

Benefice Services for DECEMBER 2012					
Date	Alkham	Capel	Hougham		
Sunday 2nd	Evensong 4:30pm	Sung Eucharist 9am	Worship Tog'r 11am		
Sunday 9th	Sung Eucharist 9am	Worship Tog'r 11am	10,000		
Wednesday 12th		Licensing of Revd. Brian Williams			
Sunday 16th	Nine Lessons & Carols 6:30pm		Sung Eucharist 9.30am		
Sunday 23rd		* TITE S *	Benefice Eucharist 10am		
Monday 24th Christmas Eve	Crib Service 4pm Sung Eucharist 11:30pm	Crib service 2.30pm Sung Eucharist 11:30pm			
Tuesday 25th Christmas Day		NO SERVICE	Sung Eucharist 9:30am		
Sunday 30th		Benefice Eucharist 10am			

It is with much pleasure that the parishes of Capel, Alkham and Hougham welcome The Rev. Brian Williams and family. Brian will be our new priest and will live in The Vicarage in Alexandra Rd. He will be licensed and installed at St Radigund's Church at 7.00pm on Wednesday, 12th December. I'm sure you will all welcome them and sympathise with them having to move so close to Christmas, although we are all delighted to have our own priest once more to take the Christmas services. Colin Blake.



The Christmas rush is well and truly on, and like everyone else we are busy with shopping, writing cards and everything else that happens at this time of year – as well as moving house. The Christmas Story tells of how Mary and Joseph travelled from their home at Nazareth to Bethlehem – a young couple expecting their first child, faced with a long journey. It is not too difficult to imagine Joseph scratching his head, having to decide what to take and what to leave behind – what they would need on the journey, and what they would need when they arrived at their destination. As Christmas approaches a slightly older couple and their teenage son will be moving from their home in Cheriton to the Vicarage at Capel-le-Ferne. Hopefully we, the rabbit, a family of cockatiels and various pet fish will be settled by the time Christmas finally arrives. Far from being over, our journeys will be continuing – my wife Angela to the store in Cheriton where she has worked for some years now, our son David to his A Level studies in Canterbury, and on certain days me to my other job as a supply teacher - which can take me anywhere between the Isle of Sheppey and the Isle of Thanet. Alongside all this, I shall be beginning a new phase in my ministry as the new priest for Alkham, Capel and Hougham.

Mary and Joseph must have had mixed feelings about their journey - the upheaval, the wondering what was going to happen, but also the excitement of going to new places, meeting new people and doing new things. We, too, are facing upheaval, but are still excited at the prospect of meeting new people, making new friends and doing new things.

Mary called her baby Jesus – meaning God with us. The Christmas Story teaches that whatever upheavals we face in life, we do not have to face them alone. Just at the moment, I am also thinking that it might have something to teach us about how much clutter we surround ourselves with, and how much simpler life would be if everything of any importance could fit on the back of a donkey. In the meantime, a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year to you all. Brian Williams

The Friends of St Radigunds, Capel-le-Ferne We completed our 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month evenings on 9<sup>th</sup> November, with a welcome back to the Rev Canon Gill Calver. It was a lovely evening for her to meet up with all her old friends back here in Capel, Hougham and Alkham and a good number attended. As expected, her talk was humorous and very interesting, telling us about some of the experiences of her fascinating life as Rector of Staplehurst, Canon of Canterbury Cathedral and as a Queen's Chaplain. There are only 30 Queen's Chaplains, only eight which are women, so it is a highly prestigious post.

Our committee will have met to agree the programme for next year by the time you read this article, so watch this space in the next Grapevine. This year's programme has been highly successful and next year's looks just as attractive and will help us to complete all outstanding matters to do with the Church Hall.

Thank you for your support to our evenings. If you haven't joined us yet, then you are most welcome to do so in 2013.

John Oliver, Chairman - The Friends of St Radigunds Capel-le-Ferne

22, Albany Road, Capel-le-Ferne - 01303 251403 or e mail to johne.oliver@talktalk.net.

# <u>The Old Harveians Association will present The Railway Swing Band in a concert at The Harvey</u> <u>Grammar School for their 4<sup>th</sup> Annual concert on Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> March 2013.</u>

Tickets are £10 and are available from John Oliver on 01303 251403 or

email johne.oliver@talktalk.net or enquiries@harveygs.kent.sch.uk

The proceeds of this year's concert made a major contribution to a magnificent sum raised by the OHA which enabled us to but a brand new minibus for the School. Times are hard for school funds and the OHA always try to help the school with extracurricular activities. So if you went to Harvey or have sons, grandsons, nephews etc., who have benefited from a good education at Harvey, or just love big band music, then why not give yourselves a treat and come along to our next great concert. The earlier you buy your tickets, the better the seats you get as they are numbered!

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CAPEL-LE-FERNE VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE Registered Charity Number 281.786. <u>PROVIDING SERVICES FOR OUR COMMUNITY</u> All this information and more can be found on our website <u>www.capel-le-ferne.org</u> <u>Please help us keep this up to date by contacting our Websmaster</u>

Committee Meetings are held at the Village Hall on the First Tuesday of every month at 7.30pm. <u>A REPRESENTATIVE FROM ALL HALL CLUBS AND USERS, IS REQUESTED TO ATTEND</u>



### **CAROL SERVICE - 9<sup>th</sup> December, 3 p.m., in the Village Hall** A Joint informal service from St. Radigunds Church and the

A Joint informal service from St. Radigunds Church and the Baptist Church to celebrate the festive season. Tea & Mince Pies will be available.

### **<u>RECYCLING - INSIDE THE HALL</u>**

INSIDE THE HALL Boxes are provided for:- Unwanted shoes for charity, Used Stamps for Moorfields Eye Hospital & Hearing Dogs Plastic Lids/Bottle Tops for a Wheelchair Charity and/or Kent Air Ambulance Please place the above in the relevant boxes provided.

#### **CONTINUOUS EVENTS**

**<u>Ouiz Sheets:</u>** Available (£1 per sheet) at the Farmers Market or from Cherry Leppard, 29 Albany Road, first prize £25. The answers are placed in the Grapevine and on the Website.

<u>100+ Club:</u> £12 per year your number is placed in a draw, every month for 1<sup>st</sup> Prize £25, 2<sup>nd</sup> £15, 3<sup>rd</sup> £5 These DOUBLE in December! The draw will take place at the Farmers Market on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month. Contact Wendy 259120 for further information <u>Farmers Market:</u> Tuesdays 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. Approximately 20 stalls selling local produce every week.



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8 a.m. to 12 noon. SUNDAYS 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2012
27<sup>th</sup> January, 24<sup>th</sup> February, 31<sup>st</sup> March 2013 <u>REFRESHMENTS – DISABLED ACCESS</u> <u>Entrance by Donation to Village Hall Funds</u> <u>Tel: 01303 259120</u> visit our web site for further info www.capel-le-ferne.org <u>email: capelfarmersmarket@vahoo.co.uk</u>

Can anyone help solve a difficult problem in my family history. During WWI my great uncle, Charles Wood, served in the early air force, designing and maintaining airships based at Folkestone. His wife and family were accommodated at Sea View Close, Capel le Ferne, which I take to have been service accommodation at that time. Late, or just after the war, my uncle eloped with a younger woman to Canada and I have only recently learnt of the existence of his real family. It must have caused a local scandal. I think all the action took place between the census of 1911 and 1921 so these will not yield any information. Do any records exist in the archives and if so where? I would be grateful for any assistance that could be given. If these records no longer exist, might someone have naval records or might know of a naval historical organisation who knows of the work on airships at that time.

Malcolm Jordan, Croft Barn, Lower Stanton St Quintin, Nr Chippenham, SN14 6BY. Tele: 01666838550. Email: <u>malcolm@mjordan.demon.co.uk</u>

### FUND RAISING EVENTS

<u>INDOOR BOOT FAIRS</u> 8 a.m. to Noon 2<sup>nd</sup> December (please note change of date) 2012. 27<sup>th</sup> January, 24<sup>th</sup> February and 31<sup>st</sup> March 2013 Tel: Wendy 01303 259120 for more information.

CHICORY TIP 27th April 2013

### **100 CLUB WINNERS – NOVEMBER**



1<sup>st</sup> 30 Jess Young 2<sup>nd</sup> 36 Richard Salmon 3<sup>rd</sup> 73 Sheila French



I am arranging a few days to Keukenhof Gardens in Holland from Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>April to Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April. Hotel is Den Haag Noondorp and this is half board. The price for this with coach & crossing is£278.00. Pick-ups in Capel. We would have one day in Amsterdam. Gardens not included in the price. For more details - ring Cherry 01303 255114.



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## <u>New Year's Eve Party</u>

Live music by Liquid Jacket.

Bookings now being taken. Limited number of tickets available in advance. \* Admittance by ticket only. £10pp including free buffet.

#### The by ticket only. £10pp including free buffet. **FESTIVE SEASON**

Book now for Christmas Parties (Excluding Sundays) *Christmas Menu* available 1 Nov to 23 Dec. (see website for details) Office, Private Parties, Walkers, Groups, Wedding Anniversaries, Wakes and Bar/Batmitzvahs catered for. Our 34 cover separate restaurant serves a range of freshly prepared meals along with an excellent Roast every Sunday. **Real Ales, Fresh Fish** and a good selection of wines available. We prefer to use locally sourced produce.

Forthcoming events

Tue 27 Nov Tune Session – 8.00pm. Wed 28 Nov Quiz Night – 8.00pm.

Sat 01 Dec Live Music with Jerry 'C' – 8.30pm. Thu 06 Dec Clairvoyant evening – 8pm.

Sat 08 Dec Karaoke with Zoeoke – 8pm onwards. Sat 15 Dec Disco Night – 8.30pm onwards.

Sun 16 Dec Live Music with Cultured Pearl – 2pm. Sat 22 Dec Live Music with Martin Matcham – 8.30pm. Mon 24 Dec Live Music-The Fabulous Grandads – 8.30pm. Wed 26 Dec Live Music with East Edna – 8.00pm Sat 29 Dec Live Music- The Hollywood Skunks – 8.30pm. Mon 31 Dec Live Music with Liquid Jacket – 8.30pm

### Management and Staff look forward to meeting you.

## Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to ALL

**Burglaries/thefts** - In Capel recently there has been a couple of burglaries/break inn`s the area. Important message for residents, just doubly make sure you have locked doors and windows, do not leave things on display etc. Getting extra security for your home is a good idea if you don't have any. Burglar alarms (many burglars will avoid breaking into a property with an alarm), outdoor light (good outdoor lighting can put off or draw attention to a burglar) you can get FREE! Home safety advice and services by calling KENT FIRE & RESCUE- 0800 923 7000. If you need to ask any further questions please call the warden.

<u>Christmas</u> - Christmas is almost here again! Where has that year gone? This message reflects the above. Make sure you do not leave outside all your empty boxes of what you receive for Christmas. Burglars can then see exactly what you have or may have in your home. Also make sure your smoke alarms are working, if you do not have one you can usually get them free by phoning `Kent fire and rescue` above or contacting `Handy-van age UK` below

**Handy van age UK service** - This is a service for older residents to feel safer in your own homes. Handy van is a registered charity and is police-vetted. Handy van provides free home security; free safety measures and can do small repairs around the home for a small fee. Door chains, locks, smoke detectors, and carbon monoxide detectors are fitted free of charge. Please call the warden for more details.

Late night ASB - If you are experiencing anti-social behaviour quite late at night or in the early evening please remember you are within your rights to report to 101 which is the number for non-emergency police calls or to report a crime.

<u>Shepway lifeline</u> - This is a service that provides a continuous 24 hour link to the control centre staff via a personal pendant that you wear. Whatever your concern or worry i.e. maybe you have had a fall or need an ambulance the staff will take appropriate action. For more details contact the warden.

**Foggy weather/winter driving** - It is not unusual to get the foggy weather in Capel or low cloud as some say. Just recently it has been noticed by my-self and others that not many people put on their lights and fog lights. This is just a reminder for residents, the importance of putting on your lights for yourself and others on the road. Look in the Grapevine for winter driving information and the winter checklist for your vehicle. **MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE & A HAPPY 2013** 





I will be attending the Farmers Market on 11<sup>th</sup> December, between 10.30am and 12noon. If anyone would like to talk to me, or if they want to ring me My number is 077722 26209 <u>PCSO Gretel Stevens</u>





## CAPEL-LE-FERNE BOWLING CLUB

November saw the Bowls Club off to a flying start in the League matches with 4 wins at home and 1 away. This puts us in third position in the first division, but its early days yet. Another trip has been arranged to the Folkestone Indoor Bowls Centre on the 9th December and all members are welcome. We have a team playing in the Oyster Cup next month at the Faversham Community Centre. This is an all-day event against clubs from all over kent. Good luck to them.

Three new members joined in October bringing our membership up to 40. But we still have plenty of room for anyone who would like to come along and give the game a try.

Preparations are a little slow for next year's nude calendar due to the cold weather, but we hope to have copies available at the Farmers Market next year.

We end the year with our festive Booze and Bowls night. Two games of bowls followed by mince pies, champagne and songs around the Christmas tree lead by our very own Jenny Carter and the Bowls Club choir.

## A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO OUR MEMBERS BOTH OLD AND NEW Jenny Carter 250928 Barry Mansfield 257157 Ros Chandler 255862 CAPEL-LE-FERNE Youth Club Every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday in the month from 7.30pm to 9.30pm. Please come along and your first evening is free! Please ensure you collect your children from the hall, not the Car Park, even on light evenings.



December 6<sup>th</sup> Games & Mince Pies/Jam Tarts December 20<sup>th</sup> Kidz Planet We are still looking for additional helpers. Any help will be gratefully received. Please see one of the Youth Club helpers for more details. Any issues/queries Please contact the Chairperson,

Simon on 07860803767 and find us on Facebook to keep up to date with all info about Capel Youth Club.



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#### **DO YOU ITV1's hit series "Love** back. Last year Alan he with life's challenges, b deserving people with ga or a tireless fundraiser or if you think a garden ch you" then please let us

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO NEEDS OR DESERVES <u>A BRAND NEW GARDEN?</u>

ITV1's hit series "Love Your Garden" starring Britain's favourite gardener, Alan Titchmarsh, is back. Last year Alan helped people across the country whose gardens had suffered as they coped with life's challenges, building them a brand new outdoor space. Now Alan is looking for more deserving people with gardens that desperately need transforming. They could be an unsung hero or a tireless fundraiser or a family that is coping with difficult circumstances. Whatever the story, if you think a garden created by Alan himself could help them or be a fitting way to say "thank you" then please let us have your contact details and a brief description of the person you are

> nominating using one of the following methods: BY PHONE: 020 7065 7072 (pre-recorded message service) BY POST: Love Your Garden PO BOX 64382 LONDON EC2P 2GJ BY E MAIL: <u>Teamhort@spungoldtv.com</u>

#### give someone special a treat....

A new series for Channel 4 is looking to add glamour to someone's life with a true Hollywood make-over. *Hollywood Me!* follows someone who deserves a lift in their life... with the help of some top experts we'll transform someone with a personal make-over and a home interior make-over. Even the most hard working and well deserving person will experience the glamour of Hollywood and have a bit of sparkle in their lives! Can you think of someone to nominate in secret who deserves this special treat? Is there someone you work, live or socialise with who deserves their home being turned into a heavenly retreat by our Designer to the Stars? Do you know someone who could do with a surprise pampering with a red carpet styling worthy of the Oscars. With your help we can add some magic to someone's life with a surprise styling for themselves and a secret styling for their home.

If you want to nominate a special person to receive this remarkable treat then contact us at: hollywoodme@ricochet.co.uk

or on 01273 224802 and we will consider every suggestion.

Remember to leave your contact number so we can talk to you in private about your nomination.

In the coming days, you should be aware. Do not open any message with an attachment called: "Invitation FACEBOOK". Regardless of who sent it, it is a virus that opens an Olympic torch and <u>burns the whole hard disc C of your computer</u>. This virus will be received from someone you have in your address book. That's why you should send this message to all your contacts. It is better to receive this email 25 times than to receive the virus and open it. If you receive email called: "Invitation FACEBOOK". though sent by a friend, Do not open but delete it immediately. CNN said it is a new virus discovered recently And that has been classified by Microsoft as the most destructive virus ever. It is a Trojan Horse that asks you to install an adobe flash plug-in. Once you install it, it's all over. There is no repair yet for this kind of virus. This virus simply destroys the Zero Sector of the Hard Disc, Where the vital information of their function is saved.

Kent jobs for Kent's young people: Are you looking to expand your business? Worried about skills shortages and employee costs? If your business employs less than 250 people, Kent County Council could help you employ an apprentice and help pay for them in the process! Hiring an apprentice gives you the chance to build the skills you need for your business, and helps a young person get their foot on the career ladder. Find out how to access £2,000 of KCC funding (and maybe even more with national funding) to expand your business today. Contact the Kent Employment Programme team on 0800 10 18-2-24, email kep@kent.gov.uk or visit www.kent.gov.uk/kentjobs4kyp. Emma Carey, Community Engagement Officer – Dover, Room G37 Sessions House, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XQ. Tel: 01622 694943. Mobile: 07850 924247.



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See Page 11 for all Village contacts







The voting has now commenced via the website www.producedinkent.co.uk

We would be most grateful if you could take the time to vote for us in the Best Farmers Market Category. We won in 2004, and it would be great to win again -the Forms are available at the market if you do not have internet access.

#### CHRISTMAS SPECIAL FARMERS MARKET 18th DECEMBER

WE WISH ALL OUR CUSTOMERS A MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT

# PLEASE NOTE WE WILL BE CLOSED ON 25<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER AND 1<sup>st</sup> JANUARY <u>RE-OPENING ON 8<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2013</u>

Many stalls are now taking orders for Christmas,

and some will even deliver them to the village hall on 23<sup>rd</sup> December for your collection.

With new stalls arriving, we are now full of stalls, which is great. Mauritian Exotic Foods have returned after a break due to family problems. Mogador, (European dishes) is doing well, as are Damari's (Italian dishes), and Smoked & Spice (smoked cheese, fish & meat). A Newsletter is sent out as and when any news comes along regarding - stalls, events etc. If you would like to receive one, please send your email address to capelfarmersmarket@yahoo.co.uk - please be assured your email address will not be forwarded onto anyone else, and it will also be hidden from all other recipients. This Newsletter is also added to our FACEBOOK page. We are still looking for help with setting up and clearing away, on a rota basis. If you feel you could help us in this way, please contact Jenny or Cherry. Posters are available, if anyone could possibly display one for us, they can also be downloaded from our website. Please note that all the products for sale are freshly produced, in Kent. Our present products are:- Fish, Meat, Eggs, Desserts, Vegetarian Dishes, Preserves, Jams, Honey & Pickles, Cheese, Delicatessen, Smoked Fish, Meat & Cheese, Various Foreign Dishes, Bread, Cakes & Pastries, Vegetables, Fruit, Chocolates, Truffles & Sweets, Fruit Liqueurs, Plants and a few Crafts. James Taylor Photography – portable studio for portraits, passport, driving- licence photos, printing your holiday snaps, bookings for weddings, parties etc. is in the small hall.

We should point out that we ensure our producers hold the relevant certificates i.e. a public liability insurance and, where necessary, health and hygiene certificate and kitchen registration documents.

CAPEL-LE-FERNE ACTIVE RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION - Visit our Website www.capelara.co.uk for all the latest news We enjoyed an excellent November meeting in the Village Hall watching a demonstration of Stained Glass making where finished products were also for sale. As part of a Kent wide organization we went to Canterbury Cathedral for a Thanksgiving Service 2 days later. A small group of us ventured up to London to enjoy an official tour of the BBC Studios. Our next meeting together will be for Lunch on the 25<sup>th</sup> November and our regular Coffee Morning is next on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December where the Edinburgh Wool Mill will have non-clothe items for sale in time for Christmas. We also gather again for our December Christmas Party and Carols at the Village Hall on the 4<sup>th</sup>. ACTIVE IN NAME AND ACTIVE IN NATURE! If this sounds what you are looking for and are over 50, retired or semi-retired, and a resident in Capel then:

Please telephone Sally on 01303 250144 or Roy 01303 253331. E mail capelara@rocketmail.com



#### **CAPEL-LE-FERNE WEBSITE** www.capel-le-ferne.org

Please could all Clubs & Societies in the Village, regardless of where and when they meet, send regular updates plus contact information to our Webmaster. Also all forthcoming events, in fact any information of interest in the village, i.e. local events, history, local celebrities, family searches etc. The website is proving very popular, receiving many enquiries. Current information is important and it cannot be updated without your help. It is a mine of information, especially for anyone new to the village. All event posters are placed on there to be downloaded by anyone wishing to display one. If you have ANY photographs of Capel, your club, events, history, the area etc. please forward them for inclusion in the Gallery of Images. Contact Peter at 28 Helena Road, Tel: 01303 248149.

E mail: webmaster@capel-le-ferne.org



#### News from the Battle of Britain Memorial Trust Custodians of the National Memorial to the Few, Capel-le-Ferne, Kent RIP Flt Lt William Walker AE, Spitfire pilot, poet, family man and friend to the Trust.

24 August 1913 - 21 October 2012

At 99, William is thought to have been the oldest surviving Battle of Britain veteran. His funeral will take place at St Clement Danes in London. Active until the very end, despite the aches and pains associated with his advanced years, William had been planning to attend the Trust's End of the Battle Gala Dinner in the presence of the Patron, HRH Prince Michael of Kent GCVO, on the Thursday before he died, but suffered a stroke and was taken to hospital. He died peacefully on the Sunday.

William's absence saddened the gathering at the dinner and was made even more poignant by the fact that in recent years it had become traditional for William to raise a toast to his fellow Battle of Britain pilots after reading his poem Absent Friends. That poem was one of a collection published in 2011 in aid of the Trust's Wing Appeal by a man whose sparkling wit and generous manner was enjoyed by all those who met him. The collection also includes Our Wall, inspired by the Christopher Foxley-Norris Wall at the National Memorial to the Few, Capel-le-Ferne, where the Anniversary unveiling names of all those who flew in the Battle are listed.



At the 70th anniversary commemorations in July 2010, Prince Michael of Kent unveiled a copy of the poem carved in stone at the left hand edge of the wall. William, who read the poem to the many thousands of spectators present, described it as a very proud moment. Born on August 24, 1913, William joined the RAFVR on September 2, 1938 at Kidlington, Oxford, as an Airman u/t Pilot and flew his first solo there on the 28th. He was called to full-time service on September 1, 1939 and posted to No 1 ITW, Cambridge on November 15. He went to 2 FTS, Brize Norton on February 17, 1940 and at the end of the course he was commissioned and posted directly to 616 Squadron at Leconfield, arriving on June 18. During the late morning of Monday August 26, 1940, a large German bomber force, with heavy fighter escort, was heading towards targets in England including the RAF fighter stations at Kenley and Biggin Hill. The force was engaged over Kent and the coast by Defiants, Hurricanes and Spitfires. Spitfires from No 616 (South Yorkshire) Squadron were scrambled from Kenley to the Dover/Dungeness area and found themselves in a fight with Messerschmitt Bf 109s. William's aircraft was hit and badly damaged and he bailed out, landing in the Channel with a bullet in his right ankle. William clung to a shipwreck on the Goodwin Sands before being rescued by a fishing-boat, transferred to an RAF launch and brought ashore at Ramsgate, where he was greeted by a large crowd and presented with a packet of cigarettes by an elderly lady.

#### **Brewery boss**

In later life William enjoyed recounting the story of how, as the surgeon prized the armor-piercing bullet from his ankle during his stay at the RAF Hospital, Halton, it shot out and hit the ceiling. He kept the bullet as a souvenir. After recovering from his wound, William's postings included joining a squadron engaged in anti-aircraft co-operation duties and one with the Sector Gunnery Flight at Gatwick.

William had celebrated his 27th birthday two days before he was shot down and so was rather older than many of his comrades. He had begun his business career in 1931 as a pupil brewer at the Aylesbury Brewery, learning brewing, malting, bottling and cooperage. Two years later he joined Ind Coope's brewery in Burton and after the war rose to become its Chairman. He never lost his liking for a good pint and enjoyed many in the RAF Club in Piccadilly. Bright, witty and writing poetry to the last, William attended numerous events with and on behalf of the Few, including the 2012 Memorial Day at Capel-le-Ferne. He donated the proceeds from his book of poetry to the Trust's appeal to raise money for The Wing, its new visitor centre, and signed many copies. Details of how to purchase a copy are below. While "Absent Friends" and "Our Wall" are better known, his "Preface 2011", which introduces his book of poetry, sums up his philosophy:

When I retired and work was done, I started writing odes for fun. Finding words to scan and rhyme, Occupied much leisure time.

Senility is kept at bay, throughout a versifying day. Never let the mind be idle – To do so could be suicidal!



To support the Wing Appeal in memory of William, please reply to this email (or send an email to alcolm@go4marketing.net), including your name and address, how many copies you require (see options below) and your preferred method of payment. You will then be contacted to arrange payment and the books will be mailed to your home address.

I would like: ( ) softback copies of his book at £8.50 (inc p&p). ( ) signed softback copies of his book at  $\pm 11.50$  (inc p&p). () hardback copies of his book at  $\pm 20$  (inc p&p). () signed hardback copies of his book at £23 (inc p&p). I would like to pay by Visa/Mastercard/Maestro. Card No...... Start date ...... Expiry date ...... Issue No (Maestro)...... Security code ...... Amount£...... I would like to pay by cheque made payable to The Battle of Britain Memorial Trust. [Please delete whichever option does not apply] Please also tell us if you would like more information about leaving a legacy to the Battle of Britain Memorial Trust. The fund-raising continues

Fund raising is now well underway for our £2.8m Wing building and we are confident that the visitor and education centre will be up and running in time for the 75th anniversary of the Battle of Britain in 2015. It will, though, need lots of support from you - our loyal band of followers. Clearly we need some large sums of money, but we are also delighted to receive even the smallest donation.



If you would like to organise a coffee morning or a sponsored event in aid of the appeal – or if you know of a trust fund, business or other supporter who might be able to help, please get in touch using the email address at the bottom of this newsletter. We would love to hear from you – and we will acknowledge your donation through this newsletter. Don't forget that if you live close enough, every time you visit the site and buy a coffee you help out in a small way. Access to the site is free at all times and will remain so when The Wing is built. The car park, café and gift shop will stay open at weekends

throughout the winter again this year, thanks to our super band of volunteers. There's more on the website. Take a look at our website at www.battleofbritainmemorial.org - or catch up with us on Facebook by searching for 'Remembering the Few'. And don't forget that an easy way to support the Trust is to buy a car sticker for just £1.50 each (plus 50p P&P). Email malcolm@go4marketing.net with any questions, fund-raising ideas or bulk buy enquiries. Don't forget to add your name and address when you send your car sticker cheque, made payable to the Battle of Britain Memorial Trust and sent to the Battle of Britain Memorial Trust, PO Box 337, West Malling, Kent ME6 9AA. Come and see us - The Memorial itself is open all year round for those on foot - and our wonderful volunteers keep the shop and café open throughout the summer and each weekend throughout the winter. The volunteers will

also open on special occasions for groups (if you ask nicely). To ask nicely, check opening times or find out anything else before visiting just ring 01303 249292 or 01732 870809. The site is approached from either Dover or Folkestone on the B2011 at Capel- le-Ferne; postcode - CT18 7JJ. It's all on the website! More soon; let me know if there is anything you would like information on in a future edition and please feel free to pass this to friends or family who may be interested. Ask them to send me their email address if they want to be sent this newsletter in future. Please also let me know if you receive more than one copy as I am trying to de-dupe the mailing list. Join our 13,000 fans on Facebook - search for "Remembering the Few"



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ACTIVITIES & CLUBS	<u>CONTACT NAMES</u>	NUMBER	Capel Chimney Sweep Services
Community Warden	Ms Chantal Blythe	07977 981994	
Parish Council Clerk	Mrs Maureen Leppard	01303 259564	No dust, mess or fuss!
Webmaster	Mr Peter Jones	01303 248149	Fully Insured service for
Chairman, V. H. Committee	Mrs Jayne Stone	01303 211480 📈	all your chimney needs.
Vice Chairman "	Mr Jerry Watson	01303 258865	Complete service, sweep and vac.
Secretary "	Mrs Cherry Leppard	01303 255114	Telephone Dave
Treasurer "	Mrs Jenny Carter	01303 250928	] on:
Lettings Secretary "	Mrs Joan Woodsford	01303 252354	
Minutes Secretary "	Mr Gerry McCann	01303 850332	07896 282093 or
Maintenance "	Mr Derek Jeffrey	01303 259842	01303 231313
Trustee "	MrsJenny Barraclough	01303 245399	Institute of Chimney Sweeps Certificate
Trustee "	Mrs Julie Young	01303 259734	(ICS) qualified. Chimney safety
Trustee "	Mr Mike Stone	01303 211480	certificates issued for compliance with
Trustees "	Mrs Sue McCann	01303 850332	your home insurance.
Trustee "	Mrs Pim Scales	01303 254464	
100+ Club	Mrs Wendy Leeming	01303 259120	-
Farmers Market	Jenny & Cherry	245399/ 255114	
Boot Fairs	Mrs Wendy Leeming	01303 259120	Simpson Aerials
Village Hall Quiz Sheets	Jenny & Cherry	245399 / 255114	Your local aerial installer
Table & Chair Hire	Mrs Jayne Stone	01303 211480	We install, repair and tune all TV and
Noticeboard (£1 per month)	Committee Members	01505 211400	Radio Aerials and Satellite, including
Divas Dance	Miss Rebecca Uden	01303 893650	Freeview, Freeview Plus, Freesat and
Brownies	Mrs Sandra Sharpe	01303 241767	
Guides	Miss Rachel Chandler	01303 210702	Freesat plus. Est: 1988
Youth Club	Mr Simon Withey	07860803767	
Playgroup	Mrs Alison Cloake	07977 838609	
Judo	Mr Colin Carrot	09850 548769	Call Peter on
Capel Active Retirement Association	Mrs Sally Solly	01303 250144	
Short Mat Bowls	Mrs Ros Chandler	01303 255862	01303 250360 or 07971807150
W.I.	Mrs Vad Blake	01303 241399	╡└────
Fit Friends - Pilates	Mrs Pam Vivien	01303 244322	-
Keep Fit	Mrs Karolin Taylor	01303 246887	
Zumba Fitness	Tuesday&Thursday6pm.	07411966582	Computer Broblems?
Capel Ramblers	Mr Bob Mothersele	01303 250931	🛛 Computer Problems?
Gardeners Association	Mr Gerald Harman	01303 255661	🗸 🗸 Advice 😽
Bridge (Sunday & Tuesday)	Adrian & Judy	01303 245521	🛛 🔨 Upgrades
Bridge (Fridays)	Mr Bob Jones	01233 756362	✓ Repairs
Art Group, St.Radigunds Church Hall	MrAhmed Ovais	01303 242670	ן אין אין אין אין אין אין אין אין אין אי
Art Group, St. Radigunds Church	Mrs Susan Dootson	01303 243508	✓ Internet ✓ Viruses ✓ Home tuition
Remote Control Car Club	Mr Derek Jeffrey	01303 259842	Home tuition
St. Radigunds Players & Choir	Mr Colin Blake	01303 241399	
Twinning Association	Mrs Joy Wallington	01303 241333	Firewalls
St. Radigunds Church	Wits Joy Wannigton	01505 051257	
St. Radigunds Church Hall Bookings	Steve Lennard	01303 670445	
		01303 251086	Firewalls
Capel Baptist Church Welcome to Village Letter	Mrs Gill Cooper Mrs Debbie Catling		0
-	-	01303 251525	DJ Computer Services
Dog Walkers	Mrs Pam Sheppard	01303 243832 (eve)	Telephone 01304-331083
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### Capel-le-Ferne Playgroup

The Village Hall, Lancaster Avenue, Capel-le-Ferne, CT18 7LX capelpreschool@btinternet.com Running for over 40 years **CAROL SERVICE** 

9<sup>th</sup> December,

3 p.m, in

The Village Hall

Ring Alison on 07977838609 or drop in during one of our sessions. A few vacancies available

\*\*\*\*\*\* Ofsted 2010 - Outstanding environment and good in all other areas. \*\*\*\*\*\*

Open Term Time - mornings Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.



#### Winter driving



Half of all bad weather crashes happen in the winter months. During winter months, we expect the weather to be bad, and we can change the way we drive to compensate. But so many crashes are still blamed on the weather. The fact is that we don't change the way we drive as much as we should. The main cause of crashes in winter is poor driving, not poor weather. Snow and ice: A third of all crashes happen on roads that are wet or frozen. Frost, ice or snow on the road will reduce the grip of tyres. This means you are much more likely to skid, and it can take up to 10 times further to stop than on a dry road. If the road is wet, stopping distance doubles immediately. The faster you go, the longer it takes to stop. So, the way to prevent skidding and reduce stopping distances is to slow down. Drive with the conditions in mind and brake gently in plenty of time.

<u>How can I avoid skidding?</u> Skids are caused by harsh handling of the vehicle; harsh braking, acceleration or steering. But their root cause is nearly always speed. The best way to avoid getting into a skid is by slowing down. If you do skid, the basic advice is to take your feet off all of the pedals, until the wheels grip once more. If you slam the brakes on, you will lock up the wheels and lose control of the vehicle. Gentle braking will lessen the possibility of the wheels locking. If they do start to lock, then the technique called 'cadence' braking should be used. This works when the brake pedal is pumped on and off, this helps to keep wheel lock to a minimum. This is the principle that antilock braking systems (ABS), fitted to some cars, works on. So if you have ABS, you will not need to pump your brake pedal.

<u>How can I tell whether roads are icy or not?</u> One clear indicator is of course whether you had to scrape ice or snow from your windscreen at the start of your journey. Inside a car, it is very easy to forget the outside conditions and temperature, which can easily lead to overestimating the ability of your car and its driver to handle the driving conditions. Ultimately, this can lead to cornering too fast, leaving it too late to brake and just generally a poor level of driving in poor conditions. Highways keep local radio stations and TV networks up-to-date about road conditions and tell them when we are planning to salt the main roads. Conditions will vary across the county. Some areas are more likely to freeze than others. If there is a white frost on grass and cars, then you may find icy patches on the roads.

<u>Winter sun</u>: The low sun in winter is a big problem for drivers. Unlike in summer, when the sun is higher, the winter sun can shine directly into a driver's eyes. The problem is even worse when the road surface is wet or frozen. The sun shines directly into your eyes, and reflects up from the road surface. As you cannot control the sunshine directly, the only way to truly reduce the risk is to reduce your speed.

<u>Drive to the conditions - reduce your speed</u>: At 30mph, in perfect weather, it will take you at least 23 metres (75 feet) to stop in an emergency. When wet, this may become 46 metres, and on ice, nearly 230 metres. In residential areas, no matter what the weather, your speed is crucial. When there are plenty of road hazards like pedestrians, children, bicycles, parked cars and junctions, do you really need to be driving exactly on the speed limit? Don't forget, speed limits tell you the maximum speed at which you can ever travel on that road. They are not targets to reach. Checklist to Get Your Car Ready for the Winter Season

- Just by making a few regular checks, you can decrease the chances of breaking down and ensure your car is in tiptop condition for the winter season.
- If heavy snow is forecast, make sure you carry a spade, wellies and a torch with spare batteries in case you get stuck. If you have to make a long journey, especially at night, take a flask of hot drink, rugs and blankets and high-energy food such as chocolate.
- A car that is well maintained is the most economical on fuel. Get it serviced at the manufacturer's recommended intervals. Before a long journey and if you use the car for short journeys every day, carry out the following checks at least once a month.
- Remove the engine dipstick and check the oil level; wipe the stick with a clean rag, replace it and check again. The level should fall between the minimum and maximum marks and if necessary, remove the oil-filler cap and top up with the recommended oil noted in the manufactures handbook.
- Check the engine coolant level in the radiator or expansion tank attached and top up if necessary, but only when the engine is cold. Top up the windscreen washer reservoir with antifreeze mixture in the correct proportions, which will be noted in the manufacturer's handbook.
- Use a pressure gauge to check that the air pressure in all tyres, including the spare, is as recommended in the handbook but only do this when the tyres are cold in order to get an accurate reading.
- Use a tyre-tread tool to measure the depth of the tread on all tyres, as the law requires that the depth all around the tyre and across its central section should not be less than 1.6mm. Most modern tyres have wear bars, which stand proud of the bottom of the tread grooves. If they are flush, the tyre must be changed. Remove stones and other debris from the tread with a penknife.
- Check that all lights and indicators are working and clean. Replace any spent bulbs and ensure that the battery terminals are clean and secure.
- Keep the windscreen, mirrors and windows clean and keep the windscreen and rear screen washer reservoirs topped up. In cold, misty or foggy weather check that the windscreen demister works.
- Additional checks include: replacing worn rubbers on windscreen wipers, ensuring number plates are clean and firmly attached, adjust seat belts correctly and check the alternator belt for wear and ensure that the tension is correct.

#### Two Christmas Craft Fairs taking place in Folkestone and Canterbury that you might be interested in.

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Canterbury Adult Education Christmas Craft Fair takes place on Thursday 29th November from 3.30pm to 6.30pm at The Canterbury Adult Education Centre, Knight Avenue, Canterbury, Kent CT2 8QA. At our Christmas Craft Fair you will find a wide variety of beautiful handmade items and gifts. You'll be amazed to discover the range of items being created by our students and local crafters. Explore the variety of courses taking place from January 2013. Why not purchase a course as a gift!

The Cubes Christmas Craft Fair takes place over 3 floors on Saturday 1st December 2012 from 10am to 3pm at The Cube, Tontine Street, Folkestone, Kent CT20 1SD. At our Christmas Craft Fair you will find a wide variety of beautiful handmade items and gifts. Enjoy seasonal treats in The Cube Café while being entertained by a Christmas Choir. Register for one of the workshops taking place at this event to get a taste of courses starting from January 2013 or FREE workshop in Digital Photography or demonstration in Japanese Stitching by calling 01303 715 260. Why not purchase a course as a gift! Kind regards, The Cube, Tontine Street, Folkestone, Kent CT20 1SD

Abigail Levitt, Local Engagement Co-ordinator Shepway and Canterbury Districts, Community Learning and Skills, (Kent Adult Education), Direct Line: 01303 715 260 or 01227 592 710. VPN: 7022 5264 or 7696 2712.



Visit www.kent.kentadulteducation.co.uk

today and find out more! Find out more about the Creative Quarter in Folkestone <u>www.creativequarterfolkestone.com</u>

Late Night Christmas Shopping - Coast and Edinburgh Woollen Mills **Both Shopping Events on Thursday evening December 6<sup>th</sup>** E.W.M. 6 ~ 7.30pm ~ including Instore Fashion show. *Refreshments and discounts* 

30- 32 Burgate...quite near the Cathedral. Coast 6.30 ~ 8.30pm - 7, Marlowe Arcade ~ quite near BHS. Free raffle, bubbly and chocs, discounts and bounce back voucher 2013. 20% off everything in store



# BURMA STAR ASSOCIATION FOLKESTONE & DISTRICT BRANCH

### To all of the residents of the village of Capel le ferne.

I myself as the resident standard bearer (a friend of) would like to thank you all for all your support over the past 7 years, whilst being the standard bearer.

Unfortunately, the Branch had considered hanging up the standard in January, earlier this year. Due to the loss of some active member's. We as a branch thought it right and proper that it should be at the end of the year, to take into consideration the battle of Britain memorial celebrations, at Capel le ferne. Who we have supported since the opening, and will continue to do so.

The Standard now will be laid up at Holy Trinity Church on Sunday 25/11/2012 @1.30 pm for 2.00pm, which you are all welcome to attend.

May I take this opportunity to say thank you, and as of 26 Th Nov, I shall be carrying for the Royal Naval Association of Folkestone, and look forward for you continuing support.

Many, many thanks'

Stephen Shaw



#### AN UNUSUAL CONCERT

Dover Choral Society's next concert is something out of the ordinary! Most concert goers expect an orchestra to accompany the singers, but this concert features a programme

of unaccompanied music, and works written for accompaniment by just two instruments!

The other unusual thing is that all the music is by English composers, and was written in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. The first half is comprised of Benjamin Britten's "Rejoice in the Lamb" and Ralph Vaughan Williams "Five Mystical Songs". Michael Tippett's "Five Negro Spirituals" from his work "A Child of our Time" start the second half, which then concludes with Benjamin Britten's "A Ceremony of Carols". Next year is the centenary of Britten's birth.

We have 5 soloists performing, including Lucinda Drelaud (Soprano), Rachel Eberlein (Contralto), William Jones (Counter-tenor and Bass), and Clifford Lester (Tenor).

Matthew Raisbeck will be playing the Society's recently acquired organ. Matthew is well known to DCS: he is our rehearsal accompanist, so we already know what a superb player he is. Matthew was previously organ scholar at St. George's Chapel, Windsor Castle and Worcester College, Oxford. Other accompaniment will be provided by Sussexbased harpist Alex Rider. Alex is principal harp with the Sussex Symphony Orchestra and is very much in demand as a freelance soloist. This promises to be an unusual and interesting concert, different from the usual offering from Dover Choral Society, and we hope that the town will come out and support it. Be prepared for your spine to be tingled!

Tickets, which are available from Dover Tourist Information Centre in the market Square (Dover Museum), are priced at £12 (£6 for students), or can be obtained from members of the society. Tickets can be pre-booked by calling 01304 820149. A limited number of tickets will be available on the door.

<u>The concert is on Saturday 17 November in</u> Dover Town Hall and starts at 7:30 pm.

Visit our website at www.doverchoralsociety.org.uk.

For further information contact: Donald Beck, Dover Choral Society Press Officer. Tel: 07808 272047. <u>donald.beck@ntlworld.com</u>