



# *The Escallop*



*St James the Great, Staple*



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## View from the Pews

*As you will know, the parish of Staple is currently in interregnum (i.e. between vicars!) and this is likely to last for a few months. As we do not have a rector to provide a monthly letter for the magazine, we are hoping that various members of the community may be willing to write something for this slot – could be something about the church, a news item which has caught your eye or just an anecdote which may be of interest to others. If you would like to contribute something, please email the editor with your article.*

25<sup>th</sup> July is Staple Church's patronal festival – the day on which we remember the Church's patron saint, St James the Great. To celebrate we held a family service, led by Andy Raggett and included a talk by Pip Russell about St James. St James was one of Jesus' twelve original followers (the Apostles) and he was, according to the Gospels, a fisherman who, with his brother John was called by Jesus to leave his nets and follow Him to become a fisher of men. James is apparently known as "The Great" because he was older or taller than the other James among the disciples who was known as "the Less"! James was clearly a fiery man and with his brother John, he managed to annoy the other disciples more than once, but he remained beside Jesus until his death upon the cross and became one of the founders of the early Church. His preaching angered Herod the King who had him put to death by the sword in AD 44 in Jerusalem.



Legend has it that James visited Spain before his death and that, after he was martyred, his body was carried back to Spain and buried in Santiago de Compostela in Northern Spain. Whatever the truth of this, a network of pilgrim routes developed across Europe leading to Santiago de Compostela and these are still followed today. James became the patron saint of Spain, and the scallop shell (common to the Galician region of the country) became his symbol and was adopted by those who completed the pilgrimage to his shrine. (This is why our village magazine is named The Escallop).



Hearing the story of James, who started out as a simple fisherman, I was struck by the huge leap of faith he, and his brother, took in following Jesus. They could not have known what was going to happen, where it was going to lead or what they would end up doing, but they decided to take a step in a completely new direction. In the early days of the pandemic, commentators often said that it would provide an opportunity to reset, to think again about the old certainties and to start on a new path. As we start to get a taste of normal life again, I hope that we can hold onto some of the things we have learnt – the importance of family and friends, the need to support those around us, in our community and, also within our global community and the importance of the natural world. I hope that we can be prepared, like James, to leave some of our old ways behind and embrace a new future – wherever it may take us.

VN (*with thanks to Pip Russell for the information on St James*)





## St James the Great, Staple: Services for August 2021

Everyone is very welcome at all services – please do come along and join us.  
 If you need further information, please contact Vanessa (812515) or Trevor (813492)  
 Details of services in other benefice churches can be found at [www.ewbchurches.org.uk](http://www.ewbchurches.org.uk)

Sunday 1 August  
**STAPLE**  
 Woodnesborough  
 Eastry

**9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**  
 10.00 a.m. Said Holy Communion  
 10.00 a.m. Family Service  
 10.00 a.m. Holy Communion

Sunday 8 August  
**STAPLE**  
 Woodnesborough  
 Eastry

**10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**  
 No Service  
 10.00 a.m. Holy Communion  
 10.00 a.m. Come and Worship

Sunday 15 August  
**STAPLE**  
 Eastry

**11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**  
 10.00 a.m. Said Holy Communion  
 10.00 a.m. Holy Communion

Sunday 22 August  
**STAPLE**  
 Woodnesborough  
 Northbourne

**12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**  
 10.00 a.m. Family Service  
 10.00 a.m. Morning Prayer  
 10.00 a.m. Holy Communion

Sunday 29 August  
**STAPLE**  
 Northbourne

**13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**  
 No Service  
 10.00 a.m. Joint Benefice Service

Sunday 5 September  
**STAPLE**  
 Woodnesborough  
 Eastry

**14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**  
 10.00 a.m. Said Holy Communion  
 10.00 a.m. Family Service  
 10.00 a.m. Holy Communion

### Church Rota

Date	Sidesman	Readers	Prayers	Bells	Verger
1 August	Dave	Kate	Priest	Kate	Vanessa
8 August	No Service in Staple				
15 August	Keith	Roger, Dave	Priest	Kate	Tbc
22 August	Ursula	Sue, Denis	Andy	Tbc	Trevor
29 August	Benefice Service in Northbourne				
5 Sept	Mick	Roger	Priest	Tbc	Andy

### Flower Rota



To be confirmed  
 If anyone would like to join the flower rota,  
 please let one of the Churchwardens know



### Private Prayer in the Church

The Church building is open every day for private prayer from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.  
 Face masks are no longer compulsory in Church but please show consideration for others, use the sanitizer provided and maintain social distancing.  
 Thank you!

### ZOOM SERVICES

The benefice will continue to meet virtually at 10 each Sunday morning using Zoom.  
 You can join a service by following this link:  
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/7360055669?pwd=UEVwSzJQSlYvTHNtVnBLK2VNTzliZz09>

## Around and about in Staple and Shatterling

*Do you have a story to share? We would love to hear from you - new neighbours, new arrivals, get well wishes - please send details to [theEscallop@gmail.com](mailto:theEscallop@gmail.com)*

We would like to give a very warm welcome to Bob and Verna Newnham who have moved into No 5 The Oast, Durlock Road. They have told us that they are settling into their new home but are still unpacking many boxes but have found time to find some lovely walks with their dogs, we hope you will all be very happy living in the village.

Congratulations to Katie Nedderman who celebrated her graduation from University of Bath on Thursday 22nd July with a BSc in Mathematics, what a fantastic achievement. Well done Katie.

On Saturday 31st July, Eastry Church are holding a 'Jazz on the Green' event from 6.30pm to 8.30pm. All Welcome and no ticket needed.

It was third time luck for Barry and Mary Phelps of Chapel Lane, when they finally managed to 'tie the knot' on Friday 25th June at Deal Town Hall.

Barry and Mary moved to the village in February having had their first wedding date cancelled in January, their next date on 9th April was also postponed which turned out to be fortuitous as it was the same day as the funeral of the Duke of Edinburgh.

Bad weather held off and the ceremony went ahead with a wonderful reception at 81 Beach Street restaurant.

Many Congratulations to you both.

For the second year running we have decided not to hold the Staple Dog Show, which usually would have been on the first Sunday in September, however Pawfest will be holding a Dog Show, Canicross, agility and much more.

This will be on Sunday 4th September at Betteshanger Park, a family day out for you and your furry friends.

Goodnestone Festival 2021 - August 26th - 30th

August 26th, 7.30pm Ringlemere Ensemble, tickets £10.

August 27th, 7.30pm Caritas Chamber Choir, directed by Benedict Preece. retiring collection.

August 29th, 7.30pm Anthony Halstead (piano) Christian Halstead (violin) tickets £10.

August 30th, 7.30pm Benedict Preece (organ) retiring collection.

For more details and tickets visit [www.goodnestonemusic.com](http://www.goodnestonemusic.com)



### Lost?!?!



These two lovely ladies have been spotted out and about in Staple!!

If you know their story or where they belong, please email [theEscallop@gmail.com](mailto:theEscallop@gmail.com)



## Staple Church Fundraising Events

You are all very welcome to join us on **Sunday 22nd August** for **AFTERNOON TEA** in the grounds of Staple Church - from 2.00 pm - 4.00 pm.

There will also be a raffle and prizes would be very welcome, we will also have Bowling for the Pig.

Future events, more details next month but please put these following dates in your diaries

### Harvest Festival Weekend

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> - 7.30pm Paul Baldock - Organ Recital in the church.

Sunday 26th - Family Harvest Service - 10.00am, followed by Harvest Lunch, 12.30pm for 1.00pm – Location to be confirmed



## Neighbourhood Watch Warning 2021

In view of all the local Police messages regarding local crime, which seems to me, theft; burglaries, broken windows and forced entries; car theft and damage, it seemed to be an opportunity to warn everybody to be vigilant for the safety of their homes and belongings. Covid has given much opportunity to the petty thief, fraudster and those just waiting for a chance to do wrong. As life is returning to normal slowly, it seemed sensible to remind all villagers not to give chances to the opportunist and warn everyone to be vigilant, watchful and take great care, wherever you and your family may be, So, let's start with.....

### GOING ON HOLIDAY?

How many people know? Only the neighbours!

***So you have made sure you were not overheard when you told a friend in the supermarket, the hairdressers and the Drs' Surgery ?***

and you've *cancelled the milk, the newspapers*, made sure all the *window locks* work and the *patio doors have sensible locks* too? Not ones where they can be easily crow barred. There are *no tools* lying around the garden which any thief could find useful and all *ladders and steps* are locked away with *bicycles and garden equipment*? Have you registered your *mobile phone* so it can be blocked if stolen? and have you the telephone number for cancelling your bank card *for the same reason*?

At the last minute, walk round the windows and make sure there is nothing visible which could give away your *personal identity*, *computers* are locked in a cupboard; then ask *the neighbours* to be vigilant for you and have a relaxing time.

Before you leave make sure you have the local Police number for your chosen area.

**Whilst you are away be careful when shopping in a new environment.** Carry your bag closed, the clip facing inwards, close to you, make sure your purse or wallet cannot be seen. Have no large amount of cash on you. Keep your phone, purse, keys and bank cards all separate. It is wise not to parade with expensive equipment or be obvious that you are new to the area.

## Barnsole Road – Temporary Closure



**KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**BARNSOLE ROAD, STAPLE, DOVER**  
**(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)**  
**TEMPORARY ORDER 2021**

To allow works to be carried out to provide a new water connection, Kent County Council has made an Order to temporarily prohibit through traffic on part of Barnsole Road, Staple, in the Dover area.

A closure is currently planned from Wednesday 4 August 2021, with estimated completion by 6 August 2021.

Barnsole Road will be closed in the general vicinity of Summerfield Barn, to the actual extent shown on site.

Local access to the remainder of Barnsole Road continues from either direction up via Chalkpit Lane.

Due to the nature of the works, it will not be possible to re-open the road outside the working hours.

The planned dates and duration may change for various reasons including the current coronavirus situation and adverse weather conditions, with any changes signposted on site and notified locally.

Updated information can be found on [www.one.network](http://www.one.network) – [Southern Water Permit LQ001SWAT11227860].

## Staple Church Choir



*Left to Right Back Row: David Titmuss/Frank Holyer/Denis Vickers/Ron Sear  
Middle Row: Mary Titmuss/Sylvia Cory/Mr Morse (organist)/Rev Raymond Pengilley  
Front Row: Roy Richards/Helen Titmuss/Maureen Lewis/Jessica Pengilley/David Pengilley*

When the Reverend Raymond Pengilley became the Rector of Staple in 1944, there was no choir and not so many services in the war years.

One of the first things he did was to form a choir. It started with Frank Holyer, Selwyn Lewis, Ron Sear, David Titmuss, Dennis Smith and myself, Denis Vickers. We were all in the same class at Staple School. We started off as probationers and wore a blue cassock with a white ruff (very angelic!!). We were admitted to the choir on December 17<sup>th</sup> 1944, we then wore a white surplice over our cassocks. We sang morning service and evensong (with Sunday School in the middle). Evensong was at 3pm in the winter and 6.30pm in the summer. There was no electricity in the church, only oil lamps and candles for lighting and a large coke fired stove for heating, this was situated about where the organ is now. The organ then was behind the choir stalls on the left of the chancel.

Mrs Kemp was the organist and one of the choirboys was given the job of pumping the organ, there was a weight hanging down at the side of the organ and you had to keep it below a certain line. At one service, Selwyn was on organ pumping duty and not paying attention, when he heard a loud wail, followed by hasty pumping from Selwyn. It took several seconds to get the music back and Selwyn was banned from the job for a while!!

Soon after the choir was formed, we had girls admitted, plus a few more younger boys, one of which was David Pengilley, who went to the Canterbury Cathedral Choir School and who had a great voice, but we only had him with us during the school holidays. Reverend Pengilley was a very keen choirmaster and we were all admitted to The Royal School of Church Music and we wore a medallion on a ribbon round our necks.

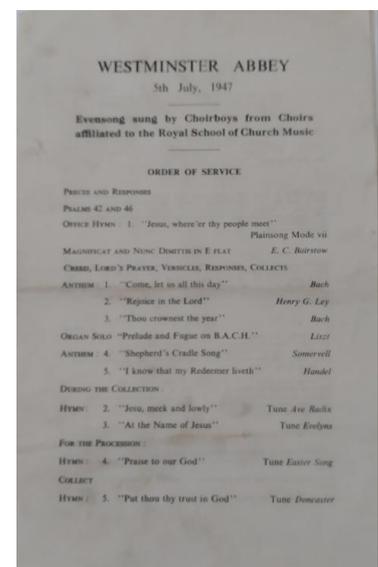
Apart from Christmas and Easter, the next most important service was our Patronal Festival in July, when we were joined by the other local choirs for a big service, followed by refreshments (which was a luxury!) We also joined the other choirs at their Patronal Festivals.

We also sang in Canterbury Cathedral on a few occasions, with other choirs during the Cathedral School holidays.

Probably the highlight of our time in the choir was on the 5<sup>th</sup> July 1947 when Staple joined 149 other choirs from all over Britain affiliated to the Royal School of Church Music, to sing evensong in Westminster Abbey. Each choir was allowed four choir boys to take part. Mr Pengilley took the six regular church choirboys so two sat with him in the congregation. We had to arrive early in London to practise for the service and to know where to go - quite an achievement with 600 boys!! This was quite a service to remember and I feel very proud to have taken part. The Headmaster of Roger Manwoods School was not very supportive, saying that he was not happy we had to take a Saturday off school, but to this day, it was a highlight in my life and certainly a day to remember.

Some of the choir were Manwood boys who had to go to school on Saturday mornings, so it was quite hard to get our homework done with most of Sunday taken up with choir work, so we hid our schoolwork in our service books and swotted up during the sermon! Reverend Pengilley got wind of this, so in the last hymn before the sermon, we had to process from the choir stalls and sit in the front two pews either side of the aisle and return after the sermon!!

We had a very strong choir, all the stalls were full each week. I stayed in the choir until I went into the R.A.F. (National Service) in 1953



## Reverend David Ridley

It now seems quite a while ago, but I would like to say a really big thank you to you all for such a wonderful send off, for all the greetings and good wishes and for your gifts. I have to say, I have been really overwhelmed by it all.

The couple of weeks since then have been all rather manic with my move (there is still much unpacking and sorting to be done), which has not been helped by coinciding with my mother being admitted to hospital. She is still there but being well looked after.

My new address is 32 Valenciennes Road, Sittingbourne ME10 1EN and phone number 01795 426753. You are most welcome to pop round if in the area.

Finally, my Licensing will be at 7pm on Wednesday 4th August in St Michael's Church, Sittingbourne (which is on the High Street, ME10 4PG). We have decided that the service will be open, so please take this as a formal invitation to attend if you are able. It would be great to see you.

May I take the opportunity to wish you all the very best going forward as we emerge from what has been a very testing time.

*David Ridley*

## Marvellous Meadows

A couple of weeks ago, I stood for a while and watched the huge field of agricultural rye-grass behind the church being harvested. Presumably high yielding and profitable and cut for hay and combined for its seed but a monoculture lacking diversity. Interestingly, four common buzzards, a red kite and two kestrels circled overhead searching for displaced prey. None dropped to the ground and after a few minutes all drifted away unsuccessful. A field of grass it might be but a meadow, definitely not.



(Buzzard)



(Red Kite)



(Kestrel)

A couple of miles south is Goodnestone Park, a beautiful stately home surrounded by many hectares of stunning wild-flower meadows. These are cut just twice a year and late in the season to provide a succession of nectar-rich native wild-flower species which in turn, support a diverse cast of invertebrate species. On a warm day in the summer season, several butterfly species can be seen including the gorgeous Marbled White, Meadow Browns in profusion as well as Small and Large Skippers, Gatekeepers and others. In June there are literally thousands of beautiful Pyramidal Orchids and other attractive plant species such as Meadow Cranesbill, Common Knapweed and Musk Mallow. The value of such a richly diverse habitat in the current biodiversity crisis cannot be overstated. Take a walk on the public footpaths through the park and the publicly accessible Serpentine Walk to fully appreciate a real meadow as meadows used to be and it's literally buzzing population.

By all accounts, the 'no mow May' and subsequent 'too soon in June' campaigns were successful in raising awareness of the value of leaving areas of grassland uncut for as long as possible. Roadside verges have bloomed and many people have repurposed their lawns as feeding stations for bees and butterflies and other pollinators. This 'untidy' approach may not suit smaller gardens, but there are many other nature friendly changes that can be made in these. A small wildlife pond, a bee friendly flower border, a bug hotel, a woodpile, a compost heap, nest boxes for birds and bats, bird feeders and hedgehog highways. Great ways to get the next generation involved as well. With larger lawns and grass fields that are not used for grazing or hay production, circular islands can be left uncut or winding pathways cut through. If a mower width is cut around the perimeter of the lawn it gives the impression of deliberate management and looks surprisingly 'tidy'. The rewards of this simple management are immense. At the end of the season cut the tangle down and remove all the clippings. Reducing fertility will encourage diversity in subsequent years.

I'm a social media sceptic but I have found a wealth of wonderful posts on Twitter by following a select band of like-minded individuals. If you're interested in wild plants and would like to absorb the enthusiasm of others, check out these. The urban pavement plant enthusiast [@morethanweeds](#), a brilliant botanist [@LeifBersweden](#) and Dan Tuson [@kentdowns6](#) a Natural England Conservation adviser who works with Kent farmers to restore biodiversity through long-term landscape scale projects. Follow these and you'll soon be adding others!

*Staple Wildlife Friendly Village Supporter*

*Meeting at the **Black Pig**, Barnsole Road, Staple on the second Thursday of each month. We welcome new members. You do not have to have served in the Armed Forces to become a member, only have the aims and objects of The Legion at heart: Comradeship, Welfare, Representation and Remembrance. Please contact the Secretary, for more details by email at: [TRBLStaplesec@btinternet.com](mailto:TRBLStaplesec@btinternet.com) or just turn up for a meeting – watch *The Escallop* for special events. Do have a look at our website on: <https://rblstaple.wix.com/rblstaple> where there is much of interest, including Lost Sons of Staple profiles and the story and pictures of the construction of the Remembrance Garden.*

Our June meeting took place in the Black Pig, at separate tables but, nevertheless, face to face. What a treat that was, to be together after such a long time. Reece and Steve made us feel particularly welcome and it truly felt like a homecoming. We had lots of business to catch up on then an interesting talk, illustrated on the Branch Telly and made all the more enjoyable by snacking on the delicious spread so kindly provided by Reece.

As we 'go to press' we are busy preparing for the Barbeque being held at Gander Court on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> July in lieu of the July meeting. After such a long time with no meetings, so no raffles, we are a bit short of Branch funds. We run on very little money but like to have some funds to fall back on. Any surplus from the BBQ will go to the Garden of Remembrance upkeep and the Poppy Appeal.

The Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer were delighted to be invited to attend the ceremony when Branch member, Chris Russell was invested with the Order of the Croatian Morning Star. This honour was conferred on him by the President of Croatia for his splendid work fostering the talents, and confidence, of young people over many years, and in many countries, through music and drama. The investiture, by the Croatian Ambassador, took place in Chris and Pip's garden and after the ceremony we were treated to some lovely food and delicious Croatian wine. Chris is amassing quite a collection of awards as he was invested with the Chevalier L'Ordre du Merite Social de Belgique earlier this year. Congratulations to him from us all.

Branch representatives attended a ceremony at the Battle of Britain Memorial site at Capel Le Ferne, organised by Dover White Cliffs Branch and Dover District Council to celebrate the Legion's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday and unveil giant poppies painted on the bank at the Memorial. This event was attended by six local branches with Standards, as well as a number of local civic dignitaries. A grand occasion, enlivened by a brisk wind causing problems for the Standard Bearers – and even more for the Standards in static holders! None were lost, although it was a close-run thing.



More vigilance will be needed, no doubt, when we attend the Dover Patrol Memorial on July 24<sup>th</sup> for their annual service. There is always a brisk wind on the cliff top at St Margaret's. We have one of our own Lost Sons on this memorial. Hubert Amos, born in Shatterling in October 1898 and cousin to another of our Lost Sons, Cecil Holness, was serving on HMS Tartar as part of the Dover Patrol on 17<sup>th</sup> June 1917 when she was hit by a torpedo from U-boat U65. She was damaged but not sunk and managed to limp back to Boulogne for repairs. She lived to fight another day but 45 of her crew did not. Our Hubert was among the casualties. He is buried in Boulogne Eastern Cemetery.

The idea to have a 'Register of Mobility Aids' held by Members and Supporters has been very successful and we now have a comprehensive list of useful items available and where to find them. Our thanks to all the kind souls who thought this was a good idea and who contributed.

We have now resumed our Thursday Lunch Club, the SOFA Club, initially for carers who needed a break but now for any who wishes to come along for company and a blether.

## Becket's Final Journey

Ash Heritage Group's event to mark the anniversary of Becket's final journey from Sandwich to Canterbury, before he was murdered a month later, is on Saturday 11th September 2021, assuming government Covid restrictions are not re-imposed before then.

Becket returned from exile in France and landed in Sandwich on 1st December 1170. He then rode to Canterbury through the parishes of Sandwich, Woodnesborough, Ash, Staple, Wingham, Ickham, Littlebourne and finally St Martin & St Paul (Canterbury). Our objective is to walk his route as closely as possible but using 21st century public footpaths. The traverse of each parish will be led by members of that parish and a crozier will travel the whole distance by being transferred between walkers at each parish boundary, like an Olympic relay baton.

Starting at 07:00, the total walking time from Sandwich is expected to be 7 hours aiming to arrive at Canterbury Cathedral in time for Evensong at 15:15. A total distance of 25.5km. It is anticipated, however, that most participants will not want to walk the whole way but will opt to accompany the crozier along the route of their parish only.

The Ash with Westmarsh "leg" of the relay starts at the Woodnesborough / Ash parish boundary in Coombe Lane at 09:10 and finishes at the Ash / Staple parish boundary at 10:15, including a 10 minute stop at St Nicholas for refreshments. A total distance of 3.5 kilometres.

The crozier has been specifically made for this event by Ash resident Richard Palmer. The crook is carved from sustainable African hardwood and has a cross gilded in gold leaf. The pine staff is decorated with bands of cow horn.

If you'd like to join this happy band of pilgrims either for the whole journey from Sandwich to Canterbury or just for the Ash with Westmarsh section, please send an email to [ashheritagegroup@gmail.com](mailto:ashheritagegroup@gmail.com) or call Robert Hudson on 01304 812762.

## Litter Picking – A Small Thing To Do To Make a Big Difference



If there was just one thing that everyone could do to make a massive difference to our planet it would be to dispose of their litter responsibly. We would like everyone to take their litter home so that our paths and roadside verges are clean.

We believe that our village is relatively clean compared with many other villages and towns so let us keep it that way and encourage our own families and friends to keep the paths and verges tidy. Every little helps!!

On Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> July a party of us ~ mainly from Staple Wildlife Friendly Village and one Parish Councillor using equipment from Dover District Council collected rubbish from the streets around the village. We went along Durlock Road, Lower Road, the path through to Mill Lane, along Mill Lane, along School Lane and The Street.

We collected a variety of rubbish including a hub cap, numerous bottles and cans as well as other rubbish that should have been taken home and disposed of there. We managed to fill 4 bags of rubbish which Dover DC collected.

Thanks to Shelley, Michael, Caroline and Roger for spending a couple of hours tidying up our village roads. We hope that we can repeat the exercise later in the year when we hope we can have more villagers joining the clean-up campaign, we would then be able to cover more of the village roads and foot paths All equipment for the Litter Pick was provided by Dover DC including gloves, bags, litter pickers and HiViz jackets.

The date of the next Staple Wildlife Friendly Village Litter Pick is on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> August. Meet at 10.00 a.m. at the Village Hall car park to help clean up our village. Contact: [wildlife-friendlyvillage@outlook.com](mailto:wildlife-friendlyvillage@outlook.com) for further information.

## Staple Helpline



If you are self-isolating or vulnerable during the current difficulties, there is a team of people in Staple able and willing to help you in a number of ways:

- Picking up shopping.
- Posting letters.
- Walking dogs.
- A friendly phone call.
- Pick up prescriptions.
- Any other errand you are unable to do.

If you need any help, please email The [Escallop@gmail.com](mailto:Escallop@gmail.com), or call 01304 812515 and we will do what we can. There is also a team of helpers to ring round people in the village on a regular basis to check in with them. If you would like to receive a phone call, please let us know. If you would like to volunteer to help, please get in touch.

## Village websites

[www.staple-online.com](http://www.staple-online.com)  
[www.stapleparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.stapleparishcouncil.co.uk)  
<https://rblstaple.wix.com/rblstaple>  
[www.ewbchurches.org.uk](http://www.ewbchurches.org.uk)

	<b>Staple</b> A Facebook presence for Staple's residents / friends of Staple.
	<b>The Black Pig</b> Events and takeaway menus
	<b>Staple Country-Fayre</b>
	<b>Barnsole Vineyard</b> <a href="http://www.barnsole.co.uk">www.barnsole.co.uk</a>
	<b>Layham Garden Centre and Nursery</b> <a href="http://www.layhamgardencentre.co.uk">www.layhamgardencentre.co.uk</a>



## Community Speedwatch and Safety Report



July 2021

We held 4 sessions in June with a total of 11 vehicles booked for exceeding the speed limit. The maximum speed recorded was 41 mph. We have held 88 sessions since we started in 2018 and logged 335 vehicles exceeding the limit. The maximum speed recorded so far has been 53 mph. This is 76% above the posted limit.

We may be heading towards an electric car community, if and when, the charging points are installed. However, statistics for 2021 show that consumers are putting their hands in their pockets and buying pure petrol engined cars. This type was bought by 48.6% of buyers. The next most popular power source is mild hybrid petrol (11.7%), then pure diesel (10.2%), pure electric (8.1%), full hybrid (8.0%), mild hybrid diesel (7.0%) and plug-in hybrid (6.4%). Put simply at the half-way point of this year 6 in every 10 cars sold are pure petrol or diesel powered, just over 3 in 10 are hybrid and fewer than 1 in 10 are pure electric. Why? I think it is down to an inflated cost of the batteries in the cars. When costs come down by at least £15,000, folk might start looking at them to purchase.

Don't forget we are always looking for more volunteers. It only takes around 1 to 2 hours per month and the Parish Council are always appreciative of our work.

Usual contact email [Roger43@gmail.com](mailto:Roger43@gmail.com) Telephone 01304 812306

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## Ash Surgery – Patient Questionnaire

At the PPG meeting last month, it was discussed that the Surgery is anxious for patients to have their say to help them to improve their service. To this end, they have been handing out these survey questionnaires to patients.

The Group felt that the survey should be extended to as many patients registered with the surgery as possible, not just those who have attended.

Here is a chance for Staple patients of Ash Surgery to 'Have their say!'

Below is the Patient Questionnaire from Ash Surgery – please cut out and submit your feedback.

**As part of our programme of continuous monitoring and improvement, we are looking at how best to enable our patients to continue to have good access to our services. As the Covid restrictions are being eased we must ensure that mask wearing and social distancing measures are maintained. We would appreciate your help in completing this short survey.**

### Patient Questionnaire

(Please ✓ in the appropriate box)

<b>Have you had contact with Ash Surgery in the last 12 months?</b>			
Yes		No	
<b>What type of consultations have you had- ie- telephone, online, video, face to face?</b>			
<b>Do you feel that the consultation you had was appropriate to meet your health needs?</b>			
Yes		No	
If you have answered <b>No</b> – please give more information:			
<b>Please feel free to make any comments or suggestions on access to our services.</b>			

<b>FRIENDS AND FAMILY</b>	
<b>Based on your visit to the practice TODAY how likely are you to recommend Ash Surgery to your friends and family?</b>	
Extremely Likely	
Likely	
Neither Likely nor Unlikely	
Unlikely	
Extremely Unlikely	

**Thank you for your assistance and input.**

## Barnsole (Barnswell) Baptist Chapel



In the early 1800s, a Pastor Giles held cottage services, but they died out for a time. Then a Mr William Horn Harvey of Hamill Court restarted the cottage services. He started a night school on Sunday School lines. Afterwards, he generously donated two cottages which were transformed into a chapel, and regular services commenced. These were registered as a place of worship in December 1860.

In July 1891, after the death of William Horn Harvey, his sons, Troward and Squire Harvey offered to convey the chapel to the trustees of Eythorne Baptist Church, free and

unconditionally and this was accepted.

So, in the space of 30 years, a Baptist witness and influence had been established in Barnsole, along with the other villages in the rural area of East Kent.

Mr W.D. Bayly was the Superintendent in the 1920s. Then Richard James Bartlett took over on his death. Mr Arthur George Bartlett took over as Superintendent on the death of his father in 1947. The Chapel was closed in 1980 and reverted back to a cottage.

### Dover District Lottery



STAPLE CHURCH  
has joined



**You can now buy tickets for the lottery and support the  
Church's Restoration Appeal  
[www.doverlotto.com](http://www.doverlotto.com)**

During 2020, we were not able to hold most of our fundraising events. This has meant that the next phase of the restoration work is currently on hold as we are unable to raise the funds required. One way in which you can continue to support us is through the Dover District Lottery. Please do consider buying some tickets – we will have raised over £600 in 2020 in this way.

Dover District Lotto is an exciting weekly lottery that raises money for good causes in the Dover district. All good causes supported by the lottery will benefit the Dover district and its residents. Play the lottery, support Dover District - it's that simple!

Tickets for the lottery cost just £1 per week. Each ticket has a **1 in 50** chance to win a prize each week, with a top prize of £25,000! That's a better chance of winning than the National Lottery or the Health Lottery!

Each ticket will consist of 6 numbers and each number will be between 0 and 9. There will be a draw every Saturday night when a 6 digit winning combination will be picked. Prizes will be given to players with tickets that match the first or last 2-6 numbers from the winning combination. Match all 6 and you win the JACKPOT!

#### How the lottery will support Staple Church

From every £1 ticket sold 60p will go to good causes in the Dover district! To put this in perspective when you play the National Lottery 25% goes to good causes – in the Dover lottery the ticket percentage that goes to good causes is more than **doubled**.

If you choose to support Staple Church through the lottery, the Restoration fund will receive 50p of the 60p (the remaining 10p will be distributed to other good causes).

Please do support us. Go to [www.doverlotto.com](http://www.doverlotto.com) to search for Staple Church and buy your tickets.

## The Sandwich Connect Bus Service

<b>Staple- Sandwich - Northbourne - Mongeham</b>					
<b>Mondays to Fridays</b>					
Staple, Three Tuns		0940	1110	1310	1440
Staple, The Street		0941	1111	1311	1441
Guilton Corner		0946	1116	1316	1446
Sandwich, Fire Station		0951	1121	1321	1451
Sandwich, St Marys Church		0952	1122	1322	1452
Sandwich, The Guildhall					
	Arr:	0955	1125	1325	1455
	Dep:	0958	1128	1328	1458
Northbourne, Updown Lane		1003	1133	1333	1503
Northbourne, Crossroads		1003	1133	1333	1503
Mongeham, Church Close		1009	1139	1339	1509
Mongeham, Church		1009	1139	1339	1509
Mongeham, Village Hall		1010	1140	1340	1510
	Dep:	1015	1145	1345	1515

<b>Mongeham - Northbourne - Sandwich - Staple</b>					
<b>Mondays to Fridays</b>					
Mongeham, Village Hall		1018	1148	1348	1518
Mongeham, Church		1019	1149	1349	1519
Mongeham, Church Close		1020	1150	1350	1520
Northbourne, Crossroads		1024	1154	1354	1524
Northbourne, Updown Lane		1024	1154	1354	1524
Sandwich, The Guildhall					
	Arr:	1035	1205	1405	1535
	Dep:	1042	1242	1412	1542
Sandwich, St Marys Church		1043	1243	1413	1543
Sandwich, Fire Station		1044	1244	1414	1544
Guilton Corner		1051	1251	1421	1551
Staple, The Street		1056	1256	1426	1556
Staple, Three Tuns		1057	1257	1427	1557



In the current crisis, events and activities organised by local societies have been cancelled including:

**Staple Parent and Toddler Group**  
**Staple Youth Group**  
**Pipe-Dreamers**  
**Staple Short Mat Bowls Club**  
**Sandwich Local History Society**  
**Ash Guides**  
**Staple Walking Group**  
**Woodnesborough Gardeners Club**

When local societies are able to restart, we will ensure that details are included in the Escallop

## Bartlett Close – New Homes for Local People



### Bartlett Close, Durlock Road, Staple New Homes for Local People

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or email [alison.thompson@englishrural.org.uk](mailto:alison.thompson@englishrural.org.uk)

### Recycling and Waste Collections

Collections in Staple and Shatterling have changed and happen on different days across the village. You should have received an updated collection calendar. To check the collections for your property, please Recycling Bin collections go to <https://collections.dover.gov.uk/property>

For any missed collections, please call 01304 821199

Garden waste collection dates in August are Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>.

## Staple Parish Council

Minutes of Staple Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2021, at 7.30 pm in Staple Village Hall

### Councillors present

Cllr T Bartlett (Chair)

Cllr S Coulson

Cllr N McCollum

Cllr J Kirk

Cllr D Kirk

Cllr R Loukes

1	<b>Apologies for absence:</b> Cllr G McCollum Cllr S Chandler
2	<b>Declaration of interest:</b> There were no declarations of interest
3	<b>To elect a Chair and Deputy Chair for the ensuing year:</b>  <b>Chair.</b> Nominations were as follows: 1. Cllr.T Bartlett  Proposed by: Cllr N McCollum Seconded by: Cllr J Kirk  <b>Deputy Chair.</b> Nominations were as follows: 1. Cllr John Kirk  Proposed by: Cllr R. Loukes Seconded by: Cllr D. Kirk
4	<b>To elect representatives for:</b>  <b>Footpaths.</b> Nominations were as follows: 1. Cllr S Coulson  Proposed by: Cllr T Bartlett Seconded by: Cllr N McCollum  <b>Highways &amp; Transportation.</b> Nominations were as follows: 1. Cllr R Loukes  Proposed by: Cllr T Bartlett Seconded by: Cllr S Coulson  <b>Village Hall Committee.</b> Nominations were as follows:  1. John Kirk Proposed by: Cllr T Bartlett Seconded by: Cllr D Kirk
5	Minutes of previous meeting
5.1	To approve any amendments and authorise signature of the minutes held on 9 <sup>th</sup> June 2021 Proposed: Cllr. J Kirk Seconded: Cllr. S Coulson

Carried unanimously

- 5.2 Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting  
There were none

6 Public Session

Mrs. S Facey gave a report outlining the recent correspondence that she had received concerning the new bus route and the three proposals that KCC have come up with. She said that Chequer Lane is the only viable option. The Parish Council would support the bus going up Chequer Lane. Cllr D Kirk said that Chequer Lane makes total sense. Mrs S Facey said that she would reply to

KCC on behalf of the Parish Council. Proposed by Cllr J Kirk, Seconded by Cllr S Coulson; carried unanimously.

Mrs S. Morris gave a report about the Wildlife friendly village project.

Report for Staple Wildlife Friendly Village Project

We held our first AGM on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> May, when we were able to meet face to face for the first time. We voted in our officers:

Chair: Shelley Morris, Secretary: Helen Harlow, Treasurer: Michael Morris.

An important change to the group of 67 Wildlife Friendly Villages across the country is that the collective members have decided to change our title to 'Wildlife Friendly Communities' so that towns can be more appropriately designated. However, SWFV members decided to remain under the established title of 'Staple Wildlife Friendly Village', although we shall be affiliated to the WFC group.

On Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> June we ran a Nature Count as part of the national 'Churches Count on Nature' at Staple Church. Although we had only a modest number of people attending, favourable comments were made on the nature trail we had devised which led visitors through the older part of the churchyard. This included looking at special features in the area, for example the sundials carved into the side of the church wall and recording the number of wildflowers growing in an unmown

metre quadrant. As many as ten different species were counted within the quadrant, while 33 different species were identified overall. The children who came said how much they had learnt during their visit. Read all about it in the July issue of The Escallop.

We heard this week of our successful bid for funding through the Dover District Community Grants scheme 2021/21 – Summer Round. This grant of £494.66 will enable us to continue with planting native trees, spring bulbs and wildflower seeds in public areas of the village over the next year. The PCC have agreed our planting scheme for the churchyard. This week we are surveying sites for potential hedge-planting, where gaps appear in a length of hedging. We hope to work with local landowners to in-fill and extend hedgerows.

Another initiative has been to litter pick along the village roads. On Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> July, a national day to celebrate Communities, two teams worked to clear litter from Durlock Road, School Lane, The

Street and the bottom end of Lower Road. We also cleared the footpath leading up to Mill Lane from Durlock Road. We had arranged with Dover District Council to borrow their Litter Pick kits which we collected from the Dover offices, and which included high-vis jackets, litter pickers, gloves and waste sacks. We filled four bags of litter which were collected the following week by the council. Another litter pick is planned for Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> August. We are considering acquiring our own litter pickers so we can undertake regular litter picks. We hope our efforts will discourage residents and passing car drivers from littering our village.

Our next committee meeting will be held on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July when we will discuss how to use the grant funding most effectively.

Mrs Morris asked Cllr Connolly about what happens to the waste from the village. Cllr Connolly said he would give a report to the clerk giving exact details. Thanks were given to Mrs Morris for her hard work and in particular about the litter picking event that she had organised. The Village Spring Clean was also mentioned as a possible event for next year. Mrs Morris asked about public liability insurance and asked if the Parish Council could perhaps help. Cllr J Kirk suggested that a generous donation from the Parish Council might be preferable. Next litter pick is 21<sup>st</sup> August. Insurance

would need to be in place before that date if possible. Further discussion was deferred to item 8 on the agenda.

## 7 Reports

7.1 **District Councillor's Report** (Cllr Mike Connolly) Gave a report, which is produced below.

1. I am sorry to report the resignation, for personal reasons, of M J Holloway as a District Councillor, Cabinet Member, Deputy Leader and member of Sandwich Town Council. He has put a huge amount of energy into his role as Portfolio Holder for Inward Investment and Tourism and has created the framework for the regeneration of Dover Town. This role will now come under the direct remit of Trevor Bartlett as Leader of the Council. In workload compensation Trevor has passed responsibility for DDC's response to the climate change emergency to Cllr Chris Vinson, who has a particularly strong interest in this issue. Cllr Oliver Richardson becomes Deputy Leader and Cllr Martin Bates joins the Cabinet with responsibility for Transport, Licensing and Regulatory Services.
2. Although not as acute as a few weeks ago the problems with the waste collection services have continued. Under intense pressure from DDC Veolia have responded by throwing resource at the problem with extra manpower (currently using some 80 agency staff as it is very difficult to recruit and motivate permanent staff.) This has had some effect. However, we believe this is not a sustainable long-term solution and we have insisted that Veolia carry out a fundamental review of what has gone wrong and how we may move forward to a reliable service. We expect the result of this review in September so until then they will have to continue firefighting. Regular meetings continue.
3. Following the consultation on the draft Local Plan we have now completed the processing of all the comments received. These comments are available to view on the consultation portal online ([www.doverdistrictlocalplan.co.uk/get-involved](http://www.doverdistrictlocalplan.co.uk/get-involved)) We had an excellent level of response to the consultation, receiving over 3400 comments from 1280 individuals and organisations. The next stage is a revised Plan, incorporating DDC's response to the comments received (Reg 19) which will go out to further consultation in early 2022.
4. Inland Border Facility: The Government has decided to split the facilities into two sites. HMRC will go to the site at Guston originally proposed for all the facilities, while DEFRA will take an alternative site in the district. Location of this is known but cannot yet be declared as commercial discussions are continuing.
5. Memorial to Dame Vera Lynn: An underpass in Dover Town and part of the White Cliffs footpath have been renamed in Dame Vera's honour. An appeal has been launched, facilitated by DDC, for funds to create a Dame Vera Lynn Bowl, a performing centre on the Western Heights which would also incorporate a statue.

Cllr D Kirk asked if Veolia are using Covid-19 as an excuse for poor service. That does not seem to be the case at the moment. The contract began very well, but then tailed off. The Company has spent a lot of money on it, so no one is quite sure why the service is so bad at the moment.

7.2

**KCC** (Cllr Sue Chandler): Nothing available for the meeting.

7.3

**PCSO** (PCSO Eva Winter) Nothing available for the meeting.

## 8 Finance

8.1 Approval of Bank Reconciliation for June 2021  
Proposed: Cllr. N McCollum  
Seconded: Cllr. D Kirk  
Carried unanimously

Cheques to be approved:  
Cheque No. 200380 Clerk's Salary £200.00  
Cheque No. 2003379 KALC £275.21

Proposed: Cllr.N McCollum  
Seconded: Cllr.D Kirk  
Carried unanimously  
Other Financial Items

It was proposed by Cllr J Kirk and seconded by Cllr N McCollum that the Parish Council should give the Wildlife Friendly Village Project £350 as a donation towards their 3<sup>rd</sup> party Insurance costs.

## 7 Correspondence Received

### 7.1 Highways and Transportation

The Clerk circulated an email he had received in reply to the query he had sent to The Minister of Transport concerning “silent” electric cars and the possible danger to people who have partial deafness.

A brief summary of the letter states that on July 1<sup>st</sup> 2019, vehicle approval requirements were introduced to mandate a sound generator, known as Acoustic Vehicle Alerting Systems, on new types of quiet electric and hybrid vehicles. The regulations ensure that electric and hybrid vehicles will always produce a specified level of noise below 12 mph and while reversing. Councillors were grateful for the reply and found it most helpful.

## 8 Planning applications

### 8.1 Planning applications received

19/01362/E	Summerfield Nurseries. Archaeology	Part approved
20/00053/C	Land opposite The Row, Barnsole Rd. Foul water	Approved
19/01362/D	Summerfield Nurseries. Surface water dispersal21/00971	Not Approved
19/01/1362B	Summerfield Nurseries Visibility Splays	Not Approved
20/00053/D	Land opposite The Row, Barnsole Rd. Surface Water	Not Approved

### 8.2

#### Planning Applications submitted

21/00971	Gemaho, School Lane, Staple CT3 1LJ. Erection of single storey side extension and front porch canopy. Parish Council were happy to support this
21/01051	Fancy's Folly, Lower Road, Staple. Reduce mulberry back to previous cutting points. Parish Council were happy to support this.

## 9 Reports

### 9.1 Village Hall and Recreation Ground

Cllr J Kirk gave a report and said that village hall matters were quietly ticking over and the Hall would fully re-open following the end of lockdown on July 19<sup>th</sup>. The outdoor play equipment has all been safety checked. The P.A. amplifier and associated equipment has now been removed from the tiny metal cabinet and placed on a purpose-built shelf, for easier access. Cllr D Kirk has donated a microphone for use by Village Hall users.

### 9.2 SID/Speedwatch

Cllr R Loukes gave a report:

During July we held 6 sessions in which 17 vehicles exceeded the 35mph limit. One vehicle was incorrectly identified with an incorrect registration and this meant that 16 vehicles have been registered with the Police as first-time speeders.

On the 8<sup>th</sup> July local Traffic Police attended our session and I think we correctly carried out our

duties as they did not pass any comments. Amazingly cars slowed very quickly when they saw a Police Car in the lay-by! It should be noted that the Police receive details of all of our sessions and can attend any of them at random and we do expect more Police presence in the future. They are active with their radar gun and will book offenders.

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Cllr R. Loukes also gave a resume of the letter that he sent to Mr Toby Butler at the beginning of July. He has not as yet received a reply. He said that the more people that could help with manning speedwatch the more effective it is likely to be.

### 9.3 Footpaths

Cllr S Coulson gave her report and said that KCC have been active in maintaining some of the footpaths and cutting them back. Not all have been done as yet. KCC are apparently cutting back on their maintenance. Cllr S Coulson has been in touch with the farmer concerned with the overgrowth/lack of access to some footpaths. He has replied that he knows that he should reinstate them and will do so as soon as harvest is over.

## **10 Items for discussion**

### 10.1 Dog waste dispensers

The Clerk reported that he had looked in to the matter of whether the firm that was supplying automatic dog waste dispensers to some highly populated areas of Dover, would be likely to provide two for Staple Village. Unfortunately, this was almost certainly not going to be possible.

### 10.2 Highways improvement plan

Cllr N McCollum reported that surveys are going to be carried out at 8 locations and KCC will fund half of the cost. Cllr R Loukes asked if we could see the results of such surveys because this has not happened in the past. Cllr N McCollum proposed that the Parish Council should agree to the surveys taking place, this was seconded by Cllr J Kirk and carried unanimously.

### 10.3

#### Boundary changes

The proposal is to move Little Stour and Ashstone out of Dover District Council and move it to North Thanet. Not going to happen yet, but sometime in the future. There was general disquiet about this proposal; but Councillors agreed there was not much that could be done at the moment. Cllr T Bartlett said he would forward the details on to the Councillors and they could reply individually if they wished to do so.

<b>11</b>	<b>Any other business to be discussed</b> There was no other business
<b>12</b>	<b>Any other confidential items to be discussed</b> There were no confidential items to be discussed
<b>13</b>	<b>Date of next meeting: September 8<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm</b>

Parish Clerk: J Mount

## Staple Village Hall

(<http://www.staplevillageHall.com>)

The Village Hall and the Recreation Ground are owned by Staple Parish Council and are managed on behalf of the parishioners by a committee of elected members, plus appointed representatives of village organisations. Through regular, preventative maintenance and the timely rectification of day-to-day problems, the committee ensures that the Hall and the grounds are always kept in tip top condition. This is particularly true of the Recreation Ground's play equipment, which recently received a much-needed major refurbishment. Subsequent regular maintenance, plus annual safety inspections by the manufacturers (Wicksteed) ensure that every element of the play equipment is kept in a safe condition.

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For Hall booking enquiries please contact

The Village Hall Bookings Officer:

**Sue Coulson Tel. 01304-812340 ([enquiries@staplevillageHall.com](mailto:enquiries@staplevillageHall.com))**

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