

GRAPEVINE

Capel-le-Ferne Village Newsletter

DECEMBER 2023 - ISSUE NO: 332


NO JANUARY ISSUE. IT IS EDITOR'S DECISION ON FINAL CONTENT.

WHAT'S ON" IN CAPEL-LE-FERNE

Please check with organisation direct to clarify events and meetings.

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

1 st December	Capel Cares Coffee morning - page 6
2 nd December	Snap Auction 6.30 and 9.30 pm. - page 2
10 th December	SANTA in his GROTTO and CAROL CONCERT
12 th December	SANTA is in the VILLAGE
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15 th December	Capel Cares Coffee morning - page 6
19 th December	Gardeners' Christmas Party

 **"CAPEL RESIDENTS' FREE COFFEE MORNINGS"** sponsored by **CAPEL CARES** 
GOOD NEIGHBOURS SCHEME

Don't miss out. come and join us on the
1st and 15th December
Free coffee morning, every month, twice a month
EXTRA DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

5th and 19th January 2024

Usual time of 10.00am.

 All are welcome, you don't have to live in the village to enjoy good neighbours, so please bring friends, visitors welcome. Need transport? Contact Jan on 257003. 

**CAPEL-LE-FERNE VILLAGE HALL
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

"SNAP" AUCTION Fundraiser

**Saturday, 2nd December
6:30PM - 9:30PM**

Good quality items auctioned off.
Each piece gets 2 minutes to be sold.
Successful buyer is whoever makes
the last bid at 2-minute stage.

Cash only please.

Looking for donations.

Contact Sally Cook

Tel: 07730 475838. Email: eures1994@yahoo.com


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

10TH DECEMBER Christmas Carol Concert.

3pm ... All are welcome.
Mince pies and refreshments
will be served afterwards.

**Meet
SANTA
IN HIS GROTTO**

organised by
Folkestone, Hythe
and District Lions

From 1pm onwards

A Gift for everyone.

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

12TH DECEMBER Christmas

**FOLKESTONE, HYTHE &
DISTRICT LIONS
ARE BRINGING SANTA**

**TO THE VILLAGE.
VISITING A STREET NEAR YOU
FROM 5PM**

TUESDAY, 12th DECEMBER



CAPEL-LE-FERNE VILLAGE HALL
providing services to the local community

<http://www.capelvillagehall.com>

REGISTERED CHARITY No.281786

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?

Licenced for most things (except hypnosis and boxing)

including sale of alcohol, PRS, raffles.

To view the hall, or make a booking contact
the letting secretary Sue Leaning on 07939 095880

Email preferred: sue.lettingscvh@gmail.com



The end of the year, besides inviting us to enjoy bad weather, Father Christmas, turkey and too many mince pies, also enables us to look back over the year in preparation for the new one. Our Annual General Meeting will probably be over by the time the Grapevine comes out, but in preparing the annual report for the AGM, it has allowed the committee to take stock of what we have achieved during the past year. Main achievements this year, include the provision of community lunches by the hall and the complete overhaul of the large flat roof. Normal service continued during the latter and during the painting and reflooring of 4 rooms. The community lunches were an idea of a trustee at the early part of the year when nationwide, emphasis was being placed on high heating costs for those on fixed incomes and of the isolation faced by many. Initially we had 27 people attend the lunch with the latest lunch attracting 45. We intend to repeat these in the new year and have bid for funding from our local authority for help with this, although if we are unsuccessful, they will still go ahead. The redecorating has given us an extra storage room, useful for our regular hall users and an additional small meeting room which can also be used as an office. Computers and a wireless printer have been acquired for use by the village residents at the hall, the former being paid for by a grant from Dover District Council. These are available for research, printing documents and forms, and general personal use. Personal information is deleted after each use.

We hope next year to concentrate on consolidating our financial situation, which remains strong despite spending so much on the fabric of the building. New things are happening all the time with the latest being our snap auction which takes place at the hall on 2 December – we hope this will be a tremendous success. It was the idea of Bob Willard who runs the quiz at the Royal Oak, and he will be conducting the auction. Among the items to be sold are a child's bicycle, a car seat, a picnic set, new crockery and cutlery, an Ayrton Senna model racing car and numerous other things. You are invited to bring your own food and drink. We start at 6.30pm.

Finally, can I thank everyone who has helped us over the past year. Too many to mention individually, but we are very grateful for all the support that we receive. The trustees wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

RECYCLING - INSIDE THE HALL

Boxes are provided for: Used Stamps for Donkey Sanctuary and McMillan Cancer. Bottle Tops are also being collected again. Please place the above in the relevant boxes. A big thank you to everyone who puts their used stamps in the box in the Village Hall. Please carry on for these good causes.

Village Hall 100+ Club Winners for October

1st - Andrea & Paul Bates

2nd - Keith Pilcher

3rd - Angela Gardner

Many thanks.

It is never too late to join

Caroline Bunting 07885 406433

Email: c.bunting@btconnect.com



HM Government

NHS

**GET VACCINATED
GET WINTER
STRONG**

Check eligibility &
BOOK NOW



If you have an ongoing health condition, are pregnant or over 65 years old, get your free flu and COVID-19 vaccines. If your child is aged 2 or 3 get their free flu vaccine.

Check eligibility and book now at nhs.uk/wintervaccinations





Community event run by and for the community.

Come to the Farmers' Market, check out the stalls and stay for a cup of tea or coffee.




- > Our bakery, supplied by Vanes of Dover. Selling different breads, rolls, Danish pastries, various cakes, sausage rolls, pasties and home-made quiche. Plus, place orders.
- > Rotherwood Butchers.
- > Julie selling her much-praised cakes.
- > Delicatessen stall on 1st Tuesday of month.
- > Cheese, Chutneys and Jams are available and craft stalls.
- > Collection of cash donations for the Ukraine Refugees.
- > Parish Council surgery, 1st Tuesday of month.
- > Community computer access point available, free of charge, if need help with on-line activities.
- > Also available, library/jigsaw loans.
- > Postal advice/service.





CHURCH SERVICES, DECEMBER 2023

The times of our services have changed: Please check before you leave for church!

Date	Alkham	Capel	Hougham
Sunday 3rd ADVENT SUNDAY	Evening Prayer 5.00 pm	Sung Eucharist 9.30 am	Eucharist (said) 11.00 am
Saturday 9th <i>Activities and stories at Messy Church, followed by tea.</i>		 3.00 – 5.00 pm	
Sunday 10th 2nd Sunday of Advent	Sung Eucharist 9.30 am	Worshipping Together 11.00 am	<i>Pick-your-own Carols at West Hougham Village Hall 11.00 am – Come and choose the carols that <u>you</u> want to sing!</i>
Saturday 16th		Carols by Candlelight Followed by mince pies and mulled wine. 7.00 p.m.	
Sunday 17th 3rd Sunday of Advent	Nine Lessons and Carols 6.30 p.m.	Eucharist (said) 9.30 am	Sung Eucharist 9.30 am
Sunday 24th 4th Sunday of Advent			United Parish Eucharist 10.00 am
Sunday 24th CHRISTMAS EVE	Crib service 4.30 pm; Midnight Mass 11.30 pm	Crib service 3.00 pm; Midnight Mass 11.30 pm	
CHRISTMAS DAY			Christmas Day Eucharist 9.30 am
Sunday 31st 1st Sunday of Christmas		United Parish Eucharist 10.00 am	
Visit us online at: www.church-alkham-capel-hougham.org.uk and on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/BeneficeofACH			

From the vicarage

If you want to know the true meaning of Christmas, we're told, be like the carrot in one of the cleverest TV commercials I've seen so far this year, based on Roald Dahl's *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. Christmas is, apparently, about being good, unselfish, and prepared to share with others. At least that - along with encouragement to shop in a certain supermarket - seems to be the message of the advert.

It's easier to make sense of the advert if you know the original story. On holiday in Scotland years ago, I came across a book called *The Story of Goliath and Wee Davie*. It is based on the Biblical story in which, against the odds, David the shepherd boy defeats Goliath the Philistine giant in battle. But according to Jimmie Macgregor's illustrated version, alcohol was the real reason for Goliath's downfall – but the humour only really works if you do know the original story.

I was at a clergy meeting not long ago where we were encouraged to have something available in our churches that might explain, in simple terms, what Christianity is about – because the days when it could be assumed that everyone would know the original story have gone.

Over the next few weeks there will be plenty of opportunities to hear the original Christmas story. I always look forward to December, and to catching up with those who come to our Carol Services, our Crib Services on Christmas Eve, and Midnight Mass - and I hope that we might see you there.

And we must remember that being good, unselfish, and prepared to share with others is for life, not just for Christmas. And not just for carrots, either.

Wishing you a very Happy Christmas, and a Peaceful New Year. Brian

**PLEASE NOTE ... ST RADIGUND'S CHURCH IS
AVAILABLE FOR LETTING PURPOSES**

• Rates £10 per hour

(Negotiable for block bookings, local residents).

• PA/Sound system available • WiFi available.

• Booking Policy available from

Audrey Goaten, 32 Albany Road,

Capel-le-Ferne. CT18 7LA.

Tel: 01303 244735. Email: tryke@audrey47.plus.com

A number of people who live in the village are involved with the Dover Foodbank, and St Radigund's Church has been one of their donation points for many years now - which, it seems, is not as widely known as it ought to be! The Dover Foodbank is associated with the Trussell Trust, and information about how it functions and how people can give and get help can be found on their website: <https://dover.foodbank.org.uk/>

At church we collect items in our Green Box. When ready, we contact Moira who lives in Old Dover Road, who then arranges for them to be taken to the warehouse.



CAPEL-LE-FERNE EVENING WI



President Jan welcomed 24 members, who stood to sing Jerusalem.

After a short amount of business, Jan introduced speaker, Melanie Gibson - Barton with her presentation "Bruges – More than Chocolate". Melanie explained that 2001 was the first time she had been to Bruges, but quickly developed such an affinity for it, that she rented a small house there. Her talk included many aspects of Bruges – it's language, lace, cycling and chips! Bruges had been a wealthy medieval port for Europe, but later fell on hard times. This meant that the beautiful Gothic buildings escaped the Industrial revolution, enabling it to become a draw for travellers, from 1890s onwards. The people of Bruges are very proud of their city, allowing no rubbish, limiting cars, decorating front doors following the seasons and events, even setting ornaments and displays in windows to face outwards to passing pedestrians. Summer evenings there are often free music and communal dance sessions. There are modern and not so modern art exhibitions and a museum of chips! The museum describes how potatoes are grown, harvested, prepared and cooked, in beef fat, to be among the best chips ever produced. Obviously, chips are sold in the museum, as well as by many vendors throughout the city. Melanie did mention the famous Bruges chocolate, showing a photograph of her favourite shop with an incredible window display, all made from chocolate. It was an entertaining and informative talk. Several members had visited Bruges, but agreed there was far more to discover during future visits.

Matters arising: Bingo Evening had been well attended, with many visitors, so many that extra tables etc had been needed. Returning to a Friday evening had obviously been a good idea.

Correspondence was briefly discussed: Capel was asked to provide stewards for the East Kent annual meeting in March. Opportunity to be a delegate at NFWI in June. Resolutions for discussion at January meeting were read out.

After the welcome refreshments, which included much sampling and enjoyment tasting competition entries "hand-made chocolate item", dates were given although many groups would next meet in 2024.

Future Events: Christmas Lunch Wed 6th Dec would include a seating plan as requested.

Date and Time of next meeting, **Tues 12th December, St Radigunds Church, 7 pm.** would be the Christmas meeting. A list for everyone to complete "the sharing plate" was circulated. There will be a FREE raffle for members.

December 2023	Wednesday 6 th Bowles Club, 12.30 pm	Christmas Lunch
December 2023	Tuesday 12 th St Radigunds, 7pm	Christmas Meeting
January 2024	Tuesday 9 th Village Hall, 7pm	Lifeline
February 2024	Tuesday 13 th Village Hall 7pm	Social, with food
March 2024	Tuesday 12 th Village Hall 7pm	Annual Meeting

Members played a game of "Scattergories" with some very varied, ingenious and, somewhat, suspect answers. The competition was won by Jill Lake, with delicious chocolate fancies. After the raffle, the meeting closed with Jan wishing everyone a safe journey home. We would love some new members to join, we have sub-groups, interesting speakers, friendships and fun, so do please get in touch with Caroline 07885 406433 or Jan 07521317343, we look forward to meeting you.



A representative Parish Councillor will be attending the Hearing Session for Capel-le-Ferne, on Tuesday, 5th December 2023, following professional advice sought to address the Inspectorate.



Dover District Local Plan



Dover District Council

NEWS: Planning Inspectors will this month begin the hearing sessions for the examination of the Dover District Local Plan
<https://www.dover.gov.uk/.../Local-Plan-examination...>

COMMUNITY SUPPORT



NEIGHBOURS HELPING NEIGHBOURS

A local organisation that aims to support people living in Capel

Staying independent and being part of the community is important to everyone but there are times during our lives when we could benefit from a little help from our neighbours. **CAPELCARES** is a local volunteer organisation run by residents of Capel to support those living in Capel. We can arrange to meet you in your own home to discuss any issues or challenges that you may have. Our volunteers are all local residents who have been DBS checked and have been trained in Safeguarding.

Our volunteers can help you with a variety of issues, including:

- Social visits for those living on their own.
- Home visits to support family carers.
- Assistance with shopping.
- Transport support, i.e. to & from medical appointments etc.
- Small house maintenance/gardening jobs.
- Regular phone contact.
- Helping you make contact with other services.



Referrals can be made by anyone for anyone. Our aim is to help residents in Capel remain safe, secure and independent in their own homes, as well as providing support to residents with unexpected, short term challenges that disrupt routine family life.

NEIGHBOURS HELPING NEIGHBOURS

To find out more or to arrange a visit please contact Jan on 01303 257003

Capel Cares GOOD NEIGHBOUR coffee mornings are now held every first and third Friday of the month.

To include free tea, coffee or hot chocolate with assorted biscuits.

A regular raffle is held and drawn on the day, with a range of amazing prizes to win.

EVERYONE WELCOME

Do you have short term or temporary mobility challenges?

Maybe from an accident, recent surgery, or just aches and pains?



Library photos

has a range of mobility aids that could assist you.

To include:

- A light weight wheel chair
- A banana board to assist getting from wheelchair to car seat.
- Mobility walker with an integral seat.
- Light weight, 3 wheels, walking frame.
- Aluminium walking sticks with adjustable height.
- Swivel seat pad for use in a car.

These are all available for use, free of charge, on a temporary loan basis.

If any of these aids would be a benefit for you or someone in your family, please contact

Jan Milliken on 257003, or Neil Perrin on 243645.



Volunteer with us

and make a difference to
someone's life



Could you spare a few hours a month to help your neighbour? We are looking for community minded people to join CAPELCARES as we seek to assist those in Capel le Ferne who just need a little help to lead independent lives in their own homes.

Call Jan on **01303 257003** for more details

CAPELCARES "from small acorns, mighty oaks will grow"



'CAPEL'S GOOD NEIGHBOURS FREE COFFEE MORNING' sponsored by Capel Cares



November, despite the rain, continued with two fantastic coffee mornings, made extra special by celebrating birthdays with

Janet, Terry & Pam



It was a great pleasure, to welcome, Marion, Brian & Reg as a new guests and Sandra as a visiting guest.

Don't miss out, come and join us on the 1st & 15th of December (remember to wear your Christmas gear)

Free coffee morning, every month, twice a month! The next 6 GOOD NEIGHBOURS FREE COFFEE MORNINGS

will be held on the 1st & 15th December, 5th & 19th January, 2nd & 16th February. Usual time of 10.00am.



All are welcome, you don't have to live in the village to enjoy good neighbours, so please bring friends, visitors welcome.

Need transport? Contact Jan on 257003. **LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ON THE 1st & 15th December** We'll be there, will you?



EXTRA DATES FOR YOUR 2024 DIARY

5th & 19th January and 2nd & 16th February 2024



Barton Mobile Foot Clinic

Professional footcare
in the comfort of your
own home.

Visits from £30.00

Highly recommended

All routine footcare undertaken; nail cutting (including diabetic clients), with treatment and advice if required on - corns, callus, verrucae, cracked heels, athletes' foot, fungal nails, ingrown and involuted toenails. Dementia friendly.

To book an appointment:

Mobile - 07944017532

Email - bartonfootclinic@outlook.com

Toni Dip FH MCFHP MAFHP

GRAPEVINE ADVERTISING from 1st April 2023

This space could be advertising your commercial/ business venture or, non-village organisation event.

Size 9cm x 3.5cm £15.00

Size 9cm x 7cm £22.00

Size 9cm x 13cm £30.00.

Size 20cm x 13cm - £40.00 (½ page)

For further details contact

Parish Clerk at 39 Victoria Road,
or Tel: 01303 259564.

Email: clerkcapellefernepc@btinternet.com

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For an appointment

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We offer social opportunities, activities, lunches and food & drinks
Monday to Friday, as well as other essential services for the whole
community

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2 course lunch ONLY £6.50

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Volunteering opportunities

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The Riverside Centre, Maison Dieu Gardens, Dover, Kent, CT16 1RL

Tel: 01304 207268

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Battle of Britain Memorial - Remembering the Few

Don't miss out on the chance to give the ultimate aviation gift this Christmas ✈️

Browse our carefully curated online shop for a selection of exclusive signed memorabilia, exciting in-person experiences, and tasteful jewellery that will delight any recipient.

And the best part? The Memorial Trust is a charity, and every purchase you make helps us to keep the story of the Few alive. Your support plays a vital role in ensuring that future generations can learn about and remember the bravery and sacrifice of these heroes.

Shop now and make a meaningful impact this Christmas ➡️

<https://ow.ly/sNNM50Q2I26>

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CAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH

Preachers for December

3rd Pam Barr

10th Rev Ruddle

17th, 24th and 31st Pam Barr

Messy Vintage Thursdays,
at 2.30pm – 14th December
all welcome, worship, craft and tea.

All Welcome

For details of Preachers or if there are queries regarding these details, please call 01303 489006 - Pam Barr

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.



WANTED

Someone to deliver the Grapevine Newsletter from end of January 2024, for Beatrice Road.

If you feel able to volunteer for this (once a month), please contact Tony Lake,
Tel: 01303 489544. Thank you.

A BIG THANK YOU
and our APPRECIATION

to Mick, who has made the decision to
“put his feet up” and retire from delivering
the Grapevine Newsletter.

Mick was one of our initial volunteers, when
our newsletter started, over 25 years ago.



A REQUEST FOR INFORMATION PLEASE

Does anyone in the Village know a relative of
Bob Perrin 1941-2010.
(Not Neil)!

There is a memorial bench on
the clifftop (opposite 63 Old Dover Road),
that is broken and requires
repair or replacement.

Please contact Parish Clerk
With any information.

Email:

clerkcapellefernepc@btinternet.com

Thank you.

Join Capel-le-Ferne Parish Council Facebook Page
for continuous up-to-date daily information and
notifications.

<https://www.facebook.com/CapelLeFerneParishCouncil/>
If you know someone that does not do Facebook, but
would welcome receiving email notifications between
the Grapevine Newsletters, please email

clerkcapellefernepc@btinternet.com

to be added to Parish Council email database.



Remembering the Few - at the National Memorial to the Few

The support that we have received from you all is something that we will always be so grateful for. It is your support and donations that help us continue our work to remember 'the Few' in these difficult times.

If you wish to make a donation to the Memorial Trust, please click here for more details: <http://ow.ly/EkKh50DboEb>

We understand that not everyone is financially able to donate, but there are plenty of other ways that you can help. Following us on social media and leaving us a lovely Facebook, Google or TripAdvisor review will help the Memorial Trust no end!

Leave a TripAdvisor review here: <http://ow.ly/qXU850DboEd>

Leave a Google review here: <http://ow.ly/Czku50DboEc>

Leave a Facebook review here: <http://ow.ly/o4tO50DboEa>



A classic cream tea, what more could you want? The Cockpit Café is the perfect place to stop for an afternoon snack or lunch. We have a great selection of hot and cold drinks, cream teas, sandwiches and hot snacks.

Why not pop in? We'd love to see you.
Tuesday to Sunday (closed Mondays)
between 10am and 4pm.

It's free entry to the Memorial and The Wing.
The Scramble Experience inside is our only paid-for attraction, and there is a nominal parking charge.
We always welcome donations to keep this wonderful place running, though.



Home to the National Memorial to the Few and The Scramble
New Dover Road (B2011), Capel-le-Ferne,
CT18 7JJ. Tel: No: 01303 249292

<https://www.battleofbritainmemorial.org/>

Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/rememberthefew>



Help us bring history to life ✈️

The Battle of Britain Memorial Trust is looking for your support in their fundraising campaign to extend Hunting Lodge and install two high-tech simulators that will recreate the experiences of a Battle of Britain fighter pilot. These simulators will allow visitors to experience the thrill - and fear - of an aerial duel against a determined enemy and keep the memory of the Few alive in an extraordinary way. With your help, we can reach our £1m target and purchase two simulators that will create a multiplayer scenario, with one being a Spitfire and the other a BF109. If we reach our goal, the simulators will include complete replica aircraft cockpits, making the experience even more immersive. Donate to the campaign and help us keep the memory of the Few alive in an unforgettable way via this link 📄:

<https://ow.ly/T5qJ50Q2laT>

Update on 30th anniversary fundraising campaign

To bring the battle to life across generations, the Trust needs help with a £1m appeal to extend Hunting Lodge and install two high-tech simulators, allowing visitors to experience the thrill – and fear – of an aerial duel against a determined enemy. The simulators we hope to purchase will create an experience, replicating the experiences of a Battle of Britain fighter pilot. We're hoping to purchase two simulators, so that they can be connected, creating a multiplayer scenario. One simulator will be a Spitfire, and the adversary will be a BF109. If we hit our fundraising target, the simulators will also include complete replica aircraft cockpits.

Donate to the campaign and help us keep the memory of the Few alive in an unforgettable way ➡

: <https://ow.ly/YJIE50PjBWQ>

EVERY 1ST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH

CLASSIC CAR MEETINGS

Come and join in and look at cars

Location - Left hand Side of Car Park

NEXT MEETING SUNDAY, 3rd DECEMBER





CAPEL-LE-FERNE PARISH COUNCIL

**Summary of some items discussed
at meeting Tuesday, 21st November 2023**



Requests from public and Other Feedback:

- Flooding: Cllr: Norris was nominated as delegate to take future action and will be progressing further. Community Warden, Jan Henry, having completed the Flood Warden training, will act as Village representative.
- Rotten UK Power Network pole, junction Avondale and New Dover Road, reported and waiting risk assessment.
- Fire rear of 71-79 Capel Street reported and attended by Fire and Rescue Services.

Planning:

Hearing with Inspectorate on DDC Land Allocation Plan Examination (Capel), being held on 5th December at Council Offices. Cllr. Lake will be attending and representing the Council. Working party meeting prior to Hearing.

- All planning applications and comments available to view on Dover District Council website:

<https://www.dover.gov.uk/Home.aspx>

Planning>Applications>View-

Applications>Planning>Simple Search>Decisions

- Land South Cauldham Lane – Reserved Matters document now available on DDC website, with 31 conditions listed.

Neighbourhood Watch:

- Request on anti-social behaviour of 4 youth around Village Hall noted and request posted to discontinue.
- Reports of dog fouling of known individual – Stuart Rayner (DDC Environment Officer) has been made aware. He requires witness statements of regular times, or doorbell/CCTV footage, to “catch in act” and progress further. Contact:

Email: envcrime@dover.gov.uk

- Recent reports of a fire arms incident in Village – details of incident unavailable, so unknown.

Playing Field and Equipment:

- Toddler swing replaced. Skateboard ramps to be re-sealed with view of replacement in spring, if required.
- Rebound goal mesh panels 4m high, back of goal post, adjacent to Green Lane, to be installed.
- Wet-pour surface should be annually cleaned to improve appearance colour, following meeting with contractor, agreed.

Traffic Management and Highways:

- Minor Highway faults reported/pursued with Kent Highways, including;
- Lack of tactile surface for new drop kerbs, agreed by Kent Highways they would be “retro” installed in Lancaster Avenue.
- Design plan for double yellow lines at junctions with New Dover Road received and will be checked by Councillors on viability and cost involved.
- TAP System on M20/A20 - concerns of residents, continues to be review by District Councillor Hibbert.
- Lorries travelling Capel Street – monitoring and reporting continues. District Councillor Hibbert met with Planning Enforcement Officer for update on case. The case remains open with request for continuing of evidence to be sent to DDC direct for enforcement of change of use to land.

Public Rights of Way:

- Dealing with obstructions to some locations by KCC, slow-going. Cllr. Lake to chase outstanding issues. Paths very muddy at this time of year, please take care in these places.

Speed Watch:

- Some of the Co-ordinators attended and online meeting with Kent Police, noting several points for future.
- Session results available on Parish Council Website. <https://capellefernepc.org.uk>
- If you could spare 1-2 hours a week to help educate drivers, join the Capel-le-Ferne Team. Details page 17.

Capel Cares:

- 35/40 people regular attend the twice monthly Coffee Mornings. Details on page 6.
- Two sittings planned for Christmas Dinner this year.

Ukraine: Continuing to make/sell items to raise funds.

Grapevine Newsletter/social media: New distributor for Beatrice Road required, following retirement of Mick. Request in newsletter for replacement. (See page 8).

Village Hall: Two Christmas events planned. Details on front page and full report on page 2.

Training/workshops/seminars:

Members circulated with available courses. Non-attendance of an event, credit being sought from NALC (organiser).

District and County Councillor reports:

- Cllr. Hibbert written report on: Parish Councils networking, TAP, Flooding and Lorries in Capel Street.
- Cllr. Beaney written report on: KCC campaign launched, “Bystander - Don’t Do Nothing”.

Matters Concerning the Parish:

- **80th Anniversary of D-Day in 2024** – Working party meeting in January to detail event arrangements.
- **2024 Remembrance Day** – On a Sunday, investigations on having refreshments after in Hall, to be investigated.
- **Broken bench on clifftop** – trace for family (see page 8).
- **Parish Councillor Co-option Vacancy** – continue to advertise for a suitable candidate.

PARISH COUNCIL SURGERY

Is there an issue you wish to discuss with your Parish Council? A Councillor and Parish Clerk will be available on 1st Tuesday, of each month, 10am-12:00noon, at Farmers' Market, Village Hall, in Room adjacent to Entrance.

NEXT SESSION TUESDAY, 5th DECEMBER

NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON

TUESDAY, 16th JANUARY 2024, 7.30PM.

NO DECEMBER MEETING

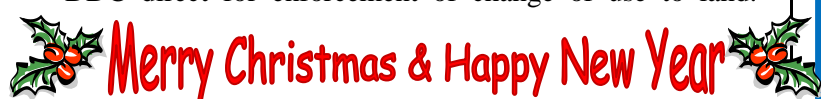
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<https://www.capellefernepc.org.uk/>

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS OPEN TO PUBLIC.
IF YOU WISH TO ATTEND AND ADDRESS THE COUNCILLORS, PLEASE INFORM CLERK.

Further information on any of the above or to contact Parish Council, please write to Parish Clerk, 39 Victoria Road, Capel-le-Ferne, or Tel: 01303 259564.

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More Neighbourhood Watch/Kent Police Information on Parish Council Facebook Page



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- Read more on our website:
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- Resident purchased a van online and sent the money. The van advertised was a fake and did not exist and the address provided was nothing to do with the sale. After making a 12 hour round trip the resident is now out of pocket and the phone number for the seller is turned off.

This is a scam.

[Watch our Cost of Living newscast 'How To Buy A Secondhand Car In UK' to get tips on how to buy online safely](#)

MOBILE CONTRACT SCAM

Mobile Phone Contract Scam

- Resident received three separate letters from mobile companies saying they had opened credit agreements with them. The statements said the resident had failed to make payments and to contact them. The resident never signed up for this.

This is a scam.

Scammers will impersonate reputable companies through direct mail as well as email, text and phone calls to try to obtain your financial details. They can also commit fraud and sign up for packages under your name if they have your personal details.



GIFT CARD SCAM

Kent Police report of a new gift card scam

- We've received reports of a concerning scam targeting Kent residents. Scammers impersonate your friends or family members in emails, asking for you to purchase sending gift cards on their behalf as they are either short of money at that time or having problems with their online banking.

This is a scam.

If you receive such an email and have doubts, contact the person using a known phone number to verify the request's authenticity. Remember the Kent Police fraud awareness message: Never Assume, Never Believe, Always CONFIRM.

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**Well Done to all scarecrow entries and everybody that participated in the trail.
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Capel Short Mat Bowls

In the Shepway league, we have played one match against Newchurch where we took 6 points, they turned up with the summer league trophy which was presented to us as winners!! (see photo)

In the East Kent league, we have played two games against Broadstairs and have taken full points (12) and one game against Boughton where we won one game and drew the other one and took 5 points. We are currently second in the league.

The club is currently playing in two leagues and we thank the players for their contribution, as the games are coming up thick and fast up to the 19th December where we get a little break for Christmas.

We are having a Christmas meal at the Royal Oak on Thursday 14th December at 1pm, followed by a fun afternoon at the Village Hall on Sunday 17th December at 1:45pm

If anyone would like to have a game of bowls, please turn up to any of our sessions and join in, all are welcome. Sessions are Sunday 2-4pm, Tuesday 7:30 – 9:30pm, Wednesday 2-4pm.

We would like to wish everyone a Happy Christmas and look forward to welcoming everyone back on Tuesday 2nd January.

Capel Short Mat Bowls



Contacts

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Anyone in the village wishing to try the sport of short mat bowls, please contact above members.



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Clifftop Cafe
last day was
12th November.
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support.

See you in 2024



The owners of the Clifftop Café would like to share their vision for the future.

"For the cafe to survive, we need to create another source of income. We have had a lot of small local businesses wanting us to help sell their products, however we do not have the room. Our vision is to build on top of the cafe to allow us to lease out sections of the cafe for these businesses. We already have 3 which are very interested. We would love to have feedback from the local community before we go further with planning."

Contact for your views and comments,
or more information, email
hayleyboyes69@icloud.com

CAPEL-LE-FERNE PARISH COUNCIL

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Maureen Leppard



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Community Speed Watch is an educational scheme to help reduce speeding traffic through our village.

The scheme enables volunteers to work within our village to raise awareness of the dangers of speeding and to help control the problem locally.

If you are interested and would like to talk to someone about becoming a team member, contact the Parish Clerk on 01303 259564, Email: clerkcapellefernepc@btinternet.com



LEST WE FORGET

A wonderful attendance of approximately 70 + turned up, in glorious Autumn sunshine, for our Remembrance Event at 11:00 hours, 11th November 2023, at the Memorial Plinth in Lancaster Avenue. It was great to also see some of our four-legged members of the community join in.

Rev. Brian Williams (St Radigund's Church) and Pam Barr (Baptist Church) officiated, and wreaths were laid on behalf of the community by; our Vice-Chairperson (Keith Pilcher), Headteacher (Anthony Richards) and Children from Capel Primary School, Rev. Brian Williams for St Radigund's Church, Pam Barr for Baptist Church, Chairperson (Sally Cook) of Village Hall Management Committee and Farmers' Market and Audrey Goaten.

Thank you all for uniting with us for the 2 minutes silence, in honour and respect of those who fought and died for this country.

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM.

Thanks to Matt Curtis, Kent PA Hire, for loan of equipment.

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CAPEL-LE-FERNE GARDENERS' ASSOCIATION

Capel Gardeners Autumn Show was a great show with 285 entries, and many visitors.



Interesting speakers, a friendly quiz, and occasional visits to stately homes and their gardens.

Visitors and new members are always welcome.

If you are not yet a member and would like to be, membership is just a low £8.00 per year.

We have interesting speakers, quiz evenings, a Rose show in June, and three open shows, and our enthusiastic members are always happy to share the benefit of their knowledge and experience.

The society holds Spring, Summer and Autumn Shows at the Village Hall, see What's On front page for dates. The group meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm in St Radigund's Church, Albany Road for informative presentations, social events and quiz evenings.

We look forward to seeing you at the show, or any of our events.

Brian Castle - 01303 259105 or 07598371984. Jean Tanton - 01303 255982. Bob Parsons on 07484 275551.

Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1104487473444755>

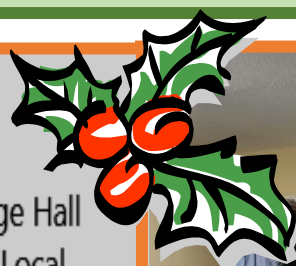


Public Protection - Kent

#LoveYourCommunity Early in 2023, Capel-le-Ferne's Village Hall Committee received funding from the Kent Association of Local Councils to provide a series of free lunches and a chance to socialise for village residents, especially older people who might be struggling with isolation and loneliness. The first lunch was held in February 2023 followed by another in June and the latest was on Saturday 21st October. Jan Henry, our Community Warden for the village who holds a Food Safety Certificate helped with preparing, cooking and serving the two-course meal alongside other volunteers.

The day was a great success in bringing the community together, including some people who are new to village events who were able to meet other residents and find out about other local groups and activities.

The Committee has recently applied for new funding to provide more lunches and to purchase an industrial dishwasher, which the volunteers sincerely hope they are granted. Jan has pledged her support to help again.



#LoveYourCommunity



USEFUL CONTACTS INCLUDING ACTIVITIES and CLUBS	CONTACT NAMES	TELEPHONE NUMBER
Police Community Safety Officer	James Chenery	Kent Police 101
Community Warden	Jan Henry	07811271303 Email: jan.henry@kent.gov.uk
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Dover District Ward Councillor	Martin Hibbert	Cllr-Martin.Hibbert@dover.gov.uk
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Village Hall Committee Lettings	Sue Leaning (Email preferred)	07939 095880 Email: sue.lettingscvh@gmail.com
Village Hall Farmers' Market	Sally Cook	253838 / 07730475838
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Bridge Club	Bob Jones	01233 756362
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Household Bill Savers	Phil and Karoline Taylor	01303 246887
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St Radigunds Church Bookings	Audrey Goaten	01303 244735
St Radigunds Players and Choir	Jerry Spillet	01303 242146
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Welcome to Village Letter	Jackie Watson	01303 258865
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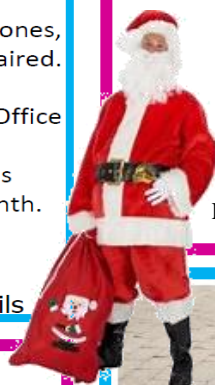
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