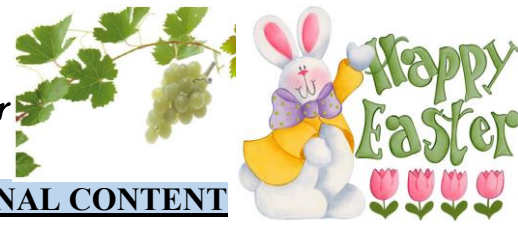




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Capel-le-Ferne Village Newsletter

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PLEASE NOTE IT IS EDITOR'S DECISION ON FINAL CONTENT

**YOU ARE ALL INVITED
TO
A COFFEE MORNING**

**Friday, 6th April
Friday, 4th May**

10:00am to 12:00noon

Where
**St Radigund's Church Hall,
Albany Road, Capel-le-Ferne, CT18 7JT**

Please come along. We'd love to see you.
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PRESENTS




THE COLROSE 7

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St Radigunds Church,
Albany Road, Capel-le-Ferne
at
7.30pm
on
Friday, 13th April 2018

Tickets £10 (includes light refreshments) from
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01303 251403
e mail johne.oliver22@gmail.com

"WHAT'S ON" IN CAPEL-LE-FERNE

If you know details of your event in advance, please let Editor know so organisations avoid booking same date

6 th Apr	Capel Cares Coffee Morning @ St Radigunds Church Hall
10 th Apr	WI - Mrs Jen Parsons – How not to be a victim of Crime (page 13)
13 th Apr	The Colrose 7 Jazz band (page 2)
14 th Apr	Cancer Research Jumble Sale 2pm
24 th Apr	FILM SHOW @ Village Hall (Page 6)
24 th Apr	Bowls Club Bingo Night 7pm for 7.30pm start
4 th May	Capel Cares Coffee Morning @ St Radigunds Church Hall
8 th May	WI - Resolutions Meeting and Update on ACWW (page 13)
9 th May	Railway Swing Band @ Village Hall (page 14)
12 th May	Snowdown Colliery Welfare Male Voice Choir St Radigunds Church
19 th May	Capel School PFA Quiz Night 7pm – 10pm (page 13)
22 nd May	FILM SHOW @ Village Hall (Page 6)
8 th Jun	Frank Conley on Gilbert Sullivan- Heroes and Villains
12 th Jun	WI - Mrs Kath Clark – History of Capel-le-Ferne (page 13)
26 th Jun	FILM SHOW @ Village Hall (Page 6)
16 th Jun	Capel Youth Club Car Treasure Hunt (page 6)
28 th Jun	Capel Youth Club Annual General Meeting (page 6)
29 th Jun	BINGO NIGHT – WI @ Church Hall, (page 13)
10 th Jul	WI - Dr Gehad Homsey – Mercy Ships (page 13)
13 th Jul	Adrian Christian Mires - Classical Guitar recital
14 th Aug	WI - Garden Meeting (2.30 p.m.) TBA (page 13)
2 nd Sep	GARAGE SAFARI
11 th Sep	WI - Burlesque Evening (page 13)
6 th Oct	Quiz Night @ Capel School – Capel Youth Club 7.30pm start
9 th Oct	WI - Mrs Glynis Miller – Food Banks (page 13)
10 th Nov	Craft Fair @ Village Hall (page 13)
11 th Nov	Battle's Over – A Nation's Tribute & WWI Beacons of Light (page 9)
13 th Nov	WI - Annual Meeting – Helen Stevenson Quiz (page 13)
11 th Dec	WI – Christmas Meeting (page 13)



Spring Jumble Sale

In Aid of
**The Royal Marsden Cancer
Research Funds**

will be held in 

Capel-le-Ferne Village Hall
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Saturday April 14th at 2.00pm

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Any Jumble or Bric-a-brac can be taken to
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BOWLS CLUB – BINGO NIGHT
TUESDAY, 24TH APRIL,
7PM FOR 7.30PM EYES DOWN
IN THE VILLAGE HALL

CHURCH SERVICES, April 2018			
Date	Alkham	Capel	Hougham
Sunday 1st April EASTER DAY	Easter Day Eucharist 9.30 am	Easter Day Eucharist 7.00 am ...followed by breakfast	Easter Day Eucharist 11 am
Sunday 8th Easter 2	Eucharist 9.30 am	Worshipping Together 11 am	
Saturday 14th Fun, fellowship and food – please let Pam (01303 489006) or Brian (01303 243784) know if you plan to come.		 3.00 – 5.00 pm	
Sunday 18th Easter 3	(Alkham Village Hall) Worshipping Together 11am	Evensong 6.00 pm	Eucharist 9:30 am
Sunday 22nd Easter 4			Benefice Eucharist (with Prayer Ministry after Communion) 10.00 am
Sunday 29th Easter 5		Benefice Eucharist at St Mary's (Capel Old Church) 10.00 am	
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From the Vicarage

Many of you will remember the late, great actor and comedian Peter Sellers – perhaps as the accident-prone French detective Inspector Clouseau in the *Pink Panther* series of films, or in some of the other roles that he played. Sitting with a cup of tea in front of the TV and flicking through the channels recently, I came across one of his earlier films - *Heavens Above!* In it, he plays a vicar. As you can imagine, I was instantly hooked, and ended up spending much longer over my cup of tea than I had meant to.

In the film Sellers' character is appointed to a well-to-do parish – completely by mistake. Practising what he preaches, he scandalises his parishioners by taking in various waifs and strays, appointing a dustman as churchwarden, and persuading a local landowner to provide free food for the townspeople. Nobody ever expected him to take Christianity *that* seriously, and in the resulting chaos it becomes clear that he really will have to go – but how? The Church comes up with a solution – appoint him Bishop of Outer Space! He ends up in orbit, warbling hymns about love and forgiveness to a global audience as he circles the Earth.

It was very funny to watch, of course – but it also contained a grain of truth. Just as Sellers' vicar character ended up with little thanks for his sincerity, so not everything Jesus said and did suited everyone. As I write Holy Week is approaching, when Christians remember how Jesus, too, practised what he preached, and how it all ended on the cross. But Easter reminds us that his story doesn't end there, but continues in the lives of those who set out to follow him. Happy Easter!
Brian

Capel Church Hall Fund - Programme for 2018

GET YOUR TICKETS FOR THE BEST CAPEL GIG OF 2018

On Friday 13th of April at 7.30pm in St Radigunds Church, Albany Road we will be delighted to welcome back **The Colrose 7** with their unique mixture of Jazz and fun. This is a ticket only evening and we usually have a capacity audience when they perform for us so don't delay in requesting your tickets costing **£10** from me, by phoning 01303 251403 or emailing johneoliver22@gmail.com

Then on **Saturday 12th May** we welcome back **The Snowdown Colliery Welfare Male Voice Choir** for their third concert for us in St Radigunds Church at 7.30 pm.

Tickets **£10** are also available from me and this concert has been a sell out for the first two concerts so, again, don't delay in requesting your tickets.

**John Oliver, Chairman, Capel Church Hall Fund,
Tel: 01303 251403 or e mail to johne.oliver22@gmail.com**

PLEASE NOTE ... BOTH - ST RADIGUND'S CHURCH AND HALL ARE AVAILABLE FOR LETTING PURPOSES

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The Village Hall Committee has had a strange month with things suddenly stopping working only to start up again soon after. The top oven wasn't working one week - we sought help to get it fixed, discussed it at the monthly meeting only for it to work the following week. The projector screen jumped off the ceiling – we were quoted £1300 for its replacement and then John Carter came to our rescue and managed to secure the existing screen more securely with wooden battens and lots of elbow grease. During Film Club the sound system suddenly stopped working and despite the concerted efforts of Bob and an army of helpers, the film club had to be reconvened for the following week, involving a fair amount of re-organisation. The sound system is now working perfectly of course. The banner about the Farmers Market, which is normally suspended at the Dover entrance to the village, had disappeared and has now been replaced – but this banner also keeps falling down and our Chairman is spending a lot of his time up to his ankles in mud as he climbs over fences in efforts to keep the banner (or flag?) flying. We are working on a more permanent solution.

Short of calling in Ghostbusters to address the various gremlins at the village hall (did I mention the flickering lights) the Committee and its volunteers have spent a lot of time trying to overcome all of these issues. As they do every month. Because to keep the hall running takes an army of volunteers to fix things or to hang around for builders, electricians, carpenters or painters when we can't. It requires someone to answer phone calls, deal with emergency call outs, handle paperwork or help get the hall ready for the myriad of activities that take place in the hall. We are also planning a raft of events including the Railway Swing Band on the 9th May and another New Age Kurling event. There is the Craft Fair on the 10th November and the New Year's Eve concert. If you would like to organise an activity that would benefit the Community, please let us know. Any help in organising any of the work at the hall would also be warmly welcomed. The work of those that already provide help is greatly appreciated but we really do need more help. Otherwise we really will have to call in Ghostbusters!

- Tickets for the Railway Swing Band can be obtained from the Farmers Market (at the Post Office), Keith Deary on 01303 226742, Jayne Stone on 01303 211480 or on the door.
- To reserve your place at the New Year's Eve concert please contact Jenny Carter on 01303 1250928 or Jayne Stone on 01303 211480
- To view the hall or to make a booking contact the letting secretary Sue Leaning at fredandsueleaning@yahoo.co.uk or on 07939 095880
- To hire tables/chairs contact Jayne Stone on 01303 211480

RECYCLING - INSIDE THE HALL

Boxes are provided for:
Used Stamps for Donkey Sanctuary and McMillan Cancer
Bottle Tops are also being collected again.
Please place the above in the relevant boxes.

CONTINUOUS EVENTS

Books & jigsaws: A wide variety of books are available on an 'honesty basis. These are on trollies in corridor. Thanks to all who have donated
Farmers Market: Tuesdays 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.
Stalls selling local produce every week, including (but not limited to) artisan breads, pies, meats, fruit, veg and a postal service.

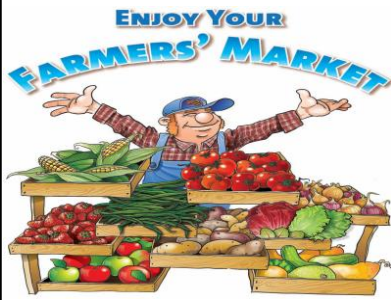
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"Village in the Clouds"
Copies still available £5 each from
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WINNERS OF 100+ CLUB

1 st	47	Angela Drake
2 nd	44	Caroline & Theresa Wildes
3 rd	85	Sylvia Coles.

Garage Safari 2nd September. Further information to follow.

New Year's Eve in Capel le Ferne. Chicory Tip have agreed to perform on New Year's Eve this year. The format for the evening will be similar to that in 2017. Last year there was a waiting list for tickets so Capel-le-Ferne residents will have priority in reserving tables. To reserve your place(s) please contact Jenny Carter 01303 250928 or Jayne Stone on 01303 211480.



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A visitor from Canada was passing compliments on the meals we served while they stayed with us, which led to a fascinating conversation on Farmers' Markets. The one they visit at home sells frozen meat, has street entertainers and is much more of a fair than ours is. Vans sell refreshments which are consumed walking round the market. There are few or no places to sit and chat.

Riccardo Vecchio from the University of Naples has done some research into the differences between European and American Farmers Markets. He looked at the resurgence of farmers' markets and the reasons why. He states that the first farmers' markets in the USA were in the 17th century, then steadily declined as towns expanded and modern food distribution methods came into being. In the States during 1970s, economic factors led food producers to look at improving profits and consumers became more interested in fresh local foods. Market organisers took a percentage of the stallholder's income for the day.

Riccardo refers to an evaluation of Farmers' Markets in the UK by Holloway and Kneafsey. In the British Farmers' Markets there is an underlying interest in localness, naturalness and personal trust as well as a sense of community. Whilst accepting that the food was not the cheapest available, customers recognized the intrinsic quality of the food; the farmers valued 'the human level interactions'. Other key factors which were mentioned were the community aspects of Farmers' Markets and the pleasant atmosphere. In his conclusion, Riccardo emphasizes the social atmosphere amongst other factors.

Much of what he includes in his paper reflects the philosophy of Capel le Ferne's Market. It was set up by members of the village hall committee as a service to the local community – residents of Capel le Ferne and surrounding villages as well as local producers. When the Market first started many producers 'dipped their toes in the water', moving on to larger venues once they had established themselves. Others completed market research to establish the degree of interest in their products. Assessing the degree of interest helps producers decide how regularly to attend and to avoid over production. The Market has responded to this by ensuring the basics are there every week, with guest stalls of items for special occasions. As we move into spring we anticipate the return of plants.

The stallholders are happy to talk about their produce and its provenance – all year round tomatoes are Kent grown, as are the apples. Soft fruit in season comes from just up the road and the meat is from Brookland; cakes are baked in Hawkinge and Farthingloe. Deli products are locally made as is the bread – and without preservatives. For customers convenience seasonal fruit and vegetables are supplemented by some direct from Covent Garden. One shop at the vegetable stall will reveal Paul's skill at selecting the best.

One of the keystones of farmers' markets has been referred to as trust. Riccardo in his paper mentioned food scares over recent years. At the market customers can chat to the stall holders about animal welfare, about use (or rather lack of use) of chemicals and synthetic ingredients.

As part of its service to the community, Capel has a postal service run by volunteers. Unlike American markets, Capel relies heavily on volunteers – setting up, clearing up and serving refreshments and more significantly organizing stalls. Charges to stall holders are nominal, encouraging them to trial new ideas and new stores and ensuring they have enough income to live.

There are many other benefits to the market – it is a forum for residents to access Parish Council to discuss issues or seek advice. The community warden is a regular attendee. There are plenty of tables for customers to sit and enjoy a coffee and toasted teacake whilst catching up on village news. Tickets for a range of events are sold there, from the Railway Swing Band to St Radigund's Players to Downlands Travel roving round the room.

Order by noon on Sunday for collection or delivery on Tuesday.

Go to <http://farmersmarketonline.co.uk> and choose from our pre-selected veg and recipe boxes or pick from the usual producers. Not going to be in? We can leave the food in cool containers to keep your food fresh. Once you have chosen your deliver/pick up options click the buttons below to shop. Why not try our boxes, they make shopping easier and are extremely good value.

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CAPEL-LE-FERNE YOUTH CLUB

Every 1st and 3rd Thursday in the month from
7.30pm to 9.30pm.

Please come along and your first evening is free!

Any issues/queries – Please contact the
Chairperson, Simon on 07860803767

ALL PARENTS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

Please ensure you collect your children from the
hall, not the Car Park, even on light evenings.

ACTIVITIES

**Family car treasure hunt
Saturday 16th June late afternoon
leave Capel Village Hall for a
treasure hunt in the car then return
to the village hall fields (good weather
hoped for!) where there will be a fish
and chip van, bring picnic blankets
whilst the kids play - and maybe some
tug of war and welly throwing along
with a raffle and hamper draw - all in
aid of Capel Youth Club.**

More details to follow.

**Saturday, 6th October @ Capel
School**

QUIZ NIGHT

7pm for a 7.30pm Start



Film Club

Capel Village Hall
Lancaster Avenue,
Capel-le-Ferne, CT18 7LX

FILMS ON THEIR WAY!

Tuesday, 24th April

Murder on the Orient Express (12)
(2017 version) Judi Dench, Johnny Depp
and Kenneth Branagh

Tuesday, 22nd May

The Greatest Showman

Tuesday, 26th June

Darkest Hour (Churchill) followed by
Goodbye Christopher Robin

Doors open at 2.00pm

with the film showing at 2.15pm

Cost of entry is £5.00 which includes a
raffle and a cup of tea at the beginning of
the show.

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CAPEL-LE-FERNE PARISH COUNCIL

Summary of some items discussed



• **Requests from public to address the Council, plus Surgery and Other Feedback** – Address to Councillors on drainage issue with useful statistics provided from resident, relating to response on Appeal to Government Inspectorate that is underway for outline planning 107-127 Capel Street. Surgery feedback received - concerns expressed on change of use application at Bracknell House, Helena Road, on possible property use becoming House of Multiple Occupancy, the retention of existing hedgerow and parking issues. **Defibrillator:** Being installed within next two weeks on the Village Hall, near to front door. A demonstration meeting to be arranged for anyone to attend. One CCTV camera is being re-adjusted to cover the location area. • **Traffic Management:** Councillors received an approximate cost on carrying out a “traffic survey” on the B2011 to provide the Parish Council with the necessary “up to date” statistic data for the future of Traffic Management on this road. This was agreed and would be used to possibly purchase from Kent Highways, a replacement/new Vehicle Activated Sign on the New Dover Road, depending on evidence the survey provides and if criteria required by KCC is met. • **Planning:** Applications received: 10 Avondale Road; Hurst Lodge, Hurst Lane; 136 New Dover Road; Bracknell House (change of use); Battle of Britain Memorial (Entertainment Licence); and Appeal for 107-127 Capel Street outline development (Council response read out to those present and agreed for submitting to Government Inspectorate). The status of all these are reported and full details available on Dover District Council website: <https://www.dover.gov.uk> >Planning >Planning-Applications >View-Applications >Decisions

DDC Review of Local Plan: The Village Questionnaire is now being analysed by 3 Council Members to form statistical data. This will be used to respond to the Plan when Dover District Council submit for Public Consultation. The data, when completed, will also be used to form a document “Capel-le-Ferne Community Plan 2018”. Watch this space! • **Neighbourhood Watch:** Crime reported of 4 hubs caps stolen from vehicle. Some “Crime prevention/education and awareness” advice agreed to be published in Grapevine, space permitting. **Dog fouling** reported from DDC with 10 perpetrators taken to court resulting in 9 prosecuted. **Inconsiderate parking** leaflet to be delivered by Community Warden to various roads mentioned. Enforcement of this is a particularly difficult exercise, due to lack of agency/authority intervention. The Parish Council will continue to monitor and arrange education/awareness to offenders. **Speed Watch:** No report due to absence of delegate. • **Recreation and Other Equipment: Cleaning** - the two bus shelters that the Parish Council own, i.e. adjacent to Helena Road and outside Battle of Britain Memorial (Folkestone bound) have been cleaned, together with the tri-picnic tables and benches on the playing field. Some street name signs are programmed for cleaning. • **Highways:** Request received from delegate to meet with County Councillor responsible for Highway Management will be arranged. • **Public Rights of Way:** Delegate to arrange investigation with Town Sprucer/Community Payback on use of services in Capel. • **Other: A Community Bus Scheme** is being investigated further and talks will be taking place with a Company on whether their scheme could be used to cover a service via Blackbull Road, Hospital and Train Station to Folkestone town. More details will follow. **Auction of Land** – a letter of thanks from the Council has been sent expressing everyone’s gratitude to the resident who purchased the Land on the Clifftop who has secured it to maintain the open space it provides. **Parish Boundary Review** – response to be submitted to incorporate Capel, Alkham and Hougham as an entity.

Next Parish Council meeting is on Tuesday, 17th April 2018 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall (Small Hall).

A COPY OF MINUTES and MEETING AGENDAS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE at <http://www.capel-le-fernepc.kentparishes.gov.uk/> ALL PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. SHOULD YOU WISH TO ATTEND and ADDRESS THE COUNCILLORS, PLEASE INFORM THE CLERK.

Further information on any of the above or to contact Parish Council, please write to Parish Clerk, 39 Victoria Road, or
Tel: 01303 259564. Email: maureen.leppard@btinternet.com

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Next Session, Tuesday, 17th April

Is there an issue you wish to discuss with your Parish Council?
A Councillor and the Parish Clerk will be available on the 3rd Tuesday of each month
10AM to 12:30PM
At The Farmers' Market
(in the Chair Store Room, adjacent to Main Hall)
Capel-le-Ferne Village Hall,
Lancaster Avenue,
Capel-le-Ferne, CT18 7LX

WARNING



No butts, Stub it - Bin it





Bin it





Bag it - Bin it



Dover District Council is cracking down on environmental crime. Enforcement officers are now patrolling the district.
DROP LITTER AND PICK UP A FINE





Battle's Over – A Nation's Tribute & WWI Beacons of Light

11th November 2018

On the 3rd August 1914, Britain's Foreign Minister, Sir Edward Grey, was looking out of his office window. It was dusk, and gas lights were being lit along London's Mall, leading to Buckingham Palace, when he remarked to a friend, "The lamps are going out all over Europe; we shall not see them lit again in our lifetime". Our country was about to be plunged into the darkness of the First World War, and it would be four long years before Britain and Europe would again experience the light of peace

In commemoration and remembrance of the end of the war and the many millions who were killed or came home dreadfully wounded, 1,000 WWI Beacons of Light will be lit throughout the United Kingdom, Channel Islands, Isle of Man and UK Overseas Territories at 7pm on the 11th November 2018 – a century after the guns fell silent.

**Capel-le-Ferne Parish Council in conjunction with The Battle of Britain Memorial Trust CIO
invites you to join this tribute.**

The programme of events on the 11th of November will include:

- WW1 event in the Village Hall
- A torchlight procession from the Village Hall to the Battle of Britain Memorial Site
- Procession gathers in the grounds of the Battle of Britain Memorial Site
- Battle's Over – The Last Post
- Battle's Over – WW1 Beacons Of Light,
- Battle's Over – Ringing out for Peace

Join us

**It will be your chance to pay your personal and community tribute to those millions that gave their lives for their country or returned home wounded during or after the dreadful darkness of four years of War
1914 – 1918**



More details will follow in coming months



KCC drastically reduces bus savings

Proposed reductions to subsidised bus routes in Kent have been drastically scaled back following positive talks with bus companies and the decision by KCC to reduce the required savings from £2.25 million to £455,000 in this coming financial year.

Subsidised bus services represent just 3% of the network in Kent. The remaining 97% of services are run by commercial or community operators. Following discussions with bus companies Stagecoach and Go Coach, proposals to move a small number of services from public subsidy to commercially-operated routes, are expected to go out to public consultation in April.

These changes are designed to protect school services and ensure communities currently served by a subsidised route will not lose out, while providing necessary budget savings. These services are mirrored by existing commercial services and could be served by them with some slight network changes. There will be full local consultation in April on the proposed changes. The council is clear that no further changes to the subsidised bus network are proposed. Cabinet Member for Highways, Mike Whiting, said: "I am grateful to both Stagecoach and Go Coach for these innovative proposals which will allow us to make the necessary savings to our budget this year. I was clear at the outset that any changes proposed would not affect school services or leave communities without a service, and I believe these proposals achieve that." Next month, the council will launch "The Big Conversation" to better understand what communities want from their public transport services and how they could be better organised to meet that need. More than £40 million of bus-related business is commissioned by Kent County Council. KCC's aim in holding the Big Conversation, is to maintain services, potentially improve rural access and deliver this at a lower cost. Kent County Council Leader Paul Carter, who announced the Big Conversation in January, said: "These big conversations will invite ideas about the possible alternative delivery models for rural bus services. What we envisage is replacing the conventional subsidised bus services and in its place, provide greater access for rural residents. This could include a taxi-bus style service which links rural communities to main-line commercial bus routes or community-led transport services, that's why we need to have these conversations – so we can see the bigger picture affecting rural residents and see what is going to work best for people, and we have set aside £500,000 to invest in new technology and encourage innovation."

Discussions will be held with parish councils, commercial and community transport providers, technology providers and ultimately culminate in a Rural Bus Summit in the Summer which will bring everyone together to discuss the way forward.

The proposals are due to be discussed by the Environment and Transport Cabinet Committee on Tuesday, March 20.

In the Dover West area I have arranged presentations which have been given to four parish councils already by the operator of a charity operated community passenger service. This service has the benefit of a door to door service. It is just a matter of booking a call. There is a small annual subscription fee, then you pay for each fare, but the cost of fares are almost a third cheaper to that of Stagecoach.

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**Events at the Battle of Britain Memorial
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Website: <https://www.battleofbritainmemorial.org/>

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AN EXCITING YEAR AHEAD

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the creation of the Royal Air Force, a major milestone for all those with links to the service.

The Battle of Britain Memorial Trust here at Capel-le-Ferne will be playing its part in the celebrations as well as staging a number of local events and commemorations.

More details will be announced on the events below as they become available, but for now, make sure you put the dates in your diaries and keep an eye on the website at www.battleofbritainmemorial.org

Sunday 1 April

Easter Day Act of Remembrance to mark the centenary of the Royal Air Force, 11am.

Thursday 5 April

Re-opening of Hunting Lodge following its transformation into a library and resource centre and unveiling of refurbished squadron badges around the base of the National Memorial to the Few. Time to be confirmed, but it will be a morning event.

Saturday 14 April

Family fun afternoon to welcome the RAF 100 Baton on its tour of RAF-linked sites on the south coast. Details TBC but will include an Act of Remembrance, a photo call within the Aston Martin carrying the baton and other activities.

Sunday 1 July

Memorial Day, the Trust's annual commemoration, featuring an Act of Remembrance, flypast, band displays and laying of posies at the Christopher Foxley-Norris Memorial Wall.

Saturday 18 August

The Hardest Day - Family fun day to include various attractions including a ground-running Merlin engine and Airfix Make & Paint event.

Friday 14 and Saturday 15 September

Outdoor film screenings - for the first time ever, the site will provide a superb backdrop to the showing of two classic films; on the Friday evening, Open Air Cinema will show the 2017 blockbuster **Dunkirk**, while the following evening will see a screening of (you guessed it) **Battle of Britain**. Watch this space for details of how to book.

Saturday 15 September

Battle of Britain Day Act of Remembrance, 11am.

Sunday 11 November

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Coffee morning

The March coffee morning was the day when all the pavements in the village turned to ice. A big thank you for Rev Brian Williams for opening the church hall for us. Thank you too to all our lovely Capel Cares volunteers who risked broken bones to get there. An even bigger thank you to Gess who was the only one other than volunteers who managed to make it. We didn't really expect anyone to turn out as the conditions were so difficult and dangerous under foot.

We look forward to seeing you all at our next coffee morning.

Don't forget we meet on the 1st Friday of every month. Jan Milliken

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14th April - Mexican Night - 5pm
21st April - Karaoke - 8pm
28th April - Sam Brothers - 8.30pm
12th May - Gary Dean - 9pm
19th May - 70's and 80's Disco Night - 8pm
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Hello Everyone,

After welcoming the members to the March meeting, our president gave a brief history about our speaker Mr Chris Longfield from the Kent Air Ambulance. We were given a very informative talk about the Kent Air Ambulance which started out originally at Rochester Airport and moved to Marden near Maidstone. With the help of a slide show we could see just how important their role is. The service operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. One of the biggest parts of their calls is for road accidents, but also medical and various other emergencies. On board the helicopter are a Doctor, Pilot, and Paramedic. We were told how much they have improved over the years to be able to save more lives with on board doctors now able to do small operations, give blood and whatever is needed to keep patients alive on the way to a hospital. Also after being assessed by the Doctor they will know, which is the best hospital for the patient to go too for their condition to receive the best treatment, which usually is about 20 minutes away. The pilot needs to be highly experienced to fly the helicopter which can reach speeds up to 150 miles per hour. The newer helicopters have a lot more room to manoeuvre around the patient, with extra space for equipment and seating. Chris was given a big thank you for his informative talk.

The Kent Air Ambulance Trust is a charity dependant on public and private donations. After a break for refreshments and lots of chattering it was time to catch up on our news and future events followed by the flying competition winners and the raffle with plenty of prizes.

With the short amount of time left we had a quiz sheet handed out to small groups of us who had to try to guess

List of WI Monthly Meetings.

April 10th

Mrs Jen Parsons - How not to be a victim of Crime

May 8th

Resolutions Meeting and Update on ACWW

June 12th

Mrs Kath Clark - History of Capel-Le-Ferne

July 10th

Dr Gehad Homsey - Mercy Ships

August 14th

Garden Meeting (2.30 p.m.) TBA

September 11th

Burlesque Evening

October 9th

Mrs Glynis Miller – Food Banks

November 13th

Annual Meeting - Helen Stevenson Quiz

December 11th

Christmas Meeting

Fundraising Events

WI Bingo – St Radigund's Church Hall -
Friday, 29th June 2018

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THE BOWLS CLUB NEWS

For those of you that missed the very exciting finals day here are the results...

Drawn pairs' winners....Ros Chandler and Brian Wilson Runners up.... Wendy Leeming and Ray Waters

Mixed Singles winner... Rachel Chandler Runner up.... Barry Mansfield

Triples Winners...Wendy Leeming Barney Milner and Barry Mansfield

Runners up.....Rachel Chandler Barrie Pape and Brian Wilson

Ladies singles Winner.....Rachel Chandler Runner up.....Sylvia Ovender

Men's Singles winner.....Mark Turner Runner up..... Barney Milner

Nominated Pairs WinnerRos Chandler and Wendy Leeming

Runners up....Rachel Chandler and Barry Mansfield

A big thank you to all the members who took part and the supporters who came on finals day.

Some Dates For Your Diaries

- Bowls and Buns on good Friday the 30th March 10:30am to 12:30pm
- Bowls Club Presentation Dinner at the **Folkestone Indoor Bowls Centre** - Saturday 21st April - 7pm for 7:30pm.
 - The AGM - on Monday 23rd April, 6:30pm for 7pm start in the small hall.
 - Bingo Night - 24th April 7pm for 7:30pm Eyes Down - in the Village Hall.



The Capel Ramblers

The next walk for the Capel Ramblers will start at the Hawkinge Community Hall car park on Saturday 7th April at 10am.

Cancer Research Jumble Sale

We are holding our Spring jumble sale on Saturday 14th April at 2 pm. All money raised going to The Royal Marsden Hospital. This is just a reminder that there's still time for you to sort out a few more items you might no longer need, that you think might be of use to someone else. Oh and to remind you to come along too! If you do have any good quality jumble please bring it along to the hall on the morning of the 14th.

It will all help to raise much needed funds. Or if it's too large an amount and you'd like it collected ring:

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Many thanks to you all....and hope to see you there!

The Organisers

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