

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

May 2 nd	Good Neighbours Free Coffee Morning
May 8 th	80 th VE Day - Tea & Cake @ Village Hall
May 8 th	Battle Britain Memorial Trust Talk (page 9)
May 11 th	Battle Britain Memorial Trust Talk (page 9)
May 13 th	WI Meeting - George Ward on Cheese Making
May 16 th	Good Neighbours Free Coffee Morning
May 16 th	WI Bingo Evening St Radigund's Church (Pg 8)
June 6 th	Quiz Night at St Radigunds Church
June 10 th	WI Meeting - 'CRUSE' Talk on Bereavement
June 17 th	Capel Gardeners Rose Show – Members Only
June 21 st	Open Garden – 69 Capel Street
July 5 th	Summer Festival at School
July 5 th	Capel Gardeners Summer Show
July 15 th	Capel Gardeners Coach trip to Great Comp
Sept 5 th	Capel Gardeners Autumn Show
Oct 4 th	Youth Club Quiz
Oct 11 th	Cancer Research Autumn Jumble Sale
Oct 18 th to 21 st	Scarecrow Festival - 3rd year Start planning soon!
Nov 18 th	Capel Gardener AGM
Dec 16 th	Capel Gardeners Christmas Party

Kent County Council Elections

Thursday 1st May

Remember Photo ID



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,
2nd and 16th MAY

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

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

*Help on the day
would be appreciated
please!*

Capel-le-Ferne Parish Council
invite you all, 1.30pm - 3.30pm

Village Hall, Lancaster Avenue, Capel-le-Ferne,

VE DAY

80TH ANNIVERSARY

A SHARED MOMENT OF CELEBRATION

8 MAY 2025

Tea/Coffee and Cake will be available

**We do hope, you can support and
celebrate this.**

**Come along and join in. Bring your
photos & memorable items to share.**

**You may wish to take part in
singing along to music of the era,
including, 'I Vow to Thee My Country'**

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**Can you bake some cakes
for our VE Day Celebration?
Any cakes not used will be
sold/auctioned for the
Royal British Legion Charity.**

Contact Philippa, if you are able to help.

Email: philippa.seager@foredia.com



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

So, the tulips are out, lambs are gambolling in the fields, the sun has been shining (for the most part) and I want to talk about Christmas.

During December, there are several activities taking part in the village and these are often scattered about the monthly calendar. This year, we are going for a more co-ordinated approach liaising with various organisations for a Christmas craft sale, a grotto, Santas sleigh etc., all on the same day and this year it will be December 6th. This brings me to my main point. Last year we had the lighting of the Christmas tree lights, which was more than slightly hampered by the appalling weather forcing us indoors where we had carols. These were OK but lacked having a choir to lead them. The School have agreed to send a choir this year, but we were thinking about having a village choir to lead residents in lots of Christmas carols. We are a village of several thousand people and it would be good, if we could find enough people to form said choir. Now the only other thing is we need someone to lead the choir, by which I mean someone with musical ability. The Village Hall can host any choir meeting and we are happy to do the organisation, but the committee lacks a musician. If someone is interested in either being in the choir, or leading the choir, then could they please contact Sally on eures1994@yahoo.com Singing is fun and therapeutic. Why not join us for a bit of light entertainment?

On the 8 May at 7pm there will be a meeting for all those who are interested in creating some form on 'Repair Shop' in the village to be held at the Village Hall. We have already been contacted by several interested people, which is great, but we need to look at the feasibility of the idea including insurance, training, and the organisation of it all. We have been in touch with other organisations running similar projects and hope to feed this information back. So, we welcome anyone who is interested in participating, or who has some knowledge of this idea and would like to share. We look forward to seeing you there.

So, after dealing with Christmas and restoration, I'm off to do some gardening. Before the rain comes down.

Village Hall 100+ Club Winners for APRIL

1st. Christine Reed

2nd. Tony Lake

3rd. Janet Calladine



Congratulations



secretary.cvhmc@gmail.com

You don't have to open the door to unexpected visitors



You can also:

- lock the rest of your home before opening the front door
- use a keychain and spy hole and check their ID
- stay with them when they are in your home
- ask them to come back later if you are worried

Find out more www.kent.police.uk/burglary



Kent Police

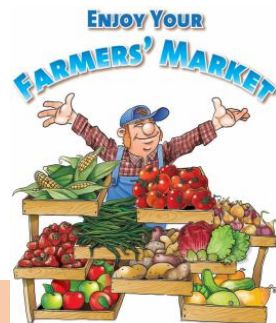
Keeping Safe - Protecting Your Home
Kent Police continues to remind householders across the county to stay safe and protect your home from crime. The Kent Police website offers a range of help and advice to keep safe.

For more information, please see

www.kent.police.uk/burglary



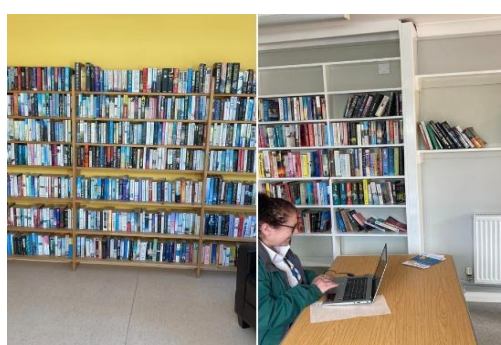
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Community event run by and for the community.


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.
- > Dave Lewis with his wooden planters, bird tables etc.
- > Julie selling her much-praised cakes.
- > Cheese, Chutneys Jams/Honey
- > Wooden plaques / signs. - fortnightly (NEW STALL)
- > Zena's Glow (Candles - NEW STALL)
- > Various Craft stalls available (cards, jewellery, knitted goods etc).
- > 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, MAY 2025

Date	Alkham	Capel	Hougham
Sunday 4th Easter 3		Sung Eucharist 9.30 am	Eucharist (said) 11.00 am
Saturday 10th <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 11th Easter 4	Sung Eucharist 9.30 am	Worshipping Together 11.00 am	Worshipping Together 11.00 am
Sunday 18th Easter 5		Eucharist (Traditional) 9.30 am	Sung Eucharist 11.00 am
Sunday 25th Easter 6	Eucharist (said) 9.30 am	Evensong 6.00 pm	Sung Eucharist 11.00 am
Thursday 29th ASCENSION DAY			Sung Eucharist 7.00 pm

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

With 8 May 2025 marking the 80th anniversary of VE Day, and events and activities planned up and down the country to commemorate the end of World War II in Europe, I've been reminded of a story that I heard during my student days.

Our tutor told us of how at his church one Remembrance Sunday, a young curate had stood up to preach. Beginning his sermon by inviting the congregation to picture a scene from the Battle of the Somme, he was soon interrupted as an elderly man leapt to his feet. "Young puppy!" he snarled as he stormed out. "I was there!" A cautionary tale that I've always remembered when writing my own Remembrance Sunday sermons – for preachers, anything that involves relating what others might remember has to be done with special care.

I've heard one preacher begin by describing how, during the war, he had been shot at by a German aircraft – he had been in his pram at the time. But the most memorable was from an old priest who had studied in Germany before the war. He began by quoting from the Old Testament: "Do not forget the LORD, and his righteousness." Describing his own memories of life in 1930s Germany, he spoke of how some friends had invited him to go to a meeting one evening – one at which Hitler himself would speak. From the pulpit, he described what he remembered of what he had heard. His conclusion: the world had gone on to pay a terrible price for forgetting the LORD and his righteousness.

Perhaps understandably, the main theme of the 80th anniversary of VE Day events will be one of celebration. But let's also remember those who work for peace and reconciliation in today's world. ... *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**



In April we enjoyed our usual tea, coffee and biscuits, along with plenty of natter and two challenging quizzes. Looking for company, conversation and 'education', come and join other residents of Capel village and see what it's about.

In March we forgot to share our best wishes with **OUR JAN** in celebrating her birthday, so here it is.
Better late than never.

In April we also celebrated birthdays with Linda, and with special birthdays for Ruby and Joyce.



DON'T MISS OUT

come and join us on our next
coffee mornings, on the
2nd & 16th May.



OUR ANNUAL AFTERNOON TEA EVENT

We have booked our trip to Folkestone Bowls Club for afternoon tea for the Wednesday, 2nd of July.
Keep your calendar free. We shall finalise details closer to the date.

Free coffee morning, every month, twice a month!

The next

4 GOOD NEIGHBOURS FREE COFFEE MORNINGS will be held on the 2nd & 16th May and 6th & 20th June. 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
2nd & 16th May. We'll be there, will you?

EXTRA DATES FOR YOUR 2025 DIARY
6th & 20th June and 4th & 18th July

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April saw us celebrate birthdays with
Linda, and with special birthdays for Ruby and Joyce.



Happy Birthday!



Happy Birthday!



SAVE THE DATE

for our
Summer festival

Saturday 5th July
11 - 3
Capel-le-Ferne Primary School

In order for this event to be as successful as possible,
we really need your help!
We are seeking:

- Volunteers for the day
- Raffle Prizes
- External Stall Holders.

if you are able to help in any way, please contact
pfa@capel-le-ferne.kent.sch.uk
OR message us on the Capel-le-Ferne Facebook page.
Thank you for your support!

Quiz Night

At St Radigunds
Church, Capel

Friday 6th June 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.

Albany Road, Capel-le-Ferne, CT18 7JT

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 £12 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>

Save the Date! Club outing to Great Comp Garden on 13 July –
More details to be shared in due course.



Royal Marsden Cancer Research Jumble Sale

This is a short note to say thank you to everyone involved in the recent jumble sale in aid of The Royal Marsden Hospital cancer research fund. Thank you to everyone who donated items to us, gave donations, and those who helped set up, sort and serve. It goes without saying, a huge thank you to those who turned up and spent their money with us.

The weather Gods were kind which helped with a near record number of shoppers on the day.

We hope you had a pleasant afternoon.

We raised £1,349.82 which has been sent off to The Marsden where they will continue their fantastic research work, keeping us world leaders in the battle against cancer.

It seems appropriate to tell you that this money is what was raised on the day and some donations from kind friends. The raffle prizes, hire of the hall, ingredients used in the baking of produce etc. are all given. We don't take any of the money raised on the day to fund our little organisation, which makes everyone's involvement more special and personal.

Please put 11th October in your diaries for our next sale, and perhaps start putting things to one side that we might be able to sell. We shall look forward to seeing you the other side of Summer. Many thanks for your support once again. The Organisers

At our last meeting, we welcomed two new members. It is always good to welcome new members – if you would like to join us, you can visit for 3 months before deciding whether to join or not. We have more activities than just the monthly meetings; we have a Home and Economics groups; a craft group; a luncheon club; a book club and a darts group.

Unfortunately, we were unable to have the planned calligraphy demonstration, instead we had a games evening – scrabble, Yahtzee, uno and traditional cards – with lots of chatter and laughter! Vad won the competition (an unusual writing implement) with her pyrography pen. We also had a time of sharing money and time saving tips – white vinegar is so useful!

Next month we have a talk on Cheese; there may even be some cheese to taste. There is also a Bus Trip – this is the first of what we hope will be a regular event. Our inaugural trip is to Canterbury with a visit to the Beaney Institute and lunch.

We meet on the 2nd Tuesday each month at 7pm.

Ladies do come and join us. A warm welcome awaits.



CAPEL-LE-FERNE EVENING WI

Our next meeting will be at 6.45pm for 7pm
at Capel-le-Ferne Village Hall

Tuesday ..13th May..2025

Speaker ..George Ward

Subject ..The Art of Cheese
Making

Our Activities include:

Monthly speakers
Outings to places of interest
Home Economics
Darts
Book Club

Competition and Quizzes
Annual garden party
Craft Club
Lunch Club

Please feel free to come and join us
For more information please contact
Caroline on 07885 406433

We look forward to welcoming you

CAPEL-LE-FERNE EVENING WI



EVENING

including Fun Game of Scattergories

FRIDAY 16th MAY 2025

Doors Open 6:45pm

Eyes Down 7:00pm

St. Radigund's Church (Albany Road)

ALL WELCOME

(You don't have to belong to WI to come)

Bring your own refreshments

£5.00 for 3 books 6 Games

£8.00 for 6 books 6 Games

All proceeds to Capel-le-Ferne Evening WI Charity No:282597



**PLEASE BE AWARE and PLEASE MAKE YOUR CHILD(REN) AWARE
MESSAGE FROM COMMUNITY WARDEN ... Jan Henry.**

Reports were received by the Parish Council and Community Warden
at the start of Easter Holidays and again, one week later.

A group of children had been caught on camera,
knocking/kicking doors of residents and running away.

There is a risk of outcomes or consequences that could occur as the prank is technically illegal,
“trespassing and disturbing the peace”.

This is upsetting for the householders and could damage property.

Some of our neighbours have been distressed by this prank.

Please could parents, (or grandparents if you have young visitors), tell them that this kind of behaviour is
not acceptable and the Police have been made aware.





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 now 7 days, from 10am to 4pm.

But, don't worry! If you want to visit the Memorial outside these opening hours, you can still access the outside grounds on foot via the pedestrian gate.



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 cliff-top 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/>



FUNDRAISING APPEAL

Help our visitors reach new heights and understand the Battle of Britain experience

[DONATE NOW](#)

Join Darling Buds of May star Tyler Butterworth as he tells the remarkable private story behind the very public lives of his parents, Carry on... star Peter Butterworth and renowned female impressionist Janet Brown. From his father's wartime experiences as a prisoner of war in Stalag Luft III to his mother's unforgettable impression of PM Maggie Thatcher, this is a tale like no other, told expertly by the man who knew them best. The evening, which includes a fork supper, will be held in The Wing, the Memorial's impressive visitor centre, and will give visitors the opportunity to enjoy the floodlit Memorial as dusk falls. At just £35 it promises to be a fascinating and enjoyable evening in the company of a great story teller. The event takes place on Thursday 8 May at 7pm. Tickets are limited, so early booking is advised. Phone 01732 870809 or email battleofbritain@btinternet.com to book your space.

A BIT OF CARRY ON

£35 PER PERSON

EVENING EVENT

AN EVENING WITH
DARLING BUDS OF
MAY STAR TYLER
BUTTERWORTH



7PM | THURSDAY 8 MAY 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

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?

You can donate to our 30th-anniversary fundraising campaign: <https://tinyurl.com/388aar87>

EVERY 1ST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH

CLASSIC CAR MEETINGS - NEXT MEETING 4th MAY

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, 15th April 2025
following the Annual Parish Meeting**



Requests from public and Other Feedback:

- Street Lights not working Cauldham Lane. Manufacturer fault with lanterns being dealt with by Dover District Council.
- Grass of the Gifted Land on Clifftop enquiry, when will be cut. Will be done when legal documents signed.

Planning:

- Concerns on developments in Cauldham Lane continue. Letter of complaint/videos to be forwarded to authorities.
- Status of properties opposite Valiant Sailor, waiting Folkestone District Council reply.
- All planning application documents and comments
Available to view on Dover District Council website:

Neighbourhood Watch (NHW):

- Community Warden reported issues of various incidents of children knocking and kicking residents' doors, has been logged with Kent Police.

CCTV – Nothing to report.

Playing Field and Equipment:

- Last tree work, to be done end of April.
- Trip hazard repair to be undertaken as soon as possible.

Traffic Management and Highways:

- Highway Improvement Plan for village: Meeting with KCC Highways booked and will include discussing:
 - request for additional lights, Old Dover Road
 - additional tactile paved drop kerb, Beatrice Road
 - long-term outstanding items
 - reinstatement of speed activated signs on B2011, Kent Highways have assessed. Viability and costings pending.
 - lack of tactile surface to Beatrice Road drop kerbs – retro fit waiting Kent Highways Design Team to action.
- Provision of diversion signage, when Roundhill Tunnels closed. Money set aside by outside agencies. Pending.
- Remarking of worn 20mph roundels and lines in Capel Street to be requested from Kent Highways.
- Potholes in Winehouse Lane and Hockley Sole programmed by Kent Highways in next two weeks.
- Overgrown hedge encroaching Capel Street, to be reported to Kent Highways.

Public Rights of Way:

Blocked footpaths and overgrown trees in Satmar to be checked and reported again with Kent County Council.

Speed Watch:

- Report given by Cllr. S Pilcher, details on page 14.
- Recruitment details on page 14.
- Session results available on Parish Council Website.
<https://capellefernepc.org.uk>

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, 6th MAY

Events: 80th VE Day (8th May 2025) - see front page.

Help on the day requested and enquiry for an earlier time to decorate hall.

Village Hall (VHMC):

Speed-hump at car park entrance due for marking this month. Cllr. K Pilcher attended meeting with VHMC members and programme of Christmas events agreed for 6th December.

Capel Cares: (Pages 5 and 6).

40+ People still attending free Coffee Mornings.

Next meeting - Hot X Buns are being served.

Grapevine Newsletter/social media:

- Following checks, an advert requested for insertion, was refused and payment made, to be refunded.
- Thanks, expressed to Councillors for their temporary help in delivery.
- Consideration to be given on future change in production (see page 11).

Training/workshops/seminars: No reports.

District and County Councillor reports: No reports.

Parish Precept: Received and in bank account. Agreed to transfer some, into the higher interest rate account.

Matters Concerning the Parish:

- Flooding - Capel Street/Lancaster Avenue:
Concerns ongoing, with request for annual cleaning of drains required.
- Village White Gates and Planters B2011
Painting to be carried out, now weather is improving.
- Health and Safety documents and Risk Assessments
Consultant checked documents and requires more details on some contractors.
- Land Gifted to Parish Council
Title Deeds still waiting Executor signature.
Specific activities arranged on this Land will be subject to Public Liability Insurance from users.
- Bus Shelter (B2011/Winehouse Lane)
Dover District Council Asset Manager inspected shelter and repairs are to be carried out in May. If removed, it is unlikely it will be replaced.
- All Councillors' comments noted.
Actioned where required in above summary

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE

TUESDAY, 20th MAY 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
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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

KENT ASSOCIATION of LOCAL COUNCILS (KALC) COMMUNITY AWARDS SCHEME 2025

Supported by Kent County Council, the High Sheriff of Kent, and the Mayor of Medway. The KALC Community Awards Scheme is to acknowledge and give recognition to those that have made a significant contribution to their local community.

This year, Capel-le-Ferne Parish Council nominated Tracey, who was presented with a Certificate of Recognition by KALC Chairman, Neville Hudson, on 15th April. Tracey formed an event "Capel Scarecrow Festival" in 2023, with a Facebook Page, encouraging the community to make Scarecrows to be displayed outside their houses.



Chairperson's Report May 2024 – April 2025

Play Equipment and Recreation Field.

The skate ramps and landing surfaces have been renewed. A new zip wire plus various other defects have been dealt with when reported during the year. The tree heights and boundaries, after a survey, have also been dealt with by a contractor. Thanks go to Keith and Jamie for regularly checking the play equipment and recreation area.

Speed Watch.

These have continued to be carried out, weather permitting, on a regular basis with shorter hourly sessions when very cold. Cllr. Sam Pilcher is now the Delegate for this. The Police van has been attending regularly. All results of sessions are available on Parish Council Website.

Grapevine Newsletter.

Maureen has continued to do a sterling job every month, except January, to make sure this is out on time and all contributions are received to inform residents of events etc. Thank you to her and everyone involved in the distribution.

Highways Improvement Plan.

Installation of the drop kerbs, which have been done but without tactile paving, ongoing. Workmanship was poor with slabs lifting in some places – this was finally redone in October 2024. Ongoing issue with tactile paving in Beatrice Road. Yellow lines finally agreed after consultation, but the delay meant an increase in price when implemented.

The 2025 plan is now being discussed to identify what needs to be included, and an online meeting with Community Engagement Officer, Kent Highways is due to take place on 22 April.

Resilience Plan.

The plan is available on the website. It needs to be reviewed this year to update the information. Assistance is now available to help create a plan that is more user friendly.

80th D-Day anniversary, Thursday, 6th June 2024.

This was a successful event with Senior Police Cadets doing the marshalling to the Battle of Britain Memorial for the beacon lighting.

VE Day 80th Anniversary.

We are planning to have a celebratory afternoon tea in the Village Hall on Thursday 8 May from 13.30-15.30hrs.

Not forgetting....

I would like to thank all of our Parish Councillors for their continuing support over the past year. Your input, as and when needed, is a vital part of making the wheels turn in so many different areas. Also, Maureen, Keith, Tony and Chris for their knowledge, advice and guidance whenever it is required, especially around planning issues which has been prevalent during 2024/5.

On behalf of the Parish Council, appreciation goes to the Community Warden, Jan Henry, and PC, Cheryl Ellis, for their continued input in the village, as well as County Councillor, David Beaney, and District Councillor, Cllr. Martin Hibbert, for attending meetings when available and keeping us updated on various important topics.

Philippa Seager

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Email: capelyouthclub@outlook.com

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



- 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



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



Youth Club – Fund Raiser
Watch this space!
Saturday, 4th October
QUIZ NIGHT



Have Your Say on New Public Spaces Protection Order

Dover District Council is looking to review rules on dog control and anti-social behaviour in a new Public Spaces Protection Order – and your views are sought. Dover District Council is proposing to introduce a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) in accordance with the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 which if approved, would continue to cover the following behaviours:

- > Failing to remove dog faeces;
- > Not keeping a dog on a lead in a designated dogs on lead area.
- > Not putting, and keeping, a dog on a lead when directed to do so by an authorised officer.
- > Permitting a dog to enter land from which dogs are excluded.
- > Street drinking
- > Unauthorised camping

The current Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) covers dog control and anti-social behaviour.

It is proposed that a new PSPO is made with amendments to locations where restrictions apply.

LINK TO VIEW MORE INFORMATION and MAKE COMMENT BY 13th MAY

www.dover.gov.uk/pspo



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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 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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[Capel-le-Ferne Parish Council \(capellefernepc.org.uk\)](http://Capel-le-Ferne Parish Council (capellefernepc.org.uk))



Since last publication - 3 Sessions have taken place.

A session in New Dover Road (B2011), on both sides of road, 19 Offenders logged with Kent Police, with excess speeds of 46 to 54 mph. A session in Capel Street, 19 recordings with excess speeds of 28 mph.

One multiple offender

Speeding on 4 occasions: a Grey/Silver Kia, received hand delivered letter (HD1) from Kent Police Officer.

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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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Everyone is welcome.

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

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CAPEL SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB

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SHEPWAY WINTER LEAGUE

CSMBC KIWIS lost its championship title to Newchurch Harriers by one point on the last match of the season. Congratulations to Newchurch on becoming champions. Look after the title, we'll be back for it next year. As the winter season closes, many thanks go to all of the club members who played in both leagues.

EAST KENT SUMMER LEAGUE

The EK summer league has started, winning our first home match against Newchurch 16-11. Well done to Rachel, Elaine & Brian. With two further matches in April against Brenzett, away and then at home.

The league is well underway.

There are three matches booked for May with a home match against Dymchurch on Tuesday 13th.

Come along and support the team and club.

Good luck to all players.

NEW MEMBERS

CSMBC are pleased to welcome Helen & Marianne as new members to the club.

CSMB CLUB COMPETITIONS

Sunday 23rd March saw **CSMBC** hold its men's and lady's knockout competition. George & Paul M and Rachel & Elaine are the respective finalists. They join Gina & Rachel who were the two league leaders after the 'MIXED DRAWN SINGLES' competition. The finals to determine the overall club champions to be played soon. Best of luck to all players.

WE ARE MORE THAN A BOWLS CLUB

NOTES FOR YOUR DIARY

On Easter Sunday we held our usual buns and bowls event. Look out for the photos!!



The **CLUB** held a memorial lunch in memory of **Mark Turner** on 25th April at Folkestone bowls club. All **CLUB** members were invited.

The **CSMBC AGM** was held on the 27th April, in the Village Hall at 2pm.

Look out for any updates in the next Grapevine.

NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME

Interested in trying a new sport?

If you like competitive games, that's suitable for all ages, and requires skill, come and try a free session of **SHORT MAT BOWLS**, with coaching from our regular members. Call any of the numbers above to arrange your free session.



Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) Consultation for Dover District Council.

This consultation is open from Tuesday, 15th April 2025 to Tuesday, 27th May 2025, comments to be received no later than 5 pm.

Please select the following link to view this event:

<https://dover-consult.objective.co.uk/kpse/event/785AA33D-6C51-4B67-B63B-AD9D8B6CC3E9>

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For further information please visit News and planning Consultations

Please contact us at the following address if you need any assistance or have questions on the consultation documents:

climatechange@dover.gov.uk

Thank you.





The first Village Newsletter was published in April 1994 and was called “CAPEL NEWS”.

The two-page edition included entries from the Parish Council announcing:

- The “Le Tour” cycle race would be passing through village, along the old A20, preceded by a carnival. The closure of New Dover Road between 7am and 12noon, meant residents on the seaward side of the main road will only be able to get in and out via Avondale Road crossing.
- A return visit from Oye Plage being organised, with a weekend of competitions and fun.
- Other entries included in the newsletter were from: Gardeners’ Association, Over 60’s Club, Short Mat Bowls Club, Crimewatch Statistics and Capel with Hougham (afternoon) WI and Capel Evening WI.

In this issue, a request was made to suggest a “snappy name” for the newsletter.

In the May 1994 publication

- It was made known, the first issue had proved to be successful and more contributions were received.
- Only one person suggested a name for the magazine of “**The Grapevine**”, put forward by a Margaret Smith and so the name was adopted.
- Other entries added to the publication from: Cancer Research Jumble Sale (raising £340), Youth Club for 10/16-year-olds, Playgroup, Baptist Church, Village Hall, Primary School and Neighbourhood Watch.
- The Parish Council Chair’s Annual Report 1994, highlighted: the opening of the new A20 (reported a vast improvement to traffic conditions in the village ... !!!), consideration of traffic calming measures on New Dover Road (not a high priority for KCC now as not a principal route and only a few vehicles appear to travel at excessive speed, so the situation will be monitored ... !!!), complaints from residents about New Dover Road grass cutting by KCC, drainage problems, additional street lighting, vandalism of play equipment, opening of Battle of Britain Memorial Site (July 1993), Twinning with Oye-Plage continues to develop, improvement of Satmar pond and concessionary travel tokens and bus permits.

And, so it continues! ... Chair’s Annual Report for 2025 on Page 11.

This brief historical summary highlights:

Some changes, some for the good of our village and some not.

From inception as a single A4 sheet newsletter with just print and no illustration,
to a now 20-page booklet with photos and graphics.

Still a way of spreading information about village activities to all, even with the conception of social media,
that not everyone has access to.

This leads the Parish Council on to a discussion that Councillors had at their last meeting.

“They are considering to only produce and have printed the Grapevine Newsletter every two (2) months”.

YOUR VIEWS WOULD BE APPRECIATED, SO DISCUSSION AND A DECISION RESOLVED.

**Please forward your comments, in writing, to the Parish Clerk, either by
email: clerkcapellefernepc@btinternet.com or 39 Victoria Road, Capel-le-Ferne, CT18 7LT**



Thank you for your time in reading this, which we hope was of interest.

Parish Councillors look forward to hearing from you.

**If we can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us,
as above or,**

**At our monthly surgery held the first Tuesday of month, from 10am-12:00noon,
at Farmers’ Market, Village Hall, Lancaster Avenue, CT18 7LX, in Room adjacent to Entrance.**

Meetings of Councillors are held the third Tuesday of month and open to the public.

**If you wish to address the Councillors at that meeting,
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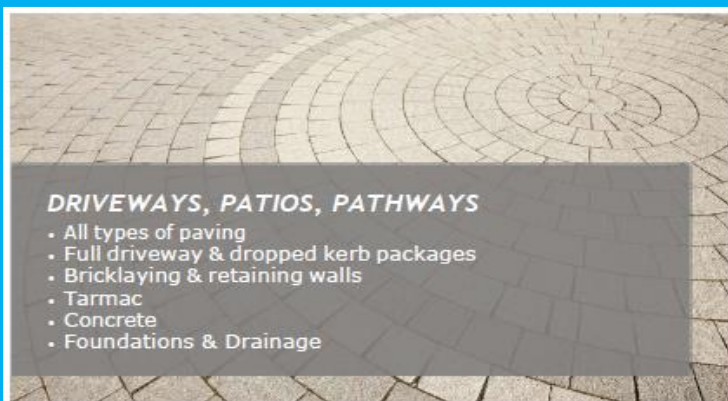
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by 6pm, Sunday, 18th May 2025

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