there; plus numerous buildings and farms now long gone. Someone told me recently that there used to be a train halt at Graveney, but I've been skilfully unsuccessful in finding any map that shows the halt, I guess some of you who have lived locally for some time might have a tale to tell, if so we'd like to hear from you.

Murton farm is shown, as well as the old factory on the corner of Love Lane and Whitstable Road in Faversham, recently cleared in preparation for housing; who knows if the watercress farm near Chambers crossing still in existence?

The map shows changes in both the community and how social life has and is forever changing, maybe for the better; who knows!. Places where maybe you worked and or lived are now no longer, but hopefully some good memories of the past.

One good thing is that all the parish footpaths mentioned on this 1978 map are still here today.

Looking further back to a road atlas of England, which has been in my family since WW2, on an inside sheet it states, "In order to comply with the Control of Maps Order, 1940, Street plans etc., have been necessarily omitted from this Edition".

Also omitted, I guess to confuse the enemy; is an index of all the towns and villages.

It shows two coastguard stations, one along the road between the Sportman pub and Seasalter; is this now the sailing clubs club house; with the other coastguard station at the mouth of Faversham creek. Did any of you work there or know someone who did; or even rescued by them maybe?

The atlas shows the Thanet Way being basically a 'T' junction off the Thanet Way towards Whitstable, mind you in those days the traffic density and speed were nothing compared to today.

By chance I found on the internet an Ordnance Survey map dated 1816, Faversham was called Feversham, the footpath that now runs from Graveney School car park eastwards towards Wey Street Farm was a public road, on Nagden Fen, Decoy House is shown; who knows anything about that dwelling and it's history?

Did you know that there used to be a road that ran from the junction of Homestall Lane and the Graveney Road/Whitstable Road right up to Nagden Ferry; I suspect that that road is now incorporated in to the farm tracks, or ploughed up.

However, Culmers opposite the Freewheeler pub isn't shown, when did that estate come into being; and why was it named Culmers?

As you can read, over the last 200 years or so, much has changed in the geography and social lives of our local area, place names have changed, many farms and other buildings have gone, with some new ones appearing, roads and tracks have likewise gone and come; there's nothing as stable as change; and a good map will show history unfolding.

Happy walking

Graveney with Goodnestone footpath warden

Graveney & Goodnestone Trust

In August 2008 London Array created a Community Fund to benefit the residents of the locality to compensate them for any impact resulting from the building of the Windfarm Grid Connection.

The London Array Fund consisted of 4 elements, but only two are held by the Trust:

1. A sum of £300,000 to be administered by a body established by the Graveney with Goodnestone Parish Council. The "Graveney & Goodnestone Trust" was created for this purpose.
2. A further sum of £200,000.00 for enhancing nature conservation on the marshes. This is not administered by the Trust.

3. Educational Bursaries and tuition fees. These are not administered by the Trust.
4. A car park for Graveney Primary School. The car park is owned by the Graveney & Goodnestone Trust and is leased to Graveney Primary School for a nominal fee for as long as the school wishes. The parcel of land was valued at £170,000 on transfer from London Array.

Graveney & Goodnestone Trust is a Company (limited by guarantee) 06736329 and a Charity 1131357.

The following are Officers of the Charity and Directors of the Company: Roger Mitchell (Chairman), Leslie Lound, Roy French, George Bobbin and Alan Stewart. They all give their time and commitment without payment. Previous officers are Cynthia Davis, Clare Boggia and Laurence Young.

Of the initial £300,000 cash grant, which we received in July 2009:

- £100,000 was invested in bonds, which continue to grow. (At the end of 2016, £156,000)
- £50,000 was invested in short term deposits, which attracted decent interest at the time.
- The remainder was held in interest bearing deposit accounts for use in grants.

In our first 8 years:

Grants totalling £127,020 have been given to local activities organised by the Village Hall, All Saints' Church, Churches Conservation Trust (Goodnestone Church), Graveney WI, and others. The Trust helped pay for the Parish Plan completed in 2014 and restoration work for both Parish churches.

Costs totalling £7,816 have gone mostly to Accountant and Solicitor fees, to keep the company legal.

Monies are granted on an individual project basis. We request funds be matched by the applicant and be for the benefit of the residents and environment of Graveney with Goodnestone as it requires in our charter (this does include Faversham without).

Grant request forms can be obtained from the Chairman.

As of the financial year end of the Company in December 2016, the net asset value is £399,721. This figure includes the original value of the car park and the value of the bonds.

The Trust would like to hear from any group or business that might have a project to enhance the life of the Parish residents. We would be interested to receive applications from Graveney School, the Field School or any of the local farms for educational projects (e.g. Open days) benefitting the Parish by generating awareness of local resources.

Roger Mitchell

Chairman

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2nd September 2017

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:

Clare Boggia, details to be updated.

Teresa Bowles 07966 299 648

Faversham without Ward

Catherine Wilkinson 01795 591 731

Goodnestone Ward

Roger Mitchell (Vice-Chairman) 01795 532 372

Graveney Ward

Alan Stewart (Chairman) 01795 533 205

Lesley Lound 07933 350 999

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Bex Ratchford clerkggpc@gmail.com

Parish Website:

www.graveneywithgoodnestonepc.kentparishes.gov.uk/

Borough and County Councillor:

Andrew Bowles 01227 752 840

Borough Councillor:

George Bobbin 01227 751 388

MP (note Parliament currently dissolved):

Helen Whately 0207 219 6472

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

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/

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