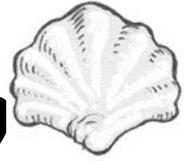




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Curate's Letter

"We All Live by Faith"

The quote above comes from a recent radio broadcast by philosopher John Gray. It caught my attention because I am a big fan of his and (*this may surprise you*) because he is a prominent atheist. He was making the case that those who jettisoned faith in God during the Age of Reason did not stop having faith, they merely transferred their faith to science. Many responded to the Enlightenment by rejecting any notion of a loving, creator God. Darwin's theory of evolution surely put paid to any notion that God is the Creator and we are his creatures or so they thought. But John Gray delights in pointing out the delusional character of that kind of atheism.

My personal, spiritual journey can be summarised briefly. I was sent to church as a boy, joined the choir and adored the worship but was often disappointed that God didn't seem to turn up at the show. Where was He? As a teenager, I thought it was cool to refer to myself as an atheist. All I had really done was stop thinking about spiritual matters because of all the distractions. In my 20s I focused on family, friends and work, which was fine, but gradually I came to realise that something was missing. In my 30's I joined a big lively church and in His infinite grace God gave me the gift of faith. On one level this gave me assurance but on another it raised endless issues to be worked through. It's not possible to reappraise your assumptions in one hit. They must be worked through over a lifetime.

The point John Gray was making about faith in Darwinian evolution was this. Dismissing faith in a Creator God is not an end to faith. It means switching the source of one's faith to the theory of evolution. The problem with that is the problem of all science. Namely, that it can never hope to build a complete picture or accurate world view. Why? Because, science itself is constantly evolving. Take for example, the evolution of birds. Scientists applied Darwin's theories and by examining all the physical evidence available, came up with family trees for the relationships between bird species. The problem is that in many cases they were just plain wrong as DNA testing has proven. Who would have thought that kestrels are not related to hawks but they are related to parrots!

So, if we all live by faith of one kind or another, and we do. Where should we place our faith? Through all that Jesus has accomplished, the gift of faith is open to everyone – you only need to ask, that is God's promise. The life of faith is not static, it is dynamic and demanding, evolving if you like, because real life creates doubts and demands answers to difficult questions. But God is always on hand. He is Emmanuel, God with us.

Luke 11:13 "If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

Reverend Rob Stevenson



Eastry and Staple Benefice Service at Staple Sunday 31 October at 10 a.m.

On Sunday 31 October the Benefice service will be held in Staple and will be taken by the Bishop of Dover, the Rt Revd Rose Hudson-Wilkin.

Please do come along to the service to hear her speak and meet her.

STAPLE EVENTS CALENDAR

(How nice to have it back – Ed)

Friday 1 October 2021	
Saturday 2 October 2021	
Sunday 3 October 2021	Said Communion – 10.00 a.m. Staple Church Harvest Lunch – Staple Village Hall – 12.30 for 1 p.m.
Monday 4 October 2021	Arts Society, Sandwich – 7,00 p.m. Guildhall, Sandwich
Tuesday 5 October 2021	
Wednesday 6 October 2021	Coffee Morning 10 -11.30 a.m. – Lombardy Cottage, The Street
Thursday 7 October 2021	
Friday 8 October 2021	
Saturday 9 October 2021	Memorial Service for Philip Clements – 12 noon, Northbourne
Sunday 10 October 2021	No Church service in Staple Children’s Society Event, Recreation Ground- 1.00 till 3.00pm.
Monday 11 October 2021	
Tuesday 12 October 2021	Staple Parish Council meeting 7.30pm Village Hall.
Wednesday 13 October 2021	Cinema Evening, James Bond - Sandwich Cinema 6.00pm
Thursday 14 October 2021	Royal British Legion AGM, 7.30pm Black Pig Sandwich History Society – 7.30 p.m. Guildhall, Sandwich
Friday 15 October 2021	
Saturday 16 October 2021	
Sunday 17 October 2021	Holy communion - 10.00 am, Staple Church Pet Service - Staple Church 3.00pm
Monday 18 October 2021	
Tuesday 19 October 2021	
Wednesday 20 October 2021	
Thursday 21 October 2021	The Ash Society – 7.30p.m. Ash Village Hall
Friday 22 October 2021	Copy Date for the Escallop
Saturday 23 October 2021	
Sunday 24 October 2021	Family Service – 10.00 a.m. Staple Church - Rwanda Action
Monday 25 October 2021	
Tuesday 26 October 2021	
Wednesday 27 October 2021	
Thursday 28 October 2021	
Friday 29 October 2021	
Saturday 30 October 2021	
Sunday 31 October 2021	Benefice Communion Service with Bishop Rose

HARVEST LUNCH

Sunday 3 October

(Please note this is on a different day to the service this year)

**12.30 FOR 1.00 P.M
STAPLE VILLAGE HALL**

Please bring your own drinks and glasses

There will be a raffle in aid of Church Funds

Tickets - £12.50 (Children aged 11 and under – Free)

Available from Vanessa Nedderman 01304 812515 and Trevor Bartlett 01304 813492

All proceeds will go towards Church Funds



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 3 October STAPLE Woodnesborough Eastry	18th Sunday after Trinity 10.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.	Said Holy Communion Family Service Holy Communion
Sunday 10 October STAPLE Woodnesborough Eastry	19th Sunday after Trinity NO SERVICE 10.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion Come and Worship
Sunday 17 October STAPLE STAPLE Eastry	20th Sunday after Trinity 10.00 a.m. 3.00 p.m. 10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion Pet Service Holy Communion
Sunday 24 October STAPLE Woodnesborough Northbourne	Last Sunday after Trinity 10.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.	Family Service Morning Prayer Holy Communion
Sunday 31 October STAPLE	4th Sunday before Advent 10.00 a.m.	Benefice Communion Service with the Bishop of Dover
Sunday 7 November STAPLE Woodnesborough Eastry	3rd Sunday before Advent 10.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.	Said Holy Communion Family Service Holy Communion

Church Rota

Date	Sidesman	Readers	Prayers	Bells	Verger	Coffee
3 Oct	Keith	Kate	Priest	Tbc	Vanessa	n/a
10 Oct	No Service in Staple					
17 Oct (am)	Mick	Shelley, Denis	Andy	tbc	Vanessa	Andy and Pat
17 Oct (pm)	Russ	Claire, Pip	Pat	Kate	Trevor	Kate and Phil
24 Oct	Dave	Sue, Pip	Pat	tbc	Sue	Mick and Mags
31 Oct	Andy	Andy, Roger	Vanessa	Russ	Vanessa/Trevor	Russ and Ursula
7 Nov	Pat	Dave	Priest		Andy	n/a

Flower Rota

Sunday 3 October	Vanessa
Sunday 10 October	n/a
Sunday 17 October	Pat
Sunday 24 October	Sue
Sunday 31 October	Sue/Vanessa/Pat
Sunday 7 November	Ann



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 stream one service from a benefice Church at 10 each Sunday morning using Zoom.
 You can join a service by following this
 link: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/7360055669?pwd=UEVwSzJQSlYvTHNtVnBLK2VNTzliZz09>

"Between April and June 1994, an estimated 800,000 Rwandans were killed in the space of 100 days."

On Sunday 24th October St James the Great church in Staple will be visited by David (CEO) and Sally Chaplin (Trustee responsible for Craft Management), the original founders of the highly successful charity, "Rwanda Action" (originally known as "Rwanda Aid"). David and Sally went out to Rwanda, on David's retirement to see how they might help with the devastation that ensued from this terrible genocide. It is the intention of Staple Church to include Rwanda Action as their overseas charity and will try to help, in however small a way, with the wonderful work they have been carrying out since the genocide in Rwanda. See below for information about the work being carried out by Rwanda Action:

Empowering communities to reduce poverty

Working in the Western province of Rwanda where there is widespread poverty, Rwanda Action helps people develop the skills and knowledge to create a better future for themselves and for their communities. We work with the local authorities to identify the most pressing challenges and together we devise and pilot innovative solutions to those challenges. Through careful monitoring and evaluation, we produce the evidence to show that these solutions are working. Then we encourage and help the community and local/national government to adopt and run with these solutions, thus ensuring sustainability and scale

Key Principles

- We keep administrative costs to a minimum and maintain rigorous financial controls
- Most of the operational work is undertaken by the team in Rwanda
- We are committed to the inclusion of those on the margins of society

Governance

The work of the charity is overseen by a small Board of Trustees with a wide range of experience and expertise, and a real commitment to Rwanda. All Trustees have visited Rwanda on at least one occasion

Building Communities

Working closely with the local people and authorities, we identify the main challenges facing a community and address these with a combination of family and community initiatives. The emphasis is always on empowerment.

Education

Not only have we built 72 new classrooms with supporting washrooms, but we have also piloted and developed a school-based mentor programme designed to improve the quality of teaching and learning. This is now being replicated by the Rwanda Education Board

Disability

Disability is not well understood in the rural regions of Rwanda. Often children with disability are hidden away or, worse still, abandoned.

Rwanda Action has created a centre which provides training to enable children with disability to be cared for and included in their homes, in school, in the community and the workplace.

How you can help

For information about the different ways in which you can support our work in Rwanda simply visit our website

Below is the testimony of one of the children the charity has helped:

Chantal's Testimony

I remember when I came to the Alivera Centre in 2012. My physical disability would not allow me to walk. RA helped me a lot including medical treatment. In 2015, I was taken to hospital in Eastern province and after several operations I was able to walk. See the photo that shows the deformation of my legs before being supported by RA.



My life at home was totally different to my life in the Alivera Centre. When I was at home I had no right to anything; even interacting with other children was not possible because of my disability. I was not happy; I felt such shame and thought that people with disability are useless things or rubbish in the world. Since I reached TAC, my life has changed. Here I found other children who have similar problems. I started making friends with other children and began to feel more normal and more confident.



I learned that disability is not inability. I started studying with courage and it led me to come on the first position in my class. I had not believed that this could be possible

I need to keep working hard in order to get better results which may lead to the achievement of my objectives of becoming a doctor. I thank a lot RA that took the initiative of helping people like me who were misunderstood and neglected.

Please Join us at Staple Church at 10.00 am on 24th October for the Family Service, to meet Sally and David, a remarkable and lovely couple, and hear direct from them all about the extraordinary work that has been carried out by Rwanda Action.



Staple Coffee Mornings



We are delighted to announce the return of our monthly coffee mornings. The coffee mornings are a chance to meet with old friends and neighbours or, if you are new to the village, to come along and meet new people. There is always plenty of tea and coffee and, if we are really lucky, some biscuits and homemade cake!

The first morning will be hosted by Trevor Bartlett at Lombardy Cottage, Staple, from 10 am to 12 midday on Wednesday, 6th October and all are welcome.



If you would like any further information, or need help or transport to get to Trevor's, please contact Annette on 07957 493111. We look forward to seeing you there!

SAVE THE DATE
Staple Christmas Fayre will be held on Sunday 5 December
 (pandemic restrictions permitting)

It may seem a long way off but many of us starting to plan for the festive season. For me in particular, our Christmas Fayre to be held on Sunday 5 December in the Church is whirling around in my head. I shall be running the usual Christmas themed tombola and also some "pocket money" stalls for children including a Teddy Tombola. Therefore I would be extremely grateful for any donations of the following:

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|---------------------------|--|
| For the main tombola | Bottles (alcoholic or soft drink), Sweets/chocolates, Biscuits (sweet or savoury), Pickles, Tinned meat, fish, fruit etc, Christmas crackers, In fact anything Christmassy |
| For the Children's stalls | Teddy bears (pre-loved is fine), Chocolate coins, Chocolate tree decorations, Selection packs, Tubes of sweets. |

We would love to see lots of children having fun and taking lots of goodies home! Many thanks

Kate Newcombe, 2 Church Cottages, The Street

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

It is with much regret that we announce that Norman Herrington sadly passed away peacefully on 11th September at Chaucer House Care Home, he was much loved and will be sadly missed by all his Family and Friends. Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife Julie and daughters Lynne, Jane & Kay and families.

Mr and Mrs Herrington and their daughters moved to Staple in 1973 and converted two derelict cottages in Durlock Road in to their family home 'Linton' Norman worked at Nonnington College until it closed in 1986, they then moved to Lydden in 1987 and ran the village post office, they then retired to Woodnesborough.



On Saturday 28th August a Baptism took place for Scarlett Brett at St James the Great, the service was taken by Revd Sandra Marsh. Very proud parents Dave and Chloe were joined by Scarlett's sister Darcey, brother Sidney along with family & friends. During the service a poem compiled by Darcey aged 7 was read.

My Baby Sister

My baby sister, Scarlett
Is tiny but strong.
She's sweet as a Cherry,
But not very long.

We take walks together,
Play, and sings songs.
There's nothing better
than when we get along.

She's cute as a button,
And ever so smart.
When she wears her hair bow,
She's a little sweetheart.



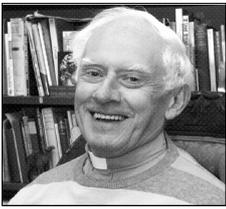
You are all very welcome to come and join in a PET SERVICE on Sunday 17th October at 3.00pm service to be taken by Revd Sandra Marsh please bring your pets how every large or small.

Refreshments will be served after the service.

Silver Birch logs FREE to a good home.
Collection only, no delivery. Chapel Lane, Staple. Contact Barry on 07394 952759.

Belated Birthday Wishes to Jon Vickers who celebrated his 60th Birthday on 14th September.

Last month we said a fond farewell to The Gurr family from Mill House, Mill Road as they moved to set up home in South Africa.



And we would very much like to welcome to the village Michael and Tracey Davis-Marks who have moved from South Sea in Portsmouth with their two teenage sons Harry and George we hope that you have started to settle in your new home.

The Memorial Service for the late Revd Philip Clements will be on Saturday 9th October at 12.00 noon in Northbourne Church.

Painting for Pleasure - a small art group including residents from Staple who enjoy drawing and painting, using whatever medium is their preference. They meet on a Monday afternoon at Woodnesborough Village Hall from 1.45pm until 4.00pm and have a tea break halfway through. They will be recommencing sessions on Monday 6th September, and they would love to welcome some new members, so just come along or if you would like further information, telephone Diane on 01304 617264.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2nd - 5th June 2022

Can you help organise a celebration event in Staple?

Following the announcement from Buckingham Palace on 2nd June this year regarding the Platinum Jubilee Weekend of 2nd to 5th June 2022, would you be interested in volunteering to form a planning committee to make the arrangements for an event in the village?

If you have ideas and/or would like to help organise an event, please contact me with your name and contact details:-Email - trevorbartlett1@outlook.com or phone/text 07980 300084.



Come and support the Children's Society!

Dear all

Hema Shaw would like to invite you to come and join her in helping raising money for a great cause on **10 October at the Staple Village Hall, Mill Road Staple CT3 1LB, from 1pm – 3pm.**

Relax in the delightful grounds and enjoy a traditional barbecue and our beautiful home-made cakes. To accompany you, there will also be some music and songs. The fun doesn't end here as we are going to have a bouncy castle, treasure hunt, glitter tattoo, musical statues, limbo competition, the piggy game, slime corner and other garden games. Also try your luck in buying our raffle tickets to win amazing prizes.

We look forward to seeing you there.

RSVP: hsegolam@yahoo.com



RIDE + STRIDE – Saturday 11th September 2021

There was a really good turn out for riders from Staple for the Ride and Stride and the weather obliged by being warm and sunny. Full details of how many miles people travelled and how much was raised will be in next month's magazine but in the meantime, thanks go to all those who cycled and to the people who manned the church and welcomed visitors (including those on the Becket Walk) with tea and cake. Many thanks also to Ursula



for organising everyone. The Ride and Stride was particularly poignant this year as our involvement was masterminded for many years by Julia Brammer who sadly passed away on 31 August.



Staple Wildlife Friendly Village Project receive a DDC Community Grant Award

On 8th September members of the Staple Wildlife Friendly Village Project received a cheque for £494.66 from Dover District Council Community Grant Award Scheme to support the next phase of their project.

Cllr. Trevor Bartlett, as Chair of Dover District Council, presented members of the Staple Wildlife Friendly Village committee with a cheque. The group had submitted a successful application for the Summer Round of the Grant Award Scheme. The money will be used to plant more trees, spring bulbs and wildflowers to enhance local habitats and develop biodiversity throughout the village. Although the group is planting up public areas, residents are also encouraged to re-wild parts of their gardens and open-up wildlife corridors to link gardens.



Two litter picks have been organised by the group during the summer months to keep the roads and footpaths clear of rubbish. Further litter picks are planned bi-monthly in the coming year. A series of talks on the environment are to be arranged during the winter months which will be advertised in the next edition of The Escallop and on the village Facebook page.

Staple Wildlife Friendly Village Group is among 67 similar projects which are part of the Wildlife Friendly Communities initiative that aims to foster natural habitats within communities from small villages to larger towns.

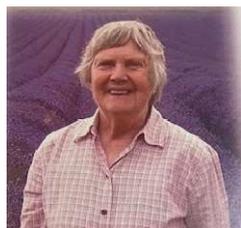
If you would like to contact Staple Wildlife Friendly Village Group please send an email to: wildlife-friendly-village@outlook.com

Answers to Quiz on page

1. Field Maple; 2. Hawthorne; 3. Willow; 4. Horse Chestnut; 5. Birch; 6. Oak;
7. Beech; 8. Sycamore

St. Mary's Church Woodnesborough

Barn Dance

A decorative graphic for a barn dance event. It features a central text area surrounded by a circular arrangement of cowboy hats, boots, and spurs, all connected by a rope. The text is as follows:

Saturday 6 November 2021
6.30pm for 7pm
At Woodnesborough Village Hall
Dance to Abbey Capers
Tickets £10 pp from Denise - 01304 619654
Alison - 07460 839319
Martin - 01304 617636
or Kerrie - 01304 620209
(please purchase beforehand)
Includes jacket potato, chilli & cheese
(vegetarian option available)
Please bring your own drink and glass

Julia Brammer
1939 – 2021

As many of you will know, Julia Brammer, long-time resident of the village and staunch member of the Church, died on 31 August 2021. Her memorial service, led by Rev Rob Stevenson, was held in Staple Church on 20 September 2021 and was attended by many village residents. Keith, Alison, Richard and their families would like to thank everyone for their many cards and the kind messages they have received. They were pleased that so many were able to join them in the Church for the service. Below Keith writes in remembrance of Julia.

Julia was born a few weeks after the outbreak of the Second World War. She was the only child of George and Madge Wilkinson who lived in Northfield, a suburb of Birmingham. She saw little of her father until she was six years old as George served in the army throughout the war. At the age of just 12 months she had a major health scare when undergoing surgery for mastoiditis at Birmingham Children's Hospital. During the operation there was a bombing raid on the city causing the building to shake rendering conditions in the operating theatre non-sterile. There were no antibiotics in those days and on completion of the surgery, Julia's mother was told it was unlikely that she would survive. She took Julia home and she did survive for over 80 more years.

Julia started her formal education at Northfield Primary School and passed the 11-plus early at the age of 10. She was awarded a Foundation Scholarship to attend King Edward's School for Girls. She did well during her time there, finally achieving good A Level exam results and securing a place at Birmingham University to read history. At the same time I had decided to stay on at the same university to study for a PhD in Chemistry. We first met about a year into our studies and married 2 years later, in September 1961 after completing our respective degrees. We spent the next year in the USA where I had secured a position at the University of California for a year to do research on viruses. Julia was able to find temporary work there, mainly in shops and we also found time to enjoy ourselves exploring many of the wonderful sights of the Western States.

After returning to England we moved to Kent where I had secured a research position with Pfizer at Sandwich. We bought our first home in Wingham, where we lived for 14 years during which time our 2 children, Alison and Richard were born. We were regular churchgoers and Julia and both children sang in the church choir. Julia also ran the Sunday School there for several years.

After moving to Staple 44 years ago, we transferred our allegiance to Staple Church where Julia served on the PCC for many years and also ran the Sunday School here for a few years with her friend Gaynor Hulme. Julia lived living in Staple and immersed herself in the social life of the village in many ways including the WI, serving as treasurer and president during her time on the committee. She and the children enjoyed working on local farms during the summer holidays, helping with the harvesting of vegetables and grapes. In more recent times she has been able to spend more time pursuing her love of music by singing in several local choirs and her love of the natural world by exploring and walking around the attractive coast and countryside of East Kent.

It became clear that all was not well with Julian's health about 10 years ago when forgetfulness and a lack of self-confidence became apparent. This trend progressed for about 5 years when increasing dementia due to Alzheimer's Disease was formally diagnosed. Julia remained at home for a further 2 years until the worsening of her condition meant that nursing care was required. We were fortunate to secure her a place at Newington Court Nursing Home near Sittingbourne where she has been cared for by a wonderful team of carers and nurses for nearly 3 years. She passed away there peacefully during the afternoon of 31





STAPLE BRANCH THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION



*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 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.*

September has been quite a busy month for us and we feel that we are now functioning almost as normal. We had an excellent Dinner Night at the Black Pig on the 9th in lieu of our September meeting. Eighteen members, friends and guests enjoyed a splendid meal, courtesy of Reece and his staff who looked after us very well. Guest of Honour was Anne Hill, who is Poppy Appeal Co-ordinator for East Kent. Anne and her husband Peter have been active members of the legion for many years and we were very pleased to see them again. After the meal, we had a little ceremony to welcome our newest Youth Member, Harvey Perry, who was smart as a carrot, a credit to his family and proud to be presented his Youth Badge by Anne Hill. The Chairman made yet another speech to general hilarity and a good time was had by all.

Casting your mind back to 2014 and the Centenary of the start of World War 1, some of you may remember that the Legion, with much fund raising, grants, donations, a lot of hard work and the generous permission of the Parish Council to use the land, cleared the site of the old council rubbish dump and recycling site opposite the Village Hall to create the Garden of Remembrance to the Lost Sons of Staple. The site was rather costly to clear and we ran out of money to complete the project with a flagpole as was planned. At a recent Branch meeting, there was a discussion about the final closure of RAF Manston and an ex RAF member had the idea that they would no longer need their flagpole and we should ask for it! The Secretary approached our MP, Craig MacKinlay, who took a keen interest and was more than helpful, referring the request up to MOD (where there is a Minister with responsibility for flagpoles!?) and the Wing Commander in charge at Manston, also extremely helpful, saw to the dismantling and arranged delivery in a very large truck. An appropriate hole has been dug, filled with concrete and various bolts and fixings that flagpoles need and it now stands erect in the Garden. We're hoping to have an inauguration ceremony soon.

The Chairman laid a wreath and Standard Bearer Barry Rampton paraded the Standard on The Battle of Britain Memorial Day at Capel Le Ferne.

October's Branch Meeting will be our AGM. Because of Covid restrictions, there was no AGM last year and Branch Officers and Committee carried on for the next year. This year, all Branch officials will stand down and stand for re-election. Branch members are encouraged to put themselves forward for election to either the Committee or a Branch Office. The AGM will take place at The Black Pig on Thursday 14th October at 7.30pm when it is hoped as many Members as possible will attend to take an active interest in how their Branch is run.





Pipe-Dreamers



We're pleased to tell you that The Pipe-Dreamers are meeting again on Tuesday afternoons. At present we have 6 members but are happy to welcome new players any time.

We use a range of different sizes of recorder and play a mixed repertoire of simple to intermediate ensemble music.

We began 8 years ago and have often played in Staple Church and at the Black Pig, but our main aim is to have fun and make informal music together.

If you are interested in learning to play the recorder or brushing up forgotten skills, do get in touch, we can accommodate all abilities!

bridget.burridge@gmail.com 01304 611888

Staple Pre-School

At Staple Pre-School we provide a caring atmosphere for children between the ages of 2 and 5 years. We offer 30 hours a week of Free Early Education for children over the age of 3 years for working parents (depending on eligibility) Please check HMRC website for details. There is also funding for eligible 2 year olds.

We are proud of our experienced, well-qualified staff who look carefully at each individual child and consider their needs, interests and stages of development. We use our observations to plan a challenging and exciting environment, to ensure they make progress during their time with us.

We follow the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) curriculum which covers seven areas of learning.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development,
Physical Development,
Communication and Language,
Literacy,
Mathematics,
Understanding of the World
Expressive Arts and Design

We have our own secure garden and provide a rich outdoor experience with acres of outside space.

Some staff are undertaking 'Forest School' training and we have been awarded 'Eco-School' status by KCC.

For more information, please contact Lauren Gupta-Miles on 07764 757265 or email info@staplepreschool.co.uk

We are urgently seeking an Administrator. If you would like to support the staff and help manage the Pre-School please ask for a Job Description using the above contact details.



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

Attractive architect designed development of eight properties, due for completion October 2021

Six homes for affordable rent (2 x one bedroom bungalows, 4 x two bedroom houses)

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The Ash Society

As with so many organisations it has been a long time since we were first able to meet (February 2020).

However, circumstances permitting, we intend to be back in action from **October 21st** (Peter Ewart speaks on **'Smuggling in Kent'**) at **7:30 pm in Ash Village Hall**, Queen's Road, Ash.

Because of the difficult times we have recently experienced, the Committee realises there may be some reluctance to start 'gathering together' – on the other hand, perhaps you can't wait! – but be assured, we will do all we can to keep you safe. There is room to space out the seating and if you are happier wearing a mask, that is absolutely fine. Please 'give it a go'.

Subscriptions paid in January 2020 have been carried forward, so paid up members have free entry. Non-members are very welcome at a charge of £2 per talk. We have booked some interesting speakers including return visits from Imogen Corrigan and Melanie Gibson-Barton, plus the History of Cheese (with tastings!). The Committee looks forward to welcoming you in October to start the Winter season.

Nina Vallack (Chair)

Waste and recycling collections

As you know, the Garden Waste collection is currently suspended. At the time of going to press, it is planned that the collections will restart in the week commencing 11 October.

Dover District Council apologise for any inconvenience caused and would like to thank you for your patience and understanding. Ways of how to refund customers are being considered.

If you need to urgently dispose of garden waste you can book a slot at the [KCC recycling centres](#) which are open.



Sandwich Connect Bus Service – UPDATE

A revised route and timetable for the Sandwich Connect bus providing a link between Staple and Ash has now been agreed. Staple Parish Council proposed that the bus should enter Ash then turn at Chequer Lane and proceed to Sandwich via the Ash By-Pass but following consultation KCC has decided that the bus will instead proceed further into Ash before turning down New Street and Marshborough Road and entering Sandwich via Woodnesborough Road. This revised route will reinstate a bus service for an area of Ash which, like Staple, lost a regular Stagecoach Service when the Number 14 was withdrawn in 2019. A revised timetable has been agreed with Britannia but as the Traffic Commissioner requires 70 days' notice of the intention to register a change to a bus service, the new timetable and route will not come into operation until **Monday, 25th October 2021**.

Revised timetable effective 25 October 2021

Staple- Sandwich - Northbourne - Mongeham		Sandwich Connect			
Mondays to Fridays					
Staple, Three Tuns		0939	1109	1309	1439
Staple, The Street		0940	1110	1310	1440
Staple, Durlock Nursery		0943	1113	1313	1443
Guilton Corner		0945	1115	1315	1445
Ash, The Chequer Inn		0946	1116	1316	1445
Ash, Mill Field		0949	1119	1319	1448
Woodnesborough, Oak Hill		0953	1123	1323	1451
Sandwich, The Guildhall	Arr:	0959	1129	1329	1457
Dep:		1002	1132	1332	1500
Northbourne, Updown Lane		1009	1139	1339	1507
Northbourne, Crossroads		1012	1142	1342	1510
Mongeham, Church Close		1016	1146	1346	1514
Mongeham, Church		1017	1147	1347	1515
Mongeham, Village Hall		1018	1148	1348	1516
St Nicholas Close Bus Shelter	Arr:	1020	1150	1350	1518
Dep:		1022	1152	1352	1522
Mongeham - Northbourne - Sandwich - Staple		Sandwich Connect			
Mondays to Fridays					
Mongeham, Village Hall		1024	1154	1354	1524
Mongeham, Church		1025	1155	1355	1525
Mongeham, Church Close		1026	1156	1356	1526
Northbourne, Crossroads		1030	1200	1400	1530
Northbourne, Updown Lane		1033	1203	1403	1533
Sandwich, The Guildhall	Arr:	1040	1210	1410	1540
Dep:		1043	1243	1413	1543
Woodnesborough, Oak Hill		1049	1249	1419	1549
Ash, Mill Field		1053	1252	1423	1553
Ash, The Chequer Inn		1056	1256	1426	1556
Guilton Corner		1057	1257	1427	1557
Staple, Durlock Nursery		1059	1259	1429	1559
Staple, The Street		1102	1302	1432	1602
Staple, Three Tuns		1103	1303	1433	1603



Speedwatch Report



In the month to 6th September (includes August) we held 4 sessions and 11 vehicles were reported for exceeding the 35mph speed limit for reporting. 9 of these were first time offenders and 1 invalid (all details not correct) and 1 owner received a letter for excessive speeding (43 mph).

Councillors and the public have reported local vehicles speeding in the village. Vehicles and drivers have been noted and may be reported to the Police; they certainly will be if caught by Speedwatch. We are now booking sessions up to the end of November. We will always welcome new members so our operators do not have to do too many sessions in a month.

Please contact Roger Loukes on 01304 812306 or email roger43@gmail.com for further information; we look forward to meeting new people who want to help to reduce speeding through Staple village.

SID report

The 2 SIDs are moved usually every month or rested in a garage to comply with the requirement of non-permanency. You will also notice the SIDs are 2.3m above the ground and are facing traffic coming into the village except on Lower Road where they can face both directions. We hope to proceed with the establishment of a new SID pole at the eastern edge of the Barnsole Farm property on the opposite verge to face vehicles entering the village.

The SIDs are now back on the poles and results for August are below:-

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85th Percentile Vehicles = 29,019 counts
Max Speed = 60.0 MPH on 07/08/2021 09:06:53
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Lower Road – West

85th Percentile Speed = 34.6 MPH
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Max Speed = 70.0 MPH on 25/08/2021 18:15:00
Total Vehicles = 13,957 counts
Average Speed = 28.1 MPH

Staple Parish Council

Minutes of Staple Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 8th September 2021, at 7.30 pm
in Staple Village Hall

Councillors present:

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

The previous minutes were approved.

Proposed Cllr. R Loukes

Seconded: Cllr. N McCollum

3.2 Matters Arising:

There were none

4 Public Session:

There were 2 members of the public present.

S. Morris reported that, at £108.80, the insurance cost for WFV was a lot lower than expected; and that the

donation from the Parish Council exceeded this amount.

It was agreed that as the donation figure had already been decided upon at the previous meeting, this amount should still be donated. (Proposed by Cllr. J Kirk, seconded by Cllr. S Coulson.)

WFV intend to plant a tree to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, and propose to tie this in with other celebrations in the village. The Parish Council are happy to support the idea.

S. Morris informed the meeting that WFV would like to give a series of talks in the village hall concerning the WFV, and asked if this would need to be delayed until Covid restrictions were lifted.

Cllr. J Kirk said that arrangements would need to be made regarding cleaning the hall after each session.

S. Morris asked if the donation cheque had been paid into the account, and the Clerk said that he had not yet had confirmation, but would check the following day.

5 Reports:

5.1 District Councillor

Cllr T Bartlett gave a report.

5.2 Cllr. Sue Chandler (KCC):

Life has been a little quieter recently, still committees going on. Budget consultation doesn't finish until December. Waste recycling centres: should the booking system be retained?

Time slots have been shortened and the system is working well. Problem of traffic queuing for the sites has been sorted out by the time slots. Community mental health centres: discussion has taken place and consultation open until October 3rd. The Reconnect programme has been very successful. 100,000 bus passes have been given out during the summer.

New bus timetable: Why did we have to wait, why wasn't it sorted out sooner?

Why does the bus have to go up the narrow road between Ash and Woodnesborough?

Marshborough did not have a bus service. People in Chequer Lane would also like to use it, and it doesn't serve them. The safety posts outside the lych gate have been knocked down. – This has been reported.

Cllr. R Loukes spoke about the SIDs: There has been a great deal of discussion, but the KCC officer dealing with the issue has not replied to numerous emails and does not appear to be very helpful.

Cllr S Chandler said she did not have any information concerning this.

KCC issued guidelines that had not previously been published. Cllr S Chandler said that should the PC like her to do so, she could take the matter to a higher authority (cabinet). This will be discussed later in the meeting.

A257: Any progress on the speed checks that were carried out? The road is not wide enough to allow a run-off for the wildlife park. Discussion has taken place about methods of limiting the speed of traffic. Bus stops are a very real problem and must be a point of danger for children/families. The problem appears to be the width of the road, which limits any further measures being put in place.

Cllr J Kirk asked if there is a cap put on how much KCC are prepared to spend on making roads safer.

KCC applies no particular cap on safety measure spending. There have not been any accidents that can be attributed to dangerous driving on that particular stretch of the road.

5.3 PCSO (Eva Winter)

No report presented.

Cllr R Loukes reported that a police car had turned up to observe Speedwatch; which was a great help.

Clerk to communicate with Chief Inspector Dan Carter to ask why no report has been received for the past few months.

6 Finance:

6.1 Approval of Bank Reconciliation for July and August 2021

The Bank Reconciliation was approved

Proposed: Cllr. J Kirk

Seconded: Cllr. S Coulson

6.2 Cheques to be approved:

Cheque No. 200385 Clerk's Salary £200.00

Cheque No. 200386 PK Accountants (Agar) £240.00

These cheques were approved.

Proposer: Cllr. N McCollum

Seconder: Cllr. D Kirk

6.3 Other financial Items

There were none

7 Correspondence Received

7.1 None received

8 **Reports:**

8.1 Planning applications determined:

21/00638	Mill House, Mill Road Conversion of garage	Granted
21/00512	Albany Lodge, Durlock road 2 storey side extension	Granted
21/00699	Chalk House Farm, Barnsole Road Extension to boundary wall	Granted
21/00700	Chalk House Farm, Barnsole Road Replacement kitchen floor. New entrance gates. Boiler flue	Grant Listed building consent
CON/19/01/1362/A	Summerfield Nurseries Highway details	Condition approved

8.2 Planning Applications submitted

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8.3 Village Hall and Recreation Ground:

Cllr. J Kirk reported that they are advertising for people to book the village hall. There is now a Facebook page solely for the village Hall. Next meeting is on September 20th. Bookings are not that good at the moment. Youth Club are waiting to see what the Covid situation is likely to be.

CCTV: Installation work is progressing.

8.4 SIDs/Speed watch

Cllr R Loukes gave a report.

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8.5

SID report

To clarify the purpose of the non permanent Speed Indicator devices. Kent County Council approve the site and installation of these devices through Mr Toby Butler. The 2 SIDs are moved usually every month (Maximum 2 months) or rested in a garage to comply with the requirement of non-permanency. Due to the difficulties experienced and the intransigence of KCC we have to comply with the letter submitted to the PC dated 16th July 2021.

I have informed Mr Butler that we have complied with the requirements. (Copied to Cllr S Chandler.) Cllr Chandler has acknowledged my letter to Mr Butler and believes our compromise could be helpful in moving forward.

We can now move on and discuss the suggested location of the "Piglet Place" SID as suggested by Mr Butler. Note: Following the PC meeting I will write to Mr Butler to request that we proceed with the establishment of the SID pole at the eastern edge of the Barnsole Farm property on the opposite verge to face vehicles entering the village.

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It was agreed that we write to KCC and ask them to go ahead with the installation of a SID where they proposed it should be sited.

Proposed: Cllr. N McCollum

Seconded: Cllr J Kirk

Footpaths:

Nothing to report. Weather has been good. Cllr S Coulson was approached by a local resident who had cut the grass on the Memorial site, but hadn't been thanked for it. Cllr S Coulson said that it has not been cut recently because WFV are going to plant it with wild flowers.

9 Items for discussion:

9.1 A257 Group Info. (Cllr. Bartlett)

9.2 Road signs (repainting etc.)? Cllr D Kirk last cleaned the road signs in 2017. He will clean them again shortly. Cllr J Kirk said that the metal posts obscuring the Staple Villages sign have been removed. The Parish Council gave their thanks. Royce Cadman carried out the work and will also be thanked.

9.3 H M Queen's Platinum Jubilee: Discussion about what the Parish Council might do. To be discussed again in the future.

10 Any Other Business:

Additional correspondence as permitted by the Chair.

None mentioned.

11 Any confidential items to be discussed:

None.

12 Date of next meeting:

Tuesday 12th October

District Council report for September for Littlestour & Ashstone Ward

presented by Cllr Bartlett at the Parish Council meeting

Very pleased to report that at DDC Cabinet meeting today, that the cabinet agreed the recommendation to 'make' the Ash Neighbourhood Development Plan 2021 to Full Council on 15th September. We thanked Ash PC for all their time and dedication they have put into making this happen and working with DDC officers

Funding available for local groups - COMMUNITY GRANTS scheme winter 2021. Applications opened on 26th July and will be open for 6 weeks, apply by 20th September. Community groups who benefit the local area can bid grants from £100 up to £2,000. DDC recognises the immensely important role that local groups have played, and will continue to play, as the district starts to recovery. Volunteers are the backbone of our community, and this money is available to ensure local projects and activities can be effectively planned and funded. Groups are encouraged to contact the Council about the scheme before making an application, to ensure they submit an effective bid.

For more information:

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DDC LOTTO, Lotto cash for local good causes across the district are celebrating with news that the DDC Lotto has raised over £100,000 since it was first launched by DDC in 2019. Over 120 local charities, community groups and clubs benefiting from a regular income thanks to DDC Lotto. There is no cost to sign up as a beneficiary of the lottery with 60% of ticket sales going direct to good causes. Tickets cost

£1 and players can select which local good cause to support. To date players have won over £27,000 in prize money. One lucky player supporting the Martha Trust in Deal recently won £2,000.

Following the consultation on the draft LOCAL PLAN earlier this year, all responses received have now been processed and are available to view via the local plan website. Over 3,400 comments were received from 1,280 individuals/organisations. We are currently reviewing all the comments made, and deciding what changes will be needed to address issues that have been raised. We are also updating the evidence base to support the Plan and carry out an assessment of sites submitted through the targeted call for sites. We are also carrying out an informal consultation with Town and Parish Councils on revised settlement boundaries, with feedback requested by Friday 17th September. The next opportunity to comment on the Local Plan will be the Regulation 19 Public Consultation on the Pre-Submission Version of the Draft Local Plan, which we expect to take place from early February 2022. The Local Development Scheme (LDS) which sets out the timetable for the local plan is due to be updated with the confirmed timetable and considered at the DDC Cabinet meeting early November this year.

The catch of the day is back on the menu for local anglers with the re-opening of DEAL PIER's lower deck, one of the most popular local fishing venues. DDC owns the pier and we've recently completed over £63,000 worth of repairs to the lower deck following tidal surges and storm damage last year. A comprehensive package of works has been undertaken to make the lower deck more resilient to the vagaries of the English Channel

An exciting phase of the National Lottery funded MAISON DIEU, DOVER development project is about to begin with an action packed programme of events, workshops and skills based training to connect people of all ages and backgrounds with Dover Town Hall. Hundreds of events are planned over the next five years from an opportunity to chat to conservators as they clean and repair priceless furniture and paintings, to heritage craft workshops and archaeological digs where members of the public can pick up a trowel to uncover evidence from the building's long and colourful history. The fun begins on Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th September when the building opens from 10pm to 4pm for Heritage Open Days. Visitors of all ages will be able to enjoy a free behind the scenes building tour, see recently discovered William Burgess designs, make and stamp their own Burges stencils and even meet esteemed architect himself!

Another venue in Dover that is open to the public again is DOVER MUSEUM with a new exhibition of Channel Swimming. One hundred and forty six years after Captain Matthew Webb made history by swimming the Channel on 24th August in 1875, Dover Museum is celebrating the achievements of channel swimmers through the decades with a permanent exhibition.

The new exhibition looks at Channel swimmers from Captain Matthew Webb in 1875 right up to today and includes the heyday of Chanel swimming in the 1950's when sponsored races were held.

Job opportunities with DOVER PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY things are progressing quickly now as the Port Health authority move towards setting up the new Border Control Post. Jobs for the DPHA were originally advertised in February and now the team is looking to fill just over 100 posts as they move closer to 1st October when inbound consignment checks will take place.

They are actively recruiting for a number of Administrators and Technical officers to join the team working Monday to Friday before moving onto a shift pattern later in the year.

It will not have escaped attention that the recent "route optimisation" of waste collections undertaken by our contractor Veolia did not go as smoothly as one might have expected or wished for. Whilst this initiative was striving to drive efficiencies in the collection service, we now believe it was "over-optimised", and as such this left no capacity to accommodate the increased presentation of waste (especially cardboard and foodwaste) that we have seen over the past year whilst many of our residents have been home-based. These pressures were further compounded as the effects of the national HGV shortage permeated in to our region, and again during a period where frontline workers were required to self-isolate due to the COVID "pingdemic". This combination of events ultimately resulted in the suspension of the non-statutory garden waste service, so that efforts and resources could be focussed on the statutory refuse and recycling collections.

Despite those particular challenges, Council officers have worked closely throughout with their Veolia counterparts to trouble-shoot and problem-solve the variety of issues that always occur in a project of this size, and as a result significant progress has been made towards building a comprehensive set of

data pertaining to collection arrangements across the District. (Such knowledge or “intelligence” has historically been held in the heads of the drivers and crews, so this is an important step to now record that information.)

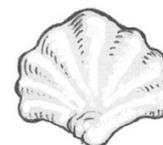
A further and final phase of the route optimisation project is currently being designed by Veolia, and is aimed at better smoothing the waste collection workload across the district, and across the working week. (The data and experiences that have built-up over these recent months has revealed that certain areas of the District present different quantities of the different waste streams, and as a result certain crews struggle to finish their scheduled work in certain locations / on certain days. Whilst in recent weeks it has become commonplace to “roll-over” non-completed collections to the next day, our objective is to achieve a service that completes collections on the scheduled day.) The outputs of this last project may result in further collection day changes for some residents, but this will be limited so far is practicable, and fully communicated. In tandem with this Veolia has commenced a driver recruitment campaign, aimed at bolstering their existing workforce and creating the necessary resilience to tackle any challenges that occur in the future. This effort is already bearing fruit, and a number of new drivers have already joined Veolia’s local teams and others are in the pipeline.

Our current hope is that the final modifications to the collection schedules will have been introduced and bedded-in by Christmas, and that the additional capacity provided by the new drivers will allow a reintroduction of the garden waste service sooner rather than later. (On reinstatement of the service we will be able to advise residents how we propose to make up for those weeks that were “lost”.)

Dover District Lottery



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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 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

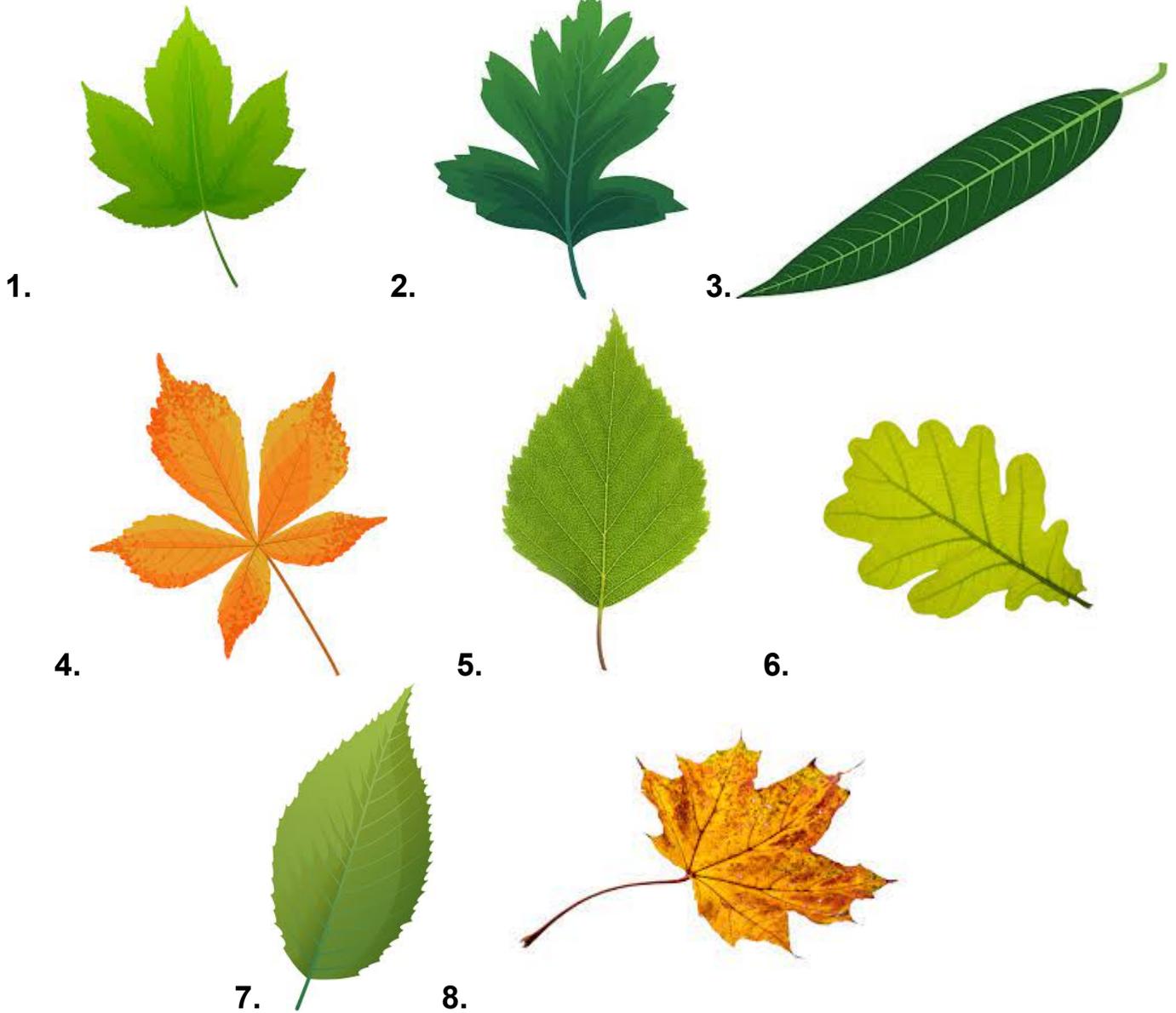
From every £1 ticket sold 60p will go to good causes in the Dover district! To put this in perspective when you play the National Lottery 25% goes to good causes – in the Dover lottery the ticket percentage that goes to good causes is more than **doubled**.

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 to search for Staple Church and buy your tickets.

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For Hall booking enquiries please contact

The Village Hall Bookings Officer:

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

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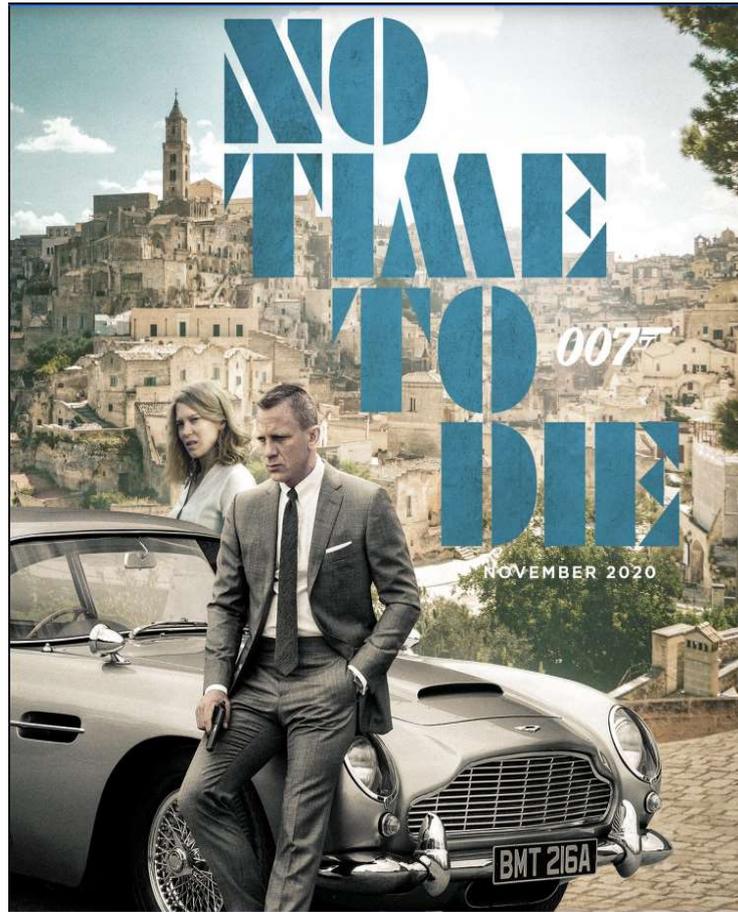


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Tickets are £10 and include entry to the screening plus a buffet supper before the film.

There will be a cash bar and a raffle to keep everyone entertained.

Our cinema events are always extremely popular and we suggest reserving your tickets with Trevor as soon as possible, payable on the evening:

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