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Village Hall Management Committee Registered Charity Number 281.786

Capel-Le-Ferne INDOOR BOOT FAIRS

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STOP PRESS STOP PRESS

For personal reasons Cherry Leppard must retire from the Farmers Market as soon as possible. The Village Hall management committee will oversee its continuance BUT urgent help is needed with the computer side. This involves

- i) finding stall holders and coping with the emails and
- ii) maintaining Facebook and Twitter sites.

community spirit.

These could be done by one or by two different people and could be done from home at times to suit. It will not be necessary to come to the market regularly, nor to come to the monthly Trustee meetings. We are aware that there are many residents who are computer literate and/or use Facebook and Twitter and hope that a volunteer will come forward. Please ring Cherry on 255114 or Sally Cook on 077304 75838 and they will arrange for someone to talk to you about what is involved. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers who help keep the market going. The market is one of the aspects of Capel village life which contributes to the







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

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

<u> </u>	LITTO CON TON CONTENT BE TENTION			
31st Jan	Indoor Boot Fair @ Village Hall			
16 th Feb	Gardeners' Association - 30 Years of Bother on the Hover Captain Brian Laverick- Smith (Page 9)			
27 th Feb	Charity Quiz Night @ School (front page)			
28th Feb	Indoor Boot Fair @ Village Hall			
11 th Mar	Aladdin Pantomime @ Village Hall (front page)			
12 th Mar	Aladdin Pantomime @ Village Hall (front page)			
12 th Mar	Youth Club Quiz Evening @ Capel School (page 5)			
15 th Mar	Gardeners' Association Quiz, home leg against West			
	Hougham			
2 nd Apr	Gardeners' Association - SPRING SHOW			
9 th Apr	Cancer Research Jumble Sale			
19 th Apr	Gardeners' Association - Bloomers & Butterflies of Kent - Heather Silk			
17 th May	Gardeners' Association Truffles made Easy – Gillian Cromarty			
21st May	Capel School Quiz Night (page 9)			
21st Jun	Gardeners' Association Chelsea Flower Show – Harry Marshall			
2 nd Jul	Gardeners' Association - SUMMER SHOW			
19 th Jul	Gardeners' Association - Rose Show (In Church Hall)			
16 th Aug	Gardeners' Association Up, Up & Away - Tina Morrissey			
3rd Sept	Gardeners' Association - AUTUMN SHOW			
7 th Sept	Gardeners' Association - Quiz, away leg at West Hougham			
20 th Sept	Gardeners' Association Mystery Animals of Kent – Neil Arnold			
18th Oct	Gardeners' Association Apples & Pears – Robert Cook			
15 th Nov	AGM and presentation of awards preceded at 6pm by a fish and chip supper			
20th Dec	Christmas Social			

CHURCH SERVICES, February 2016						
Date	Alkham	Capel	Hougham			
Sunday 7 th – Next before Lent	Evensong 4.30 pm	Eucharist 9.30 am	Worshipping Together 11am			
Wednesday 10 th		Benefice Eucharist				
Ash Wednesday		7.00 pm				
Saturday 13 th Fun, fellowship and food – please let Pam (01303 489006) or Brian (01303 243784) know if you plan to come.		(St Radigund's) 3.00 – 5.00 pm				
Sunday 14 th	Eucharist 9.30 am	Worshipping Together				
St Valentine's Day		11am				
(Lent 1)						
Sunday 21st	Worshipping Together	Evensong 6.00 pm	Eucharist 9:30 am			
Lent 2	11am					
Sunday 24 th		Benefice Eucharist				
Lent 3		10.00 am				

From the Vicarage

I told you last November about how I gave up peanut butter, ice cream and everything else that's fun in an attempt to stay healthy. Now I have a problem: Lent begins on 10th February. Try as I might, I can't think of anything to give up – there's nothing left that I would really miss!

Of course, I'm not thinking hard enough. Since I decided to take Christian faith seriously back in my student days, I've lost count of the years in which I've kept Lent. Over the years, I've spent the forty days leading up to Easter in different ways. I've given things up; one year I skipped lunch on Fridays; I've taken up a new activity; I've studied the Bible with others, and I've led discussion groups. But what am I going to do this year?

The day before Lent begins is called Shrove Tuesday, not because we gorge pancakes but because it was when people came to church to be shriven, or to confess their sins. This, says Richard Holloway, a former Bishop of Edinburgh, is a good thing because recognising our failures and seeking and accepting forgiveness for them can more liberating for us than anything else we can imagine.

The Bible says that Jesus spent forty days and nights in the desert, thinking about who and what he was, and what to do about it, and Lent is a time for us to do the same. That I can admit that I'm still not quite the person that I would like to be, Richard Holloway would say, is a good thing. Everyone makes mistakes; real tragedy, he says, lies in refusing to recognise them. There's still time to make a difference.

So I wish you a good Lent, and look forward with you to Easter. **Brian**

Capel Church Hall Fund-Programme for 2016 Thank you to all of you who have supported our evenings during 2015.

It has been an eventful year with some really good entertainment. We have more for you in 2016!

The 2016 programme for The Capel Church Hall Fund which take place, usually on the 2nd Friday of the month, in St Radigunds church, Albany Road, Capel is almost complete and is varied and interesting and should appeal to most tastes and is as follows

March 4th (a week early because the village pantomime will be on the 11th) - David Mc Carthy UK Representative of The International Al Jolson Society will be presenting the film 'The Jolson Story' which was the reason that most members of the IAJS fell in love with that voice when they were in their teens and have loved it ever since.

Come along and capture the magic of The World's Greatest Entertainer

April 8th - Keith Radford- Music- Why we listen

May13th - Carl Spencer and Spencers Nighthawks - The very best of early Jazz played live by the Masters June 10th - Adrian Christian Mires - Classical guitar- a return visit at popular request by this very talented young musician

July 8th - Frank Conley - another return visit on Gilbert and Sullivan - Love and Marriage

September 9th - Fiddle and Faff - Lissie and Christine perform in the Folk tradition

October 10th - Paul Sherman makes a welcome return visit. The title still to be announced

November 11th - The Colrose 7 return for another great evening of Jazz

December - still to be arranged

Telephone 01303 251403 to reserve tickets. John Oliver - Chairman Capel Church Hall Fund If you are planning a party or social event why not consider approaching Audrey Goaten, our Letting Secretary on 01303 244735 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?

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For your special event at home tables and/or chairs can be hired for £2 or 50p respectively, contact Jayne on 01303 211480. Boot Fairs have started again. To hire a table contact sylvia.coles@tesco.net. The refreshment team are back in harness, so you can be assured of a good cup of tea or bacon sarnie.

The trustees were saddened to learn of the passing of an ex Trustee, Pim Scales, and offer their condolences to the family.

Our news section this month is a long list of 'thank yous'

Thank you to all who helped put up and/or take down Christmas decorations. They were somewhat limited this year as the hall was so well booked it was difficult to get into the hall. The trees particularly looked good.

Thank you to Julie Young who has served for many years as a Trustee. Pressures of work mean she has had to resign – her clear thought processes and ability to cut to the nub of an issue being debated will be much missed.

Thank you to Derek who has done so much in the maintenance line to keep the hall in good working order. He is staying on as a Trustee (thank goodness!) but will no longer be able to 'just pop up and fix......'

Thank you to Cherry and Jenny for all their work in the Farmers' Market – you will have read elsewhere that they are transferring management of the Farmers' Market to the Village Hall Committee. They will be a hard act to follow, if you can help just occasionally, please let us know, Sally on 077304 75838 or Jayne on 211480.

Thank you to all the volunteers at the Farmers' Market and boot fairs—there are teams to set out the tables, serve the teas, clear up afterwards and generally help out. Without them the market or boot fairs would close, so the thanks are from the visitors to the market/fair as well as the stallholders and the organisers.

Most of this month's meeting focussed on management of the Farmers' Market. Other issues covered included appointing an Architect to devise a plan for the front entrance. The water in the outer lobby this month has re-enforced how important it is to sort out the problem. At the same time the disabled access can be improved.

Some hirers are experiencing difficulties using the P.A. Matt Curtis has kindly agreed to run a session for hall hirers on how to use the box, and remind people of how to store the cables so they do not get damaged. Letters will be sent to organisations once a date is set. There is a comments book in the kitchen – users regularly write in problems they experience or maintenance issues- which is reviewed every month by the committee. This month it was particularly heartening to see a compliment about the cleanliness of the hall. Well done Fred.

Major events for the year are;

- Last night of Proms feedback from last year was that it was a good night, so we'll put it on again. Saturday 10th September
- Safari sale Sunday 4th September contact Cherry
- New Year's Eve 31 December

RECYCLING

INSIDE THE HALL Boxes are provided for:

Unwanted shoes for charity,

Used Stamps for Moorfields Eye Hospital & Hearing Dogs

Please place the above in the relevant boxes.

<u>Farmers Market:</u> 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.

CONTINUOUS EVENTS

Books & jigsaws: A wide variety of books are available on an 'honesty basis.

These are on trollies in the corridor. Thanks to all who have donated to this cause.

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 01303250298 for further information

Capel-le-Ferne History Book "Village in the Clouds"

Copies still available £5 each From Cherry: Tel: No: 01303 255114



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!



Next youth club quiz night is on Saturday, 12th March 2016 in the School Hall at 7pm. £4 per head per adult.

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

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

We have lost a couple of Helpers, so if you could spare a couple of hours, twice a month, your help would be appreciated! Find us on Facebook to keep up to date with all info about Capel Youth Club.



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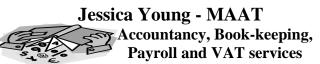
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ANSWERS – POPULAR UK GROUPS ANSWERS THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

This quiz is run by The Capel Le Ferne Village Hall Management Committee, Registered Charity No 281786

1	Billy J. Kramer and The Dakotas	13	Gerry and the Pacemakers	26	Herman's Hermits	38	Steps
2	Rolling Stones	14	Thin Lizzy	27	Bee Gees	39	Simply Red
3	Spice Girls	15	The Corrs	28	Barclay James Harvest	40	Right Said Fred
4	Hearsay	16	Collabro	29	Blur	41	Small Faces
5	Blake	17	Radiohead	30	Take That	42	Wet Wet Wet
6	Freddie and The Dreamers	18	Atomic Kitten	31	U2	43	Genesis
7	Oasis	19	Clannad	32	Fleetwood Mac	44	Little Mix
8	Shakespears Sister	20	Westlife	33	J.L.S.	45	Pink Floyd
9	Boyzone	21	Bay City Rollers	34	The Soldiers	46	Girls Aloud
10	Brian Poole and The Tremeloes	22	Chicory Tip	35	The Springfields	47	One Direction
11	The Shadows	23	Culture Club	36	Coldplay	48	The Fortunes
12	Scissor Sisters	24	Brotherhood of Man	37	Queen	49	Dire Straits
		25	The Hollies			50	Duran Duran





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Speakers for February 2016

7th Gloria Guest with Communion

14th Rev Ruddle

21st Pam Barr

28th Pam Barr

ALL WELCOME TO THESE ACTIVITIES

If there are queries regarding these details,

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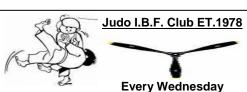
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CAPEL-LE-FERNE PARISH COUNCIL

Summary of some items discussed at meetings on Tuesday, 15th December 2015 and 19th January 2016



- At the December meeting, Councillors received Mr Kevin Bown from Highways England to discuss various issues. Mr Bown divided his presentation into 3 parts, Operation Stack, Dover TAP (Traffic Assessment Phase 40mph on A20) and illegal lorry parking, then answered questions directed. Further details can be found on the Parish Council Website in the Minutes and Agenda section. Request from the public to address the Council: Items mentioned; Vehicles parking on pavement in Avondale and Helena Road (referred to PCSO and Community Warden services); Proposed development (see planning); change of collection times from post boxes (request sent to Royal Mail); B2011 speeding and 20mph assessment for Capel Street (on-going); potholes/subsidence on Old Dover Road (reported to Kent Highways); Drainage/flooding issues in Capel Street (reported to Kent Highways for drain clearance), for information about flooding Contact Floodline Telephone: 0345 988 1188 24-hour service.
- <u>Crime Reports (PCSO Gretel May) and Neighbourhood Watch</u>: Village Meeting to be arranged for April further details to follow. <u>Equipment status report:</u> Repairs to the gym equipment have been completed. Swing chains to be replaced.
- <u>Highways and Public Rights of Way:</u> Replacement yellow lines and junction road marking requested for spring/summer when weather conditions are suitable. Further funding grant applied for tarmac of surface in Green Lane. Highpoint marker missing (reported to KCC Public Rights of Way). <u>Planning: Development of Land South of New Dover Road</u>; Discussions continue between the developers and DDC planning department. An independent viability assessment indicates "that 30% affordable housing is an appropriate requirement". <u>Application granted; Abbotsland Bungalow, White Cliffs Caravan Park, New Dover Road</u> Erection of a bungalow and associated parking (existing bungalow and associated outbuildings to be demolished. <u>Applications being considered by Parish Council; Hollingsbury Farm Development, junction of Capel Street/Winehouse Lane</u>. Application submitted to Dover District Council and comments sent from Parish Council indicating concerns on height and privacy to surrounding properties and the existing street scene policy requirement.

Site Area of Outstanding Beauty and agricultural land North of New Dover Road to Capel Street; It was reported an approach had been made to the Parish Council by Quinn Estates to discuss a development of 150 houses, plus doctors and dental surgeries and a new access road to the local primary school. The houses would include affordable houses and housing dedicated to Capel residents and their families. Initial drawings were available for viewing. Parish Councillors' discussions and decision made at their meeting Tuesday, 19th January 2016, that a response to Quinn Estates' meeting request be sent. Firstly, to thank them for getting in touch regarding development in Capel-le-Ferne, and secondly, that the Parish Councillors did not support their proposals, as the site is classified as an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and Agricultural Land. • Other: Discussion about potential maintenance costs for replacing equipment in the future, with a specific contingency fund needs to be built up and a decision needs to be taken before the next precept is set; Playing Field event on 23rd July – if you are able to help on day please contact Jayne Stone 01303 211480; Draft Budget discussed and Parish Precept 2016/2017 agreed - Further details can be found on the Parish Council Website in the Minutes and Agenda section; Courtwood Roundabout; Illegal parking – please pass on registration numbers to Cllr Geoffrey Lymer, Kent County Councillor, Dover West Ward, Email: Geoff.Lymer@kent.gov.uk; Earth bunds on roadside to be installed within next few weeks by Kent Highways to hopefully stop parking, clearance of litter on A20 an issue and reported to Dover District Council – clearance will require lane closure for Health & Safety purposes.

Next Parish Council meeting is on Tuesday, 16th February at 7.30pm in the Village Hall (Small Hall).

A COPY OF THE MEETING'S AGENDA WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE A WEEK BEFORE THE MEETING. http://www.capel-le-fernepc.kentparishes.gov.uk/ 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 Tel: 01303 259564. Email: maureen.leppard@btinternet.com

CAPEL-LE-FERNE PARISH COUNCIL STILL HAS 8 MEMBERS TO FILL 9 PLACES. THEREFORE, ONE VACANCY STILL EXISTS WHICH MAY BE CO-OPTED BY THE EXISTING COUNCILLORS. ANYONE INTERESTED or CONSIDERING APPLYING TO BECOME A PARISH COUNCILLOR SHOULD APPLY IN WRITING, GIVING SOME BRIEF DETAILS OF YOURSELF, TO THE PARISH CLERK @ 39 Victoria Road, Capel-le-Ferne, CT18 7LT or by email to maureen.leppard@btinternet.com By MONDAY, 15th FEBRUARY 2016





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A ring was found and after asking around and put out on the email it wasn't claimed. It was decided to put a notice in the bus shelter and from that, ring and lady were united. She was delighted, we do care about others in Capel. **********

Sylvia Upchurch had a beautiful patchwork quilt she was raffling for the Pilgrims Hospice. She had a chart with numbers on and you chose and paid for a number. It was there at the Farmers Market for a few weeks and the number picked out at the Christmas Farmers Market: 58 was the winner and David Ivory won it.

* 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. You need to be in it to win it. Contact Jenny Carter on 01303250298 for further information, or give your name to Cherry or Julie at the Farmers' Market WINNERS OF 100+ CLUB - DECEMBER

 $\begin{array}{ccc} 1^{st} \dots & 3 & Eddie \ Preston \\ 2^{nd} \dots & 61 & Brian \ Wilson \end{array}$

3rd ... 26 Barry Mansfield

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Firstly 'Happy New Year' to everyone that we have not already done so, and hope that 2016 is all that you would wish for yourselves in health, wealth and happiness and 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. The December Meeting was our usual jolly party where everyone got together and celebrated with food, fun and laughter. During the evening we were entertained by Jerry Spillett who entertained us by playing numerous Christmas songs and carols to get us in the mood for Christmas. Barry Reynolds read us some monologues dressed in a Viars outfit. Members were invited to complete the often frustrating, Christmas quizzes, and then rewarded with the buffet. The Achiever's Cup was presented to Gwen Beaumont for her willingness to help, her cheerfulness and the success of her annual knitting competition and organising the darts each week. The Competition Cup was awarded to Barbara Heath, with Gwen Beaumont in 2nd place, Jan Ardley and Jenny Cocker in 3rd equal place. At the end of the evening everyone was presented with a Christmas Gift which was organised by Eve Muggridge. The January 2016 The WI ladies met again after the Christmas and New Year celebrations and the village hall was abuzz with friends catching up. Caroline welcomed everyone and commenced her first full meeting as Capel-le-Ferne Evening WI's New President. She gave thanks to Janice Whittle for brightening up our business table with her flowers. Caroline welcomed three new visitors. (One who came back for a second visit, she obviously enjoyed it first time round). Our speaker this month opened her talking by saying she wanted to share her passion for nets. Immediately we sat up and began to think - net curtains? Fishing nets or even fish net tights? Having whetted our appetites, Pam Barr explained that her interest in mosquito nets had begun when she went to Africa on a 2 week mission to help the Salvation Army. The first year Pam went to Uganda she spent some time talking to the cook and learnt that he was quite unwell with malaria but couldn't afford to take time off work because there I no sick benefit scheme. Determined to do something Pam realised the potential impact that a supply of mosquito nets and thus was born her passion. Now she collects money to finance the provision of nets to many communities in Africa. Several of her slides showed smiling children clutching their new prized possessions. At one location the jungle drums (sorry, couldn't resist the pun!) worked so well that people just arrived at Salvation Army base where nets had been distributed. To everyone's relief there were enough to go round but it does prove how much the nets are valued. Illustrating her talk with slides from her previous trips to Uganda and Malawi, Pam introduced us to some of her friends there, including Gift, a 5 year old so traumatised by abandonment that she still does not speak. Whilst there, Pam has spent much time helping to redecorate school and orphanage buildings. Travelling with her friend Julie, they would take plenty of paint brushes to ensure they had plenty of tools. Her enthusiasm infected some of the locals so much that Julie and Pam arrived one morning to find that one 'helpful' youngster had used black paint ----- on the white wall. Completely unfazed Pam merely repainted it white! One slide was Pam bathing. In the background was a full size bath fitted with taps. In front stood Pam (modestly cloaked in a towel) standing in a washing up basin having her daily bath. The secret was out. There was no water supply to the bath and water was not plentiful. No matter how dirty (or paint splattered) there was one basinful of water to wash with and then flush the toilet. On another trip Pam's hosts suggested she had a break from working and went on a safari, something she was delighted to be able to do. So off they set with no worries, the land rover was just back from a service. Not far from setting off the car came to a halt - the radiator had not been topped up with water (well it is a precious commodity). The problem was solved by using their supply of bottled drinking water and off they went. Later the guides suggested crossing over to Kenya – what did the lack of passport or visa matter, the border guards wouldn't be a problem. It took some time for Pam and Julie to persuade the others that the difference in skin tone might give the game away. As she said, everyone just accepted her for who she was. The next experience was a hospital kitchen and an insight into what it is like being a hospital patient. There is no catering department, friends and families bring in food and cook or the patient goes hungry. The kitchen was in a large building (canopy and supports rather than a building as we know hem) housing many open fires to produce hot food. We forgot to ask how the sheets were cleaned but hearing her stories made us grateful for our NHS.

A visit to a school motivated Pam for her side project – pencils. The children were immaculately turned out in uniform (no uniform, no admission) and the school housed 1,200 children of varying ages. The school building was large enough to house them all – but had no chairs or desks so all lessons are on the floor. There is also a limited supply of paper and pencils, 7 children share 1 stub. About to return this year Pam is packing 1,200 pencils and 12 pencil sharpeners in her suitcase before she tries to include any clothing. Fingers crossed that customs don't inspect her luggage – she's worried they might think she is opening an import business. Jan Ardley gave the vote of thanks and organised a collection to support Pam's passion for nets. Apologies the report is longer than usual this month, but Pam's talk was so engrossing we wanted to share it with you. There was a long refreshment break (essential listening to the chatter as news was shared). Members' time from month to month varies considerably. After Refreshment break the Business was continued being January there was a lot to get through. Members Time an anagram quiz, was won, after a tie break by Lyn Ratcliffe, Eve Muggridge & Janice Whittle. Thanks were given to Christine for setting quiz. Competition "A Wild Animal" was won by Jan, Sheila French & Vad Blake.

Next meeting, February 9th, would be very informal one, followed by a fish and chip supper.

Any lady wishing to join us for the evening, either as a one off or to see if the WI 'floats your boat' would be welcomed.

Ring Caroline on 07885 406433 or just turn up at 7.25pm.

<u>Just a few Diary notes for 2016: Fundraising Events: Boot Fair - Sunday 28th February, goods & helpers would be needed.</u>
Bingo evenings 1st April, 3rd June & 2nd Sept plus Wit & Wisdom 24th Sept

Well that is all for this month I think I managed to fill you all in with the bits I missed.

Take care everyone and talk to you all again next month.



Shepway Writers Group

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Capel-le-Ferne Gardeners Association

Capel le Ferne Gardeners' Association meet on the third Tuesday of each month in the Church Hall, Albany Road tarting at 7.30pm. Admission to meetings is £1.50 which includes tea/coffee and a biscuit.

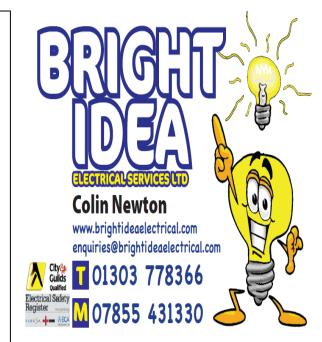
We hold 3 shows a year in the Village Hall, Lancaster Avenue. We also hold a Rose Show in July.

There is an annual subscription of £4.00 which is now due for 2016. If you want to talk about your garden, pick up hints and tips, ask questions or show your beautiful flowers and tasty veg, we look forward to seeing you.

For more information please contact Vanessa or Robert Cook on 01303 256106.

Our first meeting of 2016 is on Tuesday 16 February our speaker is Captain Brian Laverick-Smith who will tell us about his experiences in his presentation titled "30 Years of Bother on the Hover". The monthly completion is "Spring flowers in a wine glass". We look forward to welcoming our members and anyone who is interested in joining us. A full

list of our events for 2016 should be available in the What's On section of the Grapevine (Front Page). Happy gardening! **Robert Cook: 01303 256106**





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Changes for the market are planned for this and the intention is that the Farmers' Market will continue to run in a similar format. For personal reasons Cherry and Jenny are retiring from the market. The village hall committee will manage the Tuesday market but in order to do this help from someone with computer expertise is essential. This can be divided into two pieces of 'work', one surfing the net to find new stall holders and dealing with the emails, the other managing Facebook and Twitter accounts. We say two pieces of work because it could be done by one person doing both bits or two people doing one piece each. It could be done from home and would not necessarily involving coming to village hall management committee meetings or to the market regularly, though good communication will be essential.

Cherry and Jenny have been involved with the market for 13 years and have set things up to run smoothly. The market still relies a lot on volunteers to help set up the tables, run the kitchen and then clear up afterwards. If you are new to the village it is a great way of getting to know people and the level of commitment can be adjusted to suit you. The commitment can be as little as once a month and it makes an enormous difference. If interested, please contact Cherry 255114 or Sally Cook on 077304 75838 to find out what is involved.

This month we 'meet Paul, better known as PJ'. Not our ex community warden but the veg man by the stage. He comes from a long line of famers and got involved on the family farm recently. His working life began as a qualified brickie. In the construction slump in the 1980s he changed careers and drove an HGV to London everyday doing a staggering number of deliveries each time. Six years ago he decided quality of life was more important and so returned to the family farm. Paul's farm grows the majority of what he sells, focussing on what's in season. Having seen the Hugh Fearnley Whittingstall's programme 'War on Waste', I asked Paul what happened to his misshapen vegetables. He didn't miss a beat – 'I sell it at the market'. So buying from Paul helps reduce the amount of food thrown away. His slogan is 'if we don't grow it we source it locally'. When his own produce is not in season his preferred option is to buy in from local farmers who grow their vegetables in greenhouses. On the rare occasions they cannot supply any he goes to market and always tries to buy British. The story on his fruit is slightly different –the citric fruit comes from the market, the other fruit he buys supermarket rejects. It may not be a perfect size or shape but it is full of flavour, as fresh as in the supermarkets but cheaper to buy at the Farmers' Market. Helping reduce food waste is a bonus. When asked what he liked about the market Paul said its friendliness and the fact it is well run. The question 'what do you dislike about the market' was met with a puzzled look crossed his face and and instant 'nothing'. The Farm Shop is based in Sutton Valance, where you can ring Paul and order something a little more exotic than the usual array. If you would like him to do a veg box for you it can be ordered the previous week or send a text on Tuesday morning and Paul will prepare one for you. If you ask nicely he will deliver in Capel at the end of the market.

Paul is developing a website which will give more information once it is up and running. In the meantime if you would like to order in advance, or have a veg box delivered ring the shop on 01622 849272 or on the day ring or text him on 07984 623 424.

Elsewhere in the room Barbara displays a range of homemade cakes each week and will often lend a cake holder so you can take the cake home safely. I can personally vouch for the quality and flavour of her goods. Her reputation has spread – she was asked to sell cakes at an East Kent WI event and was so popular that the Federation WI organisers have asked her to sell more at their Annual Council Meeting. If she has the WI 'seal of approval' then you know they are good. Barbara can be found in the central section on the side away from the entrance.

Don't forget the Crafts Section unusual gifts or household items and handmade cards are on offer. James is on hand for those Passport photos as is the postal service provided by Sally and Rachel. In the lobby Julie runs the WEEKLY DRAW for vouchers to spend at the market, for just 50p a go. If you are interested please hurry and support it — we are not sure if it will continue once Cherry and Jenny retire. On the other hand if you could offer to run itWinners' names are always on the board in the hallway. We also provide a photocopying service for just 10p per copy. There will be one more edition of the quiz. These have been a great success and people from all over Britain send for copies, there is even a mention on Answerbank (?). It is one of the things that will be suspended until we can find someone else (maybe you?) to run it.

In the lobby are two trolleys and a bookcase full of books and a table full of jigsaw puzzles for just a donation! Any will help to while a way the winter evenings or help you relax while on holiday! The Village Community Warden and/or our PCSO are usually on hand at the market to answer any questions. The KCC Mobile Library attends just outside the car park, at 12 Noon every week. On the third Tuesday morning of each month the Chairman and the clerk of the Parish Council are in the post office room, available for anyoneto talk to about any concerns in the village. 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, Sauces, Condiments, Deli products, Smoked Fish & Cheese, Bread, Cakes, Pastries, Pies, Fruit, Vegetables, Fruit Juice, Plants, a wide variety of Crafts and 'Ruby's Kitchen' for that cup of tea to revive you before your journey home.

We still could do with some more help in 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 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









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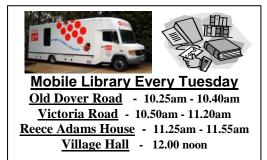


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Mobile library service: Redesigning for the future

Kent's mobile library service is proposed to be redesigned with the aim of providing a more efficient service at a lower cost to the county council. The proposals were discussed at a meeting of KCC's Growth and Economic Development Committee on Tuesday (12 January), and are in the context of the significant financial pressure that KCC faces. At this meeting it was endorsed that the proposals should progress to public engagement. At the moment, the 11 mobile libraries make 651 stops at a cost of more than £367,000 per year to Kent council taxpayers. KCC has analysed the performance of this service over the last year. Some of the stops had very low levels of use and KCC is therefore proposing to reduce the number of stops, focusing on improving the service where it is well used while ensuring all customers have the means to access the library service. KCC now wants to hear the views on its proposals from those who use the mobile library service and other Kent residents. It will then consider this feedback before making any decisions about the future of this service. The findings of the analysis shows that 368 stops had an average of two visitors or less and that 50% of the mobile library users were already using one of our library buildings in addition to using the mobile. Our proposals would we estimate still cover 80% of the current level of mobile visits. KCC's Libraries, Registration and Archives service has looked at alternative ways to provide the service to those customers who are potentially impacted by this proposal. These alternatives include the Home Library Service, which allows customers to order a book and have it delivered to their home. The proposed new routes will see more than 50 percent of the proposed stops increasing their stopping time and see the service moving to a Tuesday-Saturday schedule to mitigate the impact of bank holiday Mondays as well as moving to a fortnightly schedule for all mobile stops. These proposed changes are estimated to save Kent County Council £150,000 a year. Mike Hill, KCC Cabinet Member for Community Services, said: "The county council fully appreciates the value of its library service and is committed to providing the best service we can. "We have to accept the financial reality that savings have to be made and review all KCC services to ensure that we focus our services where people are using them and adapt accordingly. It is only right that we keep our services under review and make best use of our resources. "It is clear that many of the stops we currently make are not a good use of taxpayers' money. Nevertheless, we want to ensure everyone has access to a library service and have shaped the proposals to ensure this is fully considered." KCC now wants to engage with local residents and service users and will be launching a six-week customer engagement on 22 January, running until 4 March 2016. All information on the proposal will be available from this date including information on how each mobile stop currently visited could be affected. The current users of the mobile library service will be contacted directly and will be able to respond via a freepost address; copies of the proposals will also be available on all the mobile vehicles as well as available online at www.kent.gov.uk/consultations. All comments will be taken into consideration.

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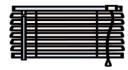




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