



Capel-le-Ferne Village Newsletter

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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

Dec 2 nd	Village Hall AGM 7pm (page 2)
Dec 5 th	Capel's Good Neighbours FREE Coffee Morning
Dec 6 th	 CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES AT VILLAGE HALL 
Dec 16 th	Capel Gardeners Christmas Party
Dec 19 th	Capel's Good Neighbours FREE Coffee Morning
Dec 20 th	TRACTOR RUN



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,
5th and 19th DECEMBER
Free coffee morning, every month, twice a month!
Usual time of 10.00am.
Village Hall, Lancaster Avenue, Capel-le-Ferne, CT18 7LX
Everyone Welcome





Christmas Festivities



Saturday 6th December 2025

CHRISTMAS EVENT



Capel Village Hall

12-4pm Craft Fayre
2-4pm Santa's Grotto
4.30-5pm Tree & Carols
5-5.30pm Santa Departs!



Map for Santa's Route on Page 15





Christmas Festivities



Saturday 6th December 2025

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING and CAROL SINGING

Capel Village Hall

4.30pm-5pm



Come and join in with some uplifting Carols and enjoy the illumination of the Christmas Tree.



FOLKESTONE CHRISTMAS TRACTOR RUN

SAVE THE DATE

DECEMBER | **20** | SATURDAY

CAPEL | HAWKINGE | DENSOLE | FOLKESTONE

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Map for Tractors' Route on Page 11





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



Two things happened in the last 24 hours, which have stuck in my mind as a demonstration of what we as trustees do to enable the smooth operation of the Hall.

There was a private hire event over the weekend and with Sue Leaning away, Cherry Leppard has been overseeing rental of the Hall. The people who hired the Hall told her they were very impressed by the Hall in general and its' cleanliness in particular. A lot of this is down to Sue, Fred and Yvonne who do regularly, but some of it is not. Which brings me to the second thing. During the Farmers' Market, a member of the kitchen volunteers came out and embraced Kath Hounsell, who is the secretary of the Village Hall. Turns out Kath had taken home all the teaspoons in the Hall kitchen, (of which there are many), and cleaned them - they had been somewhat tea stained! She has also taken home the teapots and kettles and cleaned them to shining status. Today found her scrubbing a stepladder. So much goes on behind the scenes to run the Hall successfully. Barry has cleaned out drains and fixed things with his hammer, Roy comes in over the weekend to sort out books and puzzles, Kath and Barry planted lots of bulbs outside the Hall for spring flowers, Jerry and his wife deliver letters of welcome to new residents, Sarah and her entire family are experts with bacon at Boot Fairs and Garage Safaris, while Caroline contributes her catering knowledge and WI background. Your trustees do all this and a lot more and I would like to take the opportunity, to thank each and every one of them publicly for all their hard work. And by extension, we would all like to thank all the friends/volunteers at the Hall who back them up.

For December, we have our AGM on 2nd, to which all are invited and the big Christmas event on 6th.

With the Christmas craft fair, free presents from Santa for the children, Carol singing round the tree and Santa leaving on his sleigh for a tour of the village afterwards.

We are really looking forward to this. Last day of

Farmers' Market is 23rd December,

after which we are shut until the 6th January.

We hope to see many of you at these events.

**We wish you all a happy Christmas and
a very peaceful New Year.**



CAPEL LE FERNE VILLAGE HALL TRUSTEES
REGISTERED CHARITY No 281786
The Village Hall, Lancaster Avenue, Capel le Ferne, CT18 7LX

AGM MEETING
TUESDAY 2ND DECEMBER 7PM

You are invited to attend the AGM for the Capel le Ferne Village Hall Trustees.

If you have any questions please provide them to secretary.cvhmc@gmail.com by Monday 17th November

Please come along to find out what the Village Hall offers for you and your family.

If you wish to join us as a Trustee, or as a Volunteer, speak to Sally or Roy at the Farmers Market on Tuesdays or email secretary.cvhmc@gmail.com for more information





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FARMERS' MARKET

CAPEL-LE-FERNE VILLAGE HALL,
LANCASTER AVENUE, CT18 7LX.
EVERY TUESDAY, 10AM - 12NOON



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.
- > Julie selling her much-praised cakes.
- > Cheese, Chutneys Jams/Honey. > Indian Snacks.
- > 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.





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

CHURCH SERVICES DECEMBER 2025

Alkham	Capel	Hougham
14 th 9.30 am	7 th 10.00am	21 st 11.00am
21 st 6.00pm Carol service	19 th 7.00pm Carol service combined with members of the Baptist church	
24 th 4.30pm Crib service	24 th 3.00pm Crib service	
	24 th 10.30pm Midnight mass	25 th 9.15am
	28 th 10.00 am	

CHURCH SERVICES JANUARY 2026

Alkham	Capel	Hougham
11th at 9.30am	4th 10.00 am	25th at 11.00am
	18 th 10.00am	

The Carol service at Capel on the 19th will be followed by mulled wine, tea, coffee + mince pies.



Messy Church will be
December 13th + January 10th at Capel from 3-5pm, please contact Pam Barr



PLEASE NOTE ...

ST RADIGUND'S CHURCH IS AVAILABLE
FOR LETTING PURPOSES

- Rates £11 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

Tel: 07869574577

Several 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.



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CAPEL-LE-FERNE GARDENERS' ASSOCIATION

Date for your diary

16th December Christmas Social, 7pm
BYO crockery, cutlery and glass

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 2026.

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>

16th December Christmas Social, 7pm - BYO crockery, cutlery and glass

The Village Hall Management Committee, are collecting winter coats, hats and gloves for the homeless, through the Rainbow Centre, and can even arrange collection.

With this in mind ...

A plea to residents to bring any unwanted items to the Farmers' Market on Tuesday → → 2nd December, so that these can be distributed, sooner rather than later.

There will be a rail in the old Post Office (Room 101), just inside and adjacent to entrance.

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

THANK YOU

JUMBLE SALE

10.00am
29th November 2025

AT
ST RADIGUND'S CHURCH
Albany Road
Capel le Ferne

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COMMUNITY SUPPORT



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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.



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



NEIGHBOURS HELPING NEIGHBOURS



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

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

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

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

EVERYONE WELCOME

Do you have short term or temporary mobility challenges?
Maybe from an accident, recent surgery,
or just aches and pains?

Library photos



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.



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Volunteer with us

and make a difference to
someone's life



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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



CAPEL CARES good neighbours are the proud
champions of the prestigious
KENT MENTAL WELLBEING AWARDS 2025
WOW! WOW! WOW!

What a month we have just had!

**** Firstly,** not only did Capel Cares win the regional award for kindness and wellbeing, Capel Cares also won the **COUNTY CHAMPION AWARD** for kindness and well-being. An amazing acknowledgement and recognition of the support good neighbours can provide.

**** Secondly,** The Scarecrow festival, with the support of residents, raised an incredible £825, which has been donated to Capel Cares.

These much-appreciated funds, will be used to benefit and improve the social experience of residents in the village.

**** Thirdly,** Janet Milliken laid a wreath on behalf of Capel Cares, at the Village Memorial on 11/11.

DON'T MISS OUT

Come and join us on our next coffee mornings, on the 5th & 19th December and 2nd & 16th January. Get ready to wear your best Christmas jumpers.

SPECIAL EVENT

For the 5th & 19th December, we have booked to have our Christmas lunches at the Royal Oak, immediately after the regular coffee mornings.

Free coffee morning, every month, twice a month!
The next

6 GOOD NEIGHBOURS FREE COFFEE MORNINGS
will be held on 5th & 19th December,
2nd & 16th January and 6th & 20th February 2026

Usual time of 10.00am.

Need transport? Contact Jan on 257003.

**LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING
YOU ON THE 5th & 19th December**



Remember to put these dates into your 2026 diary
2nd & 16th January. 6th & 20th February.

We will be there, will you ☺ ?

BIRTHDAYS

In early November, we celebrated a birthday with Janet Jones.
And later in November, belated birthdays celebrations with Shirley & Richard.



Tracey presenting the sum (£764.94),
raised by the 'scarecrows,' to Jan & Neil.

Jan laying a wreath
on behalf of Capel Cares.



LEST WE FORGET WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

Tableau now removed, thanks to our Councillors Jamie and Keith for this and also, to Trudie for the temporary use of storage facilities to dry out. Arrangements will then be made for delivery to its forever home, at The Kent Battle of Britain Museum in Hawkinge.

We will let everyone know, when in situ,
so, you can visit.

Once again, a BIG THANK YOU to everyone involved in producing the tableau. It has been a labour of "love and dedication" and duly, "respect and remembrance", of Capel-le-Ferne Community to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of the end of World War II.



Capel-le-Ferne with Alkham WI's speaker in November was Betty Black, who spoke about the time she spent working for Skyways Airport Management, based at Lympne Airport. Betty gave us a fascinating illustrated talk about air travel in the 1960s. How flying has changed from the old Dakota, seating less than 50 passengers, to today's Airbus A380, which seat over 800 passengers. A plane is a tool used to smooth wood – Betty told us; and always referred to airplanes! It really was a trip down memory lane for many of us, who had either been on early commercial flights or worked at airports.

After refreshments, we finished the evening with a game of charades – great fun.

Our next meeting is our Christmas Party in December. Before that we are hosting the WI Carol Service and will be enjoying our Christmas lunch. In addition, our various groups will be getting into the Christmas spirit – the Home Economics group will be making Christmas decorations and the Craft Group will be having secret Santa!

In the New Year we have a talk by the RNLI to look forward to in January and a social evening, with supper, in February. Ladies you are very welcome to come and join us.

You can visit for 3 months at no cost, before deciding if you would like to become a member.

Wishing everyone a very Happy Christmas and New Year.

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INSPIRING WOMEN

CAPEL-LE-FERNE with ALKHAM WI

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

Tuesday, 13th January 2026

Speaker: Andy Milton

Subject: Talk on the RNLI

Our Activities include:

- Monthly speakers
- Outings to places of interest
- Home Economics
- Darts, Book Club
- Competition and Quizzes
- Annual garden party
- Craft Club
- Scrabble 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

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INSPIRING WOMEN

CAPEL-LE-FERNE with ALKHAM WI

*Capel-le-Ferne with Alkham WI
Wishes
A Happy Christmas
and a Prosperous New Year
to
Everyone*





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 is 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 have got everything you need for a perfect pit stop. You will also enjoy breathtaking views across the Channel to France.

See menus here: <https://tinyurl.com/34vnhc3k>

The Wing, car park, and Cockpit Café will be open now 7 days, from 10am to 4pm. But, do not 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.

Looking for a Christmas gift that will create lasting memories? Treat someone special to an unforgettable day at the Battle of Britain Memorial with our experience packages, from just £30.

Kick things off with a personal 40-minute guided tour, with exclusive access and insights from our expert guides, including lifesize Spitfire and Hurricane replicas. Step into the high-tech, interactive Scramble Experience and immerse yourself in the history of the Battle of Britain, complete with a moving film that brings the stories of the Few to life.

Relax afterwards with a delicious cream tea in the Cockpit Café. Scones, jam, clotted cream, and tea or coffee - all served with stunning views over the Channel.

Give the gift of history, adventure, and memories this Christmas.

Purchase your experience package voucher here:

<https://tinyurl.com/ba8f3cyr>

Bernard is on duty at the Memorial entrance, keeping watch in his flying gear. Standing proudly on guard, he's kitted out in his Irvin flying jacket, Mae West and goggles, ready to welcome visitors. Adopt Bernard for £18 and make him a festive gift this Christmas.



Available now online and in the on-site gift shop:

<https://tinyurl.com/mr9v49nm>

And don't forget to tag us in your photos to show us where your Bernard ends up



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 cannot 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 7TH DECEMBER



Home to the Battle of Britain Memorial -
Remembering the Few and The Scramble,
New Dover Road (B2011), Capel-le-Ferne, CT18 7JJ.
Tel: No: 07956 292376.



CAPEL-LE-FERNE PARISH COUNCIL

Summary of some items discussed at meeting held

Tuesday, 18th November 2025



Requests from public and Other Feedback:

- Chevron signage Capel Street – junction Hockley Sole.
- Double yellow lines/stop signs – junction Alexandra and Victoria Road.
- Lorries in Layby - outside old Café just before Royal Oak

Matters Concerning the Parish:

Flooding - Capel Street/Lancaster Avenue:

Another positive meeting held with KCC, following supply to them of; surveys, reports, letters, photos and 2 scheme options. KCC considered these to be good evidence and will now carry out their own top survey and modelling work on the options suggested.

A further meeting arranged for second week of April, when hopefully one of the schemes will be agreed. Thanks, expressed to Cllrs. Harris and Norris for their work on this. A deep cleanse of the Lancaster Avenue/Playing Field drains to take place within the next 2 weeks.

Land Gifted to Parish Council:

The two new benches now received and waiting installation. Wording on plaques, on respective benches, to be considered.

DDC owned Street Lighting: Repairs to be chased with DDC.

Planning:

- Recent applications received; Resolution agreed on response to Lorry Park Proposals.

All planning application documents and comments

Available to view on Dover District Council website:

Neighbourhood Watch (NHW):

- Anti-social pavement parking by several vans, causing issues with mobility/pushchair users, having to use the roads to pass, especially Capel Street.

CCTV/ICT: Nothing to report

Playing Field and Equipment:

- Refurbish paintwork on MUGA (multi-use goal area) programmed. Waiting for a period of dry weather!!
- BMX trail-bars to be removed – on contractors list.

Traffic Management and Highways:

- Vehicle activated signs (VAS), on New Dover Road (B2011): Waiting installation date from Kent Highways. Estimated to be approx. 12-14 weeks.
- Drop kerbs, Beatrice Road: Retrospective tactile paving and additional drop kerbs – scheduled date for installation 14th January 2026.
- Hurst Lane: Highway marked for additional pothole repairs. Councillor to wait until this work is done and then again check surface works carried out.
- Diversion signs M20/A20 - Roundhill Tunnels closed. Having re-addressed this issue, information received was: unfortunately, the funding situation which affects our request for extra signage was not good news, but we can only keep pushing. Councillors to obtain photographic evidence to pursue.

Public Rights of Way (PROW):

- No replies received to any reports logged.
- Muddy season now entering.
- Footpath to Warren still closed. Two other routes still available to partly access, except to the “apron area.”

Speed Watch:

- Report submitted by Cllr. S Pilcher. (*See Page 13*), with recruitment details and chart leader details.
- Body camera requested by volunteers, advice from Kent Police and other groups received. Pending Kent Police decision on funding.
- Session results available on Parish Council Website. <https://capellefernepc.org.uk>

Events:

- Poppy Tableau: (*See page 7*)
- Christmas Tree Event - 6th December
Tree delivery and erecting schedule dates planned.
Tree dismantle date also planned. Storage of star, lights and fencing to be arranged with Village Hall.
- Afternoon Tea – Decision at January meeting.

Capel Cares: (*Pages 6 and 7*).

- Christmas Meals planned and booked at Royal Oak.

Grapevine Newsletter/social media:

- The need to have a disclaimer for adverts discussed and agreed to add to newsletter heading.

Village Hall (VHMC): (*See page 2*)

Christmas Festivities – 6th December

Craft Fair, Santa's Grotto, Tree Lighting, Carol singing and Santa route in Village arranged and noted.

Training/workshops/seminars: No reports.

District and County Councillor reports:

District Cllr. Martin Hibbert: Report on Local Government re-organisation options being discussed at DDC meeting. Advisors have worked together to draw up business cases for each of the options suggested.

County Cllr. Paul King: No report.

Financial report:

Clerk reported that due to Clifftop Benches, Bus Shelters, Drop Kerbs and impending Vehicle Activated Sign expenses, there was a need to move funds from the 35-day notification high interest account, for cash-flow purposes. This was agreed and implemented.

Carried Forward - 2026:

- Kent Association of Local Council 2026 Award.
- Other Awards for organisations.
- Highway items requested: to be entered on Highway Improvement Plan for viability and costings.





Capel-le-Ferne

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

Councillor and Clerk will be available on Tuesday, 2nd December 2025 and Tuesday, 6th January 2026 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

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE TUESDAY, 20th JANUARY 2026, 7.30PM.

MINUTES/AGENDAS AVAILABLE ON THE COUNCIL WEBSITE: <https://www.cappellefernepc.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, Email: clerk@capeleferneoc.org.uk or Tel: 01303 259564.

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VALIANT SAILOR

After a short closure, the Valiant Sailor re-opened at the end of November! Under new management and with a change in strategy, the pool table has been removed to make way for a chesterfield in front of the fire for a cosy winter evening. We've launched a new winter menu, and are now accepting Christmas reservations. Offering tea, coffee and cake, with remote working areas, good wifi and accessible plug sockets, plus a good value lunch menu.

To find out what's going on including traditional pub entertainment, and promotional offers, visit our website or social media for regular updates.

Now accepting Christmas day reservations, call 01303 765202 or visit www.valiantsailor.co.uk



NOW ACCEPTING CHRISTMAS RESERVATIONS

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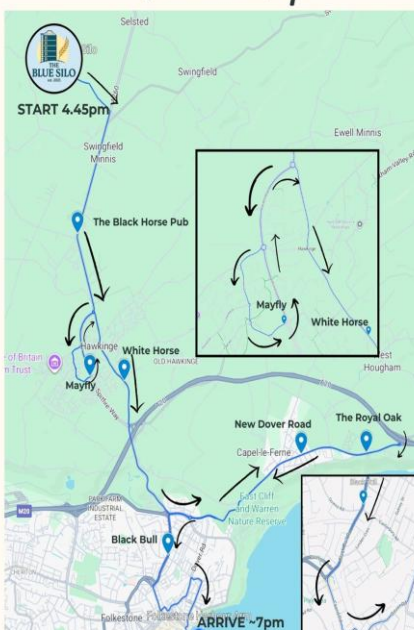
FOLKESTONE



CHRISTMAS TRACTOR RUN

SATURDAY 20TH DECEMBER

Route Map



START 4.45pm

ARRIVE ~7pm

Tractors will park in Folkestone Harbour Arm car park for all to come and see at the end until 8pm

[WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/FOLKESTONE.CHRISTMAS.TRACTORS](https://www.facebook.com/folkestone.christmas.tractors)

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TRADING STANDARDS

BE AWARE and STAY ALERT



TRADING STANDARDS

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/>



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

[Citizens Advice consumer helpline](https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/) on 0808 223 1133

[Consumer Advice scams action line](https://www.actionfraud.org.uk/) on 0808 250 5050

Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm.

Action Fraud
National Fraud & Cyber Crime Reporting Centre
0300 123 2040

REPORT TO CRIMESTOPPERS

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

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

**KEEP KENT SAFE
LATEST ALERTS**



Message Sent by Kent Police, Prevent and Protect Fraud Officer, Prevent and Protect Fraud Team.

New Smishing (text) Scam Alert!

There have been new reports of criminals sending fake text messages claiming to be from the Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency (DSVA). These texts issue fraudulent illegal parking notices and ask victims to click malicious links to pay fines!

⚠ Warning Signs of the DSVA Scam ⚠

You receive a text message claiming you have parked illegally and owe a fine. The text message includes a link to "pay fine now" or "view fine details." Threats of extra charges or legal action if you do not act quickly or offer of a reduced fine if you pay within a limited time frame! Poor spelling or grammar mistakes in text messages received. How to Protect Yourself:

Know that the DSVA does not issue parking fines by text message.

- **Do not click on links in suspicious texts.
- **Do not reply or share personal/banking details.
- **Check official DSVA or your local council websites for genuine notices.
- **Forward scam text messages to 7726.
- **Block and delete suspicious numbers.
- **Keep your phone's security software up to date.

****📞 Report It Immediately**

If you receive one of these fraudulent texts:

Forward the message to 7726 (free spam reporting service).

Report the scam to Action Fraud at

www.actionfraud.police.uk or call 0300 123 2040

Monday - Friday 08:00am - 08:00pm

If you have lost money or provided your banking details, contact your bank immediately.

Remember: The DSVA does not issue parking fines by text message.

Stay safe!

**YOU'RE INVITED TO A
PUBLIC EXHIBITION**

The project team, including our planning advisers, transport consultants, architects, project managers, will be available to answer questions on:

DATE: Thursday 4 December

TIME: 2pm-7pm

VENUE: Hougham Village Hall, The St, West Hougham, Dover CT15 7BG

We are keen to hear your views as part of our community engagement. Once we have reviewed the feedback, a planning application will be submitted to Dover District Council.



**WE WOULD LIKE YOUR VIEWS
ON A NEW TRUCKSTOP**



**GSE
TRUCKSTOP
DEVELOPMENTS
LIMITED**

We are consulting on plans to develop a new truckstop and driver wellbeing facility at the Court Wood Interchange between the Roundhill Tunnel and Port of Dover on the A20.

The plans will deliver much-needed secure HGV parking close to the Port of Dover, the UK's busiest roll-on/roll-off port, and Eurotunnel. By providing best-in-class HGV welfare facilities right on the doorstep of England's busiest ports, it would reduce inappropriate local lorry parking, anti-social behaviour and littering.



VIEW OUR PLANS ONLINE

GSE Group has created – www.CourtWood-truckstop.co.uk – to help inform the local community about the plans and provide an opportunity for feedback. Public consultation on the proposals will close on Friday, 9 January, 2026.



CAPEL-LE-FERNE YOUTH CLUB

We meet every 1st and 3rd Thursday,

7.30-9.30pm, during term time,

Capel Village Hall, Village Hall, Lancaster Avenue

Tel: 07860 803767.

Email: capelyouthclub@outlook.com

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



4/12 Footy, Consoles, Xmas Food

11/12 Kidz Planet – Chips, drinks, & Santa gift included (If you been good!)

4/12 **Christmas Hampers** – Raffle tickets available at YC 4/12, Farmers Market 9/12, Kidz Planet 11/12. (Draw on 11/12 at Kidz Planet).

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.

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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: clerk@capellefernepc.org.uk

CAPEL-LE-FERNE SPEEDWATCH GROUP RESULTS & RECRUITMENT INSTRUCTIONS ON PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

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

**Since last publication:
Period – 22nd Oct to 18th Nov 2025**

DAILY ACTIVITY



Can you help your community and spare a few hours to reduce speeding vehicles in your area?



Date	Time	Location	Vehicles	Offenders	%	Notes
31 Oct	9.00 to 10.00	Capel St	26	8	30.8%	25 to 38 mph
28 Oct	8.00 to 9.00	NDR	247	4	1.6%	46 to 49 mph



DAILY ACTIVITY



Can you help your community and spare a few hours to reduce speeding vehicles in your area?

A new multiple offender – a white Vauxhall.

Recorded speeding twice on the NDR, heading west. 49mph - 28 Oct and 48mph - 30 April 2025.

The silver Kia remains in second place with 3 offences, followed in third place by a silver Ford with two offences.

Top three makes for number of offences are Ford (59), Vauxhall (48), and VW (33).

Our highest speeders, by percentage over the limit are:

1. Range Rover - Capel Street, 31st Oct 2025, 38mph which is 90% over the 20mph speed limit
2. Audi - Capel Street, 5th Feb 2025, 37mph which is 85% over the 20mph speed limit
3. BMW – NDR, 12th May 2025, 63mph which is 57% over the 40mph speed limit
4. VW – NDR, 12th May 2025, 62mph which is 55% over the 40mph speed limit



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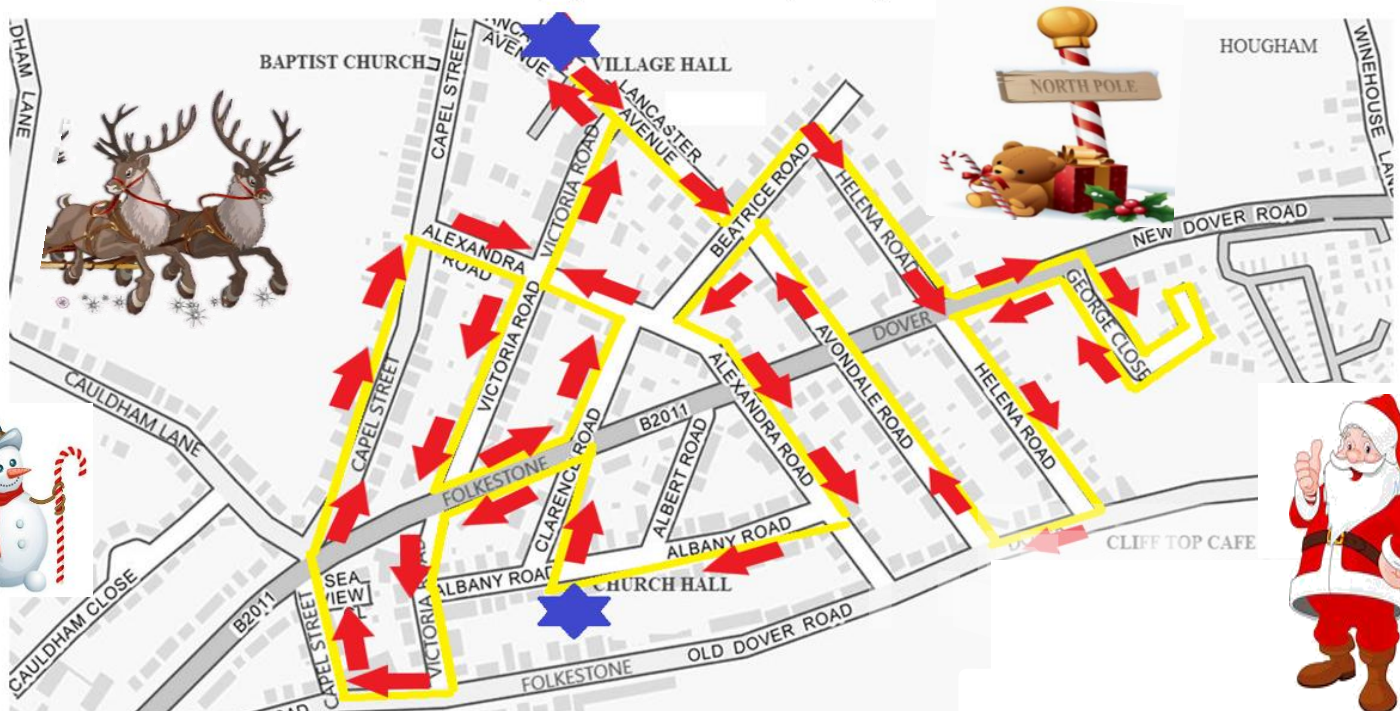
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SATURDAY, 6th DECEMBER – SANTA ROUTE – 5pm START Capel Village Hall,

left into Beatrice Road, right into Helena Road, left into New Dover Road, right into George Close
left into New Dover Road, left into Helena Road, right into Old Dover Road, right into Avondale Road, down to Beatrice Road
left into Beatrice Road, left into Alexandra Road, up to Albany Road, right into Albany Road,
with a 5-minute STOP outside the CHURCH
right into Clarence Road, left into New Dover Road, left into Victoria Road, right into Old Dover Road, right into Capel Street,
down to Alexandra Road, right into Alexandra Road, right into Victoria Road, left into New Dover Road. left into Clarence Road
left into Alexandra Road, right into Victoria Road, to Village Hall and FINISH



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Christmas Day	Pam Barr
28 th	Pam Barr

Preachers for January

4 th	Pam Barr
11 th	Katy Ruddle
18 th	Richard Blackwell
25 th	Greg Marlam

Messy Vintage

Thursday 11th December at 2.30pm
Thursday 8th January and 22nd January.
Messy Vintage runs alternate Thursday afternoons at 2.30pm. Everyone is welcome.

For details of Preachers or if there are queries regarding these details,

please call 01303 489006 - Pam Barr

Please! A reminder that the public are requested not to park in front of the gates on Sunday mornings as this is a disabled access.



MERRY CHRISTMAS!

GRAPEVINE ADVERTISING

Charges from 1st April 2025

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

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For further details contact

Parish Clerk at 39 Victoria Road,
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Email: clerk@capellefernepc.org.uk





Capel Short Mat Bowls Club

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Contacts

Wendy (Chair-person) Tel: 259120 - Ros Tel: 255862 - Rachel 07853 193935

Anyone in the Village wishing to try the short mat bowls, please contact above numbers



🏆 CSMBC CURRENT CHAMPIONS OF THE SHEPWAY SUMMER LEAGUE 🏆

EAST KENT WINTER LEAGUE

To go with the 6 points gained at the first match of the season, the next match, away at Swalecliffe, saw Paul B, Andrea & Jenny, losing 22-9, while Rachel, Pat & George had a 14-17 win. 2 crucial away points secured.

The next match was home against Herne Bay, resulted in 6 points won, with Andrea, Paul M & Dan winning 20-9 and Rachel, Jenny & George winning 20-8.

The club gained a magnificent 4 away points at Herne Bay, with Rachel, Jenny & George just missing out 15-10, while Wendy, Paul M & Dan secured an 11-20 win.

Capel kiwis are second in the league table, 1 point behind leaders Herne Bay, with 2 games in hand.

SHEPWAY WINTER LEAGUE

Following the 6-point home win against Dymchurch, the away match at Dymchurch, started with a win for Rachel & George 6-14, while Andrea, Paul B & Brian suffered a loss of 18-6, a valuable 2 away points gained. On the 11/11 saw home wins against St Mary's Bay for Rachel & George 23-3, and Andrea, Paul B & Jenny winning 18-14. Another 6 points in the bag.

After 3 matches, CSMBC sit equal second in the league on points, one point behind Hawkinge. (separated by unknown shots difference).

CSMBC CLUB COMPETITIONS

The in-house competitions carry on at a pace, with a number of matches played across all leagues.

Finals day is planned for March 26th, with club champions confirmed at the AGM.

WE ARE MORE THAN A BOWLS CLUB

On the 21st November, we celebrated the club becoming SHEPWAY SUMMER LEAGUE CHAMPIONS with members and guests enjoying a celebration lunch at The Brickfields.

FUTURE EVENTS

Other dates for your diaries: -

Christmas lunch, booked for the 12th December.

The annual Christmas social event is planned for the 21st December.

See club notice board for details of all events.

Finals day planned for the 26th March 2026.

Exchange events with Kearsney Bowls club are to be held in 2026.

EQUIPMENT UPDATE

The club jackets have been delivered.

Proud club members wearing their new jackets.

SOCIAL MEMBERSHIP OPTION

Alongside our playing member status, we have a social member status.

Each playing or honorary member can sponsor one other person as a social member, for an annual membership fee of £20. This will allow a family member or friend to enjoy the extra-curricular fun events, held throughout the year, at no additional cost.

NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME

Could this be your New Year's resolution? Live in the village or surrounding area? Looking for a new challenge, in a friendly and social club? Would you like to try a new sport that is suitable for a range of ages and ability? Come and enjoy a non-committal session of **SHORT MAT BOWLS**, with coaching from our regular members. Call any of the numbers above to arrange your introductory session.



SEASONS GREETINGS TO ALL



The club would like to wish all members & readers a very merry Christmas & a prosperous and happy new year.

SEE YOU ALL IN 2026



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Our 2025 Winners:



- **Funniest:** *Valiant Vic*
- **Scariest:** *Avondale Orlor*
- **Favourite & Most Creative:**
Please Look After the Bear

Thank you all for your creativity, enthusiasm, and support.



See you again next year!



USEFUL CONTACTS INCLUDING ACTIVITIES and CLUBS	CONTACT NAMES	TELEPHONE NUMBER or EMAIL
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Community Warden	Jan Henry	07811271303 Email: jan.henry@kent.gov.uk
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Bridge Club	Bob Jones	01233 756362
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Capel Cares and Ukraine	Janet Milliken	01303 257003
Capel Walkers	Neil Perrin	01303 243645
Gardeners Association	Jean Tanton	01303 255982
Household Bill Savers	Phil and Karoline Taylor	01303 246887
Judo	Colin Carrott	01303 211594 / 07917131571
Remote Control Car Club	To be advised	To be advised
Short Mat Bowls	Ros Chandler	01303 255862
St Radigunds Church	Rev Brian Williams	01303 243784
St Radigunds Church Bookings and Events	Audrey Goaten	tryke@audrey47.plus.com
St Radigunds Choir	Jerry Spillett	07961 994097
Tai Chi	Anna	01304 205405
Twinning Association	Jerry Spillett	07961 994097
Ukraine "Homes and Help"	Janet Milliken	01303 257003
Welcome to Village Letter	Jackie Watson	01303 258865
WI	Pam Barr (President) Caroline Bunting	01303 489006 07885 406433
Youth Club	Simon Withey	07860803767

Shepway Writers Group

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IN OUR VILLAGE**

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