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Capel-le-Ferne Village Newsletter

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IT IS EDITOR'S DECISION ON FINAL CONTENT



NO JANUARY ISSUE.

<u>WHAT'S ON" IN CAPEL-LE-FERNE</u>				
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				
Feb 7 th	Good Neighbours Free Coffee Morning			
Feb 7 th	Quiz Night at Capel School			
Feb 15 th	Community Lunch			
Feb 21st	Good Neighbours Free Coffee Morning			
Mar 7 th	Good Neighbours Free Coffee Morning			
Mar 9 th	Indoor Boot Fair (page 2)			
Mar 9 th	Battle Britain Memorial Trust Talk (page 18)			
Mar 16 th	Battle Britain Memorial Trust Talk (page 18)			
Mar 21st	Good Neighbours Free Coffee Morning			
Mar 23 rd	Battle Britain Memorial Trust Talk (page 18)			
Apr 4 th	Good Neighbours Free Coffee Morning			
Apr 12 th	Cancer Research Jumble Sale			
Apr 18 th	Good Neighbours Free Coffee Morning			
May 11 th	Battle Britain Memorial Trust Talk (page 18)			



Please note, there will be a temporary closure of the public footpath, Lancaster Avenue to Green Lane, on Thursday, 27th February, 8.30am-3pm, for Health and Safety purposes. This will be actioned whilst work is being carried by Spearpoint Tree Services to the very large tree at the rear of Village Hall, adjacent to the footpath.

Work will include: reduce the length of the over-extended north facing stem, which has a suspected internal crack forming within the main stem and, reduce the height and width of whole tree.

Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause. Thank you for your understanding and patience during this work.

Further work to other various trees will be undertaken for the Parish Council, in the near future, around the Playing Field, which will be notified later, when date known.













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.lettingscyh@gmail.com

As many of you are aware, the Hall would probably cease to function without its many volunteers. Whether through organising events, sorting out the books, setting up tables and chairs, manning the kitchen for Farmers' Markets, boot fairs and Garage Safaris and a myriad of other jobs from cleaning to fixing, we are indebted to our unpaid workers. Recently John and Carole Payne have joined their ranks, helping with repairing the cabling for the loop network, putting up (and taking down) the Christmas decorations, while their latest work entailed taking out and refixing a radiator cover that has not been repaired since Moses was a boy, owing to fears that in removing the cover, it might take half the wall with it. Working with Kath and Barry, all is now clean and operating like new, largely because John seems to have all the right tools for the job. All of this then provoked the thought that in the village there must be lots of items that need repairing or fixing or cleaning. This thought then became an idea to hold a sort of mini 'Repair Shop' at the Hall enabling villagers to bring these items to the Hall. But for this we need volunteers with the skills required to repair said items.

If any villagers have the requisite skills in woodwork, electronic, electrical, needlework or any other trade which they would like to use for the benefit of Capel village as a whole then please contact Sally Cook or Kath Hounsell. This is a fledgling idea and we do need to look at insurances and general cover, but we can't make a move without the volunteers.

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

1st – Maureen Leppard 2nd – Jan Ardley 3rd – Lynn Hancock



Congratulations (%)



It could be your name here! You still have time to join the Oct 24 - Sep 25 season - Details on Page 11 For more details see notice board in the village Hall or email secretary.cvhmc@gmail.com

The Hall committee would like to thank the Parish Council for their work in organising and supplying and putting up (and taking down) the large Christmas tree. On the night the weather was awful, so we reconvened indoors for carols, mince pies and mulled wine and watched the switch on through the windows. We were gratified by the number of people who attended and hope to do the same next year, perhaps being led by real choirs and with no rain!

We don't hold a committee meeting in January but please be reminded of events that we are running in the near future, including the Community Lunch on February 15th. Let Sally Cook 077304 75838 know if you wish to attend. Seats are limited for a two-course hot meal with tea and coffee afterwards. It is free of charge and allows you to chat and spend time with other people in the village. There is also a Boot Fair on the 9th March – anyone interested please contact Sally for information or to book a table. Finally, I would like to thank my fellow trustees for all their recent work in overhauling systems and bringing things up to speed. A great job well done!

CAPEL LE FERNE VILLAGE HALL REGISTERED CHARITY No 281786

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

100+ Club Subscription - Oct 24 to Sep 25 For the outlay of just £12 per number for the whole year, you will be entered into a monthly draw for three cash prizes, £25 / £15 / £5. To take out a subscription - Collect a form from the Village Hall or email the Secretary as below.

Drop it in, with cash or cheque or date of BACs to Kath Hounsell, 134 New Dover Road, OR Hand it with cash or cheque or date of BACs to Sally Cook or Cherry Leppard at Farmers Market on a Tuesday.

BACS can be paid to: Capel-Le-Ferne Village Hall Mgmt Committee 281786 SORT CODE: 40 19 23 A/C NO: 71495828. and use '100YourSurnameInitial' as the Reference please.

Cheques should be made payable to 'Capel le Ferne Village Hall'.

Secretary.cvhmc@gmail.com

ENJOY YOUR



FARMERS' MARKET

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







CHURCH SERVICES, FEBRUARY 2025					
Date	Alkham	Capel	Hougham		
Sunday 2 nd February	Evening Prayer	Sung Eucharist	Eucharist (said)		
PRESENTATION	5.00 pm	9.30 am	11.00 am		
(CANDLEMAS)					
Sunday 9 th	Sung Eucharist	Worshipping Together	Worshipping Together		
4 th Sunday before Lent	9.30 am	11.00 am	11.00 am		
Sunday 16 th	Worshipping Together	Eucharist (Traditional)	Sung Eucharist		
3 rd Sunday before Lent	11.00 am	9.30 am	11.00 am		
Sunday 23 rd	Eucharist (said)	Evensong	Sung Eucharist		
2 nd Sunday before Lent	9.30 am	6.00 pm	11.00 am		

There is usually a Eucharist at St Radigund's, Capel at 11.00 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

Did you have a good Christmas? I must admit that if anyone asks me that question before New Year, I tend to reply that I'm having a good Christmas – after all, Christmas Day marks its beginning, and lasts for twelve days. So, by that reckoning I can carry on having a good Christmas until at least 5th January.

But not if you work in retail. Then, as we know, Christmas starts around the beginning of November and ends on Christmas Eve; the unsold Christmas things are reduced and the displays taken down ready for the Sales, or Valentine's Day, or whatever comes next.

On 27th December, someone we know triumphantly posted on social media that she had just finished taking her tree down and putting her decorations away for another year. Now, as I write it is mid-January, and by now most of us will have put the Christmas decorations away for another year.

But visit Canterbury Cathedral for a service just now, and you'll find a large star still hanging above the Quire, all five candles on the Advent Wreath still lit and the lights on the Christmas tree still twinkling away. It's not that anyone has forgotten to take them down, or that they can't be bothered. There's something else.

The Jewish Law would have required Mary and Joseph to take Jesus to the Temple for a ceremony on the fortieth day after his birth. That works out at 2nd February, when the Feast of the Presentation, or Candlemas, marks the end of the Christmas season proper. So, if you're reading this before the 2nd, you can carry on enjoying Christmas for a bit longer.

So, here's a photo of the Crib at St Radigund's, just to help to keep things going ... Brian

Thanks to everyone who came to this evening's Carols by Candlelight at St Radigund's - the collection for Crisis raised £127.16.



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:

CAPELCARES

- 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"





Welcome everyone, to <u>2025</u> We finished 2024 on a high.

Through the year the volunteers responded to more than 100 transport requests for medical appointments, and have done over 100 shopping trips.

A number of DIY tasks, covering; fixing curtain rails, gate latches, key safes, repairing external doors, repair/replace cupboard hinges, trimming back overgrown plants, as examples.

Wheelchairs and walkers are some of the mobility aids that have been out on temporary loan throughout 2024.

The events program continued with the summer afternoon tea and well-established Christmas lunch. 2024 also saw the introduction of a fish 'n' chip lunch in the village hall.

The twice monthly coffee mornings regularly welcome 40 plus guests, appreciating the free tea and biscuits, a raffle and a challenging quiz.

We continue to welcome new guests as we say "hello" to Gill Pring.

Don't miss out, come and join us on the 7th and 21st February

Free coffee morning, every month, twice a month! The next 4 GOOD NEIGHBOURS FREE COFFEE

MORNINGS will be held on the 7th & 21st
February and the 7th & 21st March
Usual time of 10.00am.

Need transport? Contact Jan on 257003.

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ON THE

2nd and 16th February

We'll be there, will you?

EXTRA DATES FOR YOUR 2025 DIARY 7th & 21st March and 4th & 18th April



December saw us celebrating birthdays with Carol, Lyn, Jean H & Jean G and a special birthday for John.























We ended 2024 with two sittings at the Royal Oak, catering for 58 guests and volunteers, for the now 'famous' Christmas dinner.















2025 started with birthday celebrations for











CAPEL-LE-FERNE EVENING WI



In December we had a Christmas meal at Soterio's, which was very enjoyable, and our Christmas meeting – a party! Our speaker, Judi Knight, gave a talk on Christmas food during WW2, complete with packets and tins of various foods. explained how things changed during the Christmases from 1939 to 1945, from the introduction of rationing and how little people had in terms of fat (butter, margarine and lard) to the lease / lend system with America, (which we only finished repaying in December 2006!), which introduced dried eggs and milk powder to the diet. We were shown how to make Prune Dumplings using mashed potatoes to bulk out the flour potatoes were available throughout the war as everyone was encouraged to dig for victory.



January saw the visit of Paul Beard from Paul gave a very interesting and Barnardo's. informative illustrated talk about Barnardo's and his association with them, both as an employee and a foster parent and now as a volunteer. He began with the history of the organisation, how it was and how it now operates, and he concluded with a very personal story of a child he and his wife had fostered. It all started in 1866 with Barnardo giving shelter to children who were homeless and sleeping on the roof tops next to chimneys for warmth. During his life time he built many homes for children including a village in Barkingside. One of our members had worked in the village as a house parent.

Our February meeting is a social evening, including fish/pie/sausage and chips.

New members are always welcome, and we were pleased to welcome two visitors to January's meeting and hope that they will continue to come and will join us. Visitors can come to 3 meetings before deciding whether or not to join the WI.

CAPEL-LE-FERNE GARDENERS' ASSOCIATION







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

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

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

If you are not yet a member and would like to be, membership is just a low £12.00 per year. The society holds a Rose show in June, Spring, Summer and Autumn Shows, at the Village Hall. See "What's On" front page for dates.

The group meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm in St Radigund's Church, Albany Road, for informative presentations, social events and quiz evenings.

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

Please contact the following for further details.
Brian Castle - 01303 259105 or 07598371984. Jean Tanton - 01303 255982.
Bob Parsons on 07484 275551.

Facebook Page:

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



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.



2.00PM | SUNDAY 23 MARCH 2025



Grab a bite to eat at the Cockpit Café while visiting

the Battle of Britain Memorial 🔨

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

See menus here : https://tinyurl.com/34ynhc3k
The Wing, car park, and Cockpit Café will be open Tuesday to Sunday, from 10am to 4pm.

Please note that we will be closed on Mondays U



2.00PM | SUNDAY 11 MAY 2025



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

https://www.battleofbritainmemorial.org/

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

Our goal is to raise £1m to extend Hunting Lodge and create an extraordinary, state-of-the-art aerial dog fight simulator experience. Imagine yourself in the cockpit of a Supermarine Spitfire or a Messerschmitt Bf109, engaging in thrilling battles that replicate the cHallenges our courageous aircrew faced in 1940.

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

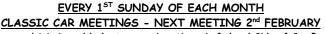
As a charity that relies on the generosity of our supporters, with no government support,

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

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

Don't miss the opportunity to be a part of history. Donate here: https://battle-of-britain-memorial-trust.raisely.com/









CAPEL-LE-FERNE PARISH COUNCIL

Summary of some items discussed at meeting held Tuesday, 21st January 2025



Requests from public and Other Feedback:

Councillors were addressed by member of public regarding housing developments in the Village. This was to inform the Parish Council that "rallying residents", to fight the applications, was being undertaken, by inviting residents to action. How was not yet determined, but they would "give it go". Councillors informed members of the public present, that they had followed the Planning Procedure, opposing both the Land Allocation Local Plan and subsequently, Planning Applications that had been forthcoming, in various ways and with a variety of items of concern.

Planning:

➤ <u>All planning application documents and comments</u> Available to view on Dover District Council website: https://www.dover.gov.uk/Home.aspx

Planning>Applications>View-Applications>Planning>Simple Search>Decisions

Neighbourhood Watch (NHW):

- ➤ Community Warden reported no new issues.
- ➤ Ongoing issues being dealt with, some resolved.
- ➤ Caravan on Old Dover Road, abandoned vehicle notice issued. Waiting removal by District Council.
- ➤ Page 11/12, for latest scams.

CCTV – Nothing to report.

Playing Field and Equipment:

- ➤ Bi-monthly equipment report received by members.
- ➤ Tree works resulting from survey being programmed with selected contractor, together with reducing tree height on Elizabeth Drive boundary. Date still to be confirmed.
- ➤ Works to repair cracks of wet-pour surface in junior play area, being programmed with contractor.

Traffic Management and Highways:

- ➤ Notes received by member Cllr. K Pilcher of the online meeting with National Highway Officer and other parties, regarding lack of signage on M20/A20 for traffic diversions and vehicles using B2011.
- ➤ Reinstatement of speed activated signs on B2011, still waiting Kent Highways costings.
- ➤ Lack of tactile surface to Beatrice Road drop kerbs retro fit passed to Kent Highways Design Team.

Public Rights of Way:

Most paths at present reported to be in "muddy" conditions. **Speed Watch**:

No sessions held since last meeting due to cold and wet weather conditions. Police Van has been attending regularly.

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

Events:

<u>80th VE Day (8th May 2025)</u> – Raising a flag to be organised with coffee and cake. More details to follow.

<u>Village Hall (VHMC)</u>: - Members had responded to request, not to hold event for 80th VE Day at Farmers' Market.

<u>Capel Cares</u>: - Average of 40 members of community attending Coffee Mornings, with quizzes and raffles. *Further details on pages 5, 6 and 7.*

Grapevine Newsletter/social media: - No report.

Training/workshops/seminars:

- ➤ Cllr. S Pilcher to attend a further planning workshop.
- ➤ Cllr. Seager would like to attend Chair's Conference, if another member wished to also go.

District and County Councillor reports:

Government Devolution and the legislation involved. Both Councillors discussed with Parish Council members the proposition for Kent County Council. Detailed information of frequently asked questions circulated. A more in-depth meeting to be attended for more information. Issues to be raised on confusion of where this will end up.

<u>TAP (Traffic Assessment Project)</u> – No reply received from MP on communication with District Cllr. Hibbert.

Matters Concerning the Parish:

- ➤ <u>Flooding Capel Street/Lancaster Avenue</u>: Investigations still ongoing, waiting Kent County Council response. Flood Forum meeting being held with affected residents.
- ➤ <u>Faded white markings in Old Dover Road</u> Programmed for repainting by Kent Highways.
- ➤ <u>Village white Gates and Planters</u> when weather improves, the four on New Dover Road will be re-painted. The two in Old Dover Road to be removed, owing to wood and surrounds being rotten and beyond repair.
- ➤ Grounds Maintenance contract to be addressed with changes to terms.
- ➤ <u>Land Gifted to Parish Council</u> waiting for land transfer and Solicitors communication accordingly.
- ➤ Award from Kent Associations of Local Councils (KALC) nominations for 2025 received and decided.
- ➤ <u>Budget and Precept 2025-2026</u> Details and recommendations received by Council Members.
 - Salary increases, in line with National Association of Local Council recommendations, proposed and approved by all present.
 - Increase of business adverts in Grapevine newsletter, proposed and approved by all present. (Page 16 details).
 - Budget presented and reviewed. Three (3) Options on rate of Precept level to be requested was discussed. Following a vote of 7 members present, (3 for option b, 4 for option c), it was agreed, following a majority decision, to request option c. i.e. Resource Requirement Expenditure estimate for 2025/2026, £60,660 i.e. Band D Council Tax from £71.76 to £86.93 (Increase of £15.17 per annum).

➤ Councillors' comments;

- Addition street lighting in Old Dover Road.
- Incursion of grass onto highway in Old Dover Road.
- Sub-station, junction Avondale/Old Dover Road reported to be in poor state of repair.
- Glass replacement to bus shelters queried.
- Thanks, expressed by Cllr. K Pilcher to Cllrs. Harris and Norris, together with James from Youngs Ground Maintenance, for help in erecting Christmas Tree. Request next year to "choose" tree at suppliers.
- Enquiry on recent works Dover Hill, being a gas leak.
- Hedge overhanging highway in Capel Street reported.

PARISH COUNCIL SURGERY

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

A Councillor and Parish Clerk will be available on

1st Tuesday, of each month,

From 10am-12:00noon, at Farmers' Market,
Village Hall, Room adjacent to Entrance.

NEXT SESSION
TUESDAY, 4th FEBRUARY

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE

TUESDAY, 18th FEBRUARY 2025, 7.30PM.

MINUTES/DECISIONS/AGENDAS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE COUNCIL WEBSITE: https://www.capellefernepc.org.uk/ PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO PUBLIC.

IF YOU WISH TO ATTEND AND ADDRESS THE COUNCILLORS, PLEASE INFORM CLERK

GIVING 48 HOURS NOTIFICATION
AND THE SUBJECT OF YOUR ADDRESS

Further information on any of the above or to contact Parish Council, please write to Parish Clerk,

39 Victoria Road, Capel-le-Ferne, or Tel: 01303 259564.

Email: clerkcapellefernepc@btinternet.com













BE AWARE and STAY ALERT



REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY Call 999 if:

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

Call 101 for non-emergency enquiries.

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

KEEP KENT SAFE LATEST ALERTS



DOORSTEP

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

Citizens Advice consumer helpline on 0808 223 1133 Consumer Advice scams action line on 0808 250 5050 Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm.

ActionFraud National Fraud & Cyber Crime Reporting Centre

REPORT TO CRIMESTOPPERS

https://crimestoppers-uk.org 0800 555 111 Trading Standards Checked (kent.gov.uk)

REPORT TO CITIZEN'S ADVICE HELPLINE 0808 223 1133 https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/

Due to the cold weather doorstep criminals are targeting homes to undertake various work from refitting electrics, roofing repairs and loft upgrades. Doorstep criminals, often referred to as rogue traders, cowboy builders or building and gardening scammers, make unsolicited visits to homes, offering seemingly attractive deals to persuade homeowners to agree to various services. However, accepting their offers typically results in paying exorbitant prices for substandard, unnecessary, and occasionally hazardous work. Never respond to cold callers! Learn how to protect yourself from doorstep criminals

Always get three quotes and use a safe, local trader that's been vetted by Kent Trading Standards Look out for others, report to Kent Police on 101. You can also report it to the charity

Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

You'll stay 100% anonymous, always.

- Impersonating the Police, residents were told their bank account had been compromised. They told residents to withdraw money from their bank and a courier would be round to pick it up.
- ⚠ This is a scam! If a courier arrives at your property ring 999.
- The Police would NEVER telephone and ask for your bank card and pin number to be collected by a courier, 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. Watch 'Courier Fraud Warning: Stay Wise, Don't Compromise' If you think that you may have been a victim of this or any other type of scam, then contact your bank immediately, which you can do by calling 159 and report to Kent Police on 101.

⚠ Please warn friends and family.

- ⚠ Using Booking.com to book your holidays? Be warned you could be targeted with emails or messages asking for payments from hotels using a fake account.
- The criminals send in-app messages, emails, and WhatsApp messages tricking you into making payment or requesting credit card details. This is a targeted phishing attack against the accommodation provider, and not Booking.com system or infrastructure. Between June 2023 and September 2024, Action Fraud received 532 reports from individuals, with a total of £370,000 lost.
- If you receive an unexpected request from a hotel's account you booked with using Booking.com, asking for bank details or credit card details, it could be a fraudster trying to trick you into parting ways with your money. Contact Booking.com or the organisation directly if you're unsure.
- △ No legitimate Booking.com transaction will ever require a customer to provide their credit card details by phone, email, or text message (including WhatsApp).
- If you receive any suspicious emails or text messages, report them by forwarding emails to: report@phishing.gov.uk, or texts to 7726.

 To get advice on scams or to report please contact Citizens Advice on 0808 223 1133.

⚠ Looking for a new job? Don't get your identity stolen in the process. Personal information is extremely valuable to criminals. They use your details to impersonate you and apply for products and services such as bank accounts, loans, and credit cards. They may also target you asking for upfront fees. Providing too much personal information (e.g. driving license number, passport number, full address) in your CV could leave you vulnerable to scams. Spot the signs: —Unrealistic salary — Job offer without interview — Poor written advert 🖲 Being asked for money or personal details Always do your research on a company and make sure they are who they say they are. For advice and to report contact Citizens Advice consumer helpline 0808 223 1133

Dear Kent Residents. Due to the recent cold weather we want to remind residents that if you need work done on your home or garden, please choose a safe, local trader from our Trading Standards Checked (TSC) directory. Together with Kent Police and our members, the TSC scheme aims to prevent financial abuse, stop doorstep criminals and protect residents, especially the vulnerable, from criminal and rogue traders. Make sure to look out for others and report anything you see to Kent Police on 101. You can also report it to the charity CrimeStoppers on 0800 555 111. You'll stay 100% anonymous, always.

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Happy New Year to all our residents.

We have been approached with an idea for an additional service for the village that the Hall Committee may be able to facilitate......... But we need your help!!

We are all now very aware of the impact of our consumer activities and the drive to repair, re-purpose and recycle as much as possible.

We were hoping that we might get a band of people who have the valuable skills to be able to repair the many small household items that are in our homes nowadays. Are you good with wood? A dab hand with a sewing machine? A magician with a screwdriver? A leading light with electricals? A professional with pottery? If you possess the skills that mean something may be able to be repaired rather than thrown away - you are the type of person we are looking for!

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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

CAN BE FOUND ON PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

Capel-le-Ferne Parish Council (capellefernepc.org.uk)







DAILY ACTIVITY

CAPEL-LE-FERNE YOUTH CLUB

We meet every 1st and 3rd Thursday, 7.30-9.30pm

Capel Village Hall, during term time, Village Hall, Lancaster Avenue Tel: 07860 803767.

Email: capelyouthclub@outlook.com

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









Capel Youth Club Activities

- Basketball, Valentine Pancakes, Consols, Crafts African Drumming, Fajitas, Consoles, Crafts
- 20/3 "James Activ" - Indoor fitness, Fruit Kebabs, Consols, Crafts
- 3/4 Easter Egg Hunt, Table/Team Games, Easter Nests, Easter Crafts
- 1/5 Laser Wars - Kidz Planet, see handout
- Outside Park activities. Rio Ice Cream
- "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

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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.



- 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
- Safeguarding Compliance All children must be collected from within the hall



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





Dates for your dairies, please support our fund raisers:

- 3/4 Easter Egg Raffle
- Family Bingo Raffle, Heads n Tails & Bonus Ball (Children welcome) 26/4
- AGM Village Hall 1900hrs 12/6
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Poppy tableau for Remembrance Day

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



Wool donations.

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

Thank you, Philippa

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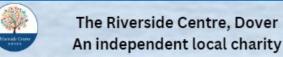
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9 th	Rev Ruddle	
16 th	Richard Blackwell	
23 rd	Theresa McAuley	

Our craft group meets on Friday 7th February at 2pm. Messy Vintage runs alternate Thursday afternoons at 2.30pm. 6th and 20th February. 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.



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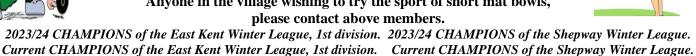
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Capel Short Mat Bowls Club

Contacts

Wendy (Chair-person) Tel: 259120 - Ros Tel: 255862 - Rachel 078531939

Anyone in the village wishing to try the sport of short mat bowls,



HAPPY 2025 TO EVERYONE IN CAPEL-LE -FERNE The 2024/25 winter league kicked off this October.

SHEPWAY LEAGUE

The defence of this championship has been hampered by players availability over the last few weeks. Health concerns and holidays, for some club members, have rightly taken precedent during this time. With more players now available and post op recoveries well under way, the end of the season should see us improve the current league position.

EAST KENT LEAGUE

The defence of this league championship continues, but, as above, it is definitely more challenging this year!! Mixed results place us in the middle of this league table, with a few matches still to go.

Our away match at Swalecliffe is postponed until March 2025.

CSMB CLUB COMPETITIONS

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

Best of luck to both players.

Sunday March 23rd the club bowls knockout competition will be held for all club members to participate in. Let's find out who is the best of the best (on the day!). Remember, you've got to be in it to win it.

WE ARE MORE THAN A BOWLS CLUB

The club Christmas dinner was enjoyed by all on the 13th December at the Folkestone indoor bowls centre. The Christmas fun day was held on the 22nd December.

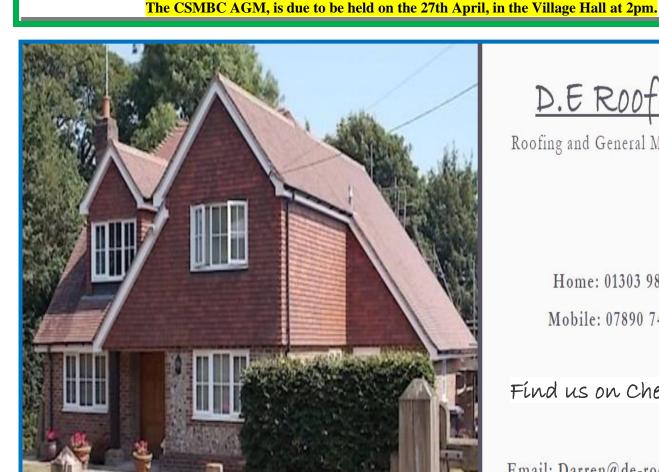
Seasonal food and drink consumed by all attendees, and not a game of bowls was played!!

NOTES FOR YOUR DIARY

🥙 🥙 🍩 On Easter Sunday, 20th April we are planning to hold our usual buns and bowls event 🤭 🅙 🍩







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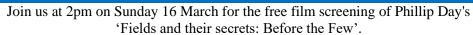
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Join us at 2pm on Sunday 9 March for the 'Stanford Tuck - Hero of the Battle of Britain' talk with Dr Helen Doe. Helen is a noted historian and speaker and the daughter of Wg Cdr Bob Doe whose well-received biography, Fighter Pilot, was published in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

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

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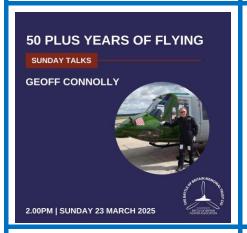
This is the story of Wiggs and Zena.

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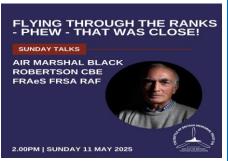


Join us at 2pm on Sunday 23 March for the '50 Plus Years of Flying' talk by Geoff Connolly. Geoff Connolly, an aviation professional, now in his 56th flying year, began flying with the RAFVR with the University of London Air Squadron, gained his Private Pilot Licence (Aeroplanes) in 1970, and has maintained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

After legal training, he joined the RAF and was an operational helicopter pilot before becoming a flying instructor, later graduating from the 1986 Class at the Empire Test Pilots School. Geoff has over 11,000 hours of flying experience, gained on over 80 types of helicopters and aeroplanes.

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

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

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

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

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

Unfortunately due to less and less people each week our Wednesday night BINGO has come to an end. It's had a good run of a year and half but didn't seem as popular. We will look to opening it up again in the spring. Thank you to all that committed and stayed with us.



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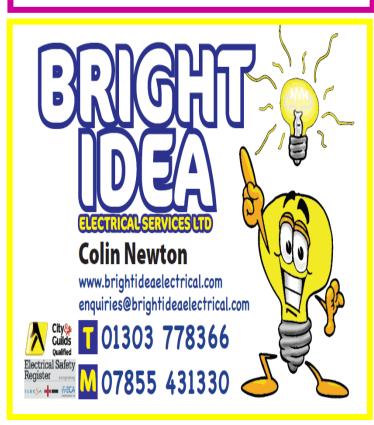
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