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Rector's Letter

"How lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard."

A.A. Milne (*Winnie-the-Pooh*)

This is my last 'Rector's Letter' before leaving the parishes of Eastry, Northbourne, Staple, Tilmanstone and Woodnesborough. I guess I am not alone in finding saying goodbye difficult and struggling to find the appropriate and consequential words to mark the occasion.

Perhaps the quote from Winnie-the-Pooh summarises it all very well – saying goodbye is hard when you are letting go of something which has been very special.

Being a Parish Priest is an immense privilege in offering the opportunity to share a period of one's life on a journey in partnership with a community of people. They are not people you have necessarily chosen – that a sense they are a gift from God; but we must try to work out together how to travel well in a way that is life-enriching and life-enhancing. There are inevitably highs and lows, joys and sorrows; but what is of enduring importance is how we journey through those different experiences in a way that enables mutual growth.

I have been here for a total of eight years now: it is a length of time in which it is possible to make something of a difference, but not so long, I hope, that things become stale – so probably the right time to move on.

It is now a new start for me as I take up my post in Sittingbourne at the beginning of August, but I am so immensely grateful for the nurture, support and love I have received in these villages, which will continue to resource me on my new adventure. At the same time, our parish churches face a time of change, but change always offers new opportunities to grow and flourish.

I shall finish with another quote:

"Goodbyes make you think. They make you realize what you've had, what you've lost, and what you've taken for granted." – Ritu Ghatourey

I am deeply thankful for the many ways in which I have been enriched during my time here, and for all that so many have given, and I trust I have not taken too much for granted.

May God bless you in all that you do.

David Ridley



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From 5 July 2021, the parish of Staple will be in interregnum (i.e. temporarily without a rector). If you have any enquiries about baptisms, weddings or funerals, please contact the Benefice Office, Church Hall, Church Street, Eastry CT13 0HH. The office is open on Wednesdays 10.45 a.m. – 12.45 p.m. and Fridays from 10 a.m. - 12 noon. Contact 01304 611323 (with answerphone). Email eastry.benefice@gmail.com. Alternatively, please get in touch with one of the Churchwardens.

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St James the Great, Staple: Services for July 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

Sunday 4 July
STAPLE
 Eastry

5th Sunday after Trinity
 No Service
 10.00 a.m. Benefice Communion Service
 (Farewell for Rev David Ridley)

Sunday 11 July
STAPLE
 Woodnesborough
 Eastry

6th Sunday after Trinity
 No Service
 10.00 a.m. Holy Communion
 10.00 a.m. Come and Worship

Sunday 18 July
STAPLE
 Eastry

7th Sunday after Trinity
 10.00 a.m. Holy Communion
 10.00 a.m. Holy Communion

Sunday 25 July
STAPLE
 Woodnesborough
 Northbourne

Patronal Festival – St James the Great (Trinity 8)
 10.00 a.m. Family Service
 10.00 a.m. Morning Prayer
 10.00 a.m. Holy Communion

Sunday 1 August
STAPLE
 Woodnesborough
 Eastry

9th 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
4 July	Benefice Service in Eastry				
11 July	No Service in Staple				
18 July	Keith	Trevor, Kate	Vanessa	Kate	Trevor
25 July	Rachel	Pip, Sue	Pat	Vanessa	Sue
1 August	Dave	Kate	Priest	Kate	Vanessa

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.
 Please wear a face mask when you visit the Church, use the sanitizer provided
 and observe 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

Many Congratulations to the Sear Family, especially Ron and Sylvia, as on May 12th their first Great Great Granddaughter was born Anna Rosie Hitchcock 7lbs 9oz, proud parents Nick and Rosie are delighted as they have two sons and Ron and Sylvia already have 6 Grandsons and 4 Great Grandsons so a girl was long overdue and a welcome addition to their every growing family.

On the 13th June, Jack Sear took part along with 5 others in a relay team to swim the channel including one female member who has one arm.

They left the shores of Folkestone at 11.00 pm and they successfully completed the crossing in 14.53 hours.

What a wonderful achievement! Well done and many Congratulations to you all.

The charity they were supporting was Shelter and Jack is planning a solo trip in 2023.

We would like to wish Chris Chapman and family all the very best of wishes and many Congratulations for Friday 25th June as his youngest daughter Sinead Chapman will be saying 'I do' as she is getting married to Hadley Thatcher at Charlton Park, Bishopsbourne.

We hope you all have a wonderful day.

Congratulations also to Joyce and David Parfitt from Barn-Staple Studdal who will be celebrating their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on 29th July. They were married at Barnsole Baptist Chapel sixty years ago and it was the very last wedding to take place there.

Joyce who lived at Chapel Farm, Chapel Lane walked with her father, Arthur Bartlett around to the Chapel where he was Deacon.

Joyce and David have always supported Staple over the years and have been seen at many village and church events.



It was great to see Trevor getting 'papped' in the Daily Telegraph and appearing on national television!!! In his role as Leader of the Dover District Council, singing and dancing to commemorate Dame Vera Lynn's anniversary with her daughter and launching the appeal for the Dame Vera Lynn memorial. Please read the following article for all the details. *Editor.*



Wildflowers over the White Cliffs of Dover: landmarks renamed in memory of Dame Vera Lynn

- **Meadow renamed 'Dame Vera Lynn Down' to mark anniversary of her death**
- **Land was saved for the nation in 2017 by National Trust and is now alive with wildflowers and songbirds**
- **Dover District Council renames footpath leading to clifftops**
- **Lighthouse to be switched on in commemoration**

A meadow on the iconic White Cliffs of Dover that was saved for the nation by the National Trust has been renamed in memory of Dame Vera Lynn to mark the anniversary of her death.

The Trust, which bought the land in 2017, unveiled the newly-named 'Dame Vera Lynn Down' at a ceremony yesterday to pay tribute to the wartime singer and her enduring connection with the landscape. A footpath leading to the clifftops was also renamed in her honour by Dover District Council.

Long associated with the chalk cliffs, Dame Vera Lynn's famous songs gave hope to a country at war, with lyrics including 'there will be bluebirds over the White Cliffs of Dover' and 'the valley will bloom again'.

In 2017, she lent her support to a £1million fundraising campaign by the National Trust to buy 178 acres of arable land on the clifftops.

The wheat field, which was part of the purchase, is now being returned to its original grassland state and is already filled with wildflowers, including ox-eye daisy, wild carrot and viper's bugloss, and attracting corn buntings and skylarks, the nation's songbird.

Dover District Council meanwhile has renamed the footpath leading from the seafront to the White Cliffs as 'Dame Vera Lynn Way' with a new sign featuring the opening line of her famous song, "There'll be bluebirds over, The White Cliffs of Dover, Tomorrow, Just you wait and see."

Virginia Lewis-Jones, Dame Vera's daughter, said: "My mother would be absolutely delighted to have the wildflower meadow named after her, especially as she proactively supported the National Trust's campaign to protect the landscape back in 2017. She always loved having flowers around her and was a keen gardener for many decades.

"The re-naming of the footpath to 'Dame Vera Lynn Way' is a touching tribute as my mother always remarked the White Cliffs were the last landmark seen as the boys went off to war and the first they saw when they returned home."

Ginny Portman, General Manager at the National Trust, said: "Dame Vera Lynn will forever be remembered on the White Cliffs of Dover. Her songs are woven into the fabric of the landscape, and we are so grateful for her support in helping us protect it for future generations.

"She is held in great affection in our hearts and we hope that she would be proud to know her name is now memorialised at the White Cliffs, providing lasting memories for those who visit, and a haven for our rare and treasured wildlife. It is fitting that the fields she helped save are now home to the skylark and its beautiful, melodic song."

Cllr Trevor Bartlett, the Leader of Dover District Council, said: "We're delighted to be working with the National Trust to remember Dame Vera Lynn with lasting tributes on her beloved White Cliffs of Dover.

"Dame Vera will always have a place in the heart of Dover for both her unstinting work to support our armed forces and veterans community, and also her enduring relationship with preserving the iconic landscape and natural beauty of the White Cliffs of Dover which is so carefully protected and nurtured by the National Trust."

The Trust and Council further marked the anniversary with a special switching-on of the South Foreland Lighthouse, which has been lit only three times in 33 years.

Built by the Victorians in 1843, the lighthouse was the first to use an electric light and was designed to warn mariners of shifting sands and guide them into the Strait of Dover. It was decommissioned in 1988 but was lit yesterday evening, 17 June, with special permission from the Trinity House Lighthouse Authority and HM Coastguard, in honour of Dame Vera Lynn.

The beam of light was switched on at dusk by her daughter, Virginia Lewis-Jones, and shone over the English Channel throughout the night. It was the first time the Victorian lighthouse has been lit since 2018, when it was reactivated to mark the Second World War Centenary.

Church Notices

During the last 18 months, we have experienced so many changes not only nationally in our country, but also in the life of our Church and in our communities. Here in Canterbury Diocese, we too have been exploring how best to serve our communities in a changing world. A particular area that we continue to address is how best to serve all our communities with fewer and fewer resources. Going forward however, we do have a vision for a church that is flourishing and sustainable. This vision will only become a reality if all God's people begin to work together to build up the body of Christ in the places where we live and worship. This vision will become a reality when we pray for God to raise up local leaders lay and ordained to serve amongst us. Here in the benefice of Eastry and Woodnesborough, we too are experiencing this change first-hand. There has been change with more people working alongside David and Sandra to serve the people of these communities.

Over the next few weeks and months, we will be going up a gear with Sandra moving to her first incumbency, and David moving to a fresh challenge. Their leaving will lead to us beginning an interregnum and during this vacancy we will have to look at different ways of doing services at least for a time. Losing our full-time clergy within the same time frame is not ideal. However, we face this change with God's grace and the hope that we will be guided by the Spirit as we discern together what God has in store for us. I am thankful that here in Eastry and Woodnesborough, we have an able group of churchwardens and other ministers. Having met you, I am impressed by your vision and confidence in serving the benefice. The Churchwardens now have the task of working with me and the Archdeacon to recruit a new parish priest to lead in ministry going forward. That new priest will be someone who can work collegially, enabling the gifts of everyone to be used in ministry and making the benefice vision a reality.

Over the next few weeks, the churchwardens and others will be putting together a benefice profile which will put that vision into words, explore what the deanery plan means for the benefice, and describe what these communities need from a new parish priest, not only for each of our churches but for the wider community as well. There will be a special joint meeting of the church councils to adopt the profile and to elect representatives to the recruitment process. All of this will happen in time for the post to be advertised over the summer and interviews to take place in the early autumn. If all goes to plan, a new parish priest could be in place early in 2022.

I know that the process of clergy moving amidst so much change is difficult—but I also know that God is with us. God is a God of change, able to support us, work with us, and help us be his people. I believe that God will work through this time of change to refresh and renew us and our service that our Church may flourish and make a difference to all of those around us.

Bishop Rose



Rev David Ridley

As you will know, from last month's Escallop, David Ridley is leaving the Benefice to take up a post as interim minister at St Michael's Church in Sittingbourne and his last service in the Benefice will be on Sunday 4 July at 10 a.m. in Eastry.

David arrived in the Benefice in April 2013. At that time, the Benefice had just been formed by joining the Woodnesborough and Staple Benefice to that of Eastry, Northbourne and Tilmanstone. This grouping was very new and the parishes were only just getting to know one another. Most of them had been through some difficult times, lacking proper leadership and support and all had been in interregnum for a time. When David applied for the post, the Archdeacon – who had been dealing with all the problems, was heard so say “Thank goodness!”. And in many ways, David was the answer to our prayers - his experience and confidence was infinitely reassuring. He set about, quietly and assiduously putting things right – sorting out patterns of service, ensuring that our finances were on an even keel and doing all he could to bring the disparate parishes together to support each other.

He encouraged several retired clergy to provide services and over the years took on the mentoring and training of a number of curates and other ministers with the result that our services became more consistent and professional. He encouraged lay people to get involved and was never afraid to ask for volunteers.



In Staple, he supported various improvements to the Church including the purchase of the sound system, the installation of the new curtains and seat cushions and phase one of the refurbishment work. He supported many of our fundraising activities and turned up to suppers, lunches, fayres and concerts. His enjoyment of Staple's famous catering was legendary.

One of David's key strengths is his modesty and the quiet way in which he leads. At benefice churchwarden meetings and PCC meetings, he is happy to let discussion range widely but is then able to bring us back to the key point and to make sensible, considered decisions. He is also good at making us think – reminding us without preaching of the needs of our world, the danger to our environment and the importance of people getting involved to help change things for the better.

There is no doubt that we will miss David, probably much more that we realise at the moment – and we would like to thank him for everything he has done for us. However, the benefice is in a much better place than it was 8 years ago when he arrived and this will undoubtedly help us to get through the coming interregnum as a united and stronger fellowship.

We wish David every happiness in his new post in Sittingbourne and hope that he will enjoy the new challenges that this change will bring.

From the Parish Church Register

Sunday 30th May - Burial of Ashes Roy and Scarlett Freeman.

Thursday 17th June – Vanessa, Revd David and Trevor travelled to Charing Church for the Celebration of a New Ministry, this of course was for the service of the institution of The Revd Sandra Marsh as rector of the Benefice of Calehill with Westwell.

The service was led by The Right Revd Rose Hudson-Wilkin, Bishop in Canterbury and Bishop of Dover and Induction by The Venerable Darren Miller Archdeacon of Ashford.

It was a lovely service with her family in attendance to mark a special moment in her life as she starts her new stage on her journey and we wish her all the very best for the future.

She has a huge challenge as the area she serves is in a benefice of two parishes with seven churches serving seven villages in a beautiful part of Kent stretching from the foot of the North Downs across the M20/HS1 corridor.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting of St James the Great, Staple

The annual parochial church meeting of St James Church was held on Wednesday 16th June in the church. The Rector, David Ridley, thanked all the members of the PCC and the local community for their dedication and continued hard work during the recent complicated and complex year, and in particular, he thanked the two churchwardens, Vanessa Nedderman and Trevor Bartlett. Vanessa gave a brief update regarding the refurbishment of the church saying that Phase I had been completed just before the first lockdown and once the architects were happy that the dampness had dried out, then Phase II could be considered.

Vanessa and Trevor were re-elected as the two Churchwardens, and Pat Heathfield agreed to carry on as the Treasurer. The Rector reminded those present that Pat had been the treasurer for the last 37 years!

The accounts for 2020 were signed off, and the current members of the PCC and sidemen were re-elected.

Trevor gave a vote of thanks to David Ridley for his hard work and guidance, and continued support to Staple and wished him all the best in his next benefice of Sittingbourne.

Sue Coulson
Secretary

Volunteers needed

Interested in Streaming or Zooming? Techy or non-techy!!

We are looking for enthusiasts with or without experience to join the 'Benefice Streamers'

Please contact Brian on 07917 414409 or bsemples@btinternet.com

No religion required!!

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, 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
- www.stapleparishcouncil.co.uk
- <https://rblstaple.wix.com/rblstaple>
- www.ewbchurches.org.uk

	Staple A Facebook presence for Staple's residents / friends of Staple.
	The Black Pig Events and takeaway menus
	Staple Country-Fayre
	Barnsole Vineyard www.barnsole.co.uk
	Layham Garden Centre and Nursery www.layhamgardencentre.co.uk

Summerfield Nurseries



SUMMERFIELD NURSERIES

Known throughout Kent for its Poinsettia Walks.



Frederick Ronald Sear (known as Ron) & Sylvia Margaret Sear and family putting Staple on the map

I was born in 1934 at the 'Homestead' Summerfield (Woodnesboro') no longer there. The house was destroyed by fire during the second world war. My parents, (Fred and Win) were living there at the time with their parents, my grandparents. Market gardening has been in my family for 3 generations with my father using the train station, previously, in Staple to send fruit and vegetables to London for sale.



When I was 3 years old, my parents moved to Sparrow Hatch in Summerfield, Staple. Sylvia was born in Deal and in 1939, moved to Staple and lived in 1, Durlock Road, near the farm. Sylvia's dad worked in the village & cycled from Deal every day until they moved to Staple as he was a carpenter and a Wheelwright and worked for Art Spinner by the Three Tuns which was then, the Post Office as well. During the war, she was evacuated to Marden to live with her grandmother. When Sylvia came back home, she went to Staple School, then to Sandwich School and on to Barton Court Girls' School, Canterbury. Sylvia's family then lived at Forge House, Staple.

I attended Staple school and we both remember the windows with paper crosses on them because of the bombing. Having been asked by the Editor, "How did Sylvia and I meet?" Sylvia was quick to say that I used to kick the back of her chair in class (at Staple School) ... so not the more common tactic of 'pulling of the pigtails' when a boy liked a girl!!

I then attended Sir Roger Manwoods' School, Sandwich. On leaving school, I helped my father on his market garden at £1 per week plus keep!! I had piano lessons for several years and was organist at Staple Church and played at several weddings for local people.

Sylvia left school and worked at Elgars' Wingham in their offices above Lloyds Bank, High Street Wingham (and cycled from Staple to Wingham in every type of weather!!). Sylvia then worked at Petley's Farm Office in Staple until her first born arrived.

At 18, I had to attend the enlisting office at Chatham for my 2 years of National Service. The enlisting Officer told me the if I joined the regular army for 3 years, I would be able to choose my posting, so I did. I was thinking that I would get a posting to Shorncliffe, near Cheriton, Kent and would be able to come home every weekend to see Sylvia. Instead, I was posted to Egypt (Canal Zone) for 2 and a half years out of the 3 years!! Never volunteer!!

However, I did enjoy those years as I flew home for my leave and as I worked at the G.H.Q. M.E.L.F. 17, promotion was quick. My regiment was the R.A.S.C. (Royal Army Service Corps) and I went from Private

to Lance Corporal to Sergeant to Staff Sergeant. I also had a posting to the British Embassy in Cairo for 3 months where I was in charge of the paperwork for the treaty for the evacuation of the British Troops from the Canal Zone. I returned home in 1955 and in 1956, we were married in Staple Church. I started my business as a nursery man and we lived at 2 Mill Cottages, Staple, no mod cons!!!



My father (bless him) purchased an acre of land for £300, for me to start my nursery, starting with one glasshouse. The business started with cut flowers which would be collected for sale in London.

Our first glasshouse circa 1956

We had 3 children, Carol, Grahame and Karen. More glasshouses were purchased to fill the acre and when Grahame left school, he came to work with us. The adjoining 4 acres were purchased, and the nursery expanded. Grahame and I would go to Covent Garden a couple of times a week to sell our produce.

In 1970, we had our house built and we were the first nursery to grow bedding plants in containers (strawberry punnets) and after that we grew them in plastic containers. In 1983, Grahame became a partner and gradually the staff grew in numbers. We employed over 15 part-time staff from the village and surrounding areas, some of whom are still living in the village now, as indeed we are.



Summerfield Staff Outing 1995

Grahame's wife, Sarah also worked here and did the wages. We purchased a 7-tonne delivery lorry and supplied shops and garden centres and Karen was already looking after our shop.

Our next venture was to grow Poinsettias which filled most of the glasshouses. Grahame was in charge of them as they needed a lot of care and attention.

We started the 'Poinsettia Walks' which were a great success, with some of the grandsons helping and Carol helping in the shop on Sundays. Sarah (Grahame's wife) and Janet served tea and biscuits and we raised several thousands of pounds for various charities.

Sylvia and I have both been involved in village activities, Sylvia was the President of the WI for several years. I served on the Parish Council for 1 year, my highlight was contacting Richard Barber re. village signs for each end of the village. I have been a member of the Staple Branch of the Royal British Legion since 1957 and in my earlier years, raised £300 in a sponsored walk for the Poppy Appeal. I have been awarded a Gold Badge and later, a life membership. We both belong to the Short Mat Bowling Club in Staple.

Our family has continued to grow with 6 grandsons, 4 great grandsons and now recently a great granddaughter.

We have just celebrated our 65th wedding anniversary and when we reached our 60th, we attended the Queen's Garden Party with a special visit to the Houses of Parliament with Craig McKinlay.

(I am proud to have worked at Summerfield's as a young teenager in my school holidays – I remember the whole team being very welcoming and despite being hard work, it was also a lot of fun...very happy memories – Editor)



Staple Wildlife Friendly Village Group



Staple Wildlife Friendly Village Group, helped by members of the public, conducted a Churchyard Treasure Hunt and Nature Count on Saturday 5th June in St. James-the-Great Churchyard. The Churches Count on Nature is a national event this year, which is part of the 'Caring For God's Acre' initiative to highlight churchyards as great habitats for wildlife.

Nature Count Results

One corner of the churchyard has been left unmown to help flowers grow which will increase the sources of nectar for pollinators, including bees. During our Nature Count members of the public used quadrants to select samples of the lawn and to count the number of different species of plants in their sample. Seven to ten different species of plant were typically seen in each sample area. The plants in this one corner of the churchyard were identified over the course of the Nature Count and in total 33 different species were identified. Isn't that an amazing diversity of plants that in turn provide food and habitats for insects?!

The list of plants includes everything from the common daisy to plants with wonderful names such as hairy bittercress, prickly sowthistle (pictured below), cuckoo-pint, pellitory-of-the-wall and stinking iris! Most of the insects seen in the churchyard during the count were different types of flies, however two Nosy Pill Woodlice were identified (thanks to Bridget Burrige's grandchildren for spotting those!) and a delicate Yellow Shell Moth (pictured below). A little investigation into the Yellow Shell Moth identified that it lives and feeds on plants such as cleavers, bedstraws and docks that we had identified growing in the churchyard. This shows a clear link between the plant diversity in the churchyard and the wildlife that relies on it. We would encourage villagers to follow the example of the churchyard and consider leaving lawn unmown during spring next year to allow the diversity of plants in our lawns to increase. In addition, you could consider leaving a Wildlife Friendly Village Nature Count Corner of your garden to grow wild all year round – we should all learn to celebrate our messy areas!



Treasure Hunt

The Nature Count was conducted as part of a Churchyard Treasure Hunt which looked at interesting aspects of our churchyard.

- Did you know that several graves have carvings of a skull and crossbones?
- Did you know that there is a sundial carved into the outside wall of the church?
- Did you know that there is a face in the church boundary wall, which could have been a gargoyle originating from the church wall.

I have lived in Staple for more than 20 years and I never knew that before!!

The Treasure Hunt identified other links between the church and nature by exploring the wonderful array of lichen growing on gravestones. The porous stone that old gravestones were made from provides a perfect habitat for these colourful wonders! Lichens are not like other plants that grow in gardens, as they combine two simple organisms, a fungus and one or more algae growing together as partners to their mutual advantage.

- Basic stone such as limestone, marble or mortar, normally have orange, crustose lichen. These form a flaky crust on the stone.
- Acid stone, such as granite, slate and many sandstones often support the foliose lichens which are leafy in appearance.

The colour of lichen varies according to whether they grow in bright sunlight or shadow. Why not take a look for yourself the next time that you are passing the churchyard?



Suggestions for the Wildlife Friendly Village Group

The aims of the Wildlife Friendly Village Group are:

1. To identify ways that habitats for wildlife can be improved in the parish of Staple (including Barnsole, Summerfield and Shatterling) and its immediate surrounds.
2. To develop and manage designated areas of land with the best interests of wildlife.
3. To work in conjunction with Staple Parish Council, Staple Preschool, Lea Wood Trust, Staple Church and any other organisations that have an interest in wildlife.
4. To educate and promote wildlife friendly actions to villagers, landowners and other members of the public, through communications, events etc., with an aim to encourage the involvement of the wider community.
5. To take any other actions that help support wildlife.

We have started working towards these aims but would appreciate input from villagers.

What suggestions do you have for the Wildlife Friendly Village Group?

Email us at: wildlife-friendlyvillage@outlook.com

Wildlife-friendly ideas for you to try at home

The Wildlife Friendly Village group is taking steps to improve the habitats for wildlife in public spaces across the village, but we can all help wildlife by making small changes in our own gardens. Here are some ideas for you to try:

- 1) 'No Mow May' last month was intended to benefit our pollinators. Why not leave an area of your lawn or garden to grow wild to help our insects? You could also add some wildflower seeds or plugs to help increase the diversity of the plants in your lawn.
- 2) Make sure there is a water source in your garden for birds, small mammals and reptiles. If you don't have room for a pond, provide a shallow bowl for wildlife.
- 3) Don't keep your garden too tidy but celebrate your messy areas!! Heaps of logs, cuttings or leaf litter can provide a habitat for insects, small mammals or reptiles. Avoid cutting back plants in the autumn as insects may live over winter in the dead stems – wait until later in spring to tidy up instead.
- 4) Plant native wildlife friendly plants in your borders, pots or window boxes – you can find lists of suitable plants that will attract bees and other insects online – for example try the RHS or the British Beekeepers association websites. Did you know that pollinators prefer purple/blue flowers?!
- 5) Build a bird box, hedgehog home or a bee hotel - see our suggested instructions and examples of ones we have made
- 6) Avoid using pesticides but try companion planting instead, for example:
 - a. Lavender planted near carrots and leeks will protect them from aphids
 - b. Nasturtiums can lure aphids from beans and egg-laying butterflies from brassicas
 - c. Thyme can deter blackfly from broad beans and roses
 - d. Leaves of the Marigold repel whitefly from tomatoes and can lure aphids from beans, whilst the flowers attract pollinators and aphid predators like ladybirds, lacewings and hoverflies
- 7) Provide caterpillar foodplants, such as cuckooflower, nettles, holly and ivy, to help encourage moths and butterflies.
- 8) Use motion sensors on all outside lights as light pollution can upset the natural rhythm of nature and confuse nocturnal animals.

Helen Harlow and the Wildlife Friendly Village Group



General England Wildlife Quiz

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9. Which four species of animals does the Queen own?
10. Name three types of dolphin found in England?

How did you do?! Answers on page 25

Community Speedwatch and Safety Report



June 2021



Summer has been and gone! However, despite the poor weather we continue with Speedwatch. During the last month we have carried out 16 sessions with 100% accuracy. The maximum recorded speed was 45 mph which is 50% over the speed limit.

Police Actions this Period

1st Record Observed	=	12
Letter Sent FO1	=	3
Letter Sent MO2	=	1

FO1 is a letter sent by the Police to indicate an excessive speed.

MO2 is a letter sent by the Police to indicate the second time the vehicle was recorded speeding.

Speeding is everyone's problem, not just a small group of pensioners with time to spare. We are active in the village to reduce speeds and reduce the chance of an incident. Staple does have speeders ~ mostly motorcycles ~ if it concerns you, please help us to improve awareness that Speed Kills. Many drivers treat speed limits as minimums or targets, failing to realise the risks they pose to themselves, their passengers and other road users.

Please feel free to send any comments about road behaviour to me and we will keep Kent Police informed of any problems.

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 Telephone 01304 812306

SID (Speed Indicator Devices)

No report this month on the statistics ~ the SIDs have been deployed in Lower Road and on The Street and statistics will be reported next month.

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 go to <https://collections.dover.gov.uk/property>

Garden waste collection dates in July are Tuesday 6th and 20th.

www.dover.gov.uk/recycling



STAPLE BRANCH THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION



*In normal times we meet 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. Unable to have meetings due to the pandemic restrictions, please contact the Secretary for more details, by email at: TRBLStaplesec@btinternet.com – 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.*



The Arts Society Sandwich

During the period of restrictions due to the COVID-19 pandemic, The Arts Society Sandwich is providing its 2021 programme of live monthly lectures over the internet via Zoom, each lecture starting at 7pm with login from 6.45pm.

Monday 5 July 2021

Peter Medhurst - The Genius of Beethoven

Beginning with the Pathétique Sonata and charting a course through the symphonies, the string quartets and piano sonatas, Peter Medhurst will explore Beethoven's musical style in order to find what it is that gives Beethoven's music its unique character.

If you are not yet a member but find this interesting

We welcome non-members but would appreciate a £5 contribution per event for participating in our online lectures. If you would like to participate, please email your request to membership.sandwich@theartssociety.org to enable you to log in.

Please visit www.sandwichdfas.org.uk for membership and programme information. You can follow us on Facebook@theartssocietysandwich

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The Sandwich Connect Bus Service

Those who have followed the machinations of the Sandwich Connect bus service since its inception will recall that it was one of five pilot schemes introduced by KCC in 2019 as a result of its Big Conversation rural transport initiative. The Sandwich pilot was originally conceived by KCC as a feeder-type service and at its design stage it had been proposed that the service should use Ash as an interchange point. However, at that time KCC was advised not to service Ash (The Street) with the pilot bus service due to fears of additional traffic congestion and the availability in Ash of regular Stagecoach services. Subsequently, after the bus service had been redesigned as the Sandwich Connect service and had been operating for several months, Staple again raised the proposal that the bus service should go into Ash, suggesting that the bus proceed onto the Sandwich bypass via Chequer Lane, thereby avoiding congesting The Street. KCC formally approached Ash Parish Council with this proposal and at its meeting on 6th January 2020 Ash Parish Council strongly supported the idea, believing it to be of great benefit. Unfortunately, Covid struck before KCC was able to progress the proposed new route and everything fell into abeyance. With the good news that funding for the bus service would continue until March 2022, the revised bus route was once again broached by Staple, and KCC has indicated that it believes there would be merit in looking at this again and in a timeframe that means it can be a feature for a good proportion of the extended pilot period. A proposal to this end is currently being worked up with Britannia, the service operator, and it is hoped that the details will be able to be presented shortly.

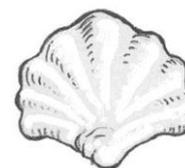
Staple- Sandwich - Northbourne - Mongeham				
Mondays to Fridays				
Staple, Three Tuns	0940	1110	1310	1440
Staple, The Street	0941	1111	1311	1441
Guilton Corner	0946	1116	1316	1446
Sandwich, Fire Station	0951	1121	1321	1451
Sandwich, St Marys Church	0952	1122	1322	1452
Sandwich, The Guildhall				
Arr:	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

Mongeham - Northbourne - Sandwich - Staple				
Mondays to Fridays				
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



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

During 2020, we have not been 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 this year 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 to search for Staple Church and buy your tickets.



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 Escalop

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Staple Parish Council

Minutes of Staple Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 9th June 2021, at 7.30pm in Staple Village Hall

Councillors present

Cllr T Bartlett (Chair)
Cllr S Coulson
Cllr N McCollum
Cllr G McCollum
Cllr D Kirk
Cllr J Kirk
Cllr R Loukes
Cllr S Chandler
Parish Clerk: J Mount

1	Apologies for absence There were none
2	Declaration of interest There were no declarations of interest
3	Minutes of previous meeting
3.1	Approval of previous Minutes Proposed: Cllr. John Kirk Seconded: Cllr. Neil McCollum Passed unanimously
3.2	Matters Arising There were none
4	Public Session There were no members of the public present
5	Reports
5.1	District Councillor Cllr T Bartlett gave a report. (Full report to follow) Cllr R. Loukes...is chewing gum a problem? Cllr Bartlett confirmed that it wasn't and gave details of a firm who will deal with it were it to become a problem.
5.2	Cllr. Sue Chandler (KCC) Cllr S Chandler gave a report. (Full report to follow) Last week was volunteers' week. Thanks to all volunteers in Kent for what they have done. Thanks particularly to all the local volunteers. Unaccompanied asylum seeking children are a problem. Accommodation is now full. Safe care of residents is being put at risk. Legal steps towards a JR are being put in place. Low Carbon Team has won an award. Cllr N McCollum asked what steps the government are taking to clarify the national transfer scheme? Cllr Chandler replied that under the current scheme, KCC could not transfer any of the young people to another authority. An announcement by the government is unlikely to change the situation. Cllr T Bartlett asked if the site at Richborough was likely to retain the booking system? Cllr Chandler replied that the system is working well and there are no queues and people are making fewer visits and taking more when they go. Great deal of pressure at the moment. but will be reviewed as lockdown restrictions are removed.
5.3	PCSO (Eva Winter) No report presented
6	Finance
6.1	Approval of Bank Reconciliation for May 2021 Proposed: Cllr. J. Kirk Seconded: Cllr. G. McCollum Carried unanimously
6.2	Cheques to be approved: Cheque No. 200378 Clerk's Salary £190.00 Proposer: Cllr. Cllr J Kirk Seconder: Cllr. N. McCollum Carried unanimously
6.3	<u>Other financial Items</u>

<p>7</p> <p>7.1</p>	<p>Correspondence Received</p> <p>Highways improvement plan was briefly discussed. Together with A257 Group Information.</p> <p>Cllr. R. Loukes highlighted the section of the A257 which was within the Staple parish boundary. The possible provision of a roundabout and additional white lines was discussed.</p> <p>Cllr S. Chandler spoke about the speed along the road. Cllr Chandler stated that the Police had been contacted about the speeding traffic, but that nothing was likely to be done until there was another incident.</p> <p>It was agreed that while speed is a major contributory factor; other factors, such as driver behaviour are also responsible for accidents. Were the whole length of the road to be restricted to no overtaking, people would be likely to ignore any further instructions. It was felt that further road markings are unlikely to be implemented. It was suggested that the erection of Informative signs should be considered. A considerable amount of further discussion ensued.</p> <p>Cllr. J. Kirk said that discussions should not focus solely on the accident that occurred outside the Wingham Farm Shop; as this was just one of a large number of serious accidents and incidents that have taken place along that stretch of road over many years. Cllr Chandler stated that the cost of any road improvements would need to be met from parish funds. The meeting was informed that the owner of Wingham Wildlife Park had offered land, free of charge, to facilitate the widening of the road at that point. The cost of the road-widening would be in the order of tens of thousands of pounds; and Wingham Wildlife Park are unlikely to fund this, due to the loss in revenue during the pandemic. Cllr. J. Kirk acknowledged that the KKC's system for rating the need/urgency of safety measures was based upon fatalities having occurred. But suggested that a long track record of serious accidents/near-fatalities, collectively ought to be sufficient to trigger action by KCC. Cllr. R. Loukes pointed out the difference in altitude in various parts of the road; the number of bends, and the fact that drivers cannot see round bends. He also pointed out that drivers generally do not adhere to the speed limit. Cllr. S. Chandler said that overall speed assessment has to be done using the rubber strips across the road method. It was noted that although there are arrows and signage round the bend; there are none on the straight stretches. Cllr. N. McCollum said that speed cameras do help, but that no new ones have been installed for a long time. Cllr. T. Bartlett asked if there was anything we could do as a Parish Council. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to Cabinet member for highways, David Brazier. Cllr. S. Chandler left the meeting at this point and was thanked by The Chair for attending.</p> <p>An e mail from a resident relating to the possible addition of yellow lines in The Street was discussed at length.</p> <p>Cllr. R. Loukes raised the subject of silent electric cars and said that he had received correspondence from a partially sighted lady who nearly got run over by a silent electric car. It was suggested that representations be made to the local MP, requesting that when travelling below 30 mph, cars should not be silent. The Clerk will write to the Minister for Transport, Grant Shapps. (Copy to Craig McKinlay.) Cllr. R. Loukes said that the proposed Sandwich bus route does not include the areas we asked for and was going along the wrong roads. (It should be going along Chequer Lane). Clerk to send an e mail to Cllr. Ellen, public transport. (ruralbusschemepilots@kent.gov.uk)</p>
<p>8</p> <p>8.1</p>	<p>Reports</p> <p>Planning applications determined</p>

19/01362/1	Summerfield Nurseries. 2. Biodiversity	Condition Approved
19/01362/F	Summerfield Nurseries. 14 – Landscaping	Condition Approved

8.2

Planning Applications submitted

8.3

21/00743	Land to South of Summerfield House. Erection of 2 no. dwellings, car ports, vehicular access and associated parking. Clerk to make the same representation as was made before.
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Village Hall and Recreation Ground

Cllr. J Kirk reported that the VH Committee were taking provisional bookings for the post-June 21st period. If the lockdown easing measures proposed for June 21st take place, then it will be a case of business as usual. Several enquiries have already been received.

Cllr. D. Kirk reported on the latest day-to-day maintenance issues; and listed some of the tasks he had carried out, including the fitting of a new lock to the front door, the re-painting of the front doors, the installation of a new door handle, the painting of the repaired area of soffit and the purchase/installation of a new mat in the entrance hall.

In response to a question from Cllr. S. Coulson, Cllr. D. Kirk said that the installation of a new CCTV camera was imminent and that the play area's equipment was all in good order / working satisfactorily.

8.4

Cllr. D. Kirk informed the meeting that during the recent renovation/repair of the Village Hall roof, over 900 new tiles had to be purchased.

SIDs/Speed watch

Cllr R Loukes gave a report.

We have been doing sessions since the beginning of April and are continuing with 8 active members. Since April to date we have completed 12 sessions.

43 vehicles were reported for exceeding the speed limit (35 mph or above) and 37 were valid vehicles meaning we had an 86% accuracy in recording registration, make and colour.

The maximum recorded speed was 48 mph. (60% above limit)

The Police sent out 7 notices to speeding vehicles that had either recorded more than one occasion of speeding or exceeded the limit by 50%.

We are now able to carry out sessions at any of our designated sites and at any time during daylight hours, but our busy times are 08:00 to 10:00 am and 3:00 to 4:30 pm.

Stourmouth are currently not active, but we still do sessions every 2 weeks; I do not think with the numbers of volunteers we could increase our number of sessions.

Reporting between 01-04-2021 and 08-06-2021

Current Volunteers = 12

Summary for this Period

Number of Sessions this period	=	12
Total Vehicles exceeding limit	=	43
DVLA Valid vehicles	=	37
Accuracy	=	86%
Maximum Speed recorded in 30 limit	=	48 mph(+60%)

Police Actions this Period

1st Record Observed	=	30
Letter Sent FO1	=	4

Letter Sent MO2 = 3

Overall

My group started Recording* on = 12-12-2018
Number of Sessions since start date = 82
Vehicles recorded exceeding limit since start date = 319
Maximum Speed recorded in 30 mph limit = 53 mph(+76%)

8.5 **Footpaths**
Cllr S Coulson gave a report...several footpaths are overgrown with cow parsley, Thanks to Mervyn Laker for clearing the path that goes down behind the church and goes up to Crixhall. Cllr N McCollum reported that the footpath by the chicken farm is overgrown. Cllr. S Coulson said that she would contact the farmer concerned and ask him for his help in reinstating the footpaths following ploughing.

9 Items for discussion

9.1 **Date and format of Annual Parish Council Meeting**
We have nothing on the agenda yet for election of Officers. Cllr G McCollum asked if we have to have an APCM? Cllr T Bartlett said that all the other councils do have one. not election of councillors, just the officers. Clerk to check KALC and see if they are giving any advice. To be discussed at the next meeting following advice sought.

9.2 **Defibrillator Service**
Cllr R Loukes said that it is maintained by R Loukes, so does not really need a professional to check it. It does a self-check. Recommendation to not take any further action.

10 Any Other Business

Additional correspondence as permitted by the Chair
None mentioned.

11 Any confidential items to be discussed
Pecuniary disclosure
Clerk Salary
Thanks were recorded to The Clerk for his work throughout the year.

12 Date of next meeting: July 14th 2021 at 7.30pm

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.

Regular central heating maintenance, an excellent cleaner, and the use of a local multi-skilled tradesman mean that the Hall is always warm, clean and in perfect working order. This provides excellent value for money for the Hall's long-term hirers and also attracts short-term hirers / maintains levels of income. The committee secretary's vigilance ensures that the Hall is always warm and that the heating is only on during hire periods; thus, keeping costs to a minimum. The committee's Treasurer and Booking Officer make sure that the Hall is always cost-effective. (With booking income matching/exceeding expenditure). The largest regular expense is the Hall's annual insurance. The Hall's regular long-term hirers include Staple Pre-School, Staple Youth Club, Staple Parent & Toddler Group, Staple Short Mat Bowls Club and the Staple Country Fayre Committee.

For Hall booking enquiries please contact

The Village Hall Bookings Officer:

Sue Coulson Tel. 01304-812340 (enquiries@staplevillageHall.com)

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General England Wildlife Quiz Answers

1. How many noses does a slug have? 4
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5. What is the largest animal in England? Red deer stags
6. A snail can sleep for how many years? 3
7. How many pairs of wings does a bee have? 2 sets of wings (so 4)
8. Which is the most dangerous animal in England, in terms of deaths? Cows
9. Which four species of animals does the Queen own? Mute swans, whales, sturgeons and porpoises
10. Name three types of dolphin found in England? Bottlenose dolphins, Atlantic white-sided dolphins and the Common dolphin

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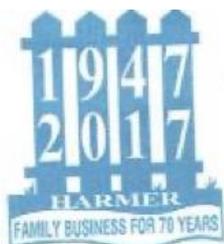
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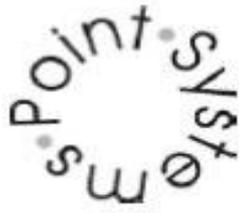
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