

GRAPEVINE

Capel-le-Ferne Village Newsletter FEBRUARY 2015 - ISSUE NO: 234





CHURCH SERVICES, February 2015						
Date	Alkham	Capel	Hougham			
Sunday 1st Candlemas	Evensong 4.30 pm	Sung Eucharist 9.30 am	Worshipping Together 11am			
Sunday 8 th 2 nd Sunday before Lent	Sung Eucharist 9.30 am	Worshipping Together 11am				
Sunday 15 th Sunday next before Lent	Worshipping Together 11am	Evensong 6pm	Sung Eucharist 9:30am			
Wednesday 18 th Ash Wednesday: Lent begins		Eucharist with imposition of ashes, 7.00 pm				
Sunday 22nd 1 st Sunday of Lent		Benefice Eucharist 10:00am				

From the Vícarage

In the school hall, all was quiet. It was a day at my other job, and the class I had been asked to look after that morning were taking an exam – all I had to do was to watch for anyone who needed paper, or a fresh pen. High above where rows of pupils sat writing, a butterfly fluttered along – not what anyone expected on a cold, bright morning in the week before Christmas.

Minutes before the exam was due to end, a hand went up. I went across to see what this young man wanted, but he pointed at the curtains. The butterfly, a Small Tortoiseshell, was there, basking in the winter sunshine that streamed through the window. It should have been hibernating, but electric lights, heating and winter sunshine together had fooled it into thinking that spring had arrived.

The exam over, I found the butterfly, still on the curtains, and popped it gently into a box. Outside the hall, I reassured a group of anxious pupils that had gathered along with one of the office staff that I was going to take it home and put it somewhere cool and dry to continue hibernating, and that I would release it in the spring.

It made me think. Across parts of Africa and Asia, people are slaughtering each other for this, that and the other reason while others profit from their misery by smuggling refugees to safety in rusty cargo ships in exchange for their life savings. Meanwhile, some schoolchildren are rooting for the butterfly sleeping in my loft to survive until spring. How is it that human beings can so easily show compassion to a butterfly, yet struggle to show compassion to each other?

Brían

<u>Capel Church Hall Fund-Programme for 2015</u> <u>John Oliver, Chairman - Capel Church Hall Fund</u> <u>Telephone 01303 251403</u>

We don't' normally have a 2nd Friday of the month meeting in February but we do have this year.

On Friday 13th of February (it is just a date!), Brian, our vicar, will be giving a talk on The Holy Land after his visit there last year. It will be in St Radigund's Church, Albany Road at 7.30pm. No tickets or entry fee, everyone is invited, just turn up and enjoy his talk. He will be giving first-hand information about places that are just names to most of us that will give us all a better idea of what such well- known names of places are actually like, so please come along and also have a tea or coffee and a biscuit. You will be most welcome. Do you imagine Mount Sinai is a mountain, or just a hill? Come and find out.

If you are planning a party or social event why not consider approaching Steve Leonard, our Letting Secretary on 01303 670445 or mobile 07525 254114 to make a booking for a regular slot or just a one off event

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Something to celebrate? Want to hold a party? Need to organise a meeting or training session? Want to start a teatime chat group or a new sports club?

	sports club.						
The Management Committee wish all hall users and visitors a very Happy New Year							
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The small hall is perfect for more intimate groups or meetings, or can be used as the food/drink service area. The kitchen is well fitted with a service hatch. The large hall is an ideal venue for parties, weddings and other large family ge togethers – there is room for children to run around, for tables to eat on and space for dancing, a stage for the band or disco. For those extra special occasions there is net to release balloons at the 'magic moment' or hidden wires to decorate the hall.							
At the Annual General Meeting the annual accounts were presented and the An Report adopted. These have been submitted to the Charity Commission and available on their website. If you would like to see a copy please let the secr know. The audited accounts show that the hall is running with a surplus, than the fundraising efforts of and support from the local community. The Trustees to ensure the income from hirings cover the basic running costs. The fundra covers the maintenance and refurbishment of the hall.	I areWater rates£1,427etaryInsurances£3,661ks toLighting/heating£2,400c aimCleaning/letting/refuse/grass cutting£9,524						
Trustees elected at the AGM are: Jenny Carter, Sally Cook, Sue Leaning, Cherry Leppard and Mike Stone. Trustees appointed by organisations are: Jenny Barraclough, Jayne Stone, Brian Wilson and Julie Young. Other Trustees may be co-opted during the year. If you would like to learn more please contact the secretary.	The officers were appointed at the December meeting of the committee. Chairman: Brian Wilson. Vice Chairman: Jayne Stone Secretary: Sally Cook. Treasurer: Sue Leaning						
WINNERS OF 100+ CLUB – DECEMBER1st. No: 133 – Cherry Leppard2nd. No: 61 – Brian Wilson3rd. No: 8 A Dyer	WINNERS OF 100+ CLUB – JANUARY 1 ^{st.} No: 85 – Sylvia Coles 2 ^{nd.} No: 113 – Alan French 3 ^{rd.} No: 49 Angela Godfrey						
Changes at the top! Congratulations to Brian Wilson who was elected Chariman at the December meeting. Sue Leaning and Sally Cook were re-elected as treasurer and secretary respectively. An early decision is to review cleaning, letting and grass cutting services provided. Anyone interested in providing any of these is invited to contact the chairman Brian Wilson 01303 240405 or secretary Sally Cook on 253838 for more information. A huge thank you to Cherry, Ros and team for organising the New Year's Eve Event with Chicory Tip! All profits for the evening were divided equally between Kent Air Ambulance and Moorfields Eye Hospital. We hope they will repeat the event this year.							
Have your say! Trustees will be reviewing what needs maintenance a	nd any other developments that would enhance the						
facilities. If you have anyRECYCLINGINSIDE THE HALL Boxes are provided for:-> Unwanted shoes for charity,> Used Stamps for Moorfields Eye Hospital & Hearing Dogs> ShoesPlease place the above in the relevant boxes.PLEASE NOTE – WE ARE NO LONGER ABLE TO RECYCLE BOTTLETOPS. THEY SHOULD NOW BE DISPOSED OF VIA THE LOCALAUTHORITY REFUSE COLLECTION SERVICES.***********************************	ideas please let us know.CONTINUOUS EVENTSBooks & jigsaws:A wide variety of books are available an 'honesty basis. These are on trollies in the corridor. Thanks to all who have donated to this cause. Quiz Sheets: 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. $100+$ Club:£12 per year your number is placed in a draw, every month for 1st Prize £25, 2nd £15, 3rd £5. These DOUBLE in December! The draw will take place at the Committee Meeting on the 1st Tuesday of each month. Contact Jenny on 01303 250298 for further information.						

<u>Capel le Ferne Village Hall Committee would like to invite tenders to provide key services to the Village</u> <u>Hall – cleaning, letting and grass cutting. Responses may be for all or individual services.</u> <u>Further information is available by contacting the Chairman Brian Wilson on 01303 240405.</u> <u>All responses should be sent to the secretary Sally Cook</u> <u>at 10 Capel Street Capel le Ferne by Monday 23rd February.</u>



<u>CAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH</u> Capel Street. Services 10.30am. <u>Speakers for FEBRUARY 2015</u> 1st Pam Barr (Communion) 8th Rev Ruddle

15th Pam Barr

22nd Gloria Guest

<u>ALL WELCOME TO THESE ACTIVITIES</u> <u>If there are queries regarding these details,</u> <u>please call 01303 251086. Gill Cooper</u> **Please! A reminder that the public are requested not** to park in front of the gates on Sunday mornings as this is a disabled access.

TO AND FRO CARS

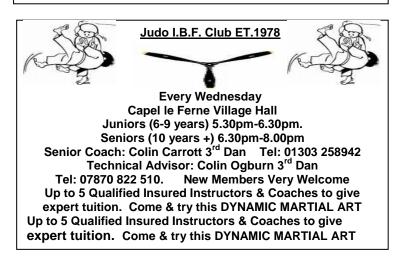


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"Hold a Fish and Chip Supper to help spinal cord injured people rebuild lives after injury" Great British Fish and Chip Supper Friday 15th May 2015

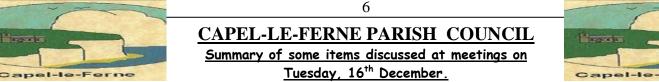
Want to eat Fish and Chips, while raising money for charity? Hold a fish and chip supper on Friday 15th May 2015 whilst raising awareness of spinal cord injury and supporting SIA's vital services.

You can hold a fish and chip supper in your own home, at work or hold a larger supper at your local community centre. SIA will provide a fundraising pack containing hints and tips, recipes, invitations and donation envelopes. By inviting 8 friends and asking them to donate an additional $\pounds 5.00$ means you will raise at least $\pounds 40.00$ from your supper but we will also give you additional fundraising ideas to raise even more money for SIA. In 2015 we want to make the batter matter and raise $\pounds 40,000$ from everyone holding suppers. Last year we raised $\pounds 20,000$ from the suppers.

The money raised from the suppers will help the Spinal Injuries Association offer support to individuals who become paralysed and their families, from the moment a spinal injury occurs, and for the rest of their lives by providing services and publications which enable and encourage paralysed people to rebuild lives after spinal cord injury.

Every year in the UK over 1,000 people experience a spinal cord injury and there are an estimated 40,000 spinal cord injured people in the UK alone. Community Fundraising Manager, Elizabeth Wright, says, "The Fish and Chip Supper is a wonderful opportunity for a great evening with friends and family. We are also encouraging people who work to hold a Fish and Chip Lunch in their work places to raise even more funds. You may be even a local community group wanting to run a fun evening with your group.

For more information or request a fundraising pack call Elizabeth Wright on 0845 071 4350 or Email: <u>fundraising@siafishandchips.co.uk</u> or visit www.siafishandchips.co.uk



• Request from the public to address the Council: None received • Equipment status report – Schedule of works drawn up and circulated on refurbishment of Playzone unit and fencing. Zip-wire corrosion – discussion held with Wicksteed who sent a representative to view equipment. Royal Oak keen to support and fund-raise for the Village. • Crime Reports (PCSO Gretel May)/Neighbourhood Watch – Youth in village causing problems, outside Village Hall - PCSO to arrange to visit and educate them in anti-social behaviour. Vehicles parking top of Capel Street still under investigation. Burglar conviction reported. Egg throwing at residents' windows – culprits known and parents visited. • Traffic/Road Improvements, Highways & Public Rights of Way - The prioritised list had now been completed and circulated. This would be discussed further when investigations had been undertaken on solutions to: inoperative 40mph flashing on B2011, Capel Street - turning circle at School gate, parking across driveways and speeding traffic management. • Other items discussed – A Salt bin, bag of salt and spreader now delivered for use on Village Hall Car Park and surrounding footpaths for access; Thanks expressed to County Councillor Geoff Lymer for bringing a satisfactory conclusion to works on Dover Hill; Footpath on B2011 (North side - Battle of Britain site to Capel Street) underway; "cat's eyes" require attention on B2011 from Courtwood Roundabout to pass Royal Oak, as not visible in foggy weather or at night has been reported; the refreshment vehicle in layby by Courtwood roundabout a concern with lorry parking an issue - Cllr: Lymer to make further investigations with KCC, DDC and Police; Cllr: Lymer investigating moving 40mph signs either end of village on New Dover Road (B2011), District Councillor Scales and Cllr: Lymer continue to investigate new bus shelters and bus route in conjunction with Bus partnership, Western Heights planning back with DDC Committee, Anaerobic Digester Plant at Cauldham Farm – nothing transpired, Town and Parish Meeting attended by Cllrs: Goble and Tutt - items on agenda were Council Tax/Precept increase and Police Watch.

Tuesday, 20th January

• <u>Request from the public to address the Council</u>: None received • <u>Equipment status report</u> – Quotes for refurbishment and fencing circulated to members – work on renovation of equipment due to take place in March; Fencing to Petanque and Memorial agreed; Zip-wire mechanism being cleaned and unit sprayed to prevent corrosion. • <u>Crime Reports (PCSO Gretel May)/Neighbourhood Watch</u> – Eastern Europeans recent visits to properties reported to Kent Police; No other crimes reported. NHW advice continues to be circulated to residents. • <u>Traffic/Road Improvements, Highways & Public Rights of Way</u> – 40mph flashing sign now with Kent Highways for repair; use of School walking bus to be encouraged to alleviate parking at school in Capel Street, PROW Officer to be contacted regarding upgrading part of Green Lane as alternative use to school; B2011 footpath (north side) completed; parking and/or crossing the grass verges in ALL areas of village causing considerable damage in places; road works on M20/A20 from now to end of April. • <u>Other items</u> <u>discussed</u> – Sale of alcohol licence for The New Wing at Battle of Britain site – no objections raised by members; Draft Budget for 2015-2016 presented to members and Parish Precept agreed of £18,250 – an annual increase per household (Band D) of approximately £4.02.

<u>Next Parish Council meeting is on Tuesday, 17th February at 7.30pm in the Village Hall (Small Hall).</u> A COPY OF THE MEETING'S AGENDA WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE A WEEK BEFORE THE MEETING. <u>http://www.capel-le-fernepc.kentparishes.gov.uk/</u> ALL PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, SHOULD YOU WISH TO ATTEND. HOWEVER, IF YOU WISH TO ADDRESS THE COUNCILLORS, PLEASE INFORM THE CLERK PRIOR TO THE MEETING! Further information on any of the above or to contact Parish Council, please write to Parish Clerk, 39 Victoria Road, or <u>Tel: 01303 259564</u>. <u>Email: maureen.leppard@btinternet.com</u>

ITEMS THE PARISH COUNCIL REQUEST YOUR ASSISTANCE WITH ----- PLEASE

Our Primary School walking bus operates from the Village Hall and we are asking, on behalf of the School, for volunteers to assist in the operation of this for 15 minutes at the beginning and end of the school day, i.e. 8.30am and 3pm. Anyone can volunteer, please contact the School and complete a CRB check if you are able to help. The more helpers available, the more children can use the system and hopefully, and more importantly, stop cars parking at the school gate to drop off children, which causes considerable problems and disruption in Capel Street. THANK YOU. Parking on/or crossing over our grass verges is causing considerable damage to the ground and in some places, mud on pavements, causing inconvenience and obstruction of use. The Parish Councillors would like to request your help in not using the grass verges, that are the property of Kent County Council Highways, for the parking of vehicles or to gain access to your driveways. In places, the damage

to the verges needs to be renovated and will be at the expense of the Parish Council from our funds, by way of the Parish Precept i.e. your Council Tax. If persistence damage continues, then the Council Members will need to consider the use of bollards in certain areas to stop this. Again, at the expense of the Parish Precept.

NEW YEAR'S EVE

For the first time in quite a few years the Village Hall was used for New Year's Eve. Chicory Tip, popular 60's group, played the music. It was a fabulous evening and they have been booked for this New Year's Eve! There were a lot of people and to get everyone seated was quite difficult, some having a job to get in and out of their seats. Next time we will have to limit the numbers to 150, which will be more manageable. We were still under the number for fire regulations. The profits went to Moorfield's Eye Hospital and Air Ambulance. £615.75 sent to each charity.

Which I am sure they will be very happy with. From the organisers: Cherry, Ros, Ruby, Barry, Rachel & Emma.

The Annual Carol Service

held at the Village Hall was again very well supported. Pam Barr, from Capel Baptist Church and Brian Williams from St. Radigund's took the service. Capel Primary School brought along their choir which was delightful. St. Radigund's Choir also sang for us and everyone joined in singing the well-known Carols. Tea, coffee and mince pies were available after the service.

The collection raised £167.00 and was given to Christian Aid for the Ebola crisis. Do you hear about people who have not claimed thousands of pounds on their premium bonds prizes or have not claimed their pension, or appear to have abandoned monies in a bank account they opened years before? How can people do this? Can you really forget you have money? Surely no-one can have so much going on in their life that they could effectively abandon their hard earned money. That is what I thought until this week, when it happened to me.

I had received a letter from my bank stating that the cash card issued to me in January 2010 is due to expire in January 2015. However, they stated over the last five years as I had not carried out any transaction they would not be renewing the card, unless I carried out a transaction before the end of January, then they would re-issue a new card. My dilemma was, I did not recall an account with such a cash card, there had been no bank statements issued over those five years under the card number, I had no idea where the card was 'filed' or the PIN.

I promptly took some identification and the bank letter with me to the bank in order to obtain further information. I was informed the reason for no bank statement was due to the account being reflected in a passbook.

Following around twenty minutes of enquiries at the bank it all started to fall into place. Just before the financial crash in 2008, this bank had convinced me to amalgamate a couple of bank accounts that were not earning any interest rates into a single account that offered a good rate at the time, with conditions of so much money to be paid in each month. Effectively a combined operating and savings account.

I was told they would not include the account with the passbook, as the interest on that account, then, was reasonable. Consequently, due to operating the new combined account over the next seven years or so, I simply forgot about the passbook account. An evening of going through my files successfully located my passbook, cash card and PIN, finally I had recovered the situation. So, have a thought, could this or has this unknowingly happened to you. Have you changed employment and assumed your old pension has followed you to the new job? Have you moved house and not notified the Premium Bonds office, or claimed an energy or BT landline apportioned refund? Not sure? Here are some phone numbers to help you, in case you have a niggling doubt. Premium Bond unclaimed prizes. Call 0500 007 007.

Investments - Check Companies House (gov.uk/government/organisations/companies-house)

<u>Pensions</u> - The Department for Work & Pensions has a free pension tracing service. Phone: 0845 600 2537. However for personal pension enquiries you need to contact the pension provider.

Inheritances - Visit gov.uk/government/organisation/bona-vacantia for information

Energy refunds (when you have moved address). - Visit either myenergycredit.com or telephone 0370 737 7770.

It may take just five minutes to check, but could result in a pleasant surprise.

Have a peaceful, healthy 2015.

Cllr Geoffrey Lymer, DDC Councillor for Lydden & Temple Ewell. KCC Councillor Dover West.

COULD YOU SAVE MONEY ON YOUR ENERGY BILLS? ENERGY DEAL REGISTRATION CLOSES ON 2 FEBRUARY

Dover District Council is reminding residents that they still have time to sign up for Energy Deal, the collective switching campaign that aims to help residents looking to reduce their gas and electricity bills – and registration closes on 2 February.

The Energy Deal scheme was developed by Dover, Dartford, Tunbridge Wells and Gravesham Councils, and now Tonbridge & Malling has joined the collaboration. Group buying offers a straightforward solution for residents to find out whether they can get a better deal and benefit by saving money on their home energy bills.

It's free to register and residents are not obliged to switch energy supplier. On 3 February, energy suppliers are invited to an energy auction, (administered by iChoosr). Residents registered with Energy Deal will be sent a personalised offer showing the winning tariff, which they can then decide whether they want to accept.

The October auction saw a unique market leading tariff offered specifically for collective switching, with an average saving of £221. Throughout the registration period, people who register from the participating Council areas are being entered into a prize draw. One of the recent lucky winners was Mr Peter Kenney from Kingsdown.

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Capel Active Retirement Association Salley, Secretary.

We do hope you all had a great Christmas and New Year break, and have entered into 2015 with renewed energy and lots of activities and holidays planned throughout the year. Our December Cheese & Wine Party proved very acceptable and enjoyable; very many thanks to everyone who helped to make it work so successfully. About 14 of us ate a delicious Christmas meal together, later in the month, at the Valiant Sailor, with crackers, tinsel and much laughter. Then into the New Year we had a most informative and helpful talk from Alan Falkner of the Kent Fire Brigade Service, at our January meeting, who opened our eyes to the wide spectrum of jobs that they are now responsible for - no longer rescuing "kitties from trees"! - their valuable time spent rescuing people from burning buildings while extinguishing the fire, attending RTA's etc.; he also offered us good sound advice for our own safety in the home in order to prevent those fires, with a check-list to follow if at all possible - everyone found something they needed to attend to or at least think about changing for the better. Then for February we have a totally different topic for our meeting, which will touch our senses in a different way, namely a photographic presentation from the Folkestone Camera Club, brought by Bob Brisley (who nearly 3 years ago was our very first speaker after the club was formed)! Please see the separate Programme for future speakers as there are some changes, and make a note in your diaries; please come and support us as often as you can - you will always find a welcome. Adrian is organizing a day trip to Sheffield Park and the Bluebell Railway on Friday 17th April – please see separate advert; first come/first serve basis for coach bookings - please contact Adrian on 250392 if you haven't yet put your names down. We are asking our members yet again to seriously consider joining the Committee, to help out with all that's required to run a group like ours and to share the workload; also for any other queries - please contact Sally on 250144.

Capel Active Retirement Association **Programme of Forthcoming Events** - 2015 3rd FEBRUARY - FOLKESTONE CAMERA CLUB - Bob Brisley 3rd MARCH - NAPOLEONIC RE-ENACTMENT - Tom Deakin 7th APRIL - BIG BAND MUSIC - History & Sing-a-long - Tony Pettitt 5th MAY - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (all members) 2nd JUNE - Y & X STATIONS DURING WW2 - Ray Solly 7TH JULY - BBQ tbc



Capel-le-Ferne Gardeners Association Our first monthly meeting is at 7.30 pm on Tuesday, 17th February 2015.

There will be a talk by Mr Robert Cook on "Practical Seed Sowing" and the monthly members' competition is for "Spring Flowers in a wine glass".

Annual memberships are now due cost £4.00 and show schedules will be available if you intend to exhibit in the shows this year. All members receive a membership card showing all dates and activities.

The Christmas social at St Radigunds was a success, many thanks to all who organised the festivities.

> Happy New Year to all. My first Camelia bloom appeared on the bush on 9th January, earlier than ever. Regards Gess Harman Treasurer. 01303 255661.

Capel Active Retirement Association Our next meeting is on Tuesday 3rd February 2015 at 2pm in the Village Hall **Topic: FOLKESTONE CAMERA CLUB PRESENTATION – BOB BRISLEY** Please do come and join us for what promises to be a visual spectacular

A day trip to **SHEFFIELD PARK & THE BLUEBELL** RAILWAY On Friday 17th April 2015 Cost of coach/park and railway £39 (Ploughman's Lunch extra £5) Contact Adrian on 250392 for places



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<u>CAPEL EVENING WI</u>

Firstly 'Happy New Year' to everyone and hope that 2015 is all that you would wish for yourselves and that there will not be too may heartaches. Hopefully also we will not get too much of the 'white stuff' that stops us getting out and about.

I have to make an apology for the December Grapevine, for those of you who notice I wrote December 2014 edition of the Grapevine. I will now give you the highlights, so please bear with me.

<u>The November Meeting</u> of the Capel Evening WI was the Annual General Meeting when the committee and officers report to the members on events of the previous year. The 'old' committee resign and a new one is elected.

In theory an evening of serious business the WI ladies still managed to have fun. We had not one but two 'surprise' speakers. The first, Vad Blake who had so many people ask about her new jacket that she brought samples of the jacket and accessories for members to see and try on. Although not on commission (big mistake Vad!) she found new owners for several of the items.

The second surprise speaker of the evening, Lyn Ratcliffe began by unveiling herself as a red tomato. For those younger readers she had been a contestant on Ready Steady Cook when Fern Britton was presenting it. There was much laughter as Lyn recounted her experiences. Application to appearance was just one week, so the first her mother knew of it was when she was watching TV. There was the contestant who got excited about the selection of can- apes in the green room (I've always wanted to try a can –ape). Lyn's goody bag (chosen by the programme, not her) included a nashi pear. So of course she was asked why she included it! Quick wittedly she said she'd often seen them in Tesco and wanted to know what to do with one. More secrets of how the programme was made were revealed, followed by more surprises. The contestants and chefs were trouping down the spiral to get on set when the one at the front was stopped suddenly. The rest of the line almost went down like dominoes but their disaster was averted. The drama was played out in the audience, where one of them was having a heart attack. The final dénouement came when Lyn next visited Tesco - as a thank you for her accidental publicity the manager gave her a supermarket dash. Oh yes, and she shared with us the darkest secret about when she is asked to make millionaire's shortbread. But it's not my secret to share!

The December Meeting was our usual jolly party where everyone got together and celebrated with food, fun and laughter. During the evening poems were presented by Gillian Howey, Caroline Bunting & Barrie Reynolds. An unusual group (somewhat resembling Vad & Colin Blake, Sheila French & Coletta Spillet) gave a rendition of "We are the W I". Members were invited to complete the, often frustrating, Christmas quizzes, and then rewarded with the buffet. The Achiever's Cup was presented to Jean Bell for her willingness to help, her cheerfulness and the success of her annual jumble sale. The Competition Cup was awarded to Jayne Stone, with Vad Blake in 2^{nd} place & Gwen Beaumont in 3^{rd} place. At the end of the evening everyone was presented with a Christmas Gift.

The January 2015 Meeting the WI ladies met again after the Christmas and New Year celebrations and the village hall was abuzz with friends catching up. Red tulips brightened the business table and as the meeting began three new members were welcomed.

<u>CAPEL EVENING WI - MEETING PROGRAMME = VISITORS WELCOME TO ALL</u>

February 10th Lauren Smith, A World of Water. Competition: The Letter 'H. Capel Village Hall 7.30 pm.
March 10th Heather Chandler, Why Dungeness is Special. Competition: Bird (Any Medium). Capel Village Hall 7.30 pm.
April 14th Prue Anderton, Sunday Tea with Mrs Reed. Competition: Flowers in a Teacup. Capel Village Hall 7.30 pm.
May 12th Jaclyn Gordon, Balance for Life. Competition: Unusual Item 'B'. Capel Village Hall 7.30 pm.
June 9th Sue Watson, More Kentish Songs. Competition: Something Kentish. Capel Village Hall 7.30 pm.
July 14th Rosemary Piddock, Women of the First World War. Competition: Wartime Recipe Capel Village Hall 7.30 pm.
August 11th Be Advised Garden Meeting. Competition: Summer Hat. Capel Village Hall 7.30 pm.
September 8th Alan Haines, A Kick up the Sixties. Competition: Sixties Fashion. Capel Village Hall 7.30 pm.
October 13th Geoff Turner, The Place to spend a Happy Day. Competition: Poem that makes me Happy. Capel Village Hall '7.30 p.m.
November 10th Annual General Meeting Helen Stephenson Quiz Competition: The Letter 'A'. Capel Village Hall '7.30 p.m.
December 9th visitors welcome. Christmas Meeting. A social evening, booking highly recommended, please ring Jayne - 01303 211480

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Jenny Carter 01303 250928 Barry Mansfield 01303 257157 Ros Chandler 01303 255862

BOWLING CLUB

<u>A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR PLAYERS</u>

This year is going to be a busy one for the club so here are a few dates for your Diaries. A Fish and Chip evening on 17th February. Two games of bowls followed by our famous fish and chip supper. Finals day Sunday 1st March, even if you're not in the finals, please come along and support the players. Tuesday 24th March will be quiz night, teams of six per table. All villagers will be welcome. A fun night with lots of prizes so let's have a good turns out from the club members.

The Bowls Club Dinner will be on 18th April at the Folkestone Indoor Bowls Centre. So dig out your dinner suits and iron your posh frocks for a night of fun and frolics.

The AGM 27th April. Please attend this important night of the year as there are many important decisions to be made.

<u>Other news:</u> the jacks have been renewed and the rubber jack has been replaced with a standard one. Malcolm Bailey is willing to give coaching lessons to any one that wants them. Please contact Malcolm direct.

We have provisionally booked the Cliff Watts competition for 11th Oct subject to approval at the AGM. A new summer handicap competition is on the cards, with all players being given a handicap to make it a level playing field.

Reminder, please do not go to the tea counter until the game has finished on the red mat.

<u>CAPEL-LE-FERNE FARMERS MARKET - Now in our 12th Year</u> FIND US ON FACEBOOK - twitter.com/@capelleferneFM

Registered with Produced in Kent, the Kent Farmers Market Association and Big Barn 5* Award from Dover District Council. 5* Rating Award Environmental Health Department Winner of the Taste of Kent Awards 2004 in the Best Farmers Market Category and the Kent Technology & Enterprise Award 2004 Every Tuesday 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. Village Hall, Lancaster Avenue, Capel-le-Ferne, Folkestone CT18 7LX Directions:- on the B2011 between Dover and Folkestone for bus travellers:- Folkestone – Dover bus route 101 or 102 bus – ask for the Helena Road bus stop, then walk down Helena Road, (heading inland) left into Beatrice Road, then into Lancaster

Avenue the village green and the hall are on the right – probably about a 5 to 10 minute walk. GREAT NEWS - We've just been informed that we have been short-listed into the TOP 3 nominations for Best Farmers Market Category in the Taste of Kent Awards 2014/15 - what a great start to a New Year. Thank you everyone who voted for us - we just keep fingers crossed now and see what our 'secret shopper' thinks, who will be visiting all three markets to assess, the other two being Elm Court and Aylesford, to see if we win the overall title! We won in 2004. It would be lovely to win again 10 years later! The Christmas Special went with a swing, and we now wish you all a very Happy and Healthy New Year, and thank you for your continued support, long may it continue. We would like to thank the W.I. for their Carol singing, and hope they collected a nice amount for Demelza House - we have yet to know the total! We would also like to thank Eddie, Frank and Shirley for manning the Santa's Grotto for us, which went down a treat with the children. Ruby and her team of helpers in the kitchen also deserve a big thank you for serving up the mulled wine and mince pies. Also not forgetting Julie who manned the weekly draw and took a record amount on that day – keeping many customers happy with vouchers to spend in the New Year! A New Year and New Stalls The Doggie Bag Ltd will be joining us with their great selection of Doggie food & treats, even Birthday cake & edible cards! Other new stalls will be with us from 13th January. - Naturally Happy - selling Nut Butters & Cookies, and - Nanny Jones Country Kitchen - with a great range of desserts family size and individual too from sticky toffee pudding, crumbles and cheesecakes etc. will be with us from 27th January along with Wager Preserves who will also be with us on a temporary basis, covering for Whittington Preserves who are having a well-deserved break for a while. What a great start to the New Year! Our other new stalls who joined us just before Christmas, - The Rough Old Wife - Traditional Kentish Cider, The Debonair Tea Company - local blended teas and infusions (taste before you buy!), are doing well and continue to support our market. I do hope you will give them a try. The Taste of Kent Awards Voting is now closed and we would like to thank all of you who have voted for us, in the Best Farmers Market Category, we now await the results!!!! The Craft Hall is likely to be thinner on the ground now Christmas is over, but do please support those who will still be attending – something for a present maybe or for your own home, there's a great variety to choose from. Highview Schoolchildren will still be attending with their great ideas, and helping with their business Also James is on hand for those Passport photos! As are the Postal Services Volunteers. studies.

We also provide a photocopying service for just 10p per copy. PLUS – Quiz sheets are available and lots of books and jigsaw puzzles for just a donation! Please also be aware, that the village Community Warden and/or our PSO are usually on hand at the market to answer any questions. Also the KCC Mobile Library attends just outside the car park, at 12 Noon every week.

So, as you can see, we are more than just a **Farmers Market but a real Community based project!** We now have the following products on sale:- Fish, Meat, Eggs, Preserves, Jams, Honey & Pickles, Delicatessen, Smoked Fish & Cheese,, Bread, Cakes, Pastries, Desserts. Fruit, Vegetables, Fudge, Teas & Infusions, Fruit Juice, Cider, Fruit Liqueurs, Doggie Treats, Plants and a wide variety of Crafts. Our WEEKLY DRAW to win vouchers to spend at the market is a great bonus too for just 50p a go. The winners' names are always on the board in the hallway.

More help is required for the clearing up after the market please, on a rota basis. Could you spare just ½ an hour once a month from 12.30 to 1 p.m.? Maybe you've just retired and want something to do, or are new to the village and want to get involved? If you are interested, please contact Cherry 255114 or Jenny 245399 / 07796 432445 to discuss what is involved.

Please note: The products for sale are produced (in the majority of cases) by the stallholder, in Kent, unless clearly marked otherwise. 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

We have business cards and posters for the market, if you could hand out to friends & family, your local club/pub/restaurant etc., please we would be very grateful.

AN APPEAL to Capel residents – from Jenny

Due to personal circumstances I wish to stand back from the running of the Farmers Market after nearly 12 years. I am still willing to assist in the 'hand over' in order to 'show the ropes', alongside Cherry who will be continuing. What is involved? 1. Arrange the stalls & management thereof, including seeking new stalls.

- The advertising & publicity, Facebook, Twitter accounts, events websites etc.
- 3. Take photographs for the above.
- 4. Liaison with the Kent Farmers Market Association, Big Barn, etc.
- 5. Organise events,
- 6. Register stall-holders info & enquiries, i.e. contact info, waiting list etc.
- 7. Monthly Newsletter by e mail & Grapevine
- 8. Press reports as and when required.

Cherry looks after all the money and documentation side of things, and our rota of volunteers. This is just my way of running it, you may have different ideas! Can you help? Jobs can be split if more than one to form a committee. Julie and Maggie have kindly offered to assist by adding their names to our great list of volunteers, covering holidays, sickness etc., and run the Weekly Draw. Without someone coming forward to actually do this 'job' there is a good probability that the market could close. This

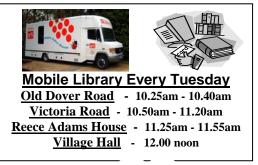
will be a terrible tragedy (especially as this year we have been nominated in the final 3 for the Best Farmers Market in Kent Award!) as not only will the community suffer, but the village hall funds will too.

Maybe you are new to the village and would like to get involved? Do you have organisational and computer skills? If interested, please contact Jenny (245399) to find out what is involved.

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USEFUL CONTACTS INCLUDING	CONTACT NAMES	TELEPHONE	
ACTIVITIES & CLUBS		NUMBER	
Police Community Safety Officer	Mrs Gretel May	07772226209	
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Parish Council Chairman	Mr Clive Goble	01303 240566	
Parish Council Clerk	Mrs Maureen Leppard	01303 259564	
Village Hall Webmaster	Mr Peter Jones	01303 248149	
Village Hall Committee Chairman	Mr Brian Wilson	01303 240405	
Village Hall Committee Vice-Chairman	Mrs Jayne Stone	01303 211480	
Village Hall Committee Secretary	Sally Cook	253838 / 077304725838	
Village Hall Committee Treasurer	Sue Leaning	01303 256704	
Village Hall Committee Lettings Secretary	Mrs Joan Woodsford	01303 252354	
Village Hall Committee Noticeboard	Committee Members	(£1 per month)	
Village Hall 100+ Club	Mrs Jenny Carter	01303 250928	
Village Hall Farmers Market	Jenny & Cherry	245399 / 255114	
Village Hall Quiz Sheets	Jenny & Cherry	245399 / 255114	
Village Hall Table & Chair Hire	Mrs Jayne Stone	01303 211480	
Bridge (Fridays)	Mr Bob Jones	01233 756362	
Brownies	Mrs Sandra Sharpe	07818551806	
Capel Active Retirement Association	Mrs Sally Solly	01303 250144	
Capel Art Group, St. Radigunds Church	Mrs Susan Dootson	01303 243508	
Capel Baptist Church	Mrs Gill Cooper	01303 251086	
Divas Dance	Miss Rebecca Uden	01303 893650	
Fit Friends – Pilates	Mrs Pam Vivien	01303 244322	
Gardeners Association	Mr Gerald Harman	01303 255661	
Guides	Miss Rachel Chandler	01303 210702	
Household Bill Savers	Phil & Karoline	01303 246887	
Judo	Mr Colin Carrot	09850 548769	
Playgroup	Mrs Alison Cloake	07977 838609	
Remote Control Car Club	Mr Derek Jeffrey	01303 259842	
Short Mat Bowls	Mrs Ros Chandler	01303 255862	
St. Radigunds Church	Rev. Brian Williams	01303 243784	
St. Radigunds Players & Choir	Mr Jerry Spillett	01303 242146	
St.Radigunds Church Hall Bookings	Steve Lennard	01303 670445	
Twinning Association	Mr Jerry Spillett	01303 242146	
W.I.	Mrs Jayne Stone	01303 211480	
Welcome to Village Letter	Mrs Debbie Catling	01303 251525	
Youth Club	Mr Simon Withev	07860803767	
Please let me know of alterations or add			

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