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Capel-le-Ferne Village Newsletter

JUNE 2025 - ISSUE NO: 348



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

June 6 th	Capel's Good Neighbours FREE Coffee Morning
June 6 th	Quiz Night at St Radigund's Church
June 10 th	WI Meeting - 'CRUSE' Talk on Bereavement
June 14 th	COMMUNITY LUNCH (page 2)
June 17 th	Capel Gardeners Rose Show – Members Only
June 20 th	Capel's Good Neighbours FREE Coffee Morning
June 21 st	Open Garden – 69 Capel Street
July 4 th	Capel's Good Neighbours FREE Coffee Morning
July 5 th	Summer Festival at School (page 8)
July 5 th	Capel Gardeners Summer Show (Page 7)
July 15 th	Capel Gardeners Coach trip to Great Comp
July 18 th	Capel's Good Neighbours FREE Coffee Morning
July 22 nd	DDC Community Van @ Farmers' Market
Aug 1 st	Capel's Good Neighbours FREE Coffee Morning
Aug 15 th	Capel's Good Neighbours FREE Coffee Morning
Sept 6 th	Capel Gardeners Autumn Show
Sept 7 th	GARAGE SAFARI
Oct 4 th	COMMUNITY LUNCH
Oct 4 th	Youth Club Quiz (page 13)
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 Gardeners AGM
Dec 16 th	Capel Gardeners Christmas Party

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'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,

FRIDAY, 6th and 20th June

Free coffee morning, every month, twice a month!

Usual time of 10.00am.

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

COMMUNITY
LUNCH
ON
14TH JUNE
FROM
MIDDAY

Community lunch at
Capel-le-Ferne Village Hall
2 course meal provided
free of charge

A chance to chat with
friends and neighbours
Contact Sally on 077304 75838
or at the Farmers Market on
Tuesday morning
to make a booking

BOOKING
REQUIRED
AS LIMITED
NUMBERS
AVAILABLE

NGS OPEN GARDEN
DOVER TRAIL
Saturday, 21st June 2025
69 Capel Street, CT18 7LY
11am to 4pm
£5 per person - all are welcome!

Tea, Cakes and Plant sales

Proceeds will be donated
to nursing charities



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

A catch up of some of the things on the Hall agenda this month.

Our community lunch is on 14th June between 12noon and 2pm, all are welcome. This marks the third year that we have been running the lunches and we generally have 40 to 50 people sitting down together. Menus normally vary but in June it tends to consist of a sit-down summer buffet (is there such a thing) with salads etc. The Village Hall Committee prepare, cook and serve the food. There's no charge and it's an opportunity to meet neighbours and fellow villagers. Places are limited so to make a booking, please contact Sally on 077304 75838, or see her at the Farmers Market on a Tuesday morning.

Last month, I mentioned that we were thinking of hosting some form of 'Repair Shop'. We have had a public meeting and will be carrying forward ideas from this. However, if anyone else has specific skills they would like to use to help the community, then please contact the committee on secretary.cvhmc@gmail.com

One thing I would like to highlight, is the recent commemoration of VE Day, organised by the Parish Council and helped out by WI and Hall Committee Members. It was lovely to see so many people in attendance and sing along to the old wartime songs. I brought my parents (aged 88 and 91), who grew up during the Second War and they thoroughly enjoyed it.

And a couple of small notices. It's early days but just to remind everyone it is the Garage Safari on Sunday, 7 September, so make a note in your diary. And finally – we are still looking for people to sing in the Christmas choir – contact Sally for more details.

Village Hall 100+ Club Winners for

MAY

1st Capel Short Mat Bowls

2nd James Young

3rd Lynne Hancock



Congratulations



secretary.cvhmc@gmail.com

CRAFTY COVERS UPDATE

**Dates for your diary,
if you are available, to work on the
"POPPY TABLEAU
for REMEMBRANCE DAY"**

Capel Crafty Covers

Poppy tableau for Remembrance Day

Help needed to attach the multitude of poppies to the backdrop. The following is a list of times we are meeting in the old Post Office room at the Village Hall:-

Thursday 29 May, 2.00-3.30pm

Thursday 5 June, 2.00-3.30pm

Monday 9 June, 2.30-4pm

Thursday 12 June, 2.00-3.30pm

Monday 16 June, 2.30-4pm

Thursday 26 June, 2.00-3.30pm

Monday 30 June, 2.30-4pm

Thursday 3 July, 2.00-3.30pm

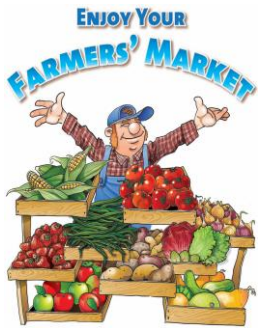
Please come along to one or as many as you can.

All welcome!



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.

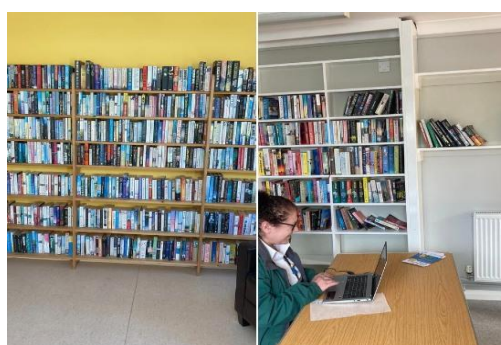
Ideas, queries, offers of help—contact Philippa.
philippa.seager@foredia.com



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
- > Zena's Glow (Candles)
- > 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, JUNE 2025

Date	Alkham	Capel	Hougham
Sunday 1st June 7 th Sunday of Easter		Sung Eucharist 10.00 am	
Sunday 8th PENTECOST	Sung Eucharist 9.30 am		Songs of Praise 11.00 am
Saturday 14th <i>Fun, fellowship and food – contact Pam (01303 489006) or Brian (01303 243784) if you plan to come.</i>		 3.00 – 5.00 pm	
Sunday 15th TRINITY SUNDAY		Sung Eucharist 10.00 am	
Sunday 22nd Trinity 1		Evensong 6.00 p.m.	Sung Eucharist 10.00 am
Sunday 29th Saint Peter & St Paul, Apostles	Sung Eucharist at St Mary's Capel le Ferne 10.00 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

As we marked the 80th anniversary of VE Day recently, we celebrated a generation who are passing into history. Not only did they go through the War; they learned Bible stories at Grandmother's knee, and went to Sunday School. In the Forces they attended Church Parade. When the war ended, some trained as clergy; one, Robert Runcie, having served as a tank commander in Normandy and been decorated for bravery, went on to be Archbishop of Canterbury. In the 1950s, they flocked to Wembley to hear the evangelist Billy Graham preach. But then came the 1960's, and massive social changes. Following generations didn't catch the same churchgoing habit, and now, as a generation passes on and pews empty, some wonder how much longer the dear old C of E will last.

And yet... I'm reading Lamorna Ash's book *Don't Forget We're Here Forever*. The shocking news that a comedy double-act from her university days had not just found faith, but planned to be ordained as Anglican priests led her not only to interview them in preparation for her book, but to set out on a journey that took in Christian retreats and church visits across the country. On the way she encountered a range of Christian traditions and met others of her own generation who had also found faith. As she explored what it was that had stirred within them, she found something stirring within herself.

Recently, I heard of a local church that I'm told is lively, exciting and full of young people. A recent report by The Bible Society suggests that churchgoing may actually be increasing among the 18-34 age group. This Revival hasn't quite reached us yet – we're having to trim some of our services from this month - but there's hope, nevertheless ... *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 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?



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



WE START WITH A 'BIG' THANK YOU!

A special 'thank you' goes to Patrick Plews and his team at Independent Insurance Services, on New Dover Road, for continuing to support Capel Cares, by fully providing our insurance cover for the fifth year in a row.



In May we enjoyed our usual tea, coffee and biscuits, along with plenty of natter and two challenging quizzes.

New to the village? Looking for company and conversation?

Come and join other locals and see what it's about.

Coffee Chat



Coffee Chat



BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

In late April we celebrated with Dave, Gill and Meryll, with a special birthday for Rona.

In May we celebrated with Maureen, Pauline and Carolyn and a special birthday for Reg.

And two weeks later we celebrated with Richard.



We also welcomed Pat as a new guest to our coffee mornings. **DON'T MISS OUT!**

Be like Pat and come and join us on our next coffee mornings, on the 6th and 20th June

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.

Free coffee morning, every month, twice a month!

THE NEXT 4 NEIGHBOURS FREE COFFEE MORNINGS

will be held on the 6th & 20th June, and the 4th & 18th July. Usual time of 10.00am.

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

Need transport? Contact Jan on 257003.

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ON THE

6th & 20th June. We'll be there, will you?

EXTRA DATES FOR YOUR 2025 DIARY

4th & 18th July and 1st & 15th August



In late April we celebrated birthdays with Dave, Gill and Meryll, with a special birthday for Rona. In May we celebrated with Maureen, Pauline and Carolyn and a special birthday for Reg. And two weeks later we celebrated with Richard.



Capel Cares have a small number of key safes that we are prepared to supply and fit, in a suitable location, for anyone in the village whom it would benefit, on a first come first served basis.

We would ask that a modest donation is made to Capel Cares to cover basic costs. For anyone who is interested to please contact Jan on 01303 257003 or Neil on 01303 243645.

On behalf of Independent Insurance Services, who support Capel Cares by providing our insurance cover. As you can see, they will provide a discount for those who quote 'CAPEL CARES'.

Independent Insurance Services are proud to sponsor CAPEL CARES with their insurance cover.

We are a truly 'independent' insurance broker owned by local people and are able to assist you with your insurance needs, including vehicle insurance, home insurance, travel insurance.

We also arrange business insurance.

We are happy to talk to you face-to-face at our offices at 145 New Dover Road, or over the phone on 01303 22188.

If you are fed up with online quotes or phoning call centres and would prefer to speak with a helpful, friendly, knowledgeable agent please do try us. If you quote 'CAPEL CARES' when speaking to us, we will not charge you a policy fee when taking out a new policy.



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.

Dates for your diary

Saturday 5th July – Summer Show

Sunday 13 July – Club outing to Great Comp Garden – <https://www.greatcomparden.co.uk>

15 July – Chris Stewert "The Fascinating Life of the Mole" (Please bring to exhibit 5 stems of sweet peas)

19 August – Sophie Leathart "The Folklore of Flowers" (Please bring to exhibit pot plant foliage)

6 September – Autumn Show



Are you thinking about getting **Solar Panels**, and not sure where to start?



Register today at

solar.together.co.uk/dover/join



Solar Together Kent

Are you thinking about getting solar panels but not sure where to start?

Secure a great deal on solar with the help of your community!

Dover District Council is working in partnership with Kent County Council on the current round of Solar Together Kent, as part of Dover District Council's commitment to tackling the climate emergency.

Solar Together Kent is a group-buying scheme, which brings Kent households and small businesses together to get high-quality solar panels at a competitive price. Having your own solar panels means you can save on your energy bill as well as reduce your carbon emissions. The scheme helps you through the whole process, keeping you informed at every stage.

Installations will generally not need planning permission. However, in some cases, such as in Conservation Areas and on Listed Buildings, planning permission or listed building consent may be required, please visit

[Buying Solar Panels made easy \(dover.gov.uk\)](https://dover.gov.uk/buying-solar-panels-made-easy)

for more information.

Please note that this scheme closes for registration 6th June 2025

Last month we had our first “Bus Trip” - to Canterbury. The weather was wonderful and we spent a fun day walking around Canterbury, seeing the ducking stool, the Westgate Gardens and two recent statues in the High Street.

Our meeting included a visit from George Ward of Cheesemakers of Canterbury. George explained their name. Had they named the business Canterbury Cheesemakers, Google would automatically take you to sites in Canterbury New Zealand! George told us a little about the history of cheese and how it has change now that we have refrigeration. At the beginning of WWI most of our cheese was imported from Australia and New Zealand, by the end of the war supplies were running desperately low. Therefore, when WWII started cheese was rationed from 1941 until 1954! Samples of many of the cheese George sells, were shared around and cheese was available to purchase.

After a break for refreshments, we had “members’ time”. This can be a quiz or a game; this month we had a “3-minute chat” session. This involves everyone sitting opposite each other in two rows and for 3 minutes discussing a given topic, after 3 minutes one side moves along a chair and another 3-minute discussion starts! Topics included my favourite chocolate bar; if money was no object, I would like to visit....; favourite book; favourite band. Great fun and an opportunity to speak to everyone!

We meet on the 2nd Tuesday each month at 7pm. Ladies do come and join us.

A warm welcome awaits.

Our next speaker is from Cruse, if you have experienced bereavement you may wish to join us.



A colorful poster for a Summer Festival. It features a smiling sun, a pink cloud, a pink cotton candy, and a group of happy children. The text reads: "SAVE THE DATE for our Summer festival Saturday 5th July 11 - 3 Capel-le-Ferne Primary School". Below this, it says: "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!"



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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/>



Got a few hours to spare and a big smile? We're on the hunt for friendly volunteers to join our crew at the Battle of Britain Memorial, Capel-le-Ferne. Whether you fancy greeting guests, helping out in the café, or being a behind-the-scenes hero – we've got a spot for you.

Whether it's a full day, half day or just weekends – if you're 18+ and have some time to share, we'd love to meet you! No experience needed, just enthusiasm.

Pop in or email to let us know you're coming!

enquiries@battleofbritainmemorial.org



Looking for an epic day out? Head to the Battle of Britain Memorial for a family-friendly mix of history, hands-on fun and unbeatable views.



EVERY 1ST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH

CLASSIC CAR MEETINGS - NEXT MEETING 1ST JUNE

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, 20th May 2025**

APPOINTMENT of Chairperson (Philippa Seager) and Vice-Chairperson (Keith Pilcher) nominated and declared acceptance.

APPOINTED Delegates, Committees, Working Parties:

- a) **Play Equipment – Delegate: Keith Pilcher**
- b) **Highways - Working Party: Lisa Alfsdotter, Keith Pilcher, and Philippa Seager**
- c) **Public Rights of Way – Delegate: Tony Lake**
- d) **Speed Watch – Delegate: Samantha Pilcher**
- e) **Planning Applications - Working Party (with delegated powers), Tony Lake, Chris Norris, and Keith Pilcher**
- f) **Resilience Plan – Delegate: Philippa Seager**
- g) **Capel Cares – Delegate: Tony Lake**

WELCOME extended to Paul King, new Kent County Councillor for Dover West Ward.

Requests from public and Other Feedback:

- Report of increase in dog fouling on Old Dover Road.
- Request to enquire if Kent Highways would consider extending 40mph speed zone to east side of New Dover Road (B2011) to Courtwood Roundabout.
- Sewerage Leak in Old Dover Road.

Matters Concerning the Parish:

- **Flooding - Capel Street/Lancaster Avenue:**
Kent Forum working behind scenes, action regular drainage clearance, disappointment expressed in response still waiting from KCC.
- **Health and Safety documents and Risk Assessments**
Consultant continues to clarify contractors' documents.
- **Land Gifted to Parish Council**
Title Deeds still waiting Executor signature, being chased.
- **Bus Shelter (B2011/Winehouse Lane)**
Still waiting repairs or removal by Dover District Council.
- **Lychgate, St Mary's Church – assess and replace**
Request received for funding towards costs. More details required by Councillors before committing public money.

Planning:

- Concerns on developments in Cauldham Lane continue.
- Status of properties opposite Valiant Sailor. Folkestone District Council response: *Planning Team have looked into this, it appears the site, a building site that is unfinished. We have no powers under planning legislation to require the development to be completed.*
- **All planning application documents and comments**
Available to view on Dover District Council website:

Neighbourhood Watch (NHW): Community Warden report:

- Rogue Traders "Wright Way Steam Clean" reported to Trading Standards, also on illegal use of fire hydrants.
- Water leak Capel Street to be repaired by Affinity Water, may result in road closure.

CCTV/ICT – Transfer of documents to new laptop and set-up for other users, ongoing. Email address change to be notified to public when arranged.

Playing Field and Equipment:

- Agreement for child's party on field - ratified.

Public Rights of Way:

- Cycles using clifftop path a concern. KCC and ANOB to be consulted on this being a dangerous occurrence.

Traffic Management and Highways:

- Meeting KCC Highways Improvement Plan - discussed;
- Vehicle activated signs on New Dover Road (B2011) progressing with location status and cost involved.
- Old Dover Road Street lighting agreed to try a different profile on their dimmer status.
- Hurst Lane surface – work considered a re-visit required.

Speed Watch:

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

Events: 80th VJ Day

15th August. Commemoration being considered.

Capel Cares: (Pages 5 and 6).

Request received to nominate for an Award - agreed.

Grapevine Newsletter/social media:

- Change in production of newsletter - Very little community response received. Parish Councillors took into account points mentioned and came to decision to keep the Newsletter on monthly basis, at present. This on the understanding, if administration procedure becomes onerous for editor, this will be re-visited again.
- Notification KCC "new" Councillor holding surgeries and provide email address.

Village Hall (VHMC): - Nothing reported.

Training/workshops/seminars:

Cllrs. S Pilcher and Seager, attending a conference.

Clerk attending online networking for Clerks.

District and County Councillor reports:

District Cllr. Martin Hibbert report attached to minutes.

County Cllr. Paul King reported; he may be involved in a role involving coastal locations and would forward more details. He aims to listen to community and hopes to make a difference with changes. Any charity needing help to contact him at Paul.King@kent.gov.uk or at surgeries being arranged at Farmers' Market sessions.

Insurance Renewal:

Quotation received and agreed by all present.

Internal Auditor for accounts 2024-2025

Young's Accountancy agreed by all present.

All Councillors' comments noted, below and/or actioned where required in above summary.

- Thank you, Afternoon Tea, to be organised for Autumn.
- Parking on School zig-zag lines reported as a concern.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE

TUESDAY, 17th JUNE 2025, 7.30PM.




MINUTES/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

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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

Is there an issue you wish to discuss with your **NEW Kent County Council Ward Councillor for Dover West?**

Paul King will be holding a Surgery on **Tuesday, 3rd June 2025** 10am to 12:00noon at **The Farmers' Market** in the **Small Hall room, Capel-le-Ferne Village Hall, Lancaster Avenue, Capel-le-Ferne, CT18 7LX**




Is there an issue you wish to discuss with your **Parish Council?**

Councillor and Clerk will be available on **Tuesday, 3rd June 2025** 10am to 12:00noon at **The Farmers' Market** in Room adjacent to Entrance, **Capel-le-Ferne Village Hall, Lancaster Avenue, Capel-le-Ferne, CT18 7LX**



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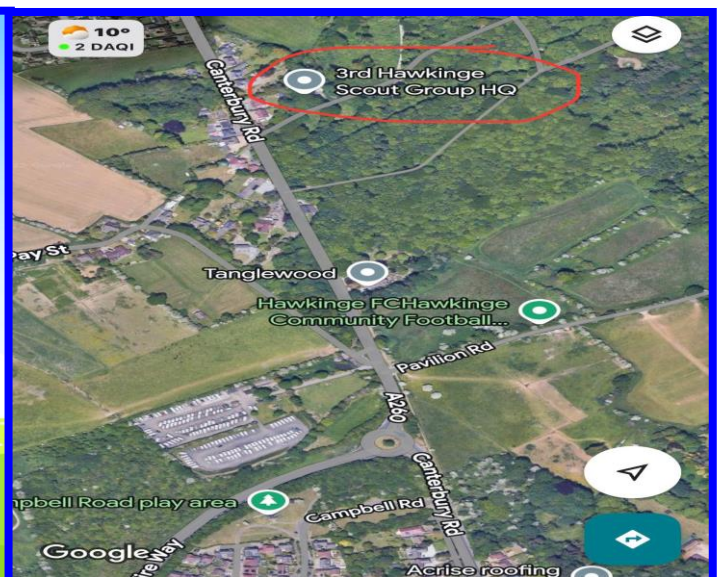
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Kent Residents Targeted by Car Tax Renewal Scam

You receive an email saying you need to click on a link to renew your car tax. It is a scam – the link will take you to a website that will try to steal your data and money. In 2024, almost 20,000 customers called DVLA's contact centre to report fraudulent activity. The only place to access official information on DVLA and its services is GOV.UK Phishing-spot and report scam emails, texts, websites and calls

For advice contact Citizens Advice consumer helpline: 0808 223 1133 If you think you have given criminals your financial information, report to your bank on 159

Product recall for Cowboy E Bike Model C4 ST

(Edition MR) presenting a serious risk of injuries. The product presents a serious risk of injuries as the welded joint between the headtube and downtube can fail. Product Details Brand: Cowboy SA Model/type: C4 ST (Edition MR) Advice for consumers The product has been recalled from end users. Affected bikes can be identified by their serial number and frame supplier. To check these details through the Cowboy app, tap the 'settings' icon and then tap 'advanced.' If your frame is listed as 'Edition MR' then it may be affected. Serial numbers and frame suppliers can also be checked via this website for further information, including registering your product for a refund or replacement, please visit the Cowboy website

Kent resident targeted by fraudulent dog seller

The resident responded to an advert on an online pet marketplace. They were told the dog they wanted was already sold, but that they could enter a contract to buy another dog and have it trained by the seller. The resident checked the seller online and agreed to pay a large deposit. After a couple of months, the seller stopped responding to the resident. They eventually found the seller had multiple CCJs outstanding and was clearly falsely advertising the dogs and training. Be very careful when buying a pet online. Read advice from Dogs Trust, "Buying a dog or puppy safely" For advice contact the Citizens Advice consumer helpline: 0808 223 1133. Report a concern for an animal to the RSPCA

We have received numerous reports of courier fraud / police impersonation

In Birchington, Canterbury, Hadlow, Herne Bay, Longfield and Ramsgate. Residents have been getting phone calls from criminals impersonating the Police. The criminals used the names 'DC Frost', 'DC Benson' and 'DC Johnson', saying they are from Hammersmith Police and Met Police. One resident was told someone was in custody with their bank card Another was told a man had been arrested with cloned cards A third person was told to call 999 to speak to police Unfortunately, one resident followed the criminal's instruction to withdraw several thousand pounds which were collected by a courier as part of an investigation. One resident was told the caller was their bank, they asked for his bank details and told him to put his 'compromised' bank card in an envelope to be collected by a courier. The Police would NEVER telephone and ask for your bank card and PIN to be collected by a courier, to withdraw cash, or buy gold to assist in an investigation. Always check the dialling tone after your call to ensure scammers are not still on the phone. Use another telephone if possible or call a trusted friend first. If you have been a victim of this scam, contact your bank immediately by calling 159 and report it to Kent Police on 101.

**If you have information, call the charity Crimestoppers
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Ottolenghi recalls Vadouvan Pita Chips

Because of undeclared celery and mustard. This means the product is a possible health risk for anyone with an allergy to celery or mustard. Product Details Vadouvan Pita Chips Pack size: 150g Batch codes: 290525, 300525 Best before: 28 May 2025, 29 May 2025, 30 May 2025 Advice for consumers If you have bought the above product and have an allergy to celery or mustard, do not eat it. Instead return it to the store from where it was bought for a full refund (with or without a receipt).

**To report scams and get advice on consumer issues call
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CAPEL-LE-FERNE YOUTH CLUB

We meet every 1st and 3rd Thursday,
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Village Hall, Lancaster Avenue

Tel: 07860 803767.

Email: capelyouthclub@outlook.com

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



• 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:

- 12/6 AGM – Village Hall 1900hrs
- 17/7 Summer Family Hamper Raffle
- Oct 25 Quiz Night, date tbc



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

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

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

Email: clerkcapellefernepc@btinternet.com

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 - 7 Sessions have taken place.

One (1) session in Capel Street

12 Offenders reported to Kent Police, speed ranging from 25mph to 32mph

Six (6) sessions on New Dover Road (B2011)

98 Offenders reported to Kent Police, speed ranging from 46mph to 63mph

Multiple Offender reported by Kent Police

Kia – twice in Capel Street and once on New Dover Road

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- worm your dog every 6 months
- wash your hands after playing with dogs
- train your dog to go at home and take a plastic bag and poop scoop when you go out

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22 nd	Pam Barr
29 th	David Williams

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

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Contacts

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Anyone in the village wishing to try the sport of short mat bowls,
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CAPEL SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB

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EAST KENT SUMMER LEAGUE

The away match against Brenzett saw us come away with a 16-14 win.
very close match with the final two ends going our way! Well done to Wendy, Paul B & Brian.

Congrats to Rachel, Paul B & George, who won the home match against Brenzett 25-9.

We then played at Lyminge where Rachel, George and Brian came away with another win 21-5.

👉 Well done to all. 👉

The home match against Dymchurch ended in a controversial result, with Rachel, Paul B and Wendy
suffering our first loss of the season, going down 10 -15.

The final match in May was away to St Marys Bay with a 10-17 win. Well done to Wendy, Rachel and George. 🍌🍌

After the first Six matches of the season, with 5 wins and 1 loss,

CSMBC team lead the summer league table. 🍌

There are planned matches through June, July, August & September still to play.

Look out for more results. Good luck to all players.

CSMB CLUB COMPETITIONS

George & Paul M, and Rachel & Elaine, finalists from the single's knockout competition and Gina & Rachel finalists from
the mixed drawn singles competition, will play their finals matches soon.

Best of luck to all finalists.

WE ARE MORE THAN A BOWLS CLUB



The **CLUB** held its first memorial lunch in memory
of **Mark Turner** on 25th April at Folkestone bowls club.

This is now to be annual event in memory of **Mark**.

The photo below shows some of the members enjoying the
festive bowls 'n' buns event held on Easter Sunday. 🍌🍌🍌



Other dates for your diaries include: - BBQ booked for the 31st August.

Christmas lunch, provisionally booked for the 12th December. Exchange events to be planned in conjunction
with Kearsney Bowls club. A skittles night for later in the year.

The 37th **CSMBC AGM** was held on the 27th April, in the Village Hall.

Attended by the majority of the members, all contributed to some lively discussions. A review of the constitution was
discussed and an updated version was agreed and will be distributed. Resolutions passed included: -

Membership fees remain frozen at £25 per year for full membership. The purchase of two new mats was approved.

An annual dinner in memory of **MARK TURNER** to be held every April.

The consideration of club jumpers/cardigans to go with the new club shirts.

NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME

Interested in trying a new sport?

If you like competitive games, that's suitable for all ages, and requires skill,
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Call any of the numbers above to arrange your free session.

No one, it seems, is immune from the devastating impact of dementia, even seven-year-olds. My little niece recently lost someone she knew well to dementia. She had a lot of questions about it, and as she has been processing her sadness and grief in her own little seven-year-old ways, she started to ask what she could do to help. Her parents reminded her about charities and how they help, and said we could donate some money to a dementia charity in the family friend's honour.

For those that have young people in your life, you may be aware of the current "loom band craze", and if you haven't heard of it, believe me it's a thing! So, my niece said that she wanted to make some to sell, to raise more money for Dementia UK. She had already done some door-to-door knocking near her dad's house, but she wants to step it up a notch! To quote Maddison, "It's important to raise money for Dementia charities, because we need scientists to help, and if we don't help raise money, who will pay the scientists?" I think you'll agree, a surprisingly eloquent summary for a 7-year-old!

So, on bank holiday Monday 5th May, Maddison set up stall outside her house, selling homemade lemonade and loom bands, and offering a free tennis ball for any dog whose owner donated! She stayed on a windy cliff top for four hours - and I must admit, her grown-ups took shifts as it was cold, but she soldiered on throughout.

The support was simply incredible. People were making special journeys - including Maddison's parents, who made a special journey to the shops for more lemons! We were overwhelmed by the support and want to say a huge THANK YOU to the people of Capel.

As we had a few people indicate they'd like to donate but couldn't attend in person, we put together an online donation site as well, to see if we could raise even a pound or two more. The site is still live; if you'd like to donate, please visit www.gofundme.com and search for "lemonade and loom bands" to find Maddison's page (shows created by me, her auntie, Lucie Hodges).

And of course, I'd like to say a HUGE well done once again to Maddison. She has now raised over £500, and amazing feat I'm sure you'll agree. We're so proud of her, and excited to see what comes next for her - because clearly when she puts her mind to something, she makes it happen!"

More information about Dementia UK: Dementia UK is the specialist dementia nurse charity. Our nurses, called Admiral Nurses, provide life-changing care for families affected by all forms of dementia. By supporting our charity, you can help us grow the number of specialist dementia nurses, giving more families a lifeline. With your help, no one will have to face dementia alone.



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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
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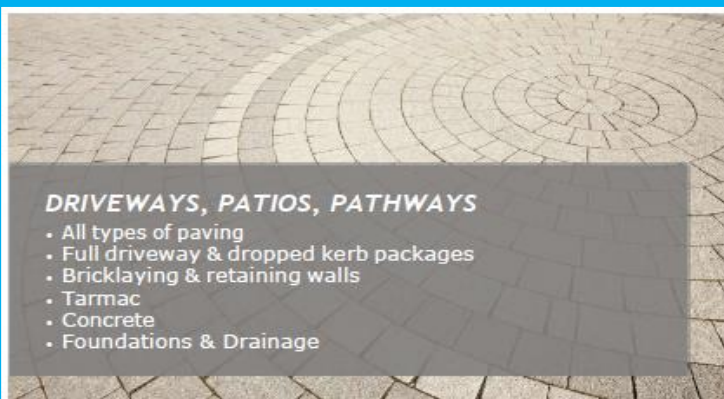
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by 6pm, Sunday, 15th June 2025

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