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Capel-le-Ferne Village Newsletter

MARCH 2025 - ISSUE NO: 345



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

Mar 7 th	Good Neighbours Free Coffee Morning
Mar 7 th	St Radigund's Church Quiz Night
Mar 9 th	Indoor Boot Fair (front and page 2)
Mar 9 th	Battle Britain Memorial Trust Talk (page 18)
Mar 11 th	WI Meeting – AGM (page 8)
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Apr 8 th	WI Meeting - Learning Calligraphy (page 8)
Apr 12 th	Cancer Research Jumble Sale
Apr 18 th	Good Neighbours Free Coffee Morning
Apr 26 th	Youth Club Bingo Night (page 13)
May 11 th	Battle Britain Memorial Trust Talk (page 18)
May 13 th	WI Meeting - George Ward on Cheese Making
May 16 th	WI Bingo Evening St Radigund's Church
June 10 th	WI Meeting - 'CRUSE' Talk on Bereavement
June 17 th	Capel Gardeners Rose Show – Members Only
July 5 th	Capel Gardeners Summer Show
July 15 th	Capel Gardeners Coach trip to Great Comp ALL WELCOME
Sept 5 th	Capel Gardeners Autumn Show
Nov 18 th	Capel Gardener AGM
Dec 16 th	Capel Gardeners Christmas Party



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



CAPEL'S GOOD NEIGHBOURS
FREE COFFEE MORNING
DON'T MISS OUT



Come and join us on our next coffee mornings,
7th and 21st March

Free coffee morning, every month, twice a month!
Usual time of 10.00am.

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

INDOOR BOOT FAIR AT CAPEL-LE-FERNE VILLAGE HALL

Lancaster Avenue
Capel-le-Ferne,
CT18 7LX

Beverages and bacon butties
will be provided.

**BOOK YOUR
TABLE NOW**

contact Sally Cook
on eures1994@yahoo.com
or 077304 75838

**SUNDAY
9TH MARCH 2025
DOORS OPEN AT
9AM**

Quiz Night

At St Radigunds
Church, Capel

**Friday 7th March 2025
at 7pm**

Tables of up to 6, £5 per head

All welcome, bring your own food and drink.
There will be prizes for the winning team and the
last team on the score board, plus a raffle.

Proceeds to Church Funds

Please contact Audrey Goaten
on 07869574577 to book.
We look forward to seeing you there.

Mothering Sunday

30th March 2025





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

Sometimes the problems one has domestically with service companies, can be magnified when dealing with commercial properties.

Take the Village Hall gas meter. Please someone take the gas meter. We have been trying to have this replaced for months. Our current supplier with whom we have a business contract, sent a domestic engineer to replace the gas meter. For this appointment we had to do an MOT test asking about siting, access to the meter cupboard, who would be in attendance etc. We had previously had another engineer out who had confirmed that the old one needed replacing, so they were in possession of all this information. Anyway, at the appointment the domestic engineer said he was a domestic engineer and that we needed a gas engineer for business properties. We agreed because after all we had a business account with the supplier. This went back to the supplier who apologised for sending a domestic engineer and arranged to send a commercial gas engineer. There then followed numerous text messages, phone calls etc where we confirmed access arrangements, confirmed its commercial status and agreed for someone to be at the property once we knew what time roughly someone would be there. Unlike domestic properties, we couldn't

stay in all day! Just like before. So last Monday came, the engineer arrived and guess what? He was a domestic gas service engineer. So, we start again; only apparently now we have to contact UK Power networks to do an assessment and to take responsibility for all this. And we have to pay. I feel we have yet to get to the bottom of this and can only wait with bated breath for the next thrilling instalment. Seriously this has all taken considerable energy and time involving several trustees/volunteers and it can get a bit wearing. We had similar issues with the dishwasher but at least that is installed and working now.

On a brighter note, the recent community lunch of steak pie and treacle/jam sponge pudding seemed to go well judging by the number of clean plates we saw. Next one in June, while our immediate attention turns to the boot fair on March 9th. All welcome and if you want to book a stall contact Sally on 077304 75838. Doors open at 9am. Beverages and bacon butties will be provided. We look forward to seeing you.

NB, I feel I should point out that our gas supply is perfectly safe; we have merely been told by the gas authorities, that the gas meter just needs replacing!

Village Hall 100+ Club Winners for FEBRUARY

1st David Reed

2nd Jill Lake

3rd Marilyn Flack



Congratulations



It could be your name here!

You still have time to join the

Oct 24 - Sep 25 season - Details on Page 11

For more details see notice board in

the village Hall or email

secretary.cvhmc@gmail.com

CAPEL LE FERNE VILLAGE HALL

REGISTERED CHARITY No 281786

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

100+ Club Subscription - Oct 24 to Sep 25

For the outlay of just £12 per number for the whole year, you will be entered into a monthly draw for three cash prizes, £25 / £15 / £5.

To take out a subscription - Collect a form from the Village Hall or email the Secretary as below.

Drop it in, with cash or cheque or date of BACs to
Kath Hounsell, 134 New Dover Road, OR

Hand it with cash or cheque or date of BACs to
Sally Cook or Cherry Leppard at
Farmers Market on a Tuesday.

BACS can be paid to:

Capel-Le-Ferne Village Hall Mgmt Committee 281786

SORT CODE: 40 19 23 A/C NO: 71495828,

and use '100YourSurnameInitial'

as the Reference please.



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 - place orders.
- > Rotherwood Butchers.
- > Delicatessen stall on 1st Tuesday of month.
- > Julie selling her much-praised cakes.
- > Cheese, Chutneys and Jams/Honey are available and craft stalls.
- > 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, MARCH 2025

Date	Alkham	Capel	Hougham
Sunday 2nd March Sunday next before Lent		Sung Eucharist 9.30 am	Eucharist (said) 11.00 am
Wednesday 5th ASH WEDNESDAY		Sung Eucharist 7.00 pm	
Saturday 8th <i>Fun, fellowship and food – please let Pam (01303 489006) or Brian (01303 243784) know if you plan to come.</i>		 (St Radigund's) 3.00 – 5.00 pm	
Sunday 9th Lent 1	Sung Eucharist 9.30 am	Worshipping Together 11.00 am	Worshipping Together 11.00 am
Sunday 16th Lent 2	Worshipping Together 11.00 am	Eucharist (Traditional) 9.30 am	Sung Eucharist 11.00 am
Sunday 23rd Lent 3	Eucharist (said) 9.30 am	Evensong 6.00 pm	Sung Eucharist 11.00 am
There is usually a Eucharist at St Radigund's, Capel at 11.00am on Thursday mornings.			
Visit us online at: www.church-alkham-capel-hougham.org.uk and on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/BeneficeofACH			

From the vicarage

One of the joys of retirement, according to 80's pop star turned radio presenter, writer, strictly contestant and now retired parish priest the Reverend Richard Coles, is being able to stand back from the church's debates. "When one erupts," he wrote not long ago, "it's like walking past a pub you used to drink in and seeing someone throw a chair through the window: startling, but not your problem."

I wouldn't know - I'm not there yet. I think I know what he means - but these debates aren't trivial, which probably explains why the Church of England's troubles seem to keep making headlines.

But more about retirement. I've had the seminar: *Move away from your last parish when you retire, so that the new priest gets a fair chance to make a go of things... If you're asked to help in a church somewhere, remember - you're NOT the vicar ... Don't Hoover up all the funerals at the local crematorium and expect to be popular* – the list goes on. And now I've spoken with my boss, completed the paperwork, and received an email asking me to get on with telling everyone when it's happening.

And so here it is: I shall retire as Priest-in-Charge of the Parish of Alkham with Capel le Ferne and Hougham in the autumn, when I reach age 70. My last Sunday will be 28th September - the 23rd anniversary of my Ordination as a priest.

"The Fruit of the Spirit," St Paul wrote, "is Love, Joy and Peace." Debates aside, there really are churches near you where Christians are trying to live that out through prayer, caring for others, running lunch clubs, supporting food banks and so on. Sadly, things like that don't usually make headlines... *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.
- 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.

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?



CC GOOD NEIGHBOURS
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



2025 continues with a fabulous turnout of over 50 guests on the 7th February coffee morning, with everyone enjoying our regular quiz, raffle and natter.

Birthdays were celebrated with JOAN, CHERRY and JACKIE'S 85th.



It was also good to welcome Daphne back at our coffee morning.

DON'T MISS OUT

come and join us on our next coffee mornings, on the 7th and 21st March



**Free coffee morning,
every month, twice a month!**



**The next 4 GOOD NEIGHBOURS FREE COFFEE MORNINGS will be held on 7th & 21st March and 4th & 18th April
Usual time of 10.00am.**

**Need transport? Contact Jan on 257003.
LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING
YOU ON THE 7th & 21st March
We'll be there, will you?**



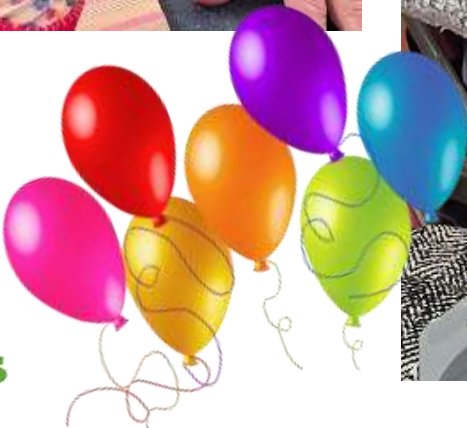
**EXTRA DATES
FOR YOUR 2025 DIARY**

4th & 18th April and 2nd & 16th May





February saw us celebrating birthdays with
Joan, Cherry and Jackie's 85th



CAPEL-LE-FERNE GARDENERS' ASSOCIATION



The society is always pleased to welcome new members, we are a friendly group and if you join now, you will be a member of the group right through to the AGM in November 2025.

Membership is only £10 and our events include monthly presentations, 3 open shows at the Village Hall, and an outing to an impressive garden and perhaps stately home, plus, a quarterly newsletter. Interesting speakers, a friendly quiz, and occasional visits to stately homes and their gardens.

Our enthusiastic members are always happy to share the benefit of their knowledge and experience with aspiring new growers.

If you are not yet a member and would like to be, membership is just a low £12.00 per year.

The society holds a Rose show in June, 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 7:30pm in St Radigund's Church, Albany Road, for informative presentations, social events and quiz evenings.

Look forward to seeing you at the shows, or any of our events.

Please contact the following for further details.

Brian Castle - 01303 259105 or 07598371984. Jean Tanton - 01303 255982.

Bob Parsons on 07484 275551.

Facebook Page:

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

🌸 **Spring Show: 15 March – A reminder that our much-anticipated Spring Show is just around the corner!**

A small reminder also of the price of 20p per class entry, payable on the day.



Save the Date! Club outing to Great Comp Garden on 13 July –

More details to be shared in due course.

Smart meters record your energy use and automatically send the meter readings.

Please ensure you still do checks at the meter and its location for Gas leaks.

Smell gas? Call the Gas Emergency Services on [0800 111 999](tel:0800111999)

Turn off your gas

If you think you have a gas leak, you need to turn off your gas supply at the meter.

1. Find your emergency control valve. In newer houses, the emergency control valve is normally outside with the gas meter - in a meter box. If it's not there, try looking under the stairs, beneath the kitchen sink or in the garage.
2. Turn the handle so the lever is at 90 degrees to the upright gas pipe.

Next steps

1. Open all your doors and windows to let gas out and some fresh air in.
2. Don't switch anything electrical on or off.
3. Put out all naked flames. Don't smoke, strike matches or do anything which could make the gas catch fire.
4. If you have any electrical security entry phones or locks, don't use them. Open your doors manually.

Hello everyone. Our February Meeting was well attended and Chaired by Eve our Vice-President as our President Pam was on holiday and sent her regards to everybody.

Four Visitors joined us and hoped that they enjoyed the evening and look forward to seeing them again. February is our Social Month with Fish & chips and the alternative for those who do not like Fish & Chips, Sausage & Chips were available. Refreshments were served followed by an evening of a Quiz and 'Build a Snowman' which is a game similar to the game of 'Beetle Drive'. This month's Competition was 'Was something Red' being St Valentines, 1st Sue, 2nd Karen and 3rd Jan. Members were reminded about our Bingo Evening of the year on Friday 16th May in St Radigund's Church and to spread the word round that it is not only for WI and that everyone is welcome.

Next month's meeting 11th March 2025 is our Annual Meeting where we nominate a new President and Committee. We will also have a speaker: Emma Rosen who will give us a talk on Sea Grass and Kelp from the Ocean.

If you would like to give us a try, you will be sure of a warm welcome, interesting talks, lots of fun and a chance to meet old and new friends. So just come along to Capel Village Hall.

Look forward to seeing you.

April 8th Learning Calligraphy

May 13th George Ward on Cheese Making

June 10th 'CRUSE' Talk on Bereavement

A reason to join the W.I

My first visit to a W.I Meeting was coming up soon. I was somewhat nervous and apprehensive. A lot of public conceptions regarding this organisation is, that it is a group of 'experienced' ladies, making Jam and then singing about it.!

I asked various friends if they would come with me 'to see what it was like', just the once.

'Oh no, I am not joining that group', they mocked, it is old fashioned' Did you not watch the 'Calendar Girls'? Eager to see for myself, the evening had arrived.

I slowly walked into the Village Hall, I turned the door handle and opened it.

And then I saw it ... a room full of ...wait for it, normal women. Shock horror. I have never received such a warm welcome and felt an immediate feeling of genuine friendliness from people I had never met before. I felt right at home.

And guess what - Not a jam jar in sight! A room full of interesting women of all ages and backgrounds. After, I was introduced to everyone there was a short meeting which covered various events for the diary: fund raisers, announcements from the lunch club, book club and various social events.

Hang on a minute, this is starting to sound good! Then it was time for our speaker for the evening. There was a fabulous demonstration and a talk. I asked does this happen every time? Oh yes, most months we have a speaker, was the reply, good, isn't it? I was then offered tea and biscuits; a raffle was drawn.

That was a couple of years ago now, today I am proud to belong to the W.I and to this day, like my first 'just the once' day, I still get a genuine warm welcome every time I arrive but not from strangers, but from the members of the W.I. I am privileged to call my friends.

Anonymous



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.



Grab a bite to eat at the Cockpit Café while visiting the Battle of Britain Memorial

From cream teas to paninis and toasties, we've got everything you need for a perfect pit stop. You'll also enjoy breathtaking views across the Channel to France.

See menus here: <https://tinyurl.com/34ynhc3k>

The Wing, car park, and Cockpit Café will be open Tuesday to Sunday, from 10am to 4pm.

Please note that we will be closed on Mondays

STANFORD TUCK - HERO OF THE BATTLE OF BRITAIN

SUNDAY TALKS

DR HELEN DOE



2.00PM | SUNDAY 9 MARCH 2025

FIELDS AND THEIR SECRETS: BEFORE THE FEW - FILM BY PHILLIP DAY

FREE ENTRY

FILM SCREENING



2PM | SUNDAY 16 MARCH 2025

SUNDAY TALKS & FILM SCREENINGS

More details on page 18

50 PLUS YEARS OF FLYING

SUNDAY TALKS

GEOFF CONNOLLY



2.00PM | SUNDAY 23 MARCH 2025

FLYING THROUGH THE RANKS - PHEW - THAT WAS CLOSE!

SUNDAY TALKS

AIR MARSHAL BLACK
ROBERTSON CBE
FRAeS FRSA RAF



2.00PM | SUNDAY 11 MAY 2025



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>

Join us as we honour the courageous Few who defended our skies during the Battle of Britain. Our major appeal is dedicated to enhancing our clifftop site for the next generation. But we can't achieve this without YOUR invaluable support

Our goal is to raise £1m to extend Hunting Lodge and create an extraordinary, state-of-the-art aerial dog fight simulator experience.

Imagine yourself in the cockpit of a Supermarine Spitfire or a Messerschmitt Bf109, engaging in thrilling battles that replicate the challenges our courageous aircrew faced in 1940.

This extension will not only provide exhilarating simulators but also additional space to display more Battle of Britain artefacts.

As a charity that relies on the generosity of our supporters, with no government support,

we can only achieve this dream with you by our side.

Every donation, no matter the size, gets us closer to our ambitious £1m goal. With your contribution, the Memorial will continue to inspire and educate future generations.

Don't miss the opportunity to be a part of history. Donate here :

<https://battle-of-britain-memorial-trust.raisely.com/>



EVERY 1ST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH

CLASSIC CAR MEETINGS - NEXT MEETING 2ND MARCH

Come and join in and look at cars. Location - Left hand Side of Car Park



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



**CAPEL-LE-FERNE PARISH COUNCIL****Summary of some items discussed
at meeting held Tuesday, 18th February 2025**

Requests from public and Other Feedback: None.

Planning:

- Concerns expressed and noted on earth moving activity with Cauldham Lane development, including provision of pavement and related issues reported.
- All planning application documents and comments
Available to view on Dover District Council website:

Neighbourhood Watch (NHW):

- Community Warden reported no new issues.
- Impolite phone call dealt with by Kent Police Safety Unit.
- Caravan Old Dover Road, removed as abandoned vehicle.
- Thanks were expressed to Jan and other volunteers for the recent Community Lunch held at the Village Hall, where 46 members of the community received a hot meal.
- *Page 11, for latest scams.*

CCTV – Nothing to report.

Playing Field and Equipment:

- Tree works resulting from survey, programmed with selected contractors, together with reducing tree height on Elizabeth Drive boundary.
- Works to repair cracks of wet-pour surface in junior play area, programmed with contractor.

Traffic Management and Highways:

- Reinstatement of speed activated signs on B2011, Kent Highways have assessed. Viability and costings pending.
- Provision of diversion signage, when Roundhill Tunnels closed. Money set aside by outside agencies. Continues to move forward.
- Lack of tactile surface to Beatrice Road drop kerbs – retro fit waiting Kent Highways Design Team to action.

Public Rights of Way:

Paths reported to be slippery in some locations.
Vegetation trimmed on Clifftop path.

Speed Watch:

- See page 14 for recruitment details.
- Session results available on Parish Council Website.
<https://capellefernepc.org.uk>

Events:

80th VE Day (8th May 2025) – More details to follow.
Poppies and Post-box toppers meeting being held at Farmers Market. Memorial backdrop netting discussed regarding wildlife issues. Project is work in progress.

Village Hall (VHMC):

Speed-hump at car park entrance - report noted and passed to VH Management Committee.

Tree in Lancaster Avenue obscuring street light to car park entrance, reported to Kent Highways for cut back.

Capel Cares:

52 People attended last Coffee Morning.
Request to order a wreath for laying on 11th November event agreed. *Further details on pages 5 and 6.*

Grapevine Newsletter/social media: - New volunteer deliver found. Others on file if required.

Training/workshops/seminars:

- Cllrs. Seager and K Pilcher to attend Chair's Conference,

District and County Councillor reports: Policies and regulations relating to Caravan Sites and TAP, being chased with MP Mike Tapp by District Cllr. Martin Hibbert.

Matters Concerning the Parish:

- Flooding Capel Street/Lancaster Avenue: Kent County Council response received. Cllr. Norris to organise a reply. Flood Forum meeting held with affected residents. A further meeting being arranged.
- Village White Gates and Planters B2011 – Will be repainted when weather improves. The two in Old Dover Road removed.
- Health and Safety documents and Risk Assessments – All documents being reviewed, including those for Contractors, and then will be approved by a consultant.
- Technical assistance – to be sought on document access for Councillors.
- Grounds Maintenance – 2025 Season
 - Agreed to continue with KCC Devolved Maintenance of Soft Landscape Assets - B2011 and other locations.
 - Quotes received and a 3-year contract agreed with Harmer and Sons for cutting verges and field.
 - Waiting quote for strimming St Mary's Churchyard.
- Land Gifted to Parish Council – Land Registry documents received and to be signed by Councillors, to complete transfer.
- Additional street lighting request for Old Dover Road
Kent Highways reviewed crash data over five-years. It shows no recorded personal injury crashes to warrant installation. Councillors to decide if to add this into Village Highway Improvement Plan. Further investigation required, should Parish Council budget allow.
- Councillors' comments noted. Actioned where required:
 - Village Hall Car Park entrance. (see prior VHMC item).
 - Capel Street/Hurst Lane, to Alkham Valley Road - potholes reported to Kent Highways.

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, From 10am-12:00noon, at Farmers' Market, Village Hall, Room adjacent to Entrance.
NEXT SESSION TUESDAY, 4th MARCH

**NEXT COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE
TUESDAY, 18th MARCH 2025, 7.30PM.**

MINUTES/DECISIONS/AGENDAS ARE
AVAILABLE ON THE COUNCIL WEBSITE:
<https://www.capellefernepc.org.uk/>

MEETINGS OPEN TO PUBLIC.
IF YOU WISH TO ADDRESS THE
COUNCILLORS, PLEASE INFORM CLERK
**GIVING 48 HOURS NOTIFICATION
AND THE SUBJECT OF YOUR ADDRESS**

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



BE AWARE and STAY ALERT



REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY Call 999 if:

- * a serious offence is in progress or has just been committed.
- * someone is in immediate danger or harm.
- * property is in danger of being damaged.
- * a serious disruption to the public is likely.

Call 101 for non-emergency enquiries.

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



**KEEP KENT SAFE
LATEST ALERTS**



Fisher-Price Dumbbell Toy sold in Baby Biceps Gift Set
Product details Brand: Fisher-Price Model: GJD49
(located on the back of the kettlebell toy)

An orange pink and grey dumbbell toy that was sold as part of a gift set. The kettlebell toy, protein shake toy, and headband sold as part of the gift set is not included in the recall.

Advice for consumers:

The grey end cap of the dumbbell toy can detach and form a small part, posing a choking hazard to young children.

The product does not meet the requirements of the Toys (Safety) Regulations 2011.

The product has been recalled from end users.

Consumers should immediately stop using the dumbbell toy and take it away from young children.

Please access the Mattel recall site here and follow the online guide for instructions on how to return your dumbbell toy for a refund

Kent Resident Targeted in Holiday Scam The resident looked up the airline number on the internet. They called the number they found and paid a deposit. When the balance was due the resident noticed the name was not that of the airline and then her card payment was declined. It was a SCAM!

The number found on the internet was not the genuine airline.

If you have lost money to a scam, tell your bank.

For advice and to report use Citizens Advice consumer helpline: 0808 223 1133 and you can watch this how to Avoid Holiday Scams video - <https://loom.ly/EVjbgTw>

Trading Standards Checked is Kent County Council's (KCC) safe traders' scheme for businesses in the home improvement sector. Together with **Kent Police** and our members, we aim to prevent financial abuse, stop doorstep criminals and protect residents, especially the vulnerable, from criminal and rogue traders.

Trading Standards Checked carries out thorough checks on traders and is the only scheme vetted by Kent Trading Standards.

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

Citizens Advice consumer helpline on 0808 223 1133

Consumer Advice scams action line on 0808 250 5050

Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm.

Action Fraud
National Fraud & Cyber Crime Reporting Centre
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REPORT TO CRIMESTOPPERS

<https://crimestoppers-uk.org> 0800 555 111

[Trading Standards Checked \(kent.gov.uk\)](https://kent.gov.uk)

REPORT TO CITIZEN'S ADVICE HELPLINE 0808 223 1133

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

We have received reports of doorstep criminals in Maidstone, Ashford and Gillingham. In Maidstone the resident was cold called and paid for work that has never been carried out. In

Ashford the resident was told their loft insulation needed replacing and they needed to pay in cash. In Gillingham the resident was told their home needed some repairs which they paid for but work was never carried out. Doorstep criminals (also known as rogue traders, cowboy builders, building and gardening scammers) cold call on unsuspecting households offering convincing deals to try to get you to agree to having work carried out. We know that if you accept work from a doorstep criminal, you'll pay much more than you intended for very poor, unnecessary and sometimes dangerous work.

Never respond to cold callers! Find out why the Banking Protocol matters Always get 3 quotes and use a safe, local trader that's been vetted by Kent Trading Standards.

Look out for others, report to Kent Police on 101. You can also report it to the charity CrimeStoppers on 0800 555 111.

You'll stay 100% anonymous, always

Are you buying fireworks this year? Avoid unknown sellers on social media and only buy from licensed retailers. Despite safety warnings, injuries occur every year. The safest way to enjoy fireworks is to attend a public display. If you do buy fireworks: Always check for the CE mark. It is illegal for under 18's to buy or carry fireworks. Let your neighbours and those with pets or horses know in advance and stop at the appropriate time.

Read safety warnings on the box, and if you're unsure, don't use them.

New rules mean banks have to reimburse people who have been tricked into transferring money to a fraudster. Banks have to refund authorised push payment (APP) fraud victims up to £85,000, unless they have been grossly negligent. UK Finance figures show the total number of APP cases jumped by 12% annually last year to 232,429, with losses of £459.7 million.

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- The very large tree at the rear of Village Hall, adjacent to the footpath, included work to reduce the length of the over-extended north facing stem, which has a suspected internal crack forming within the main stem and, a reduction in the height and width of whole tree.
- Work to various other trees, that have suffered ash die back, splits in branches, plus a reduction in height to trees on the Elizabeth Drive boundary,

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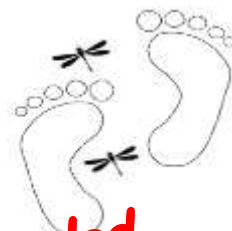
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Capel Village Hall, during term time,
Village Hall, Lancaster Avenue

Tel: 07860 803767.

Email: capelyouthclub@outlook.com

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/capelyouthclub>



- 6/3 African Drumming, Fajitas, Consoles, Crafts
- 20/3 "James Activ" – Indoor fitness, Fruit Kebabs, Consols, Crafts
- 3/4 Easter Egg Hunt, Table/Team Games, Easter Nests, Easter Crafts
- 1/5 Laser Wars – Kidz Planet, see handout
- 15/5 Outside Park activities, Rio Ice Cream
- 5/6 "James Activ" – Outdoor fitness, Park Activities
- 19/6 Tag Archery, Park Activities, Hot Dogs
- 3/7 Scavenger Hunt, Park Activities, Chips
- 17/7 Party In The Park – Buffet, Park Activities

Food activities included in entry cost – Children do not have to pay extra

Please note - Activity Change:

Thursday 6th March, will see our
"Intro to 1st Aid "activity"

We will cover basic CPR, Defib,
Bandages (Blood control), each child
will receive a certificate and special gift,
we hope every child will take part to
learn or refresh on these most
important life skills, delivered in a fun
and engaging way by an external
trainer.

This will run in conjunction with
African Drumming in the main hall,
so approx. 45-minute alternate activity
groups, along with Fajitas in the
kitchen –

No crafts or consoles this night.



Capel Youth Club Activities

- COVID – Please ensure your children only attend Youth Club if they are free from covid contact within the last 10 days & showing no symptoms of their own.
- Membership – Entrance fee on the night of £5 per child, no membership fee
- Gaming Consoles – PS3, Wii, Xbox 1, & Switch – All games are under 16's, no internet access (Do Not bring own games)
- Park activities - Bikes/ Scooters brought at own risk for use on ramps, helmets recommended to be worn – Own Risk, we only use park when organised activity.
- Mobile Phones - Please leave at home unless really necessary, or hand in on arrival
- Safeguarding Compliance - All children must be collected from within the hall

Activities updated on Youth Club Facebook page: www.facebook.com/capelyouthclub

Dates for your dairies, please support our fund raisers:

- 3/4 Easter Egg Raffle
- 26/4 Family Bingo – Raffle, Heads n Tails & Bonus Ball (Children welcome)
- 12/6 AGM – Village Hall 1900hrs
- 17/7 Summer Family Hamper Raffle
- Oct 25 Quiz Night, date tbc



Youth Club – Fund Raiser BINGO

Saturday 26th April 2025 – Village Hall
Lancaster Avenue, Capel-le-Ferne, CT18 7LX

Arrive 1900Hrs – Eyes Down 1930Hrs, Finish 2130hrs

£6 per set of tickets, Raffle, Pre-Book or Just Turn Up

B.Y.O Drinks & Snacks, Community Activity, Children welcome

Raffle donations very welcome, thank you.

Any queries call Simon 07860 803767





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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 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

Capel-le-Ferne Speed-watch Group

RECRUITMENT INSTRUCTIONS

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Bring to Farmers' Market.

- Poppy tableau for Remembrance Day

Poppies in red, purple and white required to make a backdrop for next November. Any help appreciated to achieve this.



- Wool donations.

If you have any DK wool that you can give towards this project, please drop off at the Farmer's Market on a Tuesday morning.

Thank you, Philippa

Ideas, queries, offers of help—contact Philippa.

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30th	David Hudson

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Everyone is welcome.

*For details of Preachers or if there are queries regarding
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Current CHAMPIONS of the East Kent Winter League, 1st division.

Current CHAMPIONS of the Shepway Winter League.

The 2024/25 winter leagues kicked off October 2024

SHEPWAY LEAGUE

Watch this space for an update in the next issue.

EAST KENT LEAGUE

Watch this space for an update in the next issue.

Our away match at Swalecliffe has been postponed until March 2025.

NEW MEMBERS

CSMBC are pleased to welcome Paul, Harry, Dan as new members to the club.

CSMB CLUB COMPETITIONS

Congratulations to Gina & Rachel who were the two league leaders after the 'MIXED DRAWN SINGLES' competition Their final match to determine the overall club champion to be played soon.

Best of luck to both players.

Sunday March 23rd the club will hold the men's and ladies' singles knockout competitions for all members to participate in.

Let's find out which man & lady will have the bragging rights for the rest of 2025?

Remember, you've got to be in it to win it.

WE ARE MORE THAN A BOWLS CLUB

NOTES FOR YOUR DIARY

On Easter Sunday, 20th April we are planning to hold our usual buns and bowls event.



The CSMBC Annual General Meeting is due to be held on the 27th April, in the Village Hall at 2pm.

NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME

Interested in trying a new sport?

If you like a game, for all ages, that requires skill, come and try a free session with coaching from our regular members. Call any of the numbers above to arrange your free session.

CAPEL TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Having been a village organisation for nearly 30 years, we have just put together our programme for 2025 activities, and are looking for new members to join our friendly group. For those who don't know, we are twinned with a village of similar size to Capel, around 10 miles east of Calais and called Vieille Eglise, with whom we have a very cordial relationship with our friends there. We were their guests last September and spent a great day celebrating our 'entente cordiale'.

Through the year, we have a number of social events and outings, all for a membership fee of £10 per annum – which in these expensive days, is pretty good value. We are starting the year with a social evening on Friday 4th April in St Radigund's Church, when we shall be having a supper, with entertainment from an excellent duo for dancing. Later in the year, we are planning a D-Day celebration and all-day outings, and in September we shall be entertaining our French friends here in Capel with lunch and afternoon activities.

If you think you might be interested in joining, please contact our Secretary Jerry Spillett at jvspillett@aol.com, or by phone to 07961 994097.

STANFORD TUCK - HERO OF THE BATTLE OF BRITAIN

SUNDAY TALKS

DR HELEN DOE



2.00PM | SUNDAY 9 MARCH 2025

Join us at 2pm on Sunday 9 March for the 'Stanford Tuck - Hero of the Battle of Britain' talk with Dr Helen Doe. Helen is a noted historian and speaker and the daughter of Wg Cdr Bob Doe whose well-received biography, *Fighter Pilot*, was published in 2010. Now she has turned her attention to another ace, Stanford Tuck. There was just one biography of Tuck written in 1956 so he was overdue for some attention. Helen celebrates one of the great aces of the Battle of Britain and corrects a few myths.

There are limited seats available for this event, so you must book in advance. Entry is free, although parking charges apply (parking is £2 for two hours or £6 for all day). Sun 9 March, 2pm. Free.

Book via 01303 249292 or enquiries@battleofbritainmemorial.org

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2PM | SUNDAY 16 MARCH 2025

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50 PLUS YEARS OF FLYING

SUNDAY TALKS

GEOFF CONNOLLY



2.00PM | SUNDAY 23 MARCH 2025

Join us at 2pm on Sunday 23 March for the '50 Plus Years of Flying' talk by Geoff Connolly. Geoff Connolly, an aviation professional, now in his 56th flying year, began flying with the RAFVR with the University of London Air Squadron, gained his Private Pilot Licence (Aeroplanes) in 1970, and has maintained proficiency in light aeroplanes since then.

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FLYING THROUGH THE RANKS - PHEW - THAT WAS CLOSE!

SUNDAY TALKS

AIR MARSHAL BLACK ROBERTSON CBE FRAeS FRSA RAF



2.00PM | SUNDAY 11 MAY 2025

Join us on Sunday 11 May at 2pm for our latest Sunday talk, 'Flying Through the Ranks - PheW - That Was Close!' by Air Marshal G.A. 'Black' Robertson CBE. His talk includes enthralling stories from the Cold War, the Falklands and Kosovo, and the experiences of both aircrew and groundcrew.

'Black' Robertson CBE shares how his experiences in the air, who he worked with, the places he served and the jobs he did taught him lessons for life. These tales of derring-do offer a unique perspective, not just on the RAF's development, but on the type of characters who formed its backbone.

There are limited seats available for this event, so you must book in advance by calling 01303 249292 or emailing enquiries@battleofbritainmemorial.org.

Can't attend but still want to support the Memorial?

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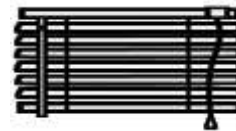
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