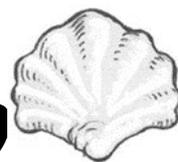




The Escallop



St James the Great, Staple



April 2021

theEscallop@gmail.com 50p

Contents

Useful Contact Numbers	4
Around and about in Staple and Shatterling	6
Durlock Road - Closure	7
Raptors around Staple.....	8
<i>STAPLE BRANCH THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION</i>	9
Clear & Concise Road Map Out of Lockdown.....	10
Rotary Club of Dover – Youth Competition	11
Kent Police among top ten forces for Proceeds of Crime seizures.....	13
Our Giant Guardians	14
2021 Escallop Subscriptions.....	15
The Arts Society Sandwich	15
The Sandwich Connect Bus Service - UPDATE	16
Dover District Lottery	17
Staple Helpline	18
Village websites.....	18
Recycling and Waste Collections - CHANGES	19
Community Speedwatch Report	20
Staple Parish Council	21
Staple Village Hall	29

Articles and notices for the magazine to the Editor for inclusion in the next issue by 22 April 2021 please.

Disclaimer

The Editor reserves the right to cut, edit or refuse to publish any contributions and does not necessarily agree with opinions expressed in published articles.

All advertisements in the magazine are inserted in good faith, but the magazine committee accepts no responsibility for any statement made by the advertisers; nor endorses the products or services offered.

Editors

May–Vanessa & Justin

If you are interested in joining the Escallop editorial team, we would love to hear from you. Please email theEscallop@gmail.com or contact one of the existing editors.



*The Escallop is printed by **Print Matters.***

Please consider them for all your printing needs

Please note that the monthly editions of Escallop are also posted electronically on the staple-online website at www.staple-online.com/escallop.html.

Rector's Letter

When I was at university, many years ago now, I spent one year lodging with a couple whose children had left the home. They were among the kindest, most caring people I have met, but what I found very interesting about them, was that their life was conducted by an unerring routine. On a Monday she went to the hairdresser, Tuesday was always a Chinese takeaway, Wednesday they did the weekly shop, Thursday was Fish and Chip supper, Friday he went with his mate to the pub (joined occasionally by me), Saturday their daughter and family came round for dinner and Sunday they entertained their son and family for lunch. In fact, every meal every day followed the same pattern and they always went for the same week to the same place in the same cottage for holiday.

Some of you may relate to this, although it was very different to what I was accustomed to, but it got me thinking about both the importance of routine and the need for change.

I suspect the lives of most of us are governed by more routine than maybe we recognise. I would guess that breakfast is at a similar time and comprises a consistent diet, and other mealtimes are also fairly fixed; we may have a fairly regular pattern for relaxation – watching the TV, working in the garden – and a typical type of holiday.

One of the great strengths of a routine is that it makes something different extra-special. I usually have toast and a cup of tea for breakfast, so an occasional fry-up is a real treat; a meal out in a restaurant is a highlight because it doesn't happen very often; a lie-in is special because it is unusual; the holiday of a lifetime is just that because it is a one-off.

So routine and pattern in our lives is, I think, a good thing and should be valued – not least because it keeps us grounded. But that is different from being, as it were, stuck in a rut and no longer open to change at all.

In our Church life we typically have routine – for example attending Church on a certain day (usually Sunday), joining a home group on a weekday evening, helping with the lunch club once a month. This routine is good and helps to establish a pattern and identity – I think most people would struggle if nothing were familiar. So then when there is something special and different – perhaps a visit by the Bishop, a different type of service, a big social event, it is a highlight and uplifting. But the big balancing act remains as to how we cherish and value what we have, whilst being open to change and difference.

Sometimes, of course, change can be imposed upon us – this may be a change in our circumstances, our health - or the result of a pandemic! The reality over this last year is that all of us, to a greater or lesser extent, have been forced to respond to significant external changes to our lives. I am convinced that we are better able to respond and adapt to these crises when we begin from a place where we are grounded and secure – and I am equally convinced that faith helps offer us that stable foundation.

COVID has forced us all to flirt with imposed change and, in most cases, I hope it has encouraged us to see that change is perhaps more possible than we might have anticipated.

At the beginning of April, we celebrate the festival of Easter. The story presents us with a small uncoordinated group of people facing an immense external crisis. These followers of Jesus, who had witnessed his crucifixion, had to draw upon the solid foundations which had been laid in order to start a new movement which would go on to sweep the known world. It was for them, inspired by the resurrection, about holding onto the fundamentals of their faith, whilst being open to change and grasping new possibilities.

Can we then also learn to cherish our roots and our values, everything which offers us stability, whilst being open to change and new opportunities?

David Ridley

Footnote – in our benefice churches, we are facing not insignificant change with the news that Rev Sandra Marsh, who has served our parishes for the last three years, has been appointed to look after seven churches in the Charing, Hothfield, Westwell area. Sandra will say goodbye on Sunday 23 May, Pentecost Sunday, and we wish her well in this exciting new challenge in her ministry.



Useful Contact Numbers

Rector	Rev David Ridley	01304 619619
Curate	Rev Sandra Marsh	01304 612686
	Rev Robert Stevenson	01304 366003
Church Wardens	Trevor Bartlett	01304 813492 07980 300084
	Vanessa Nedderman	01304 812515
Staple PCC	Sue Coulson -Secretary	01304 812340
	Pat Heathfield - Treasurer	01227 713396
Parent & Toddler's Group	Heidi Stevenson	01304 812050
Staple Parish Council Clerk to Parish Council	Cllr Trevor Bartlett Chairman	01304 813492
	Jonathan Mount	01227 728490 <i>stapleparishclerk@yahoo.co.uk</i>
Staple Youth Club	Glen Missons	01304 814088
	Angela Chandler	01304 812716
Staple Pre School	On Call contact	07816 841429
Footpaths Officer	Sue Coulson	01304 812340
Neighbourhood Watch	Peter Young	01304 812625
Staple Village Hall	John Kirk – Chairman	01304 813178
	Sue Coulson - Bookings	01304 812340
District Councillors	Cllr Trevor Bartlett	01304 813492
KCC Councillor	Cllr Mike Connolly	01227 722979
	Cllr Sue Chandler	01304 813688
www.staple-online.com	John Kirk	
Parish Magazine	theEscallop@gmail.com	01304 812515 (temporary)
Dover District Council	www.dover.gov.uk	01304 821199

Email:customerservices@dover.gov.uk

DDC emptying Dog Bins 01304 872428 & maintenance Mr Barry Finch 01304 872394.

For information about Baptisms and Weddings please contact the Benefice Office, Church Hall, Church Street, Eastry CT13 0HH 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. Please note it is not possible to hold weddings and baptisms while the current situation continues.

St James the Great, Staple: Services for April 2021



Services have now restarted and Easter arrangements are as follows:

THURSDAY 1 April at 7.00 p.m. – Maundy Thursday Communion

SUNDAY 4 April at 10 a.m. – Easter Holy Communion

EVERYONE VERY WELCOME

Service times after Easter have yet to be confirmed. Please check the Church gate or the benefice website - www.ewbchurches.org.uk for full details.

The Church Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held on Sunday 9 May – time to be confirmed.

One of the benefice clergy will be saying morning prayer each Monday morning at 8.30 a.m. in the church (and in the other benefice churches on the other weekday mornings.) You are very welcome to join them. The church building is open every day for private prayer from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ZOOM SERVICES

The benefice will continue to meet virtually at 10 each Sunday morning using Zoom. If you wish to join a service, you will need to do one of the following:

Using a laptop or tablet, copy this URL in to your web browser	https://us04web.zoom.us/j/7360055669?pwd=UEVwSzJQSIYvTHNtVnBLK2VNTzliZz09
On a smartphone, dial: (The commas are important)	+442034815240,,7360055669# or +442080806591,,7360055669#
On a landline or old mobile phone, dial:	0203 481 5240 or 0208 080 6591 When asked for your meeting number, enter: 7360055669# Ignore the request for an ID – just press # again
If you are asked for a password, it is 2 4 6 8 10	

The rector and the ministry team are also emailing regular newsletters. If you are not receiving these and would like to, please contact David (davidridley@btopenworld.com), Trevor (trevorbartlett1@outlook.com) or Vanessa (vanessanedderman@googlemail.com). You are also welcome to contact Rev David or Rev Sandra at any time (see their details on the contact list).



Visiting the Church – Please follow these instructions:

- In order to keep the church safe for everyone, please use the sanitizer provided when you enter and when you leave.
- If there are other people in the church at the same time, please ensure you follow current social distancing guidelines and wear a face covering.

Please note that not all areas of the church are open - we would ask you to respect the signs which have been put up. If you show any coronavirus symptoms within 48 hours of visiting the church, please let the Rector or one of the churchwardens know.

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

Hope you are all enjoying the signs of Spring and by the time you are reading this, the clocks would have gone forward so the days will be getting longer and the church has reopened for services again. The vaccine programme is going really well, and thanks to the new Lockdown Roadmap we can all start to look forward, cautiously, to a summer of meeting up with families and friends and generally more socialising, so much to look forward to.

As from 12th April, hairdressers and barbers will be allowed to reopen, thank goodness I hear many of you say! And Hospitality venues can serve people outdoors (only) customers must order, eat and drink while seated.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all at The Black Pig and The Anchor Inn, Wingham, good luck and best wishes as we start to slowly return to normality and thank them for the excellent take away service they have provided during lockdown, they have been very much appreciated by us all, Thank You.

Congratulations to Michelle and Kevin Abbott and the whole Anchor Team who recently won the KALC Community award in recognition of their outstanding contribution to the Wingham Parish Community over many years and particularly during the pandemic. They have shown a consistent commitment and have shown enormous community spirit to the village.

It is with much sadness that we have to inform you that sadly Tony Baker of Lower Road passed away on 24th March, our thoughts and prayers are with Audrey, Nicola, Gary and family on their sad loss. Please know that your friends send their love and are here for you.

We were all devastated to hear of the terrible accident on the A257 Shatterling at Wingham Country Market. Our thoughts and prayers are with Richard Dyer and his family and we hope he soon starts to recover from his horrendous injuries.

We would like to wish a belated welcome to the Webb family who at the start of this year moved into Yew Tree Cottage, Summerfield, we hope you have all settled into your new home.

What wonderful news... Finley George Newcombe was born on 22nd March, arriving 3 and half weeks early at 19.16 weighing 6 pounds 2 ounces. Many Congratulations to the proud parents Tristram Newcombe and Emma Chivers and to the first-time grandparents, Phil and Kate Newcombe, much love to you all.

We would like to wish Dan and Laura Gray all the very best for the future as at the beginning of March they moved from No 3 Church Cottage, The Street and they are temporarily living in Walmer. We would also like to wish a very warm welcome to Benjamin and Emma who have moved from Deal to Staple, we hope you have settled into your new home and that we will soon see you out and about in the village.

Also, on the move but not very far, are Sarah (Gadd) and partner Ryan who have moved into Fancys Folly, Lower Road along for the time being with Jane and Cliff Gadd.

We wish Gill Boyd all the very best as she starts her new life in her home in Glebelands, Ash.

Moving into The Hollies will be Acorn Housing Group, David Knowles is the MD.

Wishing you all lots of love and happiness in your new homes.

Next month on Friday 14th May, Val Hollman will be celebrating her 100th Birthday! Friends and neighbours thought to mark this amazing milestone it would be very fitting if we could all send Val a birthday card and that she could receive 100 cards on her special day, we do hope that all of you who know Val will hopefully help and achieve the target we have set... Staple always loves a challenge!! The all important address is Downlands, The Street, Staple CT3 1LL.

We are sorry to hear that our clerk of Staple Parish Council, Jonathan Mount is currently in hospital, we hope he soon starts to feel better and we wish him well sending our love and support.



KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
DURLOCK ROAD, STAPLE
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2021

To allow water mains replacement works to be carried out, Kent County Council has made an Order to temporarily prohibit through traffic on part of Durlock Road, Staple, in the Dover area.

A closure is currently planned from Tuesday 6 April 2021, with estimated completion by 11 April 2021.

Durlock Road will be closed between the junctions with Lower Road and Bartlett Close, to the actual extent indicated on site at any time.

The alternative route for through traffic is via Lower Road, Fleming Road, Drainless Road, Beacon Lane, Marshborough Road, New Street, The Street and Guilton back to Durlock Road.

Local access to the remainder of Durlock Road continues from a northern (Ash) direction up to where the road is actually closed.

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

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

Updated information can be found on www.one.network – [Southern Water Permit LQ001SWAT11062453].

*Simon Jones, Director of Highways, Transportation and Waste
Kent County Council, County Hall, Maidstone, ME14 1XQ*

Raptors around Staple

Throughout the past year of restrictions and lockdown, I've regularly walked circuits from my home in Staple village. There are many excellent and rewarding walks that don't actually exceed 2 miles at the furthest point, from the house.

Raptors suffered catastrophic declines in the 1960's and 70's due to organochlorine farm pesticides used at the time, myxomatosis which decimated a valuable food source for buzzards and persecution on some game-keepered estates. Thankfully many raptor species are now on the up and this is apparent even around Staple.

Buzzards are easy to see here and their mewing calls are often the first signs of their presence particularly as Spring takes a hold. During the past winter, I saw as many as seven in one field adjacent to Buckland Lane feeding on earthworms brought to the surface in heavy rain. Kestrels too are not uncommon and are particularly distinctive when hovering in motionless concentration on possible prey. Less obvious but certainly present around the village are Sparrowhawks. They have thrived in suburban areas with mature gardens, particularly those with bird feeding stations. They are obviously not interested in the seeds or fat-balls but rather the small garden birds feeding on them. Even in my tiny garden, a sparrowhawk has zipped through on a number of occasions, sometimes successfully snatching an unsuspecting house sparrow in the process.

Spring brings migrant raptors, most passing largely unseen overhead and often at height. Buzzards from the continent come here to breed as do Red Kites. This species tends to follow the coast after crossing the channel and last Spring high numbers were seen over Sandwich and Thanet before crossing the Thames Estuary to Essex and continuing their journey north. I finally saw two over my house in early May. I believe they have occasionally bred in the area and I know Red Kites have wintered around the village in the past. Another migrant raptor is the Hobby. These are regularly seen at Stodmarsh, often in good numbers. They are dragonfly specialists and consequently frequent marshland areas particularly on passage. However, other large flying insects and small birds are taken. I managed to see one in the village at the end of September on its return journey south.

Peregrine Falcons are amazing birds of prey. They breed locally on the cliffs at Dover and have, in the past, nested on the towers of Canterbury Cathedral. In winter they are often seen hunting over farmland. I saw my first in the parish at Great Pedding in late January and then one over Ash Church and another over Crixhall Court in February. They may, of course, have been the same bird wintering in the area. The tiny Merlin breeds on moorland in the north of the UK. However, it often winters around the coastline. I was lucky enough to see one on two occasions in late October, chasing meadow pipits across a field between Summerfield and Buckland Lane.

Stodmarsh, holds breeding pairs of Marsh Harrier and there may be a breeding site near Sandwich. They are also migratory and numbers often increase in winter. Although they nest in reed beds, Marsh Harriers will often travel to find food and can be found quartering arable fields at pretty much any time of year. I have seen both males and females around the village on several occasions in the past year. Finally, perhaps the most exciting find was a superb male Hen Harrier in early January. These birds migrate and also overwinter in very small numbers in east Kent. They often roost at Stodmarsh. The one I saw was hunting over the rough area of grassland known as Claypit only a few hundred metres from the Black Pig.

So, nine species of raptor around the village in the past year. What will be next? Ospreys will be migrating north over Kent in the coming weeks. Will anyone spot one? Goshawks have been recorded in east Kent and last summer a wandering White-tailed Sea Eagle from the reintroduction programme on the Isle of Wight was spotted over Sandwich Bay Bird Observatory and Thanet. So, plenty of scope for further raptor records in Staple.

Member of Staple Wildlife Friendly Village Project

Wildlife-friendlyvillage@outlook.com



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.*

Writing on a lovely Spring day it's impossible not to feel that better times are surely ahead. The Winter months have seemed particularly dark this year, cut off from friends and family as we have been, but the birds are singing and the end is now in sight.

New skills have been learned, though, and we had our second Branch Meeting via zoom on Thursday 11th March at our usual time with 16 members tuning in. The next meeting will be on Thursday 8th April at 7.30 again via zoom, so we hope as many as possible will feel able to join us.

Worrying news from Membership at RBL Headquarters shows that some 24 thousand members have failed to renew their membership. This is a cause for concern as, due to data protection, it is difficult to ascertain the reason. Many may have simply forgotten or are in tightened financial circumstances but a significant proportion may be disillusioned for various reasons. Staple Branch has also had a drop in the number of members renewing and the Secretary would be very happy to hear their reasons, if any members would like to contact her at the email above. I hope that it goes without saying that we would be delighted to welcome anyone interested in becoming a member. (See above for details).

We no longer have a Poppy Appeal Organiser (PAO) for Staple and the Poppy Appeal is looking for a volunteer from the village. The PAO does not have to be a member of the Legion, although the Branch would give them much support. The task is not onerous, with the possible exception of the month of the Poppy Appeal leading up to Remembrance Day. One of the Branch members is PAO for Nonington and would be happy to provide advice and support if required. If anyone in the village thinks that they would like to take on this worthwhile task, please contact the Secretary – details above – who will advise.

The Garden of Remembrance is looking particularly lovely this month and offers a safe seat for rest and contemplation while on a village walk. A number of members keep the Garden looking clean, mowed and tidy and we are very grateful for their efforts.

A visit to Lea Wood (entry via Bates Close, opposite the Three Tuns) is another worthwhile village destination at this time of year with its new green leaves and Spring flowers. A number of Legion Members also assist in the wood with thinning of trees, general tidying and re-planting.

So, upward and onward, with thankful hearts, to meet the new challenges. Soon, we hope, there will be face-to-face meetings, dinners and garden parties to look forward to.

Clear & Concise Road Map Out of Lockdown



Road Map Out of Lockdown

“The road map that will guide us cautiously but irreversibly towards reclaiming our freedoms while doing all we can to protect our people against Covid. Today’s measures will apply in England.” Boris Johnson, 22nd February 2021.

Step One 8 March 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stay at home remains in place. • One named visitor to care home residents. • One Plus One outdoor meetings for recreation allowed. • All schools and FE settings face-to-face teaching returns, childcare permitted. • Some specialist university courses reopen, most others remain on-line.
29 March 2021 Including school Easter holidays	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outdoor meetings of two households permitted. • Tennis, basketball courts and outdoor swimming pools reopen. • No longer legally required to stay at home, but please work at home if possible. • Rule of Six returns outdoors and in private gardens.
Step Two 12 April 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reopen non-essential retail, personal care premises, nail salons, hairdressers. gyms, libraries. zoos, theme parks and drive-in cinemas. • Reopen outdoors pubs & restaurants. Substantial meal requirement and curfews dropped, ending of scotch egg controversy. • Cottage & holiday let stay permitted for one household.
Step Three 17 May 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two households can meet indoors. • Rule of Six dropped outdoors subject to a limit of 30. • Pubs, restaurants cinemas, hotels, B&Bs and play areas indoors to reopen. • Sports stadia to reopen with limits depending on capacity sizes. • Pilot initiative for larger events with enhanced testing.
Step Four 21 June 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remaining hospitality reopens including night clubs. • All legal limits on social contacts end. • Large event restrictions end, potentially using testing.

The above is subject to four key tests

Test One	The vaccine deployment programme continues successfully.
Test Two	The evidence shows that vaccines are sufficiently effective in reducing hospitalisations and deaths.
Test Three	Infection rates do not risk a surge in hospitalisations which would put unsustainable pressure on the NHS.
Test Four	Our assessment of the risks is not fundamentally changed by new variants of covid that cause concern.

Other key dates

15 February 2021	In England, everyone in the top four priority groups was successfully offered a vaccine.
15 April 2021	All those in groups 5 to 9 to have received a first dose of vaccine.
31 July 2021	Every adult in England to have received a first dose of vaccine.

(With thanks to Chris Sterba)

Rotary Club of Dover – Youth Competition

Rotary  Club of Dover

Youth Competition 2021



One category to inspire your **Imagination**. An open theme which allows the individual to choose how they would best describe: ***After 2020, what does the future hold for us?***

Open to anyone between the ages of 6 and 17.

Writing, Art, Film, Music, Sculpture, Verse, there are no strict guidelines as to how this is portrayed, completely down to the individual's skills and ideas.

All entries will be awarded a Rotary Certificate of Merit.

Overall winner prize £250.00

Age group winners: 6-9 / 10-13 / 14-17 each receiving **£50.00**

The most original/unusual entry **£50.00** prize.

Presidents Choice **£50.00** prize.

Last entries 31st May 2021, with competition winners decided June.

To enter please contact Roger Knight

via email: r.k@rkgraphics.co.uk or call: 01304 821000



Competition is organised by Rotary Club of Dover



Rotary  Club of Dover

Youth Competition 2021



ENTRY FORM

Please enter you details below.

This information is required for the purposes of the Competition only.

Your entry may be exhibited and reproduced in some form to be used by Rotary Club of Dover for advertising or marketing. The original will be returned to the entrant at the end of the competition.

You must have the consent of your parent or guardian to enter this competition.

By completing this form, you enter the competition and agree to abide by the rules.

Do not enter unless entirely satisfied.

Name: Age: (you must be between 6 and 17)

School or organisation:

Contact details. (these should be parent or school details - not children's)

Email: / Tel:

Please confirm the name of the person giving their consent for this entry:

Name: Position:

To enter please send for to or contact Roger Knight
via email: r.k@rkgraphics.co.uk or call: 01304 821000



Competition is organised by Rotary Club of Dover



Kent Police among top ten forces for Proceeds of Crime seizures

Cash totalling more than £12million has been seized by our officers over the past four years using powers under the Proceeds of Crime Act (POCA).

During this period, Kent Police has consistently ranked in the top ten forces in England and Wales, in clawing back ill-gotten gains from the likes of drug dealers, fraudsters and thieves. Criminal gains are often recovered as a result of proactive policing, with searches of suspicious addresses and vehicles linked to offences including county lines drug supply and money laundering. In total, £12,4689,000 was seized between January 2017 and January 2021.

Following police enforcement, the courts then either make a forfeiture order, immediately depriving the offender of assets and property (including any cash seized), or pass a confiscation order, where criminals are instructed to pay back the amount they have benefited from crime. Across the same four-year period Kent Police has secured forfeiture orders of more than £3.2million, as well as confiscation orders totalling around £7.5million.

Examples of successful POCA court orders include:

- In February 2020, returning just under £30,000 to elderly victims following a confiscation hearing against a fraudster who posed as a police officer to steal money from victims across Kent. The offender was jailed for five years in June 2018.
- In December 2019, obtaining a forfeiture order against three men after more than £30,000 was found hidden in children's toys. The money was seized in February of that year inside a vehicle at the Channel Tunnel terminal in Folkestone. Although no one was convicted as part of a criminal case, the men could not prove the money was for use in lawful conduct and a judge therefore granted the order.

Detective Inspector Annie Clayton of the Economic Crime Unit said: 'The Proceeds of Crime Act is a vital piece of legislation that enables us to prevent criminals from continuing to reap the benefits of their illegal activities even after they have been sent to prison. We are immensely proud to be one of the top performing police forces in the country in seizing and confiscating illegally earned money and assets and our financial investigators are working tirelessly to ensure more and more offenders are under no illusion that crime ultimately does not pay.'

'Behind every crime is a victim, many of whom have been targeted due to their vulnerability and we remain committed to targeting those who seek to profit at the expense of other people's misery. Only this month our officers executed a search warrant at an address in London linked to organised crime in Kent, where cash believed to be in the region of at least half a million pounds was seized.'

Assets recovered under the Proceeds of Crime Act are distributed to operational agencies including Kent Police under the Asset Recovery Incentivisation Scheme (ARIS). Broadly, ARIS divides recovered assets between operational agencies and the Home Office which is then reinvested into policing.



Our Giant Guardians

Trees have graced our planet for 400 million years, providing shade from the sun, shelter from the elements and a home to insects, birds and mammals. A single oak tree will support hundreds of species. Trees are the lungs of the earth, exhaling oxygen from their leaves and storing carbon in their trunks. For centuries man has exploited trees for wood, in the manufacture of furniture and building materials, and of course, for fuel. The flowers and fruits trees produce have been harvested for use in cookery, juice, conserve and even wine. Now over 1,500 species of trees grow in the United Kingdom, though only 32 species of broad-leaved trees and three species of conifer, originated as native to this country. The tree can stir our senses in the changing seasons, marking the passage of time with blossom, early greenery and the rich colours of autumn leaves. Even the naked forms of trees in winter can enhance the bleakest morning. This has led poets to eulogise on the beauty of trees. In A.E. Housman's words:

“Loveliest of trees, the cherry now
Is hung with bloom along the bough,
And stands about the woodland ride
Wearing white for Eastertide.”

Despite the rootedness of trees and impression of stillness, activity inside is intense as gallons of mineral-rich water is pumped through from root to trunk and leaves. Even after death, the tree decomposes to enrich the soil.

One of the objectives of the Staple Wildlife Friendly Village Project is to plant more trees in Staple. As a community, we can source young native trees, all we need is land. This Spring we have begun our first planting scheme to plant a few trees, shrubs and wildflower seeds.

Lea Wood and the Miller Woodland Trust have already set us excellent examples of what is achievable. So, if you have a piece of land which could provide a habitat for wildlife and you are willing to work with us to plant more trees, please contact us at:

wildlife-friendlyvillage@outlook.com

Thank you.
Shelley Morris



2021 Escallop Subscriptions

Thank you to everyone who has paid their subscription. If you have not paid, but wish to do so, please email TheEscallop@gmail.com.

P.S. – We have one anonymous payment of a sub which was delivered to Vanessa at Fernleigh, Lower Road. If this is yours, please could you email us?

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 log in from 6.45pm.

Monday 12 April 2021

Anna Jackson

Kimono:Kyoto to Catwalk

The Kimono, an iconic garment, is a symbol of Japanese national culture. It is generally perceived as a traditional, unchanging costume, but Anna Jackson, curator of a recent Victoria & Albert Museum exhibition on the Kimono, will reveal that the Kimono had always been a highly dynamic, fashionable garment.

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](https://www.facebook.com/theartssocietysandwich)

WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR COMPANY.

Circumstances outside the Committee`s control may require the lecture programme to be altered.

Copyright©2021 The Arts Society Sandwich. All rights reserved. The Arts Society Sandwich is a branch of The Arts Society which is the operating name of the National Association of Decorative and Fine Arts (NADFAS), a company limited by guarantee (04307984) with charitable status.



The Sandwich Connect Bus Service - UPDATE

KCC has now confirmed that the funding period for the Sandwich Connect bus service will be extended until 22nd March 2022. Given the disruptions caused to all public transport as a result of Covid, this extension will allow KCC to evaluate the Sandwich Connect pilot scheme by taking into account both pre and post Covid usage. This is very good news for regular bus users and once again villagers are strongly encouraged to use the bus whenever possible if Staple is to be able to maintain the service in the future. It is a safe, comfortable and convenient means to getting to and from Sandwich.

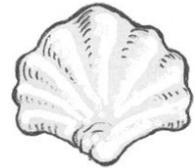
Staple- Sandwich - Northbourne - Mongeham				
Mondays to Fridays				
Staple, Three Tuns	0940	1110	1310	1440
Staple, The Street	0941	1111	1311	1441
Guilton Corner	0946	1116	1316	1446
Sandwich, Fire Station	0951	1121	1321	1451
Sandwich, St Marys Church	0952	1122	1322	1452
Sandwich, The Guildhall				
Arr: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



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, call 01304 812515 or text 07702 068488 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



Recycling and Waste Collections - CHANGES from April 12th 2021

Recycling and Food	Wednesday	7 April
--------------------	-----------	---------

You will shortly be receiving an updated collection calendar

From 12 April, your collection day and week may change:

Day Change: you may experience a change in collection day. The frequency and pattern of your collections will remain the same.

Week Change: you may experience a change in your collection week. This means that if you receive alternating collections of recycling and refuse, you may receive either two recycling or two refuse collections in a row. The pattern will then return to normal.

Time Change: you are likely to experience a change in the time that your bins are collected even if your day or week does not change. Please present your containers by 7am on your day of collection each week.

Please note, some residents may experience both a day and a week change. There will be no changes to your containers, or the materials that can be collected in each container.

You can subscribe to free email reminders telling you whether it is recycling or household waste at:

www.dover.gov.uk/recycling



**Kent
Police**

Community Speedwatch Report March 2021

Kent Police have informed us last week that we can re-start Speedwatch; so from the 29th March we will commence sessions in the village ~ so as always be careful; you do not want a letter from the Police!

Currently the Speed Indicator Devices (SID) are taking a rest! In order to comply with the “rules” set by Kent CC we have to rotate them around the village and at times take them down for a month or so.

If you are happy with the speeds of vehicles travelling through our village you need to do nothing. However, the general feeling is that none of us are happy. If that is so why not write to the Parish Council (stapleparishclerk@yahoo.co.uk) and tell us what improvements you would like to make to reduce the risk of accidents by reducing speeds in the village. Bear in mind that some road improvements can cost the village dearly, other ideas could be cheaper. We look forward to hearing from you. This is part of the Kent County Council Highways Improvement Plan which the Parish Council will be responding to in the very near future.

SID report (for February)

The Street ~ East

85th Percentile Speed = 34.4 MPH
85th Percentile Vehicles = 6,030 counts
Max Speed = 55.0 MPH on 15/02/2021 09:35 am
Total Vehicles = 7,094 counts
50th Percentile Speed: 28.5 MPH
Average Speed: 28.0 MPH

Lower Road ~ East

85th Percentile Speed = 33.9 MPH
85th Percentile Vehicles = 7,789 counts
Max Speed = 60.0 MPH on 18/02/2021 11:55 am
Total Vehicles = 9,164 counts
50th Percentile Speed: 27.4 MPH

Staple Parish Council

Minutes of a virtual, on-line meeting held on Wednesday 10th March 2021, at 7.30pm via Zoom

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 M Conolly

Cllr S Chandler

Parish Clerk: J Mount

1	Apologies for absence None received
2	Declaration of interest There were no declarations of interest
3	Minutes of previous meeting
3.1	Approval of Minutes Proposed: Cllr. J Kirk Secinded: Cllr. S Coulson Passed unanimously
3.2	Matters Arising There were none Mrs R Clevedon has been contacted ref. salt bin. They do not really use it, and don't feel it is necessary to be there. It will be disposed of. All other salt bins have been filled
3.3	Highway Improvement Plan There will be a further meeting later in the month. Cllr. J Kirk said that the most obvious problem is speed reduction by whatever means possible. Cllr. G McCollum asked if the whole of the village is a 30mph zone. Some of it is, but not all. Anywhere where there are streetlights is a 30 mph zone. Cllr. R Loukes mentioned that along the Shatterling Road there has been a serious accident in the last few days. Should be 40mph and double white lines. No fatalities as yet, but a large number of incidents. There have been many accidents, not necessarily fatalities. Cllr.N McCollum said that looking at emails etc. there are 4 issues: the A257, speeding through the village, junction of Buckland Lane and School Lane, and the road past the village Hall. School Lane and past The Street should be better signposted with double white lines and a speed reduction. Reduce the speed going down School lane and into Durlock Road/Lower Road. Speed bumps do cause a noise. Cllr.J Kirk asked about chicanes. A cheaper element would be to have an SID at Piglet Place. Toby Butler has given the view that he is unlikely to budge on this particular point. Cllr.G McCollum said we need to find a solution on this one. Near Cllr.RLoukes' corner, one of the issues is parking on the corner. Cllr. R Loukes said that a solution would be to extend double white lines to include double yellow lines. Cllr.S Chandler said that all items discussed so far are appropriate to go on the Highways Improvement Plan and should be prioritised. The timeline is that once submitted, there would then be a meeting with Highways Officers, they will comment on feasibility and practicality of the items. There is a relatively small budget for this particular item in the Council's annual budget, so parishes may have to use their own funding. White lines that have been worn out can be reported to highways through the portal. Toby Butler has indicated that he is willing to have a discussion. Recording of accidents; only certain accidents are being recorded. Cllr.R. Loukes said that worn out lines on the road are an improvement, not necessarily a repair. Cllr. J Kirk remarked that although Toby Butler's wish to 'find another way' sounds good; there would be no point in coming up with an alternative plan; as a SID needs to be placed exactly where the Parish Council have recommended it should be placed. Cllr.N McCollum said he was happy to put the details into a template on behalf of the Council. Clerk mentioned he had been given a template by another Council and that he would

forward the template to Cllr. N McCollum. Cllr.D Kirk asked if Toby Butler could be asked to come along to our next council meeting? Would it be better to meet in person on site if that would be possible? Cllr N McCollum and Cllr J Kirk could also be at the meeting. Clerk to arrange a meeting with Toby Butler. Meeting to include Cllr. S Chandler.

4 Public Session

Caroline Mason spoke about the barn development behind Durlock farm. She said that Mr Hulme does not own the driveway, only partial access. She was aware of several objections. Could the Council intervene in some way? Cllr. J Kirk explained that approval had already been obtained for this development some time ago, and that this latest application was simply an amendment to the number of dwellings: i.e. a change from three to four dwellings (with associated parking). The council are in the process of contacting the agent for the applicant. Cllr.T Bartlett will try and find out any necessary information and contact Mrs Mason. You cannot transfer a right of way to another party, which is what has been suggested. Cllr.S Chandler clarified that the decision of a planning committee is not dependant on ownership, it is outside of the planning process. It is a civil decision between who owns the land and the applicant. Legal ownership of something is a different issue. Mr and Mrs Snow said that they were worried about the speed that cars travelled past their house, it is very dangerous. Cllr. R Loukes said that the location of their house is actually outside Staple Parish Council boundary. As the boundaries are at the moment, there is nothing that Staple Parish Council could help with, it is in the parish of Woodnesborough. Cllr. R Loukes showed a plan which highlighted the local boundaries to clarify the position. Lynn spoke about the fact that there had been another recent accident on the corner of Durlock Road and School Lane. It is a very dangerous corner where several accidents have taken place. He also made the point that dropping the speed limit might be a “quick fix” solution, but it is unlikely to have any effect, since cars are constantly speeding through the village anyway, ignoring the present speed limits, as the SIDs have shown. Alternative physical measures need to be considered before someone is killed. Cllr. S Chandler said that she understood the problem but the only people who can enforce the speed limit are the Police. There are physical speed limiters that can be introduced, and it would be worth mentioning them on the Highways Improvement Plan.

Helen Harlow spoke about the wildlife friendly village and said that some progress had been made with planting, but they have been advised by KCC that they would need public liability insurance. Cllr. T Bartlett said they should continue with the planting. Cllr. S Coulson said she had never heard of this before and that the people involved in the planting were sensible enough not to put themselves at danger when carrying out the work; it should carry on. Cllr. S Chandler suggested that Helen should email her, and she could contact the officer concerned to clarify the situation.

Cllr. J Kirk spoke on behalf of a member of the public who had contacted him regarding 2 caravans on a piece of land. The rest of the land had been sold, but not the piece where the caravans are. They have decking around them, mains electricity and are being plumbed into the existing sewer system. The member of the public considered this to be an indication that they are being used as a dwelling and that they should therefore be subject to planning laws. Cllr. T Bartlett said that the owners have sold the land and are applying for change of lawfulness to allow them to be used as dwellings. Cllr. G McCollum asked why the application had not come before the Parish Council. Cllr. T Bartlett said it will come to the council in time. Sarah Gadd spoke about the same subject and said that in order to have electricity supplied to a dwelling you have to have an address and that was why the address had been granted. It will be put before the Parish Council, but there is an order in which things have to happen.

5 Reports

5.1 District Councillor (it has been circulated to Councillors)

1. Highways Litter: The amount of litter and other undesirable detritus on the side of major roads and in lay-bys in the district has caused growing concern. The issue has become acute since the pre-Christmas deadlock in Dover and the continuing use of Manston as a clearing station for Covid compliance. DDC has a statutory duty in this regard, but litter clearance is a complicated business because of the need to obtain permission for road closures, and it is also very expensive. The cost of a full clean of the A2, A 20 and A256 within Dover district is in the order of £250,000. We are working with KCC and Veolia to tackle the problem and have asked the DFT to declare that these roads should be given Special Road status in order to obtain more funding and will continue to press this case.

2. Decarbonising DDC buildings: DDC has received a grant of £830K from the Public Sector Decarbonising Scheme to effect changes in the heating and lighting systems at the Council Offices and at Dover Museum. These changes will remove 119 tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent on a yearly basis and are part of DDC's commitment, made in council in January 2020, to make all DDC activities carbon neutral by 2030.

3. Budgets: Despite all the additional costs and reduced revenues because of Covid the financial outturn for 20/21 is expected to be on Budget or slightly better, largely because of a variety of Government support grants. There is a lot of uncertainty about 21/22 but the current forecast is that we will need to take circa £500K from the General Fund Reserve, currently standing at £2.6 million, to balance the books next year, without affecting front line services. The DDC element in Council Tax will rise by 2.6%, but it should be remembered that KCC, which forms by far the highest proportion of the Council Tax bill, will be increasing their charge by 5% to support adult social care.

4. The Open: The R&A have confirmed that the Open at Sandwich will definitely go ahead in July. They and their partners, including DDC, are preparing for three scenarios: a 'normal' tournament with full spectator participation (originally some 250,000 were expected;) a tournament with limited spectator numbers; and a closed tournament, as at the Masters in the autumn last year.

5. Freeport: We were very disappointed to learn that the Port of Dover has withdrawn from the group of organisations, including DDC, working up an application for East Kent to become one of the Government's planned freeports. We understand they took this view because they were not convinced that there were enough tangible and measurable benefits, that the proposed partners were too disparate to meet Government criteria and because they wanted to concentrate on improving their own facilities to speed the flow of goods. Without the port the concept falls.

6 Local Plan: Given the difficulties of consultation during the pandemic we have been delighted with the volume of response, which far outweighs the level seen during 'normal' consultation for the last local plan in 2011. The planners now have to digest these responses over the summer prior to producing the next draft. On the subject of regeneration, we are in the final stages of preparing a visual schematic which will show residents and potential investors how Dover Town would look if the wide range of regeneration projects currently envisaged come to fruition over the next few years. As part of this we will shortly be receiving a parking strategy document prepared by specialist consultants.

7. Manston: Although not strictly DDC business, but of interest to our area, a judicial review has decided that the government did not provide sufficient evidence for why they rejected the recommendation from the Planning Inspectorate and gave permission for aviation to return to Manston. It is understood that the Government will now revise their submission. Manston is due to close as a vehicle holding area in the summer but there is much scepticism that this timing is realistic.

5.2 Cllr. Sue Chandler (KCC) gave a report (it has been circulated).

Kent Together, Kent County Council's 24-hour helpline is still available and ready to support Kent's vulnerable people who need urgent help, supplies or medication. The Kent Together helpline provides a single, convenient point of contact for anyone in the county who is in urgent need of help during the Coronavirus outbreak. It is a collaboration between KCC, central Government, District, Borough and local councils, the voluntary and community sector, the NHS, emergency services and other partners to ensure help is at hand for vulnerable people and those who are shielding. It is also the place to report your concerns about the welfare of someone else.

The Government announced that, using a new model which considers health and personal factors, clinicians have identified a further 1.7m adults across the UK population as at higher risk from Covid-19. For those residents in Kent who receive notice from the Government regarding this, whilst they will be prioritised for the vaccine, help and support is still available to them through the Kent Together helpline to ease them through any challenges posed by new additional shielding requirements.

Symptom free testing continues throughout Kent, the positivity rate is dropping from just under 1% to 0.6% as the rates of infection are thankfully falling.

At the County Council meeting in February Members approved the **budget for 2021/22** which focuses on maintaining vital services and supporting communities and residents to recover from the pandemic. As part of the budget, it was announced that a further £6million of emergency COVID funding will be used to help Kent's struggling households pay their Council Tax. This means all existing Council Tax Reduction Scheme (CTRS) working-age households will automatically have their 2021-22 Council Tax reduced by £50 – or by the total Council Tax due if this is less than £50. There are over 65,000 families eligible for the CTRS scheme, compared to 56,000 a year ago. New claimants eligible for CTRS throughout the year will also receive the additional reduction to their Council Tax bills.

On top of this extra help, one-off funding will also be given to every Kent district council to boost their Council Tax Hardship Fund. This will enable the districts to provide Council Tax relief to those who have been seriously impacted by the pandemic – suffering a loss in income, or a change in their financial circumstances, such as furlough or redundancy.

The Council Tax Hardship Relief Support Scheme is being rolled out as part of the Helping Hands Scheme previously announced by the County Council which I mentioned in my January Report.

Kent County Council **Trading Standards Officers are now offering free specialist advice** to local firms needing help to do business with the EU. There is a dedicated helpline on 03333602300, this is funded from a Kent and Medway Growth Hub Grant.

Most pupils returned to school on Monday 8th March (some secondary schools phased the return) and our role as always has been to advise and support schools, there has also been an input from Public Health at Kent in the testing for children.

It was announced this week that **operations for HGV's at Manston will be suspended** on 21st March which means that the A256 will not be a main route for port traffic and is good news for local communities. Overall traffic through the port and Eurotunnel is now back to expected levels. A programme to **clear the litter** along the route has been put in place by Dover District Council with input from KCC as this requires lane closures along some of the route, the entire route will be cleaned during the next two weeks which is very welcome news.

A trial using state of the art traffic sensors is being carried out by KCC and partners Amey to monitor traffic patterns to help make future transport decisions for the County. 32 sensors have been placed across the County including in Dover Town Centre to monitor pedestrian, cycle, car, motorcycle, HGV and bus movements in and around the town of Dover, including the impacts of Brexit on port-related traffic. The cameras will help to understand usage and potential improvements that can be made to the experience of those choosing to travel actively. It is intended that the data gathered will help us to monitor and deliver schemes that will ultimately help to reduce congestion, support economic growth and improve the accessibility and experience for residents and visitors travelling within the District.

- 5.3 **Libraries** will be reopening in April for browsing and study space, Deal Dover and Sandwich are included in the list of 35 libraries in the initial tranche, the archive search room will also reopen in April. Full information on the library services, registration and archives can be found on the KCC website.

Sue Chandler

There were no questions.

PCSO (Eva Winter)

No report has been received.

6 Finance

6.1 Approval of Bank Reconciliation for February 2021

Proposed: Cllr. S Coulson

Seconded: Cllr. J Kirk

Carried unanimously

6.2 Cheques to be approved:

Cheque No. 200369 Clerk's Salary £190.00

Cheque No. 200370 Trevor Laker (Mowers service etc.) £209.50

Cheque No. 200371 Fitzpatrick Woolmer (notice board) £1,285.20

Cheque No. 200372 Harmer (Grounds maintenance) £1,002.00

Proposer: Cllr. J Kirk

Seconder: Cllr. D Kirk

Carried unanimously

This will leave only £1500 in the current account.

6.3 Other financial Items

Clerk raised his concern that funds in the bank account were running rather low and that if all the cheques are to be paid, we would only have £1500 in our account. He has been in contact with Britannia Coaches to try and get a copy of their invoice from last year; this would enable us to apply for a £1000 grant from DDC. The precept will be coming in around the middle of April, which will help, but we cannot afford to pay everything now. Cllr. T Bartlett said that funds are normally low at this time of year. Cllr. S Coulson asked if the Clerk knew of any upcoming bills that are normally presented at this time of year. He replied probably not, but if all the suggestion that had been talked about concerning the Highways Improvement Plan were to take place, our budget would be severely reduced. Cllr. G McCollum asked the question that when we agreed to subsidise the bus, did the contribution come out of the precept, or from existing funds. Cllr. T Bartlett replied that it had come out of existing funds, which was why our reserve funds had dropped. The Clerk said that the account balances were roughly the same as the previous year, without adding on the defibrillator and bus subsidy. Cllr. S Coulson said that she would be happy to postpone the purchase of the new notice boards. Other Councillors agreed with that suggestion. The Clerk said that VAT had been repaid for the past few months.

7 Correspondence Received

Nothing received.

8 Reports

8.1 Planning applications determined

20/01340	Lower Shatterling Farm, Rusham Road, Shatterling Change of use of land to equestrian use etc.	Granted
20/01570	Land adjacent to 1, The Bungalow, Staple Rd. Wingham Outline planning permission for 4no. detached dwellings with vehicular access etc	Refused

8.2 Planning Applications submitted

21/00280	Durlock Bridge Farm, Durlock Road, Staple CT3 1JU Erection of an agricultural barn (retrospective). It was agreed to support this application.
21/00214	Bramleys, The Street, Staple CT3 1LN Erection of single storey rear extension, first floor extension over existing garage with terrace with glass

	balustrade and alterations to doors and windows (existing shed to be removed). It was agreed to support this application.
21/00066	Lower Rowling Farmhouse, Rowling Road, Goodnestone CT3 1PZ Existing entrance 2 no. brick piers reduced in height, timber gate and posts removed to facilitate removal of driveway access. Outside our area so not discussed.
21/00141	Barn at Staple Farm, Durlock Road, Staple, Kent Change of use and conversion into 4 no. dwellings, associated parking and landscaping. It was agreed to support this application.

- 8.3 **Village Hall and Recreation Ground**
The VHC held a Zoom meeting which went well. The VHC welcomed their new Treasurer. The VHC's finances were in better shape than had been initially assumed. This, together with an opportunity to have the remainder of the roof repaired at a discounted rate led to the decision to go ahead and repair the entire roof. No bookings are being taken on account of the pandemic. The Clerk mentioned about the insurance for the defibrillator. Discussion took place on how to pay for the increase in insurance premium. Cllr J Kirk suggested that next year, the cost of the insurance for the defibrillator could be added to the grant requested for the village hall. Cllr J Kirk raised safe-guarding issues regarding the CCTV camera and suggested that access to the recorded footage should be limited exclusively to Paul Wells.
- Cllr G McCollum asked if there was any news about the Staple Country Fayre. Cllr J Kirk replied that it was not going ahead owing to lack of time for preparation owing to the pandemic restrictions. The Clerk suggested that in place of the usual Country Fayre there could perhaps be a much smaller (village only) gathering later in the year, once we knew about restrictions etc. Cllr T Bartlett said that KCC were talking about this now and would shortly be bringing out guidance on outside events and how they could safely take place.
- 8.4 **SID/Speedwatch**
Cllr R. Loukes shared his screen and showed recent SID results.
- 8.5 **Footpaths**
Cllr S Coulson reported that at the moment they are not too bad. Some cutting back of vegetation has taken place near the church. Comments have been made about farmers ploughing footpaths, but she said that this was normal, and no action needs to be taken since the farmers are allowed to do this as long as they are reinstated with 3 weeks of ploughing.
- 8.6 **Village Notice Boards Update**
The purchase of this is to be put on hold until after the precept has been received.

9 Items for discussion

- 9.1 Dover District Local Plan
Nothing mentioned.

10 Confidential Items

Discussion should not take place about planning applications before they are discussed at Parish Council meetings

11 Additional correspondence as permitted by the Chair

Cllr S Coulson mentioned that there is a very old footpath notice near the Memorial Garden. The original one has now rotted away and does not really need replacing. What should be done about it? There is another one there, so it is not really needed. Cllr R Loukes mentioned that there is another one that has also rotted away. Cllr T Bartlett asked if it would be worth contacting KCC to get them replaced. The Clerk mentioned that Wickhambreaux had just had many of their footpath signs

replaced (probably by KCC). Cllr S Coulson will contact KCC through their portal and ask for them to be repaired/replaced.

Cllr S Coulson also mentioned about the metal posts near the entrance to the village; could they be filed off? Cllr D Kirk said that he could get them done, but there was no electricity to run an angle grinder. Cllr S Coulson said she would contact her brother who has a small generator and ask to borrow it.

Cllr R Loukes mentioned that there had been fly tipping in Buckland Lane. He reported this on the KCC website and within 3 days, they had been removed.

12 Date of next meeting: Wednesday 14th April 2021

The AGM will be held on May 12th starting at 7pm with a very short Council meeting, followed by the AGM and a guest speaker.

The meeting on June 9th will include the election of Officers etc.



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**
- Ash Bowling Club**
- Staple Walking Group**
- Woodnesborough Gardeners Club**

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





High Energy Bills Unbearable?

Dover District Council has been delivering collective energy switching for residents since 2013. Over 1.2 million households across the country have already taken part in this easy and hassle-free way to switch energy supplier. Dover households that have switched through Kent Energy Deal in this time have saved an average of £200 on their energy bills. The more households that participate, the greater the negotiating power.

For more information visit <https://www.dover.gov.uk/Environment/Energy-Advice/Cut-Energy-Bills> or leave your contact details on 01304 872428.

Cut Fuel Bills and Help Reduce Emissions

Dover District Council has secured funding for insulation, and energy efficient heating for households:

- in receipt of an eligible benefit or,
- households with an income of less than £30,000 per year with a vulnerability to living in a cold home or,
- households with an income of less than £30,000 living in a home that has an Energy Performance Certificate rating of E, F or G.

If you're interested in finding out more email your name, address and contact telephone number to info@arangroup.co.uk or call Aran Services on 0800 5877795 or 01284 812520



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)

For general (or website related) enquiries, please contact The Village Hall Chairman:

John Kirk Tel. 01304-813178 (info@staplevillageHall.com)

The Village Hall Comprises:

The main Hall: Clean, spacious and well maintained. Standing capacity for up to 128 people / Seating & tables for up to 106 people.

A well-equipped kitchen: With a serving hatch into the main Hall. (Crockery & cutlery for up to 108 people).

A small side room: Adjacent to the main Hall and kitchen, useful as a dressing room for productions, a storage area for food & drink, a waiting room etc.

An Entrance lobby: With Ladies & Gents Toilets, ample parking for hirers and their guests.

THE BLACK PIG STAPLE

Barnsole Road, Canterbury, Kent, CT3 1LE
01304 813723



J. Dilnot Smith & Son
Independent Funeral Directors
Offices & Chapels at Deal and Sandwich

184 Gladstone Road, Walmer, Deal CT14 7EL.
Telephone: 01304 380914

Beacon Lane, Woodnesborough,
Sandwich CT13 0PD.
Telephone: 01304 812300

Email: enquiries@jdilnotsmith.co.uk
Website: www.jdilnotsmith.co.uk



Heckley Utilities Limited

Your Local Groundworks & Maintenance Company
Offering High Quality Service & Materials

Garden Design & Landscaping
Shed/Garage Bases
Drainage
Services
Handyman

Decking & Timber Construction
Artificial Grass
Fencing
Driveways

Plumbing
Carpentry
Property
Maintenance

We are fully insured & all staff hold a current DBS Certificate.

Heckley Utilities is also proud to be ECO friendly in construction by using recyclable & long-lasting materials.

Contact us for a FREE non obligation quotation



0788 528 9559
01304 351277



admin@heckleyutilitieslimited.co.uk



@heckleyutilities

We're recommended on
myBuilder.com

Harmer & Sons Ground Maintenance Ltd



R/O 23 Coach Road Acrise, Folkestone,
Kent. CT18 8LS

Tel: 01303 893414 Fax 01303 892656

e.mail: sales@harmerandsons.co.uk

www.harmerandsons.co.uk

LANDSCAPE GARDENING and GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

Grass cutting, Hedge Cutting, Turfing, Border Maintenance, Fencing and Planting

Full Landscape Service

Member of The Institute of Groundsmanship

Join our facebook community 



THE ANCHOR INN

A traditional, family friendly Kentish pub in the heart of Wingham

High Street, Wingham CT3 1BJ. Tel: 01227 720392



The Anchor at Wingham is currently closed following Government regulations. However we are operating a takeaway and delivery service – Thursday to Saturday 5.00 – 8.00 p.m.

and for Sunday Lunch

Please see our Facebook page for more detail

... and much more...

TA... First Tuesday of the Month 7.30pm
... SKULELE GROUP Every Tuesday and Wednesday 7.30pm
... FUN QUIZ Alternate Thursdays 8pm
... OPEN MIC NIGHT Third Friday of the Month 8pm

For more information on forthcoming events and live music visit:

www.theanchoratwingham.com



ELITE BLINDS

MADE TO MEASURE

ALL TYPES OF BLINDS AND SHUTTERS

DOMESTIC AND COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES

CALL US FOR A FREE NO OBLIGATION QUOTATION

01227 720881

info@elite-blinds.com / www.elite-blinds.com

TheEscallop@gmail.com

River Chimney Sweep

Insurance approved certificate
issued with every sweep

Other services include:

Stove installation

Chimney liners

Bird cowl

Chimney Repointing

Stove servicing & repairs

Call Marcus Wright

Tel: 01304 761081

Mob: 07971 699220

www.riverchimneysweep.co.uk



Registered
OFTEC
Stove
Installer



LAYHAM GARDEN CENTRE NURSERY

The Professional Plant People

Lower Road, Staple, Nr. Canterbury

TEL: 01304 813 267

City & Guilds
NPTC
Qualified

Website: www.layhamgardencentre.co.uk

Local first choice for most in Kent

we stock over 200 different varieties of trees

Call T: 01227 506990

W: www.hartleestrees.co.uk



The place to go if you want professional expert advice on an extensive range of trees, shrubs, bedding and perennials. Local stockist of a wide selection of

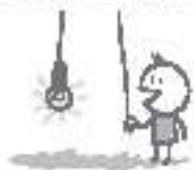
quality garden furniture and sundries

Open 7 days a week from 09.00 am to 5.00 pm



alpaca creative

creative graphic design tailored to you



Alpaca Creative provides affordable solutions to help your business stand out from the crowd

logos • brochures • flyers • posters
business cards • stationery • catalogues
rolla banners • vehicle graphics
exhibition stands • printing
and much more ...

www.alpacacreative.com
carol@alpacacreative.com
01304 812260 - 07702 445103



Staple Village Hall & Recreation Ground

For booking enquiries please call the Village Hall Bookings Officer

Sue Coulson 01304 812340

Or email Enquiries@staplevillagehall.com

www.staplevillagehall.com

acrobat

Bookkeeping and
Administrative services

Very experienced local administrator available to work as you need. I've made a bit of a speciality of sorting out messes but can do regular bookkeeping tailored to your needs. No job too small, as they say.

Ring David on 01227 728361
or email david@acrobatcs.com



Tony Wells

**Your Local Professional
Mole Catcher**

**Cost-effective traditional
mole control**

- No Mole - No Fee
- Free survey
- Fully insured

Tel: 01304 611090
Mobile: 07518 949587
Email: tonymolecatcher@gmail.com

HOROLOGY REPAIRS

**T. PETTMAN
CLOCKMAKER**
Specialists in

Antique Clock Restoration

Telephone: 01843 825050

Mobile: 07860 498963

THE CARPETMAN

DAVID BRAZIER est. over 20 years

LOCAL SUPPLIER AND FITTER OF QUALITY FLOORING

**CHOOSE FROM A HUGE RANGE
OF CARPETS, VINYL AND OTHER
FLOORING BELOW SHOP PRICES
IN THE COMFORT OF YOUR OWN HOME.**

**THE SCHOOL HOUSE,
WARE, ASH,**

TEL: 01304 813372

MOB: 07976 037683

WE ARE SPECIALISTS IN PROVIDING BESPOKE COMPANIONSHIP SUPPORT

There is no limit to the ways in which we can support you or your loved one, here are just some of the few ways we can help you:

- Maintain Your Social Life
- Keep Fit & Healthy
- Look After Your Property & Pets
- Enjoy Company
- Manage Your Affairs
- Just Be There

One of our Companionship Managers will be in touch to arrange a free, no obligation review.

CONTACT US NOW

enquiries@quick2careplus.co.uk
www.quick2careplus.co.uk
07592504706



Quick2Care Plus



Computer help?

Repairs, upgrading, tuition
Web design/marketing/SEO
Local and reasonable

For personal or business users
01227 720 265
www.pointsystems.co.uk

AP Electrical

Your Reliable, Local Electrician
All domestic and commercial work undertaken
NAPIT Approved Electrician, Fully insured

- Re-Wires
- Test and Inspection
- Extra Sockets and alterations
- Consumer unit changes
- Landlord certificates
- Garden lighting
- New Build
- Free Estimates
- Part P Approved
- All work tested, certificated and guaranteed
- Emergency call out



Tel: 01304 619803 Mobile: 07734 087669
Web: www.ap-electricalservices.co.uk

Wright & Shadwell FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

- ✿ Investments & Savings
- ✿ Retirement Planning
- ✿ IHT & Succession Planning
- ✿ Pension Sharing on Divorce
- ✿ Family Protection
- ✿ Overall Holistic Advice

For a free personal and business financial consultation please call

Karen Wright
or
email info@wrightshadwell.co.uk



The Heathers
Elmstone, Preston
Nr Canterbury
Kent CT3 1HH
T 01227 722922
F 01227 722905

GUILTON FORGE GARAGE (Ash) Ltd



- MOT Testing to appointments
- Servicing to all makes and models
- Manufactures schedules used
- Accident damage & body repair
 - Vehicle diagnostics
 - Free estimates & advice
 - Courtesy cars available
- Free pick-up and delivery service

01304 812630

www.guiltonforge.co.uk



07515174193

Louis Weale

Plumber

louisweale1@btinternet.com

Covering Deal
And surrounding areas

L.V.W PLUMBING
No job too small !



Jewellery you'll love, service you'll appreciate

Kim Wood Jewellers

*Antique & Modern Jewellery
Silverware ~ Watches and Clocks
Secondhand Items Purchased
Pawnbroking Services Available
Valuations ~ Trade Welcome*

Tel/Fax: 01304 617700

8B King Street Sandwich Kent CT13 9BY

Workshop on the premises

Buy online at
www.mrkimwoodjeweller.co.uk

