

# Graveney with Goodnestone Village Newsletter

April 2018



## A note from the editor

With tete-a-tetes providing the first bursts of colour and daffodils now emerging from their winter rest, I'm sure we are all hoping for some spring sunshine. In the meantime, Happy Easter!

A special thank you to Val for supporting the newsletter and delivering to the residents of the Four Horse Shoes park.

Volunteers still needed for delivery for Graveney Village and Faversham Without. Also see page 26 for an opportunity to support flower arranging at All Saints' Church.

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Chris Harding

## All Saints' Church

Everyone is welcome to all our services and events

### **Sunday services:**

#### **1 April ~ Easter Day**

6.15 am dawn service with Holy Communion at Graveney Church followed by breakfast

10 am Easter Celebration Communion at Hernhill Church

**8 April** - 10.30 am Morning Worship

**15 April** - 10.30 am Holy Communion

**22 April** - 10.30 am Morning Worship

**29 April** - 10.30 am Morning Worship with baptism

**6 May** - 10.30 am Holy Communion

### **Other services:**

**Messy Church** - Saturday 21 April in St Barnabas, The Street, Boughton at 3.30pm Theme: Breakfast on the beach

Wheelchairs available: There are 2 folding wheelchairs available for short term loan by anyone who needs one. Contact Revd. Jean Burrows

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## **Update from Reverend Paulette Stubbings**

### **Papering over the cracks**

Our home is upside down and inside out at the moment. We have contractors in, fixing cracks in nearly every room which have been caused by subsidence. All our furniture has been piled into the centre of each room, and all our belongings have been piled up wherever else there's space, so that they can get at the walls and pin, plaster and redecorate where needed.

I found this particularly tricky, as we were heading towards Easter – one of the busiest (and best) times in the year for the Church. I really needed to be organised, I had things I needed to plan and sort out. I wanted to be in the right frame of mind for what lay ahead. Instead I found I was basically reeling from the domestic chaos and finding it hard to keep a grip on anything, let alone find the mental time to prepare properly.

Thinking about this experience made me reflect that we often feel the need to wait until things are sorted and right – for the correct conditions before we feel able to 'do business' with God. I know from my visits to families about baptisms, weddings and funerals that many people are spiritual rather than religious – they have a sense that there is God, or a higher power out there – and quite often people will have prayed in times of need – even if they sometimes wonder if those prayers are even heard.

For those prepared to engage with the idea of God, this is so often what we think about it all – that we have to brush up, clean up our act, paper over the cracks and cover the chaos before we can be somehow acceptable. I once was caught out

by the Archdeacon - a senior Church Leader - coming to visit me at home – he came about half an hour early (I know!) while I was in a frenzy of vacuuming the hall. I invited him in saying ‘hello, welcome, you’ve caught me trying to give the impression my house is cleaner than it usually is!’

What I want to say, if you have ever reached out in hope that God might be there – and then paused, thinking if he was, why would he ever be bothered with someone who has cracks and flaws and chaos and problems – then the good news is this:

God put his love on the line for us through Jesus’ death and resurrection exactly when we were at our worst, our least spiritual, our most chaotic, our lowest point. It’s in the very cracks and scars of life that he meets us in love. There is no need to pretend with God than we are anything other than we are because he already knows, and because he could not love us more than he already does.

## Parish Council News

The following is an edited summary of the Parish Council meeting held Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 7:30pm in the Village Hall.

Attended by 4 councillors, the Clerk and 4 members of the public.

### **Matters Arising:**

Site for the dog bin has been checked and will now proceed to purchase dog bin.

KCC has been informed of the low bridge sign design and Network Rail also written to.

There has been no uptake on the casual vacancy advertised for the Parish Council.

Transparency Fund grant money has been received.

The Parish precept form has been returned to Swale Borough Council ("SBC") and questions regarding the increase addressed.

A grant for the bus shelter repair has not been applied for as no invoice for the work has been received yet.

The Neighbourhood Watch sign is available for collection from Sittingbourne police station.

Councillor Boggia received a response from Helen Whately MP stating that the lorry park issue is being monitored and the Head of Planning Enforcement at SBC visited the Eco-Merchant site and is monitoring further.

### **Crime Report:**

There are three crimes listed on the website; all are vehicle crime.

### **Cleve Hill Solar Park:**

The Chair of GREAT (Graveney Rural Environment Action Team) was present to give an update. A consultee meeting was held at the end of February with Cleve Hill Solar Park, GREAT and the PC. The site has been tweaked slightly with part of Cleve Hill removed, and some mitigating features introduced.

Phase 2 of the consultation starts in April/May, which should be more specific. Consultations have started with the RSPB, Kent Wildlife Trust and Natural England. GREAT are currently focussing on raising awareness both locally and further afield. An article was put in the parish newsletter, signage is being created, the website is very active and a funding website has been set up. Meetings with local news agencies are being arranged. It was suggested that GREAT meeting dates be put on the village Facebook page to try and engage with more residents, and that advertising is done non-electronically also. GREAT are looking at the possibility of providing transport for people to attend the consultation events. GREAT are not requesting funding at the moment but were advised to provide a breakdown of costs and income if they wish to do so in the future.

#### **Street Lighting:**

No news had been received regarding the safety works on several lanterns or on the costs of switching off and removing two lanterns. The clerk will follow up.

#### **Village Sign:**

The invoice had been received with the final cost of the sign £5800 plus VAT and the installation £1000 plus VAT. The cost was agreed and it was agreed to have a site meeting with the land owner to confirm the exact location ready for installation.

#### **Traffic Calming:**

A response had been received from Kent County Council ("KCC") and the officer will look at the village in person.

**GDPR:**

The clerk had attended training on the General Data Protection Regulation (“GDPR”) and gave an update. Parish Councils are required to appoint a Data Protection Officer, which cannot be the clerk or a councillor. External companies are offering this service, with current quotes ranging from £150-£750 per annum, although there is the possibility that SBC may also offer the service. The council may need to register with the Information Commissioners Office and update or create a Data Protection Policy. The council will also need to check that any external services it uses which process data are compliant with the new regulations. There is a template letter available for this. Data may need to be encrypted in future, and KALC are offering training on this, but any measures taken should be reasonable and proportionate. It was agreed to monitor the situation and draft a policy if necessary. Clerk to monitor and draft a policy ready for the APCM in May.

**Local Government Ethical Standards Consultation:**

This survey is extensive and requires a full response to be written. It was agreed that the clerk would draft a response.

**ACRK:**

It was agreed to renew membership of Action with Communities in Rural Kent (“ACRK”) and to write requesting advice regarding the solar park.

**Correspondence:**

There appears to be land clearance and a new parking area being installed at the Four Horseshoes Park. SBC have been contacted and are monitoring the situation.

Councillor Boggia will organise a litter pick at residents' own risk as part of the Great British Spring.

There have been rumours of events planned to be held at Monkshill Farm. SBC have no knowledge of this although a KCC officer has requested details of local events for traffic/highways reasons.

An email had been received from the local Footpath Officer which caused some confusion, but this is a co-ordinator role and does not replace the local Footpath Warden.

**Finance:**

Payment for the village sign at £6,800 plus VAT and to Streetlight for £1,559 plus VAT, were agreed.

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

**Planning:**

1 Langdon Court Cottages, Head Hill Road – retrospective application to extend agricultural land for the purpose of vehicle parking, approved and noted.

Land at Cleve Hill – installation of a bird watching/monitoring hide, approved and noted.

Baywreath, Seasalter Road – erection of a single storey side extension. It was agreed to comment with no objection.

**Graveney & Goodnestone Trust:**

A meeting had been held and the recipient of a grant had given a report. One application had been received but not approved as clarification was required.

**Councillor Reports:**

Councillor Boggia: The footpath from London Array to the Sportsman is very overgrown. The footpath warden will take a look and report if necessary. There have been more lorry movements, so these have been reported to the Environment Agency, who are monitoring the situation.

Councillor Mitchell: Commented on the large number of potholes, particularly since the bad weather.

Councillor Stewart: Has reported a number of potholes and thanked the local farmer who kept the roads passable during the snow. Cllr Stewart attended the Rural Crime Training Day, which covered topics including recent and current operations, modern slavery, the Country Eye app, Kent Horse Watch, off-road bikes, speeding, fly-tipping, garage and shed thefts.

**Any Other Business:**

The fire hydrant warden has completed the initial checks and has reported back to KFRS, who are dealing with the issues raised. Hydrants should be checked every four months. The footpath warden will ask KCC to install a dog gate by the

railway bridge. Residents have raised the issue of dog waste by the school.

### **Next Meeting:**

The next meeting will be held on Monday 9th April 2018. The April Parish Council meeting will follow the Annual Parish Meeting which will start at 19.00.

## A Message from your County Councillor

It feels as though February was dominated by the weather although, of course, the snow did not arrive until Monday the 26<sup>th</sup>.

February is the Budget month for Local Authorities. Kent County Council met all day on Tuesday the 20<sup>th</sup> to determine its Budget. Swale Borough Council then met on the evening of Wednesday the 21<sup>st</sup> to confirm its own Budget requirements and set the level of Council Tax. This also includes the amounts precepted by the Police and Crime Commissioner and by the Fire and Rescue Authority. In most parts of Swale and indeed all of the Swale East Division (except for Luddenham) there will be an extra amount levied by Parish Councils. The County Council Budget comprises of £958.488 million of revenue expenditure and capital investments of £794.707 million. At Swale Borough Council Revenue Expenditure of £16,531,514 was agreed about half of which will be raised from the Council Tax, the rest from a mixture of income from fees and charges plus revenue from business rates. The Borough's budget also includes £500,000 capital investment in equipment for play areas and £250,000 to boost tourism. There is also £2 million

set aside for likely essential repairs and improvements to Sittingbourne and Sheppey leisure centres.

The effect of all of the above is a 2.99% increase in the County share in addition to the 2% allowed as an additional social care levy. The Swale Borough Council increase is much lower in both real and percentage terms and gives a Borough Council Tax of £169.83 per average household (Band D). This is an increase for the Borough element of just under £5 per year.

February was not just about Budgets and snow! We welcomed Sir John Armitt who has succeeded Michael Heseltine as Chairman of the Government's Thames Estuary Growth Commission to the February meeting of the Thames Gateway Kent Partnership Board. I am afraid Sir John had to endure quite a roasting from myself, and others, on Government ever increasing housing targets and the lack of necessary infrastructure and on the ever-decreasing local democracy in the planning process.

We also had an update from the proposers of the Solar Farm on Cleve Marshes given to invited County (I was the only one in attendance) Borough, and Parish Councillors held at Graveney Village Hall. Faversham and Mid Kent Member of Parliament Helen Whatley was also in attendance.

The last week in February started for me with a photo shoot at Remembrance Avenue, Sittingbourne, in the snow, to promote the work we are doing here in Swale to commemorate the First World War. I then returned to Swale House for our quarterly meeting with the Police and Swale Branch of the National Farmers Union to discuss rural crime and policing. Good news, yet to be officially confirmed, of extra Officers to be assigned

to the rural team in North Division which includes Swale. The sad part is that we said goodbye to PC Preston Frost who is retiring. PC Frost has been a stalwart of rural policing, his work has led to his being given too many awards to list but including Community Officer of the year, Police Officer of the Year and Swale Borough Council's own award to a member of staff of a partner organisation. Well done and thank you 'Frostie', hope we are able to find another way to use your skills and experience to benefit our rural community.

After that the roof, or at least the snow, fell in. The rest of the final week of the month became a list of cancelled or postponed meetings plus some that were converted into conference calls.

Two brief updates on last months' report, somehow the Friends of Milstead School was wrongly typed as Friends of Milton School in the list of those organisations who were successful in obtaining grants from my local county members fund. Apologies. Secondly, I am still awaiting a flood of enquiries from women or anyone else who wishes to stand for election to the Borough Council.

*Andrew Bowles*

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## An update from Helen Whately MP

“Just get on with it,” is the phrase you hear most often when talking to people about Brexit, whatever way they voted in the referendum. Britain voted to leave and there’s no going back. Rather than re-running the referendum campaign, it’s time to focus on our future relationship with the EU. It’s time to decide what we want to change and what we want to keep. And it’s time for politicians on all sides to step off their campaign platforms, roll up their sleeves and discuss the implications of the choices we face.

The Prime Minister recently gave a detailed speech setting out her plans. She has always been upfront that we are leaving the single market and the customs union. And she’s clear about the trade-offs: we won’t have the same access to EU markets, but we will be able to have our own trade policy and prioritise exports to the fastest growing markets around the world. We will have more control over our laws and our immigration policy. The EU has been clear that free movement and market access go hand in hand, and it would be misleading to suggest otherwise.

But the EU will still be on our doorstep in Kent, and we want to maintain close ties. It’s also vital that goods pass smoothly across the border, avoiding a return of Operation Stack or a hard border in Ireland. There are some EU agencies, like Euratom and the Medicines Agency, that we may want to remain a part of, and we will have to make financial contributions and abide by certain rules to do that.

There will be opportunities to go further in areas like animal welfare than the EU allows. We'll be able to form our own agriculture policy that's better for British farmers - with more support for fruit and vegetable farmers in Kent who contribute to public health by growing fresh, nutritious food.

Ours will not be an 'off-the-shelf' deal with the EU and it must stand the test of time. The agreement we reach will be the foundation of our future relationship, which new generations will build and shape in years to come.



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## Solar Park working party update

The Graveney Rural Environment Action Team (GREAT) continues its work opposing the proposed solar park. The scale of the development is huge - the same time as the town of Faversham. This is five times bigger than the biggest park in the UK, and seventy times bigger than the Abbey Fields development.



### **Stage of application process**

A reminder of how it works - this is so large it has to go through the 'Nationally Significant Infrastructure' process. This has six official stages and takes many months. The final decision will be taken by the Secretary of State and won't happen until the end of 2019 or 2020 at the earliest.

The developers are in the 'pre-application' stage during which they are supposed to be consulting widely. Phase two of this consultation is now happening. The developers are continuing their range of meetings - with groups such as the Faversham Society, and environmental bodies like Greenpeace. Some local people have been classified as 'near neighbours' and have been able to have direct meetings with the developers. There will also be another round of public events like the previous round in December. The dates for these are slipping (perhaps the developers are having problems?) but we now expect these to be happening in May.

So what are we finding out with these meetings? The developers have come up with a little more detail. They are

making minor modifications around the edges, which they say is in response to feedback. Their first set of plans were very vague and showed solar panels going to the edge of the boundary almost everywhere. The developers can now say that they have listened to feedback and in response have changed their plans. Many people think that the first designs were lacking in detail and that these second designs show little improvement. Overall the developers are still working out a lot of their design and don't have answers for all our questions.

We do know that there will probably be over 1 million solar panels, and that these will be 4m high in places. The proposal is to use an 'east-west' configuration that is not often used elsewhere. This approach allows the developers to get more panels in. There are pictures of this type of arrangement in their scoping report - the panels are arranged like roofs going up to an apex and then down again. This is a dense arrangement of panels and we are worried that it heavily restricts light getting through to the soil. This presumably has a detrimental effect on the soil health.

We also know that there will be many transformer sheds - the plans in the scoping report show 82 of them. These are the large green sheds you often see in electrical installations - the size is 3m by 4m by 7m. They need to protect these from possible flood damage and so will either need to raise them off the ground by some distance or some other mechanism - they've talked about using rafts!?

We also know that the local Swale Green Party have come out against the development. This is a crucial piece of news - the Green Party is an avid support of renewable energy and would

normally be a strong advocate for solar parks. However, they have so many concerns about this proposal that they were unable to support it. There aren't many solar developers who can't even get the Green Party to support them! It just shows that our case - that this is the wrong type of solar, at the wrong scale and in the wrong place is correct.

### **Raising awareness**

Members of the GREAT group are working hard to raise awareness of this proposal. It is unbelievable that we are still hearing from people that haven't heard anything about this proposal! It shows how poorly the developer's consultation is going. We have raised this point with the developer's PR company, but they insist that they have done everything possible to make people aware. If you have not received information from the developers or feel that you should have received an invitation for a direct meeting and haven't please let us know (contact details at the end of the article).

Our efforts to make people more aware have been gaining the attention of the media. Faversham News has been running stories, and this was also picked up by KMTV and ITV Meridian News.

### **Campaign funds**

We have started to raise money via an online crowd-funding campaign and I'm pleased to say that this has already raised £1000. Many thanks to all who have contributed, and if you'd like to add to this then please visit:

<https://www.gofundme.com/no-solar-park-in-graveney>

If you'd prefer to contribute via cash or cheque then please get in touch and we'll happily make arrangements for this to happen.

These funds will be used for marketing materials - printing posters, leaflets and signs to help make our case. You may already have seen some of our signs go up on the roads through the village.

### **Contact details**

We'd love to hear from you if you'd like to volunteer or help in some way. Do please get in touch - we can provide more information directly for anyone who is not online.

Michael Wilcox, Chair of GREAT and resident in Nagden

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## Thought of the Month

From the beginning of time, the tides have risen and fallen and will continue to do so until the end of time. Like the tides of the sea are the tides of life. Men have been borne along, rejoicing on the crest of an incoming tide. Then it recedes, leaving much more wreckage shattered along the shore.

We cannot form a true conception of life when the tide is out any more than we can obtain a true picture of the shore under the same conditions. When all things seem at low ebb, we must not give away to despondency, but must wait and work – hopefully, prayerfully, confidently – for the turn of the tide.

Walter J Sidney

## 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

## 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: 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>st</sup> April, 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

## 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.

**April 11th** - Designing a Garden for Wildlife

**April 21th** - Wine & Wisdom at Graveney Villiage Hall, 7pm for 7.30pm Start, Tables of 8, to book a table call Teresa

**May 8th** (please note this is a Tuesday) - Entertainment from Warmlake Dance Academy

**June 13th** - Car Treasure Hunt

**July 11th** - Mandy Oliver-Richard, Medical Herbalist

For further information contact: Teresa Bowles on 07966 299648 or e-mail [teresa.bowles22@btinternet.com](mailto:teresa.bowles22@btinternet.com)

Or Sue Wraight on 01227 751361

**Local Residents,  
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Volunteering can be wonderful and fulfilling, it can provide help and support to those who need it the most.

At Macmillan Crossroads Care Kent & Medway Volunteer Service, we support people affected by cancer and their carers. Our team provide quality information and guidance, along with a helpful assessment process to understand what support is needed. Currently our volunteers provide:

- companionship
- emotional support
- light housework or gardening
- social outings
- shopping
- escorting to medical appointments

One of our valued volunteers Isabel has expressed the following; *“I became aware of the Macmillan Crossroads volunteer opportunity whilst volunteering for Pilgrims Hospice and they asked me to come in for an interview. The rest is history (well over 3 years of it) I visit people in their homes do bits of light gardening, light housework, shopping trips, health appointment visits and cups of tea and chats. I even get to work once again with students as I am lucky enough to be part of training and supporting 6th form students in this type of care work. The rewards are immense I have learnt so much from these people about lives led challenges faced and to still be faced, all is put into perspective. Life is for living and sharing*

*even when time maybe in short supply. Give it a go Every visit is different and being part of a team is very enjoyable.”*

Can you spare some time each week? Do you have a good listening ear, the first and most important part of helping? Do you have a special interest or skill could benefit someone?

Volunteering is a very positive addition to your CV as it can demonstrate your commitment to a work ethic and your caring nature. There is also in-house training available for all volunteers and volunteering expenses can be reimbursed in line with our volunteering policy.

Local volunteers are required to help local people. At the moment, volunteers travel from all over the west Kent area to help local residents.

If you feel you'd like to make a difference when someone needs a helping hand, contact Sam, Phil or Chloe on 01227 743703 [enquiries.macmillan@crossroadskent.org](mailto:enquiries.macmillan@crossroadskent.org) or find us on Facebook Macmillan Crossroads Volunteer Service

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## Neighbourhood Watch

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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  
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## ABBNEY UKULELE CLUBS

Meet as follows:

**1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>** each month on  
**TUESDAYS**

**Sheerness East W.M.C.**  
**2pm – 4pm**

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



**1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> THURSDAYS** each month  
**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**

**Beginners & players all welcome**  
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## Recipe for the Month

If you have read any of the other April recipes, you'll probably notice a theme, Asparagus! It's at its best when young and tender and of course sourced locally...

The Romans even used asparagus in popular expressions "Velocius quam asparagi conquantur!"... which means, 'get going', so here a different recipe to get going with!

### **Ingredients**

3 tbsp. olive oil (or sunflower)  
4 cloves of garlic (crushed)  
1 red chilli (finely chopped)  
225g fresh shitake mushroom (caps only)  
4 spring onions (chopped)  
16 small asparagus tips / spears  
8 tortillas  
1 lime  
Coriander  
Salt

### *Dressing*

Guacamole  
Chilli sauce

### **Method**

- 1) Prepare garlic (crush), chilli (finely chop), spring onions (chopped) and shitake mushrooms (remove stalks)

- 2) In a frying pan add the garlic, chilli, spring onions and shitake mushrooms and on a medium heat until soft. Be careful not to burn the garlic
- 3) Meanwhile either griddle or grill the asparagus until soft. This should take 4-5 minutes
- 4) Warm the tortillas
- 5) Add a couple of asparagus spears per wrap, some of the garlic mushroom mix and good spoonful of guacamole and chilli sauce to taste

## Flower Arranging All Saints' Church

A faithful team have served throughout many years to beautify our lovely village church with their flower arrangements. We are indebted to them, but help is now needed to ease the load on the few.

Could you help please?

Don't allow lack of experience to dissuade you, flower arranging skills can be shared with inexperienced arrangers. This can be achieved either at festive times, such as Easter, Harvest and Christmas, where extra arrangements are needed, or sharing one or two duties during the year with an experience arranger. If you are tempted, but require more information or encouragement please get in touch. Ring me on 01795 531835 and you will be most welcome to discuss details.

Sonia Bones

## Contacts of Local Representatives

### **Parish Councillors:**

Clare Boggia, details to be updated.

Teresa Bowles 07966 299 648

### **Faversham without Ward**

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### **Goodnestone Ward**

Roger Mitchell (Vice-Chairman) 01795 532 372

### **Graveney Ward**

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Lesley Lound 07933 350 999

### **Clerk to the Council:**

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### **Parish Website:**

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### **Borough and County Councillor:**

Andrew Bowles 01227 752 840

### **Borough Councillor:**

George Bobbin 01227 751 388

### **MP:**

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

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## Articles for this Newsletter

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