

BIN COLLECTION DAYS

Swale Borough Council have announced a change to the dates of our bin collections. From 25 March the collection days for green and blue bins will be Thursdays. Brown bins will remain alternate Wednesdays. Please note that both Tuesday 19 March and Thursday 28 March will apparently be blue bins!

BIN COLLECTIONS			
March	5	Tuesday	Blue bin
	12	Tuesday	Green bin
	13	Wednesday	Brown bin
April	19	Tuesday	Blue bin
	28	Thursday	Blue bin
	3	Wednesday	Brown bin
	4	Thursday	Green bin



HERNHILL NEWS

MARCH 2024

PARISH COUNCIL

The latest news from your Parish Council: Roads, Litter, Planning and Neighbourhood Plan.

If you have a suggestion: You can contact the Parish Council Clerk on 07876221580 or clerk@hernhill-pc.gov.uk

Full copies of the approved minutes for meetings and updated news on planning and road closures are available on the Parish Council Website: www.hernhill-pc.gov.uk.

MEETING 28 FEBRUARY

The February meeting of the Parish Council was held on Wednesday 28th in the village hall. It was attended by the clerk, 7 parish councillors and 3 members of the public.

Public Participation:

Following concerns raised by parishioners about the felling of trees and hedgerow on Waterham Farm at the last meeting, the landowner Guy Botting attended to explain that the work done was essential in order to clear blocked and silted up drainage ditches and prevent flooding. Councillors asked him a few questions and the chairman thanked him for coming to the meeting.

Police Surgery:

Gary Morris held a surgery on 11th February in the village hall. At least one parishioner attended. He reported theft of a number plate from Staplestreet and of a vehicle from farmland. Gary will hold another surgery on 24th March 2pm Village Hall.

The Neighbourhood Plan:

A public presentation of the results of the recent survey and next steps will be made in the village hall on 14th March 6-6.45pm.

Planning:

Application 24/500517 Uplands Cottages

Highstreet Road. Erection of single storey side extension. Councillors voted by majority to support the application.

Decision 23/505591

Crockham Farmhouse, Crockham Lane. Submission of plans to discharge conditions placed on approval of adjacent new building. Application Permitted.

Decision 22/500436

Drainage plan for land north of High Street Road. Application Permitted.

Decision 23/505788

Conservation area notification: felling of Silver Birch Tree, 2 Redbrick Cottages Plum Pudding Lane. No objections.

Litter Pick

The village litter pick took place on 17th February in conjunction with the church and DCA. Hi-vis jackets, gloves and bags were supplied and refreshments served in the village hall. 18 people took part and managed to collect over 40 large bags of rubbish and several tyres. Rebecca has since been in contact with Swale BC to request more or bigger bins and more frequent collections from Wey Street slip road- a notorious litter hot spot. Councillors hope to organise further litter picks perhaps quarterly.

Highways Improvement Plan (HIP)

The long awaited speed limit signs will be erected by KCC on 22nd April. The reason for the delay is that road closures will be necessary. The council have a number of banners, posters and stickers to be distributed via a stall at the village fete.

The Kent Speed watch team will be coming to the next PC meeting in March to explain how to set up a group here. Please could anyone interested in taking part come along and find out what may be involved, the



Chairman: Cllr Barbara Heller
Clerk: Rebecca Parr 07876 221580

more people the better.
The new HIP is now underway. Initial work has been done to identify hazardous spots. Councillors will meet with their opposite numbers in Boughton and Dunkirk PCs next month to share objectives. Let us know of any traffic hot spots in your locale.

Road Closures:

Butlers Hill: 2nd April
A2 Bridge to Brenley Corner closed London Bound weeknights 8pm-6am from 23rd February to 1st March and 11th to 27th March for resurfacing
A299 Thanet Way: Temporary road closures, Speed restrictions and contraflow various

CROSS ON THE GREEN

As in previous years, a cross will be placed on the village green during Holy Week. It will remain bare through the week to remind us of Christ's suffering and death on Good Friday. On Easter Day it will be decorated with flowers in celebration of his resurrection. Anyone is welcome to place flowers on or around the cross on Easter Day to celebrate the resurrection or in memory of a loved one. Prayers and messages can also be left. Please help to transform this symbol of death, darkness and pain into a symbol of resurrection, new life and hope.

**Peter Willcock
Churchwarden**

CHURCH SERVICES FOR MARCH 2024

All are warmly invited to our services during Lent, Holy Week and Easter

- Sunday 3rd March 10am** **Hernhill**
Lent 3 Sung Communion
- Sunday 10th March 10am** **Boughton**
Special service for Mothering Sunday
- Wednesday 13rd March 10:30am.**
Wednesday Worship at St Barnabas, Boughton.
A short service followed by refreshments
- Sunday 17th March 10am** **Boughton**
Lent 5 Morning Worship
- 10:30am** Holy Communion at Graveney
- Palm Sunday, 24th March 10am** **Boughton**
Narrative reading of The Passion, blessing of the palms and Holy Communion
- Maundy Thursday, 28th March 7pm** **Hernhill**
Holy Communion, foot washing and stripping of the altar.
- Good Friday, 29th March 2pm** **Graveney**
Last Hour of the Cross. A quiet reflective service
- Easter Day, Sunday 31st March 10am** **Hernhill**
Alleluia! Christ is risen
Easter Celebration Communion. A service for all ages

times and directions between Hernhill and Herne Bay from 5th April until 20th July for major carriageway reconstruction. The parish council will request local traffic only signs to be placed at the obvious cut through points in an attempt to limit use of our village lanes as alternative routes. There is more detail in KCC notice following.
Next Parish Council meeting 27th March 2024 7.30pm Village Hall
The Annual Parish meeting will take place on 24th April 7pm in the Village Hall, just before the Parish Council meeting.

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL PUBLIC NOTICE

A299 Thanet Way, Hernhill, Yorkletts, Whitstable, Chestfield & Herne Bay
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING, 50 & 40 MPH SPEED RESTRICTIONS & CONTRAFLOW)
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

TEMPORARY ORDER APRIL 2024

To install, maintain as required and remove a contra-flow traffic management system and to enable major carriageway reconstruction works to be carried out, Kent County Council has made an Order to temporarily prohibit traffic movements and restrict speeds on the A299 Thanet Way, Hernhill, Yorkletts, Whitstable, Chestfield & Herne Bay.

The restrictions are planned from 5th April 2024, with estimated completion by 20th July 2024, or where stated on a valid Permit. The scheduled dates may vary for these works with appropriate signage displayed on site and the works will be displayed on [One.Network](#)

Temporary mandatory 50mph and 40 mph speed restrictions will be imposed at all times on the A299 Thanet Way, Hernhill, Yorkletts, Whitstable, Chestfield and Herne Bay, from 5th April 2024, with an estimated completion

by 20th July 2024. The temporary mandatory 50mph and 40mph speed restrictions will be imposed in both directions as follows:-
1. Whenever there is only a single running lane.
2. Through the contraflow section, from approximately 1200 metres to the west side of the Hernhill crossover point to approximately 1200 metres from the east side of the Chestfield tunnel crossover point, and to the extent indicated by signage on site.

It may also be necessary to implement lane 2 closures in both directions between the hours of 05.00 and 19.00 from 5th April 2024 until 13th April 2024 and also between the hours of 05.00 and 19.00 from 13th July 2024 until 20th July 2024 to maintain a safe environment for passing traffic. It will also be necessary to prohibit the following traffic movements:-

The A299 Thanet Way, Hernhill, Yorkletts, Whitstable, Chestfield and Herne Bay will be closed west bound (London bound) only between the hours of 19.00 and 05.00, from 5th April 2024 until 12th April 2024 and 13th July 2024 until 20th July 2024, when the appropriate signage is displayed on site.

It may also be necessary to prohibit the

HERNHILL PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

With your help, we can create a Neighbourhood Plan for our Parish that reflects the needs & wishes of everyone who lives and works here. Many of you completed the survey, so we would like to share the results and discuss what the next steps could look like.

**COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT MEETING**
Thursday 14th March
6:00pm to 6:45pm
HERNHILL VILLAGE HALL



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NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN
HERNHILL

following traffic movements:-

The A299 Thanet Way, Hernhill, Yorkletts, Whitstable, Chestfield and Herne Bay may be closed in both directions at any time between the 5th April 2024 and 20th July 2024, and when the appropriate signage is displayed on site. This restriction is required as a contingency for any incident responses, vehicle recovery and maintenance to the traffic management equipment.

The alternative route for diverted traffic is as follows:-

A2 Boughton bypass, A2 Harbledown off/on slip eastbound/westbound, A2050 Harbledown bypass, Rheims Way, A290 Rheims Way, A28 Pin Hill, Rhodaus Town, Upper Bridge Street, Lower Bridge Street, Broad Street, Military Road, Tourtel Road,

Sturry Road, Mill Road, A291 Sturry Hill, Herne Bay Road, Calcott Hill, Canterbury Road, Herne Street, A299 Thanet Way and vice versa.

The restrictions are required for the safety of the public and workforce while installation, maintenance, removal of a contra-flow traffic management system and major carriageway reconstruction works are undertaken by Kent County Council.

For information regarding these restrictions, please contact Kent County Council on 03000 418181, who will be able to assist with the scope of these works.

Simon Jones, Corporate Director of Growth, Environment and Transport, Kent County

INFORMATION FROM CLEVE HILL SOLAR PARK LTD

"I am writing to confirm the four remaining abnormal load delivery dates for Cleve Hill Solar Park via Monkshill Road and Seasalter Road.

These are forecasted to take place on Wednesday 6 March, Thursday 14 March, Wednesday 27 March and Wednesday 3 April. The procedure in which each abnormal load is delivered will be continued as per the

previous deliveries to site. The deliveries will take place between 9.30am and midday. They are anticipated to take 30 minutes to transit through Monkshill Road and a further 10 minutes along Seasalter Road to the London Array/National Grid Road entrance".

**David Fisher
Head of Construction**

KCC NEWS

Following on the theme of the piece I wrote last month, at Swale Borough Council its all systems go in preparation for the new waste collection contract which is coming in late March.

I was hoping to have included information about which days resident's bins would now be emptied on a parish by parish basis, but a few additional, last minute changes to the routes meant that sadly this was not possible. I can, however, say that letters are being sent out to every household from mid-February, so you should have received one by the time you read this.

The new collection dates will take effect from Monday 25th March, so please stick to your current collection dates until that point.

As I also mentioned last month, we will be doing our best to improve rates of collection

not only of dry recycling, but also of food waste. This is something that has numerous benefits, including helping to keep your bins less smelly and your green bin cleaner and reducing the cost of disposing of waste for our councils. The food waste collected separately from household rubbish is turned into compost, which is great for the environment. If you don't already have them, you can order both orange and black 'kerbside' food waste bins, and small silver food waste bins for your kitchen on the Swale Borough Council website by going to the following link - <http://tinyurl.com/swalefoodwaste>.

Rich Lehmann
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HERNHILL CE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

At Hernhill, we would class ourselves as a very 'sporty school!' You might have even seen our cross country running club out and about the village on a Wednesday lunchtime. We are part of the East Kent Sports Partnership which enables our children to take part in lots of local competitions. We are also proud to have been awarded the School Games Platinum Mark every year since 2018.

During Term 1, our Year 6 sports crew attended training and they are now looking forward to running some intra school competitions. In October, Year 2 children had the opportunity to take part in a basketball sports festival without the competitive element. Children enjoyed the opportunity to learn new skills and take part in some new activities. In the run up to Christmas, Year 3 and 4 children took part in the uniquely named sport of "Unihoc Cornerball"! This festival was extremely enjoyable and it was fabulous to see the children grow in

confidence during the course of the afternoon.

As we moved into 2024, we had two teams participate in the "Wake Up and Shake Up" competitions demonstrating their fabulous synchronised dance/aerobic routines which they had created at school. We were delighted with 1st and 2nd places! The 'Active Stacking' festival was next in our calendar where children from Years 2 and 3 tried lots of new activities using cups to try, developing teamwork and confidence.

Our latest sports event was the Cross Country competition. 12 children attended in total and all our children completed the races, which was our target! The Year 3/4 team came 1st and the rest ran as individuals. We are incredibly proud of them all. Next up this term is infant agility, handball, quick sticks and hockey – watch this space!

Sarah Alexander
Headteacher

HERNHILL GARDENING CLUB

Spring Show Saturday 23rd March 2024
Afternoon viewing from 2:30pm open to the public.

Loads of classes for flowers, vegetables, baking, crafts and photography.

Show includes a raffle and auction of flowers and vegetables. Refreshments are provided in the afternoon.

Please contact Rebeccaparr2@aol.com for a show Schedule and timings which is provided upon payment of membership.
New Members Welcome: £8 family £6 individual annually.

Rebecca Parr

COMMUNITY POLICING



Police surgery

Your local officer will be holding a police surgery on:

Sunday 24th March 2024
between
14:00-15:00hrs at
Hernhill Village Hall,
Hernhill, ME13 9JG

Speak to PC Morris about your concerns on crime and anti-social behaviour

HISTORICAL HERNHILL



Fred Bones with the Mount Ephraim engine outside No 4, Staplestreet, in 1910. His eldest son, Fred Junior, is the lad in the trailer. It was an Aveling and Porter GKN Tractor, built in Strood, works number 7137, and could be converted into a roller when needed. The engine was kept in a shed at Holly Hill Farm, which was still standing when Tom Boorman copied the photograph for the old Hernhill Historical Society in 1988. It was sold to Faversham Haulage firm Francis Davies in 1918.

Crispin Whiting

SMALL ADS

ONE PERSON FLAT TO LET IN HERNHILL

Living room with open plan kitchen, bedroom with ensuite shower room. Located near The Red Lion. Off street parking. Own transport essential. Use of garden. Suit single professional non-smoker. References required. £650 pcm inclusive of heating,

water and sewage bills. Council Tax Band A. Electricity paid by tenant. Deposit required.

EPC rating C.

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