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## 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

Mar 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Parish Council Surgery (Farmers' Market)
Mar 6 <sup>th</sup>	Crafty Covers Meeting (Capel Cares)
Mar 7 <sup>th</sup>	Family Bingo – Youth Club at Village Hall
Mar 10 <sup>th</sup>	Crafty Covers Meeting (Farmers' Market)
Mar 10 <sup>th</sup>	Kent Police Drop-in Session
Mar 13 <sup>th</sup>	Quiz Night at St Radigund's Church
Mar 14 <sup>th</sup>	Capel Gardeners Spring Flower Show
Mar 17 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm
Mar 17 <sup>th</sup>	Capel Gardeners Flowers for the Show Bench
Mar 28 <sup>th</sup>	Community Lunch
Apr 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Kent Police Drop-in Session
Apr 7 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council Surgery (Farmers' Market)
Apr 11 <sup>th</sup>	Jumble Sale - Cancer Research
Apr 21 <sup>st</sup>	Capel Gardeners, 'Wild Flowers of Yellowstone'
Apr 21 <sup>st</sup>	Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm
Apr 30 <sup>th</sup>	Quiz Evening – WI at Village Hall
May 5 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council Surgery (Farmers' Market)
May 19 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm
Jun 14 <sup>th</sup>	Coach Outing to Penshurst Place and Gardens
Jun 16 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm
Jun 20 <sup>th</sup>	Community Lunch
Jun 25 <sup>th</sup>	AGM – Youth Club
Jul 21 <sup>st</sup>	Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm
Aug 18 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm
Sept 6 <sup>th</sup>	Garage Safari
Sept 15 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm
Oct 10 <sup>th</sup>	Quiz Night – Youth Club at Village Hall
Oct 17 <sup>th</sup>	Community lunch
Oct 20 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm
Nov 15 <sup>th</sup>	Boot Fair
Nov 17 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm
Dec 5 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Event – to be confirmed



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,  
**6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> MARCH**  
Free coffee morning, every month, twice a month!  
Usual time of 10.00am.  
Village Hall, Lancaster Avenue, Capel-le-Ferne, CT18 7LX  
Everyone Welcome

**Capel Crafty Covers 2026**  
We are meeting again on the following dates:-

**NEXT SESSIONS**

Friday 6 March 10—12 (CC)  
Tuesday 10 March 10 - 12 (FM)  
Friday 20 March 10—12pm (CC)  
Tuesday 24 March 10—12pm (FM)  
Tuesday 31 March 10-12pm (FM) Raffle

Easter postbox toppers underway plus fidget blankets. We are running a raffle to help with funds on Tuesday before Easter at the FM. Donations towards this gratefully received. Ideas for future projects also welcomed.

Watch this space—help will be required from those who knit, sew and crochet.

Ideas, queries, offers of help—contact Philippa.  
[philippa.seager@foredia.com](mailto:philippa.seager@foredia.com)

# Quiz Night

At St Radigunds  
Church, Capel

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

**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**



## Youth Club – Fund Raiser

### BINGO

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2026 – Village Hall

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

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

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

Raffle donations very welcome, thank you.

Any queries call Simon 07860 803767





**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.lettingsevvh@gmail.com](mailto:sue.lettingsevvh@gmail.com)**

As I write this, the sun is out for the second day in a row, and it is currently not raining. I'm at the Farmers Market and everyone walking through the door is commenting on the weather. Mainly on how cold it is! The market soldiers on with our latest addition, that of olive oils grown on the vendors own olive farm in Italy, providing new interest for market goers. I've had a taste and its delicious. When they are not living in Italy, the stallholders live in Capel. We now have bread and cakes, honey, jams, cheese, pies, eggs, Indian street food, meat, plus various craft stalls. Other services we provide are Parish Council surgery once a month, voluntary Post Office, access to the Community Warden weekly, and a place to meet up with over coffee/tea and a toasted teacake. We also host the Crafty Covers who do such wonderful knit and crochet work. It should be noted that our baker is retiring in April, but we are working on providing a new bakery for the market. Further information on this next month.

Our next activity will be a Community Lunch on the 28<sup>th</sup> March. This has always been well supported, but we would like to invite those who perhaps have not had the opportunity to attend before. It is a chance to meet up with neighbours, make new friends and enjoy a good meal. Feel free to bring a bottle. Contact Kath on [secretary.cvhmc@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.cvhmc@gmail.com) for details. Group bookings welcome. If you can't make this one, the next is on June 20<sup>th</sup>

As mentioned last month, the Village Hall Management Committee are in the midst of planning hall improvements. We have taken 5 quotes for the work required and will be debating these at our next meeting. We will also be looking at applying for any available funding to help with the cost. Our next meeting will be my last as a trustee and I would like to thank all those, both present and past, over the past 12 years for all their support and help for the hall. Oh, and it's raining again!

**Village Hall 100+ Club Winners for**  
**FEBRUARY**

**1<sup>st</sup>: Tony Lake;**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: Janet Blissett;**

**3<sup>rd</sup>: Paul Sherrington**



**Congratulations**



**[secretary.cvhmc@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.cvhmc@gmail.com)**

**COMMUNITY  
LUNCH  
AT CAPEL  
VILLAGE  
HALL**

Lancaster Avenue  
Capel-le-Ferne  
CT18 7LX

Our Community Lunch remains free to all, however, donations are gratefully received to enable this popular event to continue.

To book your place provide your name and number via:

Email: [secretary.cvhmc@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.cvhmc@gmail.com)

or

Text/Call: 07376 614014

**SATURDAY  
28TH  
MARCH  
2026**

**12 – 2PM**





**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, 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of month.
- > Community computer access point available, free of charge, if need help with on-line activities.
- > Also available, library/jigsaw loans. > Postal advice/service.





### CHURCH SERVICES MARCH 2026

Alkham	Capel	Hougham
	March 1 <sup>st</sup> Capel at 10.00am	
March 8 <sup>th</sup> Alkham at 9.30am	March 15 <sup>th</sup> Capel at 10.00am	
	March 29 <sup>th</sup> Capel at 10.00am	March 22 <sup>nd</sup> Hougham at 11.00am

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



March 14<sup>th</sup> Messy Church at 3.00pm  
Messy Church for families with children is the 2nd Saturday each month,  
at Capel from 3.00pm - 4.45pm ish!  
Held in St Radigunds' Capel.



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](mailto: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.

# Daniel Kirby Roofing & Building

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## CAPEL-LE-FERNE GARDENERS' ASSOCIATION



*'We don't let the grass grow under our feet'*

Two events for March,  
on **Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>**  
will see the Spring Flower and Produce Show  
at Capel Village Hall,



the Show will be open to the public from 2:30pm, with awards at 3:45pm. Admission £1, members FREE, Exhibitors FREE, also accompanied Children also FREE.

As well as at least 200 exhibits, there will be refreshments – some super delicious cakes, and the ever-popular Tombola.

This is an Open Show, which means anyone can exhibit, members and non-members, so if you would like to take part in the show, the first thing you will need is a schedule. Contact any of us for a free schedule. Your list of intended entries to be sent or delivered to the show secretary, Brian Castle, by 6:00pm on Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> March. There is a small charge of 20p for each entry, payable when you pick up your show cards between 9:45am to 11:45 on the show day. Need some guidance, just talk to us!

Then, on **Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>** there is our monthly presentation, 7:15pm for 7:30pm at St. Radigund's Church in Albany Road, Capel. Janine Doulton will present on Flowers for the Show Bench. Well, there are two more shows as the year progresses. Members £2, non-members £3.

On **Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup>** our monthly meeting will be a presentation by Sue Buckingham on Wild Flowers of Yellowstone.

Looking further ahead, on **Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup>**, there will be an outing to Penshurst Place with Crosskeys Coaches. Pickup from the layby near Amin's stores, cost includes coach travel, admission to the Penshurst Gardens, and a tip for the coach driver. Bookings on a first come, first served. Members £40, non-members £44. Contact us to reserve your place.

And for something a bit different, Michèle Hermant is organising the Chicory Festival in France and is inviting Capel Gardeners, former Twinning members, and anyone interested, for a visit on **Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup>**. Originally the invite was for the sadly defunct Twinning Society. At this stage we are looking for expressions of interest for a coach outing to France. A passport will be needed for this day trip. Cost of the coach and Channel crossing is expected to be £70 per person. Further details to follow, but please let us know if you are interested to visit France with us.



New members always welcomed to our friendly group, £15 buys you discount on events, friendly support and advice on all aspects of horticulture, and fifty percent discount to Wisley and all RHS gardens.

Interested? Come along to any of our events and enjoy your garden.



Contacts are:

Chair: Bob Parsons, phone 07484 275551, email [bobparsons@cwgsy.net](mailto:bobparsons@cwgsy.net)

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Treasurer: Jan Dearing, phone 07885 643246, email [jandearing@btinternet.com](mailto:jandearing@btinternet.com)

Someone has been riding a red quad bike across the field behind the school. Please note, the Landowners do not give permission for this. The individual is causing damage to the crops that are growing there. We would like to ask the community if you see this happen, (and it's safe to do so), please contact the Police, as "anti-social behaviour" on 101, or report online. Your help in this matter would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.



## 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 CARES GOOD NEIGHBOURS are the proud champions of the prestigious KENT MENTAL WELLBEING AWARDS 2025

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



The twice monthly coffee mornings regularly welcome 40+ guests, enjoying unlimited tea, coffee and biscuits. Celebrating birthdays, enjoying a raffle and a challenging quiz.  
**DON'T SIT HOME ALONE,  
COME AND JOIN US.**

### HOME AIDS TO PURCHASE

Capel Cares, Good Neighbours have available, wall mounted external key safes, jar keys (for breaking the vacuum on screw top jars), easy can 'ring pull' levers and electrical plug 'easy pull' straps. Available to buy at cost for ALL friends and neighbours in the community.



### NEW VOLUNTEER

It is with great pleasure that we welcomed Martin to our group of amazing volunteers.

Don't miss out, come and join us on the  
6th and 20th March

Free coffee morning, every month, twice a month!

The next 4 **GOOD NEIGHBOURS FREE  
COFFEE MORNINGS** will be held on the 6th &  
20th March and the 3rd & 17th April  
Usual time of 10.00am.

Need transport? Contact Jan on 257003.

**LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ON  
THE 6th and 20th MARCH**

We'll be there, will you ☺?



### EXTRA DATES FOR YOUR 2026 DIARY

3rd & 17th April and 1st & 15th May

## CELEBRATIONS

The start of February saw us celebrate extra special birthdays with Carol, Jerry & Kit shared with Philippa and Cherry along with (a first for CC) Sammy the pooch, a regular visitor to our coffee mornings.



CAPELCARES



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Capel Crafty Covers 2026  
A 5<sup>th</sup> fidget blanket completed today!

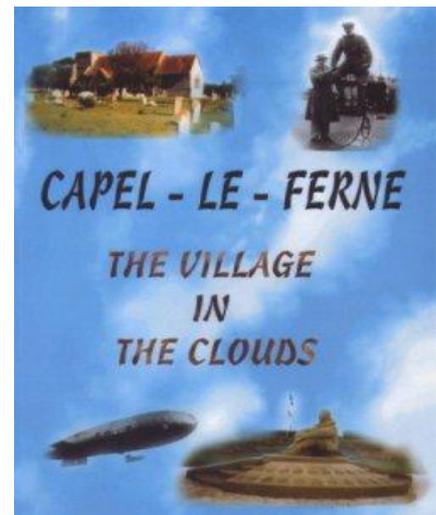


Looking for a 3 or 4 plastic drawer unit, similar to the picture, if anyone has one, they no longer use. It would be handy to store the fidget bits in as they are all over my sewing room at present and it makes it hard to find what I am looking for.

Email: [philippa.seager@foredia.com](mailto:philippa.seager@foredia.com)

## DID YOU KNOW?

Capel-le-Ferne has a History Book called "The Village in the Clouds"



Available to purchase at £5  
from

Cherry, Tel: 01303 255114.

Or she can be found at  
Farmers' Market (in the kitchen)  
on Tuesdays, 10am – 12noon

Capel-le-Ferne with Alkham WI had what has now become part of our annual programme, a Fish and Chip supper and games evening, plus lots of chatting!

We were pleased to learn that our fund raising for the RNLI raised over £220, with more to be added from The Blue Pig – what is the Blue Pig? It's a plastic pig coloured blue in which we collect money throughout the year and then donate to a charity – this year the RNLI.

Our thanks to Alison's son for helping to put up the tables and clear up afterwards, and to Debbie's son who collected and delivered our fish and chips from the chippie.

The evening ended with the drawing of the raffle.

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. However, our March meeting is our AGM and election of new officers, a more formal event.

April is the beginning of our new year with lots of varied events to look forward to.

So, if you are thinking about joining the WI April would be a good time to come along.

**theWI**  
INSPIRING WOMEN

**CAPEL-LE-FERNE with ALKHAM WI**

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

**Meeting in  
March  
is our AGM meeting**

**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*

**CAPEL-LE-FERNE with ALKHAM WI**

**QUIZ EVENING**

**THURSDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2026**

CAPEL-LE-FERNE VILLAGE HALL  
Lancaster Avenue, Capel-le-Ferne, CT18 7LX

**Doors open 7.30pm. Starts 7.45pm prompt**

**Tickets £5 pp. Teams of up to 6 persons**

**Bring own Refreshments. Prize for winning table**

[caroline.bunting49@gmail.com](mailto:caroline.bunting49@gmail.com)

07885 406433

Raffle





### [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:

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

While access to the outside features of the Memorial remain free to visit, there is now a small charge to enter The Wing which includes free admission to The Scramble Experience, as well as to the shop, toilets and first floor café.

There is a nominal parking charge.

Treat someone special to an unforgettable day at the Battle of Britain Memorial:



**Personal guided tour:** Explore life-size Spitfire and Hurricane replicas and hear stories from our expert guides.



**The Scramble Experience:** Step inside The Scramble Experience and dive into the history of the Battle of Britain, complete with an immersive film that brings the story of 'The Few' to life.



**Cockpit Café:** Enjoy a cream tea with stunning sea views. Prosecco upgrades available!

Experience vouchers start from just £30. Grab yours here:

<https://tinyurl.com/ba8f3evr>

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 Tuesday to Sunday, 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.

The Battle of Britain Memorial Trust is now including access to its popular Scramble Experience as part of new opening arrangements aimed at providing much-needed funds for the clifftop tribute to the Few.

The Trust, a charity that receives no central or local government help, has introduced a charge for those entering The Wing, its modern, Spitfire wing-shaped visitor centre, although access to the rest of the site remains free.

Trustees have pointed out that the impact of the cost-of-living crisis, along with insurance and energy price rises and increased business rates, National Insurance and wages costs, have had a big impact on its finances.

The new charge, which is cheaper than the previous entry charge for The Scramble Experience, will allow visitors to the Experience, shop, toilet and café, although those who just want to use the café will still be allowed to do so for free. The Trust has pointed out that with running costs now well over £250,000 a year, keeping the whole site open for free and relying on the generosity of visitors was no longer a viable option.



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>

The Battle of Britain Memorial Trust has launched an ambitious project to commemorate 'the Many', those who supported the men of the Royal Air Force as they defeated the Luftwaffe in 1940.

Members of the public are invited to fund commemorative tiles that will be inscribed with the names of those who served in a variety of roles and will be laid along the edge of one of the white propeller blades radiating from the National Memorial to the Few.

Those who are nominated need to have played an active support role in the Battle of Britain or one month either side of it. They may have served as Air Raid Wardens, ground crew, coastguards or firemen, for instance, or with the National Pigeon Service or the GPO.

The tiles cost £495 each. Read more here: <https://www.battleofbritainmemorial.org/blade>



### COCKPIT CAFÉ



### Coming soon!

Bernard Bear has already proved a real hit with visitors to the Battle of Britain Memorial and has been 'flying' off the shelves since he arrived. He looked a little lonely, though, so the Trust is arranging for him to have some company.



The Trust's new WAAF bear has reached prototype stage and is pictured here with Bernard during a recent visit.

Note – she's not yet for sale.

Keep your eye on the shop shelves in The Wing and you could be one of the first owners of – that's a point, she needs a name...



**CAPEL-LE-FERNE PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Summary of some items discussed at meeting held**  
**Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> February 2026**



**Requests from public and Other Feedback:**

- Anti-social behaviour Capel Street/Lancaster Avenue.
- Removal of unused disabled parking lines in Cauldham Close.
- Concerns on pony grazing Old Dover Road.
- Helena Road bus shelter, vegetation encroachment.

**Matters Concerning the Parish:**

**Flooding - Capel Street/Lancaster Avenue:**

Next meeting with Kent Flood Forum is in April, when hopefully, outcome of KCC surveys should be known.

**Land Gifted to Parish Council - Future Plans:**

Investigation to be undertaken on access.

- **DDC owned Street Lighting:** Planned for replacement by target of middle February.

**Planning:**

- Recent applications received; Conditions raised and reported to DDC on responses concerning several conditions relating to; Development in Cauldham Lane and White Cliffs Inn, New Dover Road development.
- **All planning application documents and comments** Available to view on Dover District Council website:

**Neighbourhood Watch (NHW):**

- Anti-social behaviour and concerns raised on Pony, being investigated by Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) Cheryl Ellis. District Councillor Hibbert to make further enquiries.
- Flooding issues Alkham Valley Road, reported.
- Dog attack incident, concerns noted and will be followed up with information to PCSO.

**CCTV/ICT:** Nothing to report

**Playing Field and Equipment:**

- Work planned, for BMX trail-bars to be removed and paintwork on MUGA (multi-use goal area. Buffer tyre on zip-wire to be replaced in summer.
- Defibrillator cabinet cleaned inside.
- Slight increase in grounds maintenance charges agreed.

**Traffic Management and Highways:**

**Highway Improvement Plan (HIP):** Items to be put forward at annual meeting with Kent Highways. Date to be arranged for April, to discuss further.

**Vehicle activated signs (VAS), on New Dover Road (B2011):** Waiting installation, and to be chased on status.

**Drop kerbs, Beatrice Road:** Retrospective tactile paving and additional drop kerbs –installation due mid-March.

**Hurst Lane:** Councillor to arrange meeting with KCC Highway Engineer to view/discuss the surface/pothole works, in various locations and other roads.

**Diversion signs M20/A20 - Roundhill Tunnels closed.** Pending photographic evidence. Councillor to make enquiries of a resident taking, when B2011 diversion held.

**Public Rights of Way (PROW):**

- Green Lane bollards repaired and padlocks replaced.

**Speed Watch:**

One session undertaken due to weather conditions. (See Page 13), with recruitment details and chart leader details.

- Session results available on Parish Council Website. <https://capellefernepc.org.uk>

**Events:**

- **Afternoon Tea for volunteers** – venues and costs to be investigated. Another venue in Folkestone being arranged for end of June.

**Capel Cares:** (Details pages 6 and 7).

- Group progressing well with many services for clients, including equipment loan, coffee mornings and help with transport for appointments and collect medications.

**Grapevine Newsletter/social media:**

- Adverts in newsletter confirmed, with payments clarified for all business inserts.

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

- Retirement of Chairperson, Sally Cook, noted. Will still be involved with Farmers' Market organisation.

**Training/workshops/seminars:**

Training needs of Councillors discussed and noted for Kent Association of Local Councils investigation, included: Understanding architect drawings on planning applications and play equipment monitoring.

**District and County Councillor reports:**

**District Cllr. Martin Hibbert:**

- **Planning** – being updated on progress and status with: **Anaerobic Digester.** Highway issues probable on Alkham Valley Road in egressing and entry. Signs and changes will be required, including the nearby bridge. **Truck Stop.** GSE Developers have a need to submit an Environment Assessment in any planning application and address issues raised by scoping survey.

- **Brock/Tap** signs when in use, continues to be chased.

**County Cllr. Paul King:** No report.

**KALC Annual Award:**

Presentation to take place at April meeting.

**Devolved KCC Grounds Maintenance:**

2026-2027 new Agreement and Appendix C - Health and Safety Self-Certification to be completed and returned.

- Decision on contracting a “competent” advisor to assess all contractors’ documents relating to self-certification by Council, was decided for another year.

**Other matters arising:**

- Broken sewer manhole cover on PROW ER241, reported to Southern Water and Farmer.
- Consultation by Dover District Council on Community Governance Review, part of, being the number of councillors allocated to each town/parish council in the district. Deadline: 2nd April 2026. Link to complete [Community Governance Review 2026 First Stage Consultation](#)





Capel-le-Ferne

Is there an issue you wish to discuss with your Parish Council?  
Councillor and Clerk will be available on Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March 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, 17<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2026, 7.30PM.**

MINUTES/AGENDAS AVAILABLE ON THE COUNCIL WEBSITE: <https://www.capelefernepc.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](mailto:clerk@capeleferneoc.org.uk) or Tel: 01303 259564.

**Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> March**  
**10am - 12 noon**  
**Drop-in Session**



**Kent Police**

## Community Governance Review

A Community Governance Review looks at how parish councils are arranged. It can review all or part of the district and consider things like the number of councillors for each parish or parish ward, and other electoral arrangements. The aim is to ensure local governance reflects community identity and works effectively.

### Why now?

With Local Government Reorganisation ahead and parish elections in May 2027, the Council wants to make sure parish councils remain strong, representative, and ready for future challenges.

### What is being reviewed?

This Review focuses on the number of councillors for each town/parish council. More information is available at: [www.dover.gov.uk/elections](http://www.dover.gov.uk/elections)

### Have Your Say

We want to hear from residents as well as from town and parish councils.

Respond by 2 April 2026 with your views on councillor numbers.

- Complete the online form: <https://forms.office.com/e/fL9WeT9bkr> or scan the QR code.
- Email: [elections@dover.gov.uk](mailto:elections@dover.gov.uk)
- Or write to:  
Electoral Services (CGR), Council Offices,  
White Cliffs Business Park, Whitfield, Dover CT16 3PJ

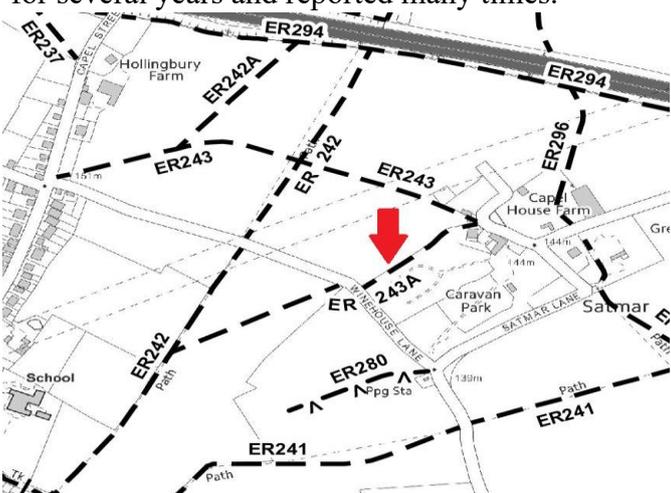


All responses will be considered. Personal details will not be published and will be deleted one month after the final Community Governance Reorganisation Order is made.

ELECTORAL SERVICES  
DOVER DISTRICT COUNCIL

**PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY ER243 from SATMAR past the back of the camping ground TO WINEHOUSE LANE.**

It has finally been cleared all the way, so open to walkers to use again. Currently all the bramble cuttings are on the ground and is quite thorny, so not great for sensitive dog paws until it has been trampled down by humans. A small success, in that it has been blocked by fallen trees and overgrowth for several years and reported many times.



**Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> March**  
**HAPPY Mother's Day**



**BE AWARE and STAY ALERT**



**REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY** Call 999 if:

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

Call 101 for non-emergency enquiries.

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

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

[Consumer Advice scams action line](https://www.kent.gov.uk/consumeradvice) on 0808 250 5050

Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm.

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National Fraud & Cyber Crime Reporting Centre

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REPORT TO CITIZEN'S ADVICE HELPLINE 0808 223 1133

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

**KEEP KENT SAFE  
LATEST ALERTS**



**Doorstep criminals have been active this week** in Ashford, Hythe, Maidstone, Gillingham and Dartford. Please be alert and warn your vulnerable friends and family to never respond to cold callers as you will pay a high cost for unnecessary and poor-quality work. If you need work done on your home or garden use a safe, local trader from Trading Standards Checked. Report cold callers anonymously to the charity CrimeStoppers on 0800 555 111 or online here.

For further advice call Citizens Advice consumer helpline on 0808 223 1133.

**A police scam has been targeting residents this week** in Sevenoaks, Tunbridge Wells, Ashford and Folkestone. Residents are receiving phone calls falsely claiming their bank account has been compromised, their card needs replacing, a family member has been arrested, they must buy gold or a courier will come to collect their card, cash or gold. These are scams. The police will never ask for your financial details over the phone or send someone to collect your card, cash, or valuables. If this happens to you, call your bank immediately using 159 or report to Kent Police.

**Join us for a "Happy to Chat" session at Morrisons Dover!** Alison and Kerry, your Dover Community Wardens, will be in the Morrisons café for a relaxed drop-in chat — a simple way to connect with others and help reduce social isolation. 4 March 12:00–1:30pm Morrisons Café, Dover Come along for friendly conversation — no appointments, no agenda, just a cuppa and good company. Look out for the sign: "If you're happy to chat, we're happy to listen." Everyone is welcome. Community Wardens help build stronger, safer neighbourhoods.

**Stretcherz Stretch Squad Assortment and Slammerz Assortment Toys sold via Asda presenting a risk** to health as they may be contaminated with a small quantity of asbestos. Product Details Brand: Stretcherz Barcodes: Stretch Squad Assortment (5050837662419) and Slammerz Assortment (5050835105345) Sales Periods: Stretch (January 2024 - February 2026) and Slammerz (January 2025 - February 2026) Advice for consumers Do not use the products and return to your nearest Asda for a full refund.

**Dog owners in Kent are being urged to keep control of their pets in the countryside following a rise in attacks on sheep.** The Back British Farming NFU and Kent Trading Standards are working together to encourage pet owners to obey the Countryside Code and ensure their dogs are kept under control as lambing season gets under way.

**Ladybird Peppa Pig and Hey Duggee Books presenting a risk of choking.**  
Small parts may lift and flake off the book.  
Product Details Brand: Ladybird Books  
Printings: 2020 and 2021  
Peppa Meets Father Christmas - ISBN: 9780241321539 – Print number 009  
Peppa's Night Before Christmas - ISBN: 9780241448625 – Print number 002 & 003  
Peppa Loves Easter - ISBN: 9780241476406 – Print number 002  
Peppa Goes to Hollywood - ISBN: 9780241476772 – Print number 002 & 003  
Duggee and the Christmas Badge - ISBN: 9781405947350 – Print number 003  
Advice for consumers Keep these products out of reach of young children and return to the distributor for a full refund.

**How to get advice and report**

To report scams and get advice on consumer issues call Citizen's Advice consumer helpline on 0808 223 1133

If you have information on doorstep criminals, counterfeit, fake or illegal goods, illicit tobacco, loan sharks or those selling restricted items to underage kids, call the charity Crimestoppers 100% anonymously on 0800 555 111

To find a safe, local trader use Kent County Council's safe trader scheme: Trading Standards Checked. To find a member call 03000 416438 or visit [kent.gov.uk/tschecked](https://www.kent.gov.uk/tschecked)



# 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](mailto:capelyouthclub@outlook.com)

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



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5/3 African Drumming, Pizzas, 1<sup>st</sup> Aid Training including CPR</li> <li>• 19/3 "James Activ" – Indoor fitness, Fruit Kebabs, Table Games</li> <li>• 2/4 Easter Egg Hunt, Table/Team Games, Easter Nests, Easter Egg Crafts</li> <li>• 30/4 Laser Wars (@Kidz Planet) – See Handout</li> <li>• 7/5 Outside Footy / Rounders, Rio Ice Cream</li> <li>• 21/5 Outside Park Activities, DIY Banana Splits / Ice Cream Sundaes</li> <li>• 4/6 "James Activ" – Outdoor fitness, Park Activities, Fruit Stall</li> <li>• 18/6 Tag Archery, Park Activities, Smores</li> <li>• 2/7 Scavenger Hunt, Park Activities, Chips</li> <li>• 16/7 Party In The Park – Welly Throwing, Park Activities, Just Dance, Summer Buffet</li> <li>• Sat 27/6 Howletts Trip (tbc) – See Handout</li> </ul>	<p>Food activities included in entry cost – Children do not have to pay extra</p> <p>Activities updated on Youth Club Facebook page: <a href="http://www.facebook.com/capelyouthclub">www.facebook.com/capelyouthclub</a></p> <p><b>Dates for your dairies, please support our fund raisers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7/3 Family Bingo – Raffle, Heads n Tails &amp; Bonus Ball (Children welcome)</li> <li>2/4 Easter Hamper Raffle</li> <li>25/6 AGM – Village Hall 1900hrs</li> <li>27/6 Howletts Trip</li> <li>Oct 26 Quiz Night, date tbc</li> </ul>
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## Youth Club – Fund Raiser

### Fun Quiz Night

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October – Village Hall**

Arrive 1830hrs – Start 1900hrs, Finish 2200hrs

Team of 6, A-£5, C-£2 - Pay on arrival, Pre-Book or Turn Up

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

Raffle & Bonus Ball

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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](mailto:clerk@capellefernepc.org.uk)

Clerk on 01303 259564, Email: [clerk@capellefernepc.org.uk](mailto: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))

Capel Street &  
Old Dover Road

New Dover Road  
(B2011)

### DAILY ACTIVITY



**Speed  
Limit**



**Speed  
Limit**

### Since last publication:

One session taken place on New Dover Road (B2011).

230 vehicles recorded within a one-hour period.

6 Offenders (2.6%) between 46-55mph recorded and reported to Kent Police. A new multiple offender – a white Vauxhall, speeding on 30<sup>th</sup> August and 28<sup>th</sup> October 2025

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#### WHAT'S NEW AT THE VALLANT SAILOR?

Monday Night Quiz!

Afternoon Tea (pre-booking required)

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Sunday 22nd March 6-8pm Paint & Sip evening



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More information available LINK:

<https://www.truckoff.org/...>

and

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Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty are a irreplaceable part of our national and natural identity. They are our inheritance, gift for future generations and once destroyed, lost forever

**PRIVATE PROFIT IS NOT EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES WHO REALLY BENEFITS FROM THIS?**

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FREIGHT INDUSTRY PROFITS	LOCAL PEOPLE & PROTECTED LANDSCAPE SUFFERS
DEVELOPER PROFITS	

DOVER ALREADY CARRIES MORE THAN IT'S FAIR SHARE OF THE COUNTRY'S FREIGHT BURDEN. SACRIFICING EVEN MORE OF ITS COUNTRYSIDE IS NOT THE ANSWER



## CAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH

### Preachers for March

1 <sup>ST</sup>	Pam Barr
8 <sup>TH</sup>	Rev Ruddles
15 <sup>TH</sup>	Theresa McAuley
22 <sup>ND</sup>	Greg Marlam
29 <sup>TH</sup>	Pam Barr

Messy Church for families, 2nd Saturday of each month - 14th March 3-4.45pm

Messy Vintage alternate Thursdays 2-4pm  
5th and 19th March

at the Baptist Church - all are welcome.

Prayer breakfast each month - last Saturday in the month at 09:30 Baptist Church - all welcome

For details of Preachers or if there are queries

regarding these details,

please call 01303 489006 - Pam Barr

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



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Size 9cm x 13cm £34.00

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For further details contact

Parish Clerk at 39 Victoria Road,

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Email: [clerk@capellefernepc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@capellefernepc.org.uk)



# **Capel Short Mat Bowls Club**

*Bowling since 1987*



## Contacts

**Wendy (Chairperson) Tel: 259120 - Ros Tel: 07367 447434 - 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

We currently hold 3rd place in this league, having played 10 games and scoring 38 points. Herne Bay sit top of the league with 63 points, but they have played their 14 games.

So, while we are 25 points behind, we have 4 games in hand. With maximum points we can achieve a score of 62 points, securing 2nd place. Congratulations to Herne Bay for winning the EK 2025/26 winter league.

## SHEPWAY WINTER LEAGUE

Capel Kiwis remain in third place.

## **CSMB CLUB COMPETITIONS**

Club competitions are now going at a pace, with singles, pairs and drawn pairs being play at every opportunity. Play your part, play your match, become a club champion.

Finals day is planned for the 29th of March, with club champions being announced at the April AGM.

## **WE ARE MORE THAN A BOWLS CLUB**

On Easter Sunday, 5th April we are planning to hold our usual buns and bowls event.



The CSMBC AGM is due to be held on the 26 April, in the Village Hall at 2pm.

We have a provisional date of 19th of August for an invitation match at Kearsney bowls club on an outdoor green. We shall reciprocate later in the year, inviting Kearsney to a short mat game on our turf.



## **CAPEL TWINNING ASSOCIATION**



At its Annual General Meeting on Saturday 17th January 2026, it was decided, following discussion, to close down the Association. Membership numbers have steadily reduced to a point where it has been unable to find sufficient funds or support to undertake our twinning friendship activities, and it was, after nearly thirty years, decided to fold the association up.

The high costs of hiring coaches, which we are unable to fill, already confined our outings to local destinations, and the additional costs and requirements of Brexit has prevented us to make any viable trips to France in the last twelve months. In fact, the planned visit of our guests from Oye Plage, and Vieille Eglise last September was cancelled, as the majority of our friends no longer have the documentation now required to enter Britain. Current members are going to have a winding up social gathering to celebrate the success of the past.



*Jeremy Spillett – Chairman*



## ARE YOU A CONSIDERATE LITTER OWNER and GOOD NEIGHBOUR?

A BIG thank you to the “regular litter collectors” in our village and all our “good neighbours” who very kindly, also pick-up litter abandoned, or thrown from cars.

This was some of the amount collected in one 3-hour session, left in the most rural parts on the outskirts of our village, which included over 150 cans, together with other various drink containers.

They could only have got there by being thrown from vehicles passing, by “inconsiderate drivers”.

PLEASE, keep your litter in your car until you can deposit into one of many litter bins provided around our village, which you pass in your vehicle – or just take it home for your own household waste bin.



*Now for the bit on legal information:*

**In the UK, littering is considered an environmental offence and is illegal.**

The Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 and the Environmental Protection Act 1990, impose duties on certain landowners, occupiers, and local authorities to keep their respective areas clear of litter. Local councils have the power to issue fixed penalty notices, with amounts varying up to £150. If prosecuted and convicted in court, the fine can increase to £2,500.

## ARE YOU A CONSIDERATE DOG OWNER and GOOD NEIGHBOUR?

A BIG thank you to all our “good neighbours” who very kindly, clear up for “inconsiderate dog owners” that leave their pet’s faeces on pavements and grass verges.

It is an upsetting experience for all if YOU walk in it, especially as it is more than likely to be a CHILD (your child)!

PLEASE, pick up your dog’s faeces, in a small plastic bag, then deposit in the many litter/dog bins provided around our village – or just take it home for your own household waste bin.



*Now for the bit on legal information:*

**Dog fouling is a serious issue in public spaces, and dog owners are legally required to clean up after their pets to avoid penalties.**

**Legal Obligations for Dog Owners -**

In the UK, dog owners must adhere to specific laws regarding dog fouling. The Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996 in England and Wales mandates that dog owners clean up after their pets in public areas such as parks, pavements, and playgrounds. Failure to comply can result in a Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN) of up to £100, which can escalate to a fine of up to £1,000 if the case goes to court.

Dog waste poses significant health risks, including the potential for diseases such as toxocariasis, which can lead to serious health issues, particularly in children.

<b>USEFUL CONTACTS INCLUDING ACTIVITIES and CLUBS</b>	<b>CONTACT NAMES</b>	<b>TELEPHONE NUMBER or EMAIL</b>
Police Officer	Cheryl Ellis	Kent Police 101
Community Warden	Jan Henry	07811271303 Email: <a href="mailto:jan.henry@kent.gov.uk">jan.henry@kent.gov.uk</a>
Parish Council Chair	Philippa Seager	01303 245254
Parish Council Clerk	Maureen Leppard	01303 259564 Email: <a href="mailto:clerk@capellefernepc.org.uk">clerk@capellefernepc.org.uk</a>
Dover District Ward Councillor	Martin Hibbert	<a href="mailto:Cllr-Martin.Hibbert@dover.gov.uk">Cllr-Martin.Hibbert@dover.gov.uk</a>
Kent County Ward Councillor	Paul King	<a href="mailto:Paul.King@kent.gov.uk">Paul.King@kent.gov.uk</a>
Village Hall Webmaster/Chairperson	Sally Cook	01303 253838 / 07730475838
Village Hall Committee Trustee Secretary / 100+ Club	Kath Hounsell	07376 614014 <a href="mailto:secretary.cvhmc@gmail.com">secretary.cvhmc@gmail.com</a>
Village Hall Committee Lettings	Sue Leaning (Email preferred)	07939 095880 Email: <a href="mailto:sue.lettingscvh@gmail.com">sue.lettingscvh@gmail.com</a>
Village Hall Farmers' Market	Sally Cook	01303 253838 / 07730475838
Village Hall Committee Treasurer	Sarah Leonard	<a href="mailto:sarahbridgland74@hotmail.co.uk">sarahbridgland74@hotmail.co.uk</a>
Village Hall Committee Trustee	Roy Mann	07725943261
Village Hall Committee Trustee	Jerry Watson	07811987254
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Capel Baptist Church	Pam Barr	01303 489006
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For more information call Margaret on 01303 226 877 or email: [help@macularsociety.org](mailto:help@macularsociety.org)

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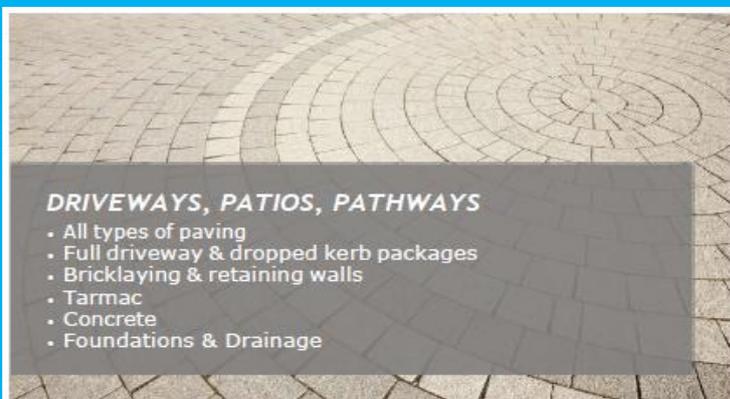
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