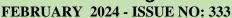


## RAPEVINE

## Capel-le-Ferne Village Newsletter



IT IS EDITOR'S DECISION ON FINAL CONTENT.

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

NO JANUARY ISSUE.

Please check with organisation direct to clarify events and meetings.

| If you know details of your event, please let Editor know so<br>organisations avoid booking same date |   |  |  |
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| February 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | Capel Cares Coffee Morning                      |  |  |
| February 6 <sup>th</sup>  | Parish Council Surgery @ Farmers' Market        |  |  |
| February 13 <sup>th</sup>   | WI Meeting 7pm (page 5)                         |  |  |
| February 16 <sup>th</sup>   | Capel Cares Coffee Morning                      |  |  |
| February 20 <sup>th</sup>   | Parish Council Meeting (page 10)                |  |  |
| February 25 <sup>th</sup>   | Indoor Boot Fair                                |  |  |
| March 1st   | Capel Cares Coffee Morning                      |  |  |
| March 12 <sup>th</sup>  | WI Meeting 7pm (page 5)                         |  |  |
| March 15 <sup>th</sup>  | Capel Cares Coffee Morning                      |  |  |
| March 16th  | Gardeners' Spring Show (page 18)                |  |  |
| April 5 <sup>th</sup>   | Capel Cares Coffee Morning                      |  |  |
| April 5 <sup>th</sup>   | WI Bingo Evening                                |  |  |
| April 9 <sup>th</sup>   | WI Meeting 7pm (page 5)                         |  |  |
| April 13 <sup>th</sup>  | Cancer Research Jumble Sale                     |  |  |
| April 19 <sup>th</sup>  | Capel Cares Coffee Morning                      |  |  |
| June 6 <sup>th</sup>  | 80 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of D-Day (page 10) |  |  |





Mick ran the first ever Folkestone Parkrun on the Leas in August 2014 and today, he reached his 250-run milestone.

Ouite something for an elderly gentleman, who turns out in all sorts of weather, as well as regularly volunteering as a marshal. Family members ran this morning as well and at the end, there was celebratory coffee and cake.

In case you didn't know, Parkrun is a free 5k (3.25 mile) event held every Saturday at thousands of places around the world, and has been recommended by doctors!



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 01303 257003.





#### **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.lettingscyh@gmail.com

It's hard to believe that at the time of writing, we are looking ahead to February with Christmas and the New Year so far behind us.

A few developments have happened since early December, including dates and events planned for 2024. An Indoor Boot Fair will take place on the 25 February. To book a table and for further information please contact Sally on 077304 75838. A Community Lunch will take place in the Spring with all invited, although numbers are limited. We have been lucky enough to secure funding for several lunches during the year, and to provide the Hall with a commercial dishwasher – this will enable us to clear up a lot faster and with less fuss. The one we are looking at has a 2-minute cycle. The pleasure of washing up by hand a 50-cover serving, does tend to pall after a while! We are hoping this will be installed within the month. Once we know how it works, we will write a guide on how to use it. On the horizon is the 80<sup>th</sup> celebration of D Day taking place – yes, you've guessed it – on the 6 June, starting at the Hall and ending at the Battle of Britain memorial. More on this nearer the time. Traditionally this time of year is very quiet for stallholders at the Farmers' Market, although we continue to be a place where people can get together for a coffee (or tea) and a natter.

#### **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.

After two years of spending money on Web and Warf of the Hall, replacing and renewing everything from floors to roofs, we are looking to consolidate this year in order to recoup some of the expenditure incurred. Having said that, we were very fortunate to have the support of the Valiant Sailor and its patrons in December when they donated money raised from a raffle and quiz at the pub. We are very grateful Bob, Kenny and everyone involved and will put this money towards new flooring for Room 101formerly the old Post Office. We are looking forward to seeing you all at the Hall over the next year. If you want a chat about the Hall, then please come and see us at the Farmers' There are at least 4 trustees there during the morning and we are happy to discuss any issues you may have.

Village Hall 100+ Club Winners for December December was double-up prizes £50, £30, £10 1st - E Preston. 2nd – Ginny Savage 3rd - Capel Short Mat Bowls club CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS Many thanks.

> It is never too late to join Caroline Bunting 07885 406433

Email: c.bunting@btconnect.com









#### **CHURCH SERVICES, FEBRUARY 2024**

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

| Date  | Alkham                      | Capel                       | Hougham              |
|---|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup>  | Evening Prayer              | Sung Eucharist              | Eucharist (said)     |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent  | 5.00 pm                     | 9.30 am                     | 11.00 am             |
| Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> Fun, fellowship and food – all children accompanied by a responsible adult please – thank you!) |                             | 3.00 – 5.00 pm              |                      |
| Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup>   | Sung Eucharist              | Worshipping Together        | Worshipping Together |
| Sunday next before  | 9.30 am                     | 11.00 am                    | 11.00 am             |
| Lent  | <b>7000 UIII</b>            | 1100                        | 22000 4444           |
| Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup>  |                             | Eucharist to mark the       |                      |
| ASH WEDNESDAY   |                             | beginning of Lent 7.00 p.m. |                      |
| Sunday 18th   | <b>Worshipping Together</b> | Eucharist (said)            | Sung Eucharist       |
| Lent 1  | 9.30 am                     | 9.30 am                     | 11.00 am             |
| Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup>   | Eucharist (said)            | Evensong                    | Sung Eucharist       |
| Lent 2  | 9.30 am                     | 6.00 pm                     | 11.00 am             |

There is usually a Eucharist at St Radigund's, Capel at 11.00 on Thursday mornings.

Visit us online at: <a href="www.church-alkham-capel-hougham.org.uk">www.church-alkham-capel-hougham.org.uk</a> and on Facebook: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/BeneficeofACH">https://www.facebook.com/BeneficeofACH</a>

#### From the vicarage

I recall a parent's evening, years ago, in the days when I was teaching Religious Education in school. A parent introduced herself and sat down. Her daughter was a good student - her book was immaculate, work was always completed, and she had done well in her exam – I was really pleased with her, I said.

Mum stared at me, listening in silence. Finally, she spoke. "It's a funny thing to be good at, isn't it? R.E., I mean..."

It was then that I realised that Mum wasn't pleased at all. In fact, she was panicking; she probably had dreams of her daughter becoming a doctor, or a lawyer, or a nursery nurse or something – but surely, not a nun! Anything but that!

But why should R.E. be a funny thing to be good at? After all, it's to do with what matters to people, how they find meaning and purpose in their lives and understanding why they do the things they do. It's about understanding, for instance, that there's more to Lent – which this year begins on St Valentine's Day - than just spending forty days doing without chocolate. It's about understanding that there's more to Easter than bunnies – cute and fluffy though bunnies might be - and making up for all the chocolate that you didn't eat during Lent.

I doubt that many, if any, of my former students have ended up as nuns. But over the years I was privileged to meet young people who often surprised others — and themselves — by discovering talents that they didn't know they had. So, if a child you know achieves the unexpected, celebrate it. There's no such thing as 'a funny thing to be good at'! ... 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: <a href="https://dover.foodbank.org.uk/">https://dover.foodbank.org.uk/</a>

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 members to the first meeting of 2024, wishing all a Happy New Year on this wintery January evening. Members stood to sing Jerusalem. Jan thanked all those who had provided the lovely flowers for tonight's meeting and facilitating the refreshments and raffle. Our guest speaker tonight was introduced as Pam Barr a Member of our Capel Le Ferne WI about updating us on her experiences and connection with Malawi. The Birthday Meeting 2024 venue was discussed as whether to use the church or Hall? All agreed to use the church. The Christmas Meeting 2024 venue was also discussed, and all agreed to use the church, as it was a lovely setting this year and everyone enjoyed the entertainment and food.

The rota for flowers, refreshments & Farmers Market with the addition of a new duty for a member to meet and welcome the guest speaker attending the monthly meeting. Jan enthusiastically encouraged the signing up for such duties.

Jan explained the purpose of the Blue Pig holding funds from the competition collection from each monthly meeting. The funds accrued need donating to a charity and for members to decide which charity to donate to. The WI would like it to go to a charity that would benefit women and were there any suggestions or preferences. This will be decided at next month's meeting and for everyone to consider and put forward any ideas they have.

A reminder for subscription to the WI will be due by April 2024. The yearly cost is £48.00 but has been reduced to £45.00 for Capel Le Ferne Members due to subsidised from account funds. Alison has kindly organised envelopes which were given out to each member for payments to be made.

February 2024 Meeting will include a fish and chip supper, which all are very much looking forward to and selection and payment to be made to Alison during the evening.

Correspondence:

Joy Walker, a long-term member of Capel WI, who is no longer able to attend meetings, had sent an email extoling the joys and benefits of joining the WI committee. This was very in line with the current voting within the group for new committee members at the moment and read.

A reminder for Members of the possible WI Resolutions to be voted for was read out and each category given as follows:

- 1. Dental health matters
- 2. Impacts of poor housing conditions
- 3. Say 'no' to gambling advertising.
- 4. Improving outcomes for women in the Criminal Justice System

Following a brief discussion, members voted. The votes will be recorded, sent to East Kent federation, then onto National, ready for the actual debate & vote at the Annual Meeting. Ladies were thanked for voting in tonight's WI Resolutions vote.

Pam Barr our evening speaker then gave a fascinating update of her fund-raising for schools in Malawi. Pam will continue to actively continue raising funds and hopes to return to Malawi sometime in the future. (More details on Page 12).

There were many very interesting questions from our ladies. All enjoyed the discussion from the talk. Jan thanked Pam for speaking tonight and ladies were invited to make donations to Pam's charity if they wished to do so.

After refreshments, Members were told of forth coming events - Next Home Economics meeting would be homemade soup tasting, February meeting Tuesday 13/2/24 -Village Hall - fish and chips - life line speaker, March meeting 12/03/24 - Village Hall- Annual Meeting, Bingo Friday 5/4/24 - St Radigunds Church, April meeting Tuesday 9/4/24 – Madagascar.

An update given on members who are currently poorly. Birthday cards and wishes given out to members. Promotion posters for Bingo night distributed. Ladies informed curling and coffee morning dates TBC. Jan informed Ladies, the Spring group meeting to be held in the Alkham Village Hall on 26/03/24 in the evening and enthusiastically asked for some members to attend to represent Capel WI. The Autumn group meeting will be hosted and organised by Capel WI. The annual meeting will be held on the 10/03/24. The next Capel WI meeting competition entries will be a "red item".

Members time commenced, where a very boisterous and enthusiastic game of speed conversation was played (some likened it to speed dating), the topics of conversation were chosen and we had 2 minutes to chat to our partner member. Jan took charge with her whistle to bring attention to end our conversations and move to the next partner. All enjoyed the game and embraced the benefits of getting to know our Capel WI comrades a lot better. The competition winners were read out with Vad's young 5-year-old grandson's Christmas card to her, winning tonight's competition. All entrants were thanked for their participation. The Raffle was drawn, and all contributors were thanked. Pam our speaker thanked all those who had contributed to her charity.

Ladies were thanked for attending and wished everyone a safe journey home. It had been a very enjoyable, sociable evening. All left knowing each other that little bit better!!!

We would love some new members to join, we have subgroups, interesting speakers, friendships & fun, so do please get in touch with Caroline 07885 406433 or Jan 07521317343, we look forward to meeting you.

| February 2024 | Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> - 7pm | Life Line      |
|---------------|--------------------------------|----------------|
|               | Village Hall                   |                |
| March 2024    | Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> - 7pm | Annual Meeting |
|               | Village Hall                   |                |
| April 2024    | Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> - 7pm   | Bingo          |
|               | St Radigunds Church            | -              |
| April 2024    | Tuesday 9th - 7pm              | Madagascar     |
|               | Village Hall                   | _              |

## 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 proving support to residents with unexpected, short term challenges that disrupt routine family life.

#### **NEIGHBOURS HELPING NEIGHBOURS**

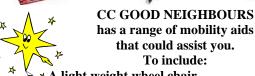
To find out more or to arrange a visit please contact Jan on 01303 257003

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?







\*A light weight wheel chair

- A banana board to assist getting from wheelchair to
- 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



CAPELCARES

Welcome everyone, to 2024 (it's a leap year!!) We finished 2023 on a high, enjoying Christmas lunch at the Royal Oak.

> We also celebrated birthdays in December and January with Carol, Terry, Stevie, John, Ginny,



CAPELCARES

Janet, Kit & Tony € & & & & &

It was a great pleasure, to welcome new guests Wendy, Jean, Lynda, Lesley, Pauline, Eddie, Shirley, & Ron

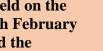
Don't miss out, come and join us on the 2nd and 16th February

\*Free coffee morning, every month, twice a month! The next 4 GOOD NEIGHBOURS FREE



CAPELCARES

**COFFEE MORNINGS** will be held on the 2nd & 16th February and the





1st & 15th March 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 01303 257003. LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ON THE 2nd and 16th February

We'll be there, will you?

EXTRA DATES FOR YOUR 2024 DIARY 1st & 15th March



and 5th & 19th April





## Another Capel Cares birthday and Christmas Lunch

















### <u>CAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH</u>

#### **Preachers for February**

4th ... Greg Marlam 11th ... Ewen Blaker 18<sup>th</sup> ... David Hudson 25<sup>th</sup> ... Jon Clarke

Messy Vintage Thursdays, at 2.30pm 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



#### JACQUI

SALON and MOBILE HAIRDRESSING **Reasonable Prices** CALL 01303 250655 or 07968 967057 For an appointment

> PERMS AND SETS AVAILABLE IF REQUIRED

"Sadly, due to a lack of people coming to help, reality has struck at the Riverside Centre and they have now had to stop delivering to Whitfield and Capel due to the shortage of volunteer drivers".

#### CAN YOU HELP? CAN YOU HELP?

Do you drive, have a car and hour or so to spare at lunchtime just one day a week (or more if you can). The Riverside Centre in Dover provides a delivery service of hot lunches for local elderly people who have difficulty getting out and about or can't safely cook in their home. There is in urgent need for volunteer drivers to deliver this food and take a moment or two to have a quick chat as they drop it off. You get a mileage allowance which more than covers your fuel cost and the satisfaction of doing something positive for our community. It makes you feel good. So, if you want to do something positive for our community, volunteer. Call on 01304 207268



## The Riverside Centre, Dover An independent local charity

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

**Our Services** 

2 course lunch ONLY £6.50 Snack bar with cakes and light snacks

Hot meal delivery serive £7.50 for 2 courses delivered to your door

Foot clinic and hairdresser

Shopping service

Daily activities such as Bingo and seated exercise classes

Volunteering opportunities



Hythe & Lyminge ISO9001 Certificated

The Riverside Centre, Maison Dieu Gardens, Dover, Kent, CT16 1RL. Tel: 01304 207268 riversidedover.org.uk



#### **Battle of Britain Memorial - Remembering 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

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.



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), 10am and 4pm.



Our make and paint Airfix model sessions are back on Sunday 18 February 🥯

Drop by the Battle of Britain Memorial and learn how to build an Airfix model (choose from a Fokker Triplane, Sopwith Camel and WW1 male tank).

Our expert modellers will show you the best techniques for constructing and painting, and a range of paints will be provided so that you can personalise your model.

By the end of the session, you'll have your very own aircraft to take home - and the skills to get you started on your Airfix journey.

You don't need any prior modelling experience, and the event is open to all ages, so mum and dad can join in.

Session 1 - 10am - 12pm : https://ow.ly/OTK850QoMLT Session 2 - 2pm - 4pm : https://ow.ly/nMg950QoMLM Tickets: £15 per person (includes a model kit, paint and advice from expert modelmakers)

Sunday 18 February Sessions: 10am - 12pm or 2pm - 4pm



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  $\checkmark$ 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/T5qJ50Q2IaT

#### EVERY 1ST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH CLASSIC CAR MEETINGS

Come and join in and look at cars <u>Location - Left hand Side of Car Park</u> NEXT MEETING SUNDAY, 4th FEBRUARY





#### **CAPEL-LE-FERNE PARISH COUNCIL**

Summary of some items discussed at meeting held Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> January 2024



#### Requests from public and Other Feedback:

- ➤ Cllr. Norris related status of flooding issues, letter from MP Natalie Elphicke and a Section 19 investigation.
- ➤ Lighthouse Inn concerns discussed at length. Resolution: No further action until more tangible knowledge or information is received.

#### **Planning:**

- ➤ <u>All planning applications and comments</u> available to view on Dover District Council website:
  - https://www.dover.gov.uk/Home.aspx
  - Planning>Applications>View-Applications>Planning>Simple Search>Decisions
- ➤ Cllr. Pilcher reported on the opportunity to speak to Government Inspectors at Land Allocation Plan meeting.

#### **Neighbourhood Watch:**

- ➤ Community Warden, Jan Henry, reported on continuation of anti-social behaviour from 2 members of village.
- ➤ The future of Community Wardens in Kent, due in April/June 2024. Amount available in Kent will probably decrease, with a beneficial factor being rurality posts.

#### **Playing Field and Equipment:**

- ➤ Cllr. Pilcher and Cllr. Harris to share responsibility of equipment monitoring.
- ➤ Other toddler swing deteriorated and due replacement.
- ➤ Skate-park ramps to be inspected in March/April by contractor for refurbishment.
- ➤ Football pitch/goal levelling up goal areas to be considered and rebound mesh fencing installation due.
- ➤ Refurbishment planned for; MUGA area, re-lining, new nets and steam jet wash of fencing, tables and benches.
- ➤ Co-ordination suggested with Village Hall Management Committee on possibility to providing and locating Christmas Tree.

#### **Traffic Management and Highways:**

- ➤ Still waiting installation of tactile paving on drop kerbs and outcome of traffic order for double yellow lines at junctions.
- ➤ Reports received on TAP and Dover Traffic from MP Natalie Elphicke and District Councillor Hibbert.
- ➤ Lorries using Capel Street discussed further with more information and investigation ongoing.

#### **Public Rights of Way:**

➤ Cllr. Lake chased KCC, PROW, for status to ongoing issues.

#### **Speed Watch**:

- Training session meeting discussed (page 11).
- > 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: Nothing reported

<u>Ukraine</u>: Cllr. Seager to discuss future of working party with team members.

<u>Grapevine Newsletter/social media</u>: 3 New distributors registered to help out with delivery. Thanks were expressed to those for volunteering.

<u>Village Hall</u>: Kent County Council grant available for "Community" use. Waiting VHMC decision to apply.

#### Training/workshops/seminars:

Members circulated with available courses.

#### **District and County Councillor reports:**

➤ Cllr. Beaney reported on; meeting with Highways in connection with Improvement Plan, Members' grant money available, Land Allocation Plan sign-off date expected will depend on any changes Inspectors request, but should hear later in 2024.

#### **Matters Concerning the Parish:**

- ➤ 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of D-Day in 2024 Working Party meeting taken place. The following organised for Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> June; fish and chip, ice-cream supper at 6.30pm, hot/cold drinks, suitable music for era, merchandise for sale to be confirmed, walk to Battle of Britain Memorial site to light beacon by 9.15pm, event tribute read, attendance certificates. Event registered, risk assessments to be undertaken, Police/ATC Cadets marshalling. Further information will follow.
- ➤ Broken bench on clifftop Relative located. Councillors to consider future repair/replacement.
- **Parish Councillor Co-option Vacancy** continue to advertise for a suitable candidate.
- ➤ Draft Budget 2024-25 discussed and agreed by all present to; increase salaries in line with NALC scales, not increase Grapevine advert charges and to apply for Precept with no increase from last year.

#### 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. 6th FEBRUARY.

#### **NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON**

TUESDAY, 20th FEBRUARY 2024, 7.30PM.

MINUTES/DECISIONS/AGENDAS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE:

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.

Email: clerkcapellefernepc@btinternet.com

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.



#### **CAPEL-LE-FERNE PARISH COUNCIL**

Parish Councillors are considering holding "Jog the Memory" training sessions for the Defibrillators and Speed Watch equipment.

If you would welcome one, or both, activities being organised, please let the Parish Clerk know at the following email address,

by Monday, 19th February.

Email: <a href="mailto:clerkcapellefernepc@btinternet.com">clerkcapellefernepc@btinternet.com</a>
Suitable sessions will be arranged,
depending on numbers that sign up.

For information, and those unaware, the Village has two (2) Speed Watch machines for use (details on page 17) and two (2) defibrillators;

one (1) situated outside the Village Hall (main entrance), Lancaster Avenue, CT18 7LX and the other, outside Amin Stores (car park), New Dover Road, CT18 7JR.













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



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Or online https://www.kent.police.uk/contact/af/contact-us/

For advice and to report issues to KCC Trading Standards contact:

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#### REPORT TO CRIMESTOPPERS

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REPORT TO CITIZEN'S ADVICE HELPLINE 0808 223 1133

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"Puppy smuggling, illegal breeding and organised dog theft are serious crimes."

Criminal gangs have profited from the pandemic and people's desire for a canine companion - and, sadly, they're also profiting from a surplus of dogs in neighbourhoods since the lockdowns as people have found looking after a dog more of a burden than they had anticipated and abandoned their new pets.

If you are thinking of buying a puppy, did you know that if you buy through an unauthorised source, you could be funding organised crime?

Help to stop organised crime and cruelty to animals by contacting Crimestoppers on 0800555111 what you know. You'll stay 100% anonymous.

## **TICKET SCAM**

#### Scam event tickets on Facebook

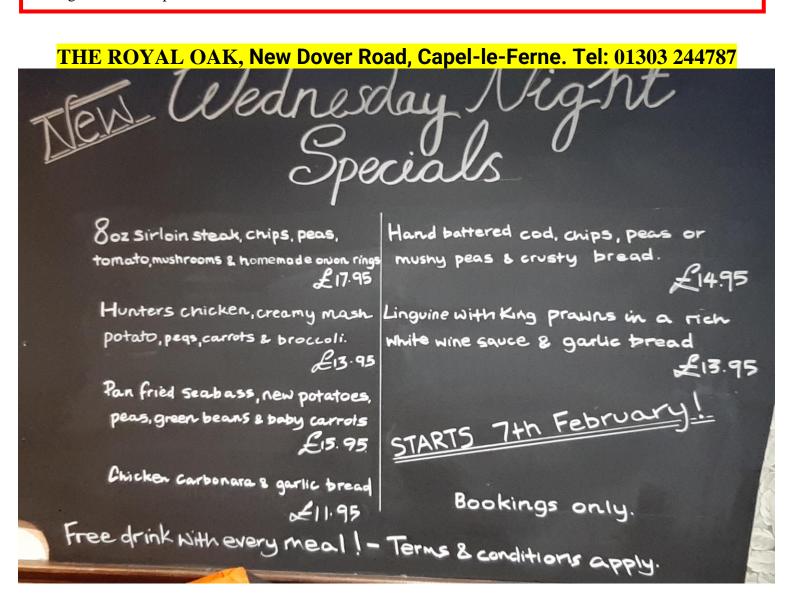
➡ Kent resident purchased two tickets to an event via Facebook messenger. After payment no tickets were received and the seller instantly blocked them. The resident realised this was a scam but has no way to get a refund from the seller so will need to contact their bank to see if they can assist.

This is a scam.

For advice and to report contact Citizens Advice on consumer helpline 0808 223 1133.

#### Pam Barr update of her fund-raising for schools in Malawi.

Pam began her journey in 2022 by sending fundraising/money for mosquito nets to a village in Uganda, to her friend Sarah, to help with the ongoing malaria crisis in the country. Since then, money was raised for other items as well, to include renovating materials, sinking bore holes, shower facilities and to put toward health and welfare issues of the people effected in Malawi helping Ruth a School Head Mistress. A horrendous Cyclone (Freddy) hit Malawi, which was an intense tropical cyclone that traversed the southern Indian ocean and was exceptionally long lived, with the duration from the 5/2/23 to 14/3/23 affecting the area very badly throughout this period. It had a devastating impact on every area of life in Malawi, especially amid the Covid outbreak they were already contending with. This greatly impacted on their currency, reduced by 25% and inflation hit 40% costing their economy 1.5 billion. This has had a knock-on effect to their recovery from both the cyclone and covid. Good news has been confirmed, WHO (The World Health Organisation) have now approved malaria vaccines and the government have agreed, for rollout and payment of 18 million vaccines to be given across the country to include Malawi. One child under the age of five dies every minute from malaria across the country, which was a shocking fact of the impact of malaria to us all. Due to factors i.e. Covid, weather etc., Pam and her friend have been unable to return to Malawi as they hoped and have continued the fundraising efforts, here at home, and been able to support the local schools and villagers in Malawi with their needs from the UK. Pam reminded us of the lovely Starfish storey message "I alone cannot save everyone, but will help who I can" which resonated with us. Pam and her friend are raising ongoing funds to help the school Ruth runs and other local villagers. Ruth has taken in 66 families left homeless from the cyclone affects and they are living within in the school grounds camping. Pam's fundraising has made efforts to help with supplies for building shelters, blankets, food, seeds for planting and anything that can help. There are no local services to help rebuild infrastructure/ buildings, shelters and feed the villagers. The environmental effects of the weather have affected planting and growing food and living conditions and these villager's, need the help for the most basic of living needs which we all here in the UK take for granted. Pam has so gallantly and without hesitation donated to her own cost a lot to the fundraising and selfless and modest in this act. Pam will continue to actively continue raising funds and hopes to return to Malawi sometime in the future.







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| 15/2 | Half Term Family Cinema Event "Bednobs & Broomsticks" - See below               |
| 7/3  | African Drumming, Fajitas, Consols  |
| 21/3 | "James Activ" Circuit Fitness Fun, Easter Nests, Consols, Easter Crafts         |
| 18/4 | Table Games, (Table Tennis, Air Hockey, Pool etc) Fruit Kebabs, Consols, Crafts |
| 2/5  | Bowling - Offsite activity at Hollywood Bowl, Ashford (Details to follow)       |
| 16/5 | Park activities, Rios Ice Cream, (Helmets recommended for Scooters / Bikes)     |
| 6/6  | No Youth Club "Capel Village D-Day" Event.                                      |
| 20/6 | Tag Archery, Park Activities, Hot Dogs  |
| 4/7  | Scavenger Hunt & Chips  |
| 18/7 | Party In The Park, Party Buffet   |

## Dates for your dairies, please support our fund raisers:

15/2 Fundraiser - Family Cinema Event 1000-1300 "Bednobs & Broomsticks" £2.50 pp, Adults must accompany & Supervise Children, Open to all ages (as per community feedback), Tuck Shop, Tea & Coffee available.

20/4 FundRaiser - "Family Bingo" - Details to Follow.

27/6 AGM - Village Hall 7-9pm

## Capel Short Mat Bowls Contacts



Wendy (Chairperson) ......259120

Ros......255862 Rachel..... 07853 193935

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





## WE STILL HAVE ONE (1) CASUAL VACANCY TO FILL

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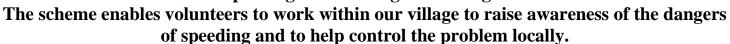




#### Volunteers wanted

Would you like to help protect our residents from speeding vehicles? Could you spare 1-2 hours a week?

If so, we would love you to join our enthusiastic Speed Watch Team. Community Speed Watch is an educational scheme to help reduce speeding traffic though our village.



If you are interested and would like to talk to someone about becoming a team member, contact the Parish Clerk on 01303 259564,

Email: <a href="mailto:clerkcapellefernepc@btinternet.com">clerkcapellefernepc@btinternet.com</a>

I am pleased to notify you that Keep Britain Tidy has announced that their Great British Spring Clean Campaign is returning! The campaign is due to run between the 15<sup>th</sup> and the 31<sup>st</sup> of March.

Last year we hosted a number of pop-up litter-picking events across the district where the public were invited to join us. Despite the dreary weather at times, an amazing 650 bags of litter were picked by volunteers. In addition, we held competitions and launched our REACH awards celebrating those within our communities doing amazing work to improve the local environment. For further information on our 2023 campaign, please visit www.dover.gov.uk/gbsc

Like for Santa's Elves, December is a busy time as we are busy preparing for next year's campaign, we would very much like for Parish and Town Councils to assist us in our planning stage. You all have key links to your communities in knowing where litter is an issue in your area and also a network of contacts within your communities.

Should you wish to host a litter-picking event as part of the 2024 campaign, please get in contact with our team by emailing <a href="mailto:enverime@dover.gov.uk">enverime@dover.gov.uk</a>. We can assist in:

- providing all the litter-picking equipment needed for you and any community volunteers,
- deploying our community roots van to create a litter pick HQ with hot drink facilities and games!
- promoting your event on our platforms
- arranging for any litter picked to be collected!

DOVER DISTRICT COUNCIL We look forward to hearing from you!

Andrzej Kluczynski, Environmental Protection & Crime Manager
Dover District Council, Council Offices,

White Cliffs Business Park, Whitfield, Dover CT16 3PJ Email: envprotection@dover.gov.uk envcrime@dover.gov.uk

Web: dover.gov.uk





### CAPEL-LE-FERNE GARDENERS' ASSOCL







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

To encourage children to take part in our open shows, Capel-le-Ferne Gardeners are offering five achievable categories specifically for young people up to the age of 16. These entries are open to all ages up to 16 and the judges will consider the age of the youngster when awarding 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> places.

For the Spring Show which is on Saturday, March 16th, Entrants, or their parents, should contact the show secretary Brian Castle on 01303 259105 or briangcastle47@gmail.com by 6:00pm on Thursday, March 14th to register the intention of exhibiting. The name, age of the junior entrant, and the categories they are entering exhibits for are required, so the show secretary can prepare the show tables and cards. For any child who has special educational needs, the show secretary should be advised and will discretely advise the judge, but that information will not be included on show cards.

The five categories offered for the Spring Show are

- A homemade Easter card
- Decorate an Easter Bonnett with flowers, leaves, and other items from your garden
- Make a miniature garden in a seed tray, entrants can use moss, pebbles, maybe container lid for a pond, anything from the garden – but no insects.
- Draw or paint a picture of a Spring flower in season for example, a daffodil
- A photo showing 'Spring Time'

Children can, of course, also enter any other classes from the schedule.

Our thanks go to several parents of young people who have come up with some great suggestions. We recommend preparing in advance of the show, rather than leaving it to the last minute, and if clarification is needed, we will be pleased to help.

Bob Parsons, Vice Chair of Capel-le-Ferne Gardeners Association. 07484 275551

#### MESSAGE FROM COMMUNITY WARDEN

Cauldham Close and other areas of our Village are experiencing some dog walkers, allowing their dogs to foul the pavements and not clearing up after them.

Children have trod in it, some adults just missed with their feet, and another resident ran through it with her walker - ewwww!

It's not our usual suspect for once, but it is thought, its people cutting through an alley near Cauldham Close from New Dover Road on their way to the

Could we request that Dog Walkers are reminded of their responsibilities, please?

This has been reported to Dover District Council Dog Warden!



equest patrols in your area or to report offe frommertal Crime Team, Dower District Council to Cliffs Business Park, Dower, Kent, CT16 3PJ phone: 0/1304 872289 Email: envorime@dowe wdower,gounk



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| USEFUL CONTACTS INCLUDING<br>ACTIVITIES and CLUBS            | CONTACT NAMES            | TELEPHONE<br>NUMBER                            |
| Police Community Safety Officer                              | James Chenery            | Kent Police 101                                |
| Community Warden   | Jan Henry                | 07811271303 Email:                             |
|  |                          | jan.henry@kent.gov.uk                          |
| Parish Council Chair   | Philippa Seager          | 01303 245254                                   |
| Parish Council Clerk   | Maureen Leppard          | 01303 259564 Email:                            |
|  |                          | clerkcapellefernepc@btinternet.com             |
| Dover District Ward Councillor                               | Martin Hibbert           | Cllr-Martin.Hibbert@dover.gov.uk               |
| Village Hall<br>Webmaster/Chairperson                        | Sally Cook               | 253838 / 07730475838                           |
| Village Hall Committee Lettings                              | Sue Leaning              | 07939 095880 Email:                            |
|  | (Email preferred)        | sue.lettingscvh@gmail.com                      |
| Village Hall Farmers' Market                                 | Sally Cook               | 253838 / 07730475838                           |
| Village Hall Committee<br>Treasurer                          | Sarah Leonard            | sarahbridgeland74@hotmail.co.uk                |
| Village Hall Committee Trustee                               | Roy Mann                 | 07725943261                                    |
| Village Hall Committee Trustee                               | Jerry Watson             | 07811987254                                    |
| Village Hall Committee Trustee<br>100+ Club/Vice Chairperson | Caroline Bunting         | Email: c.bunting@btconnect.com<br>07885 406433 |
| Bridge Club  | Bob Jones                | 01233 756362                                   |
| Brownies   | Register on website      | https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/what-           |
| Diowines   | Register on website      | we-do/brownies-7-10/                           |
| Capel Baptist Church   | Pam Barr                 | 01303 489006                                   |
| Capel Cares and Ukraine                                      | Janet Milliken           | 01303 257003                                   |
| Capel Walkers  | Neil Perrin              | 01303 243645                                   |
| Divas Dance  | Rebecca Uden             | 01303 893650                                   |
| Gardeners Association  | Jean Tanton              | 01303 255982                                   |
| Household Bill Savers  | Phil and Karoline Taylor | 01303 246887                                   |
| Judo   | Colin Carrott            | 01303 211594 / 07917131571                     |
| Remote Control Car Club                                      | Derek Jeffrey            | 01303 259842                                   |
| Short Mat Bowls  | Ros Chandler             | 01303 255862                                   |
| St Radigunds Church  | Rev Brian Williams       | 01303 243784                                   |
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| Twinning Association   | Jerry Spillett           | 01303 242146                                   |
| Ukraine "Homes and Help"                                     | Janet Milliken           | 01303 242140                                   |
| Welcome to Village Letter                                    | Jackie Watson            | 01303 257003                                   |
| WI   | Caroline Bunting         | 07885 406433                                   |
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| Youth Club   | Simon Withey             | 07860803767                                    |

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#### SIGHTLOSS GROUP:

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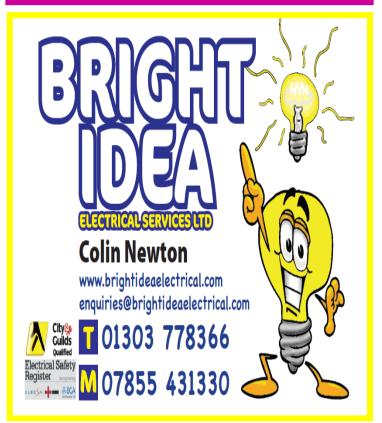
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