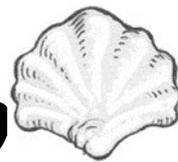




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St James the Great, Staple



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Curate's Letter – A Farewell



It doesn't seem that it was nearly three years ago that Simon and I arrived to live and work within the Eastry and Woodnesborough Benefice, although the disruption caused by Covid might have had something to do with that. The time really flies by when you are enjoying yourself. And we have, immensely. We were made welcome and we felt at home almost immediately.

To me personally, friendships are important. It doesn't matter who we are or what we do. Each one of us is unique and we all have gifts which we can share for the greater good. In my time here I have been fortunate enough to be involved in many things; from being a Governor of Eastry Primary School, team leader in organising the popular holiday club Corners, leading numerous assemblies for both Northbourne and Eastry Primary schools, setting up pastoral and bereavement groups and of course planning services with the local clubs and societies. All of these, and others, have given me a treasure house of many happy memories.

And it is such a privilege to have been able to walk alongside families in all stages of life, and to help them at significant moments. From the sadness of bereavement to the joyous occasions of birth and marriage. We have shared tears and laughter together. These memories too I will take with me into my next role as Rector of seven parishes in the Calehill with Westwell Benefice which consists of a number of villages to the west of Ashford.

This corner of east Kent now feels like home, but everything comes to an end and it is time to move on to pastures new. As I do so I would like to thank everyone for making Simon and me feel so welcome and for being so encouraging in everything I did and tolerant of my mistakes as I found my feet in ministry. You have been such a wonderful community to work in and we shall take away such fond memories as we move halfway across Kent to my first incumbency. Please pray for us.

Sandra Marsh

FAREWELL TO SANDRA AND SIMON

It is with much sadness as we goodbye to Rev Sandra and Simon Marsh after serving the benefice churches for just over three years. Sandra has been appointed to look after seven, yes seven churches in the Charing, Hothfield, Westwell area.

We offer our sincere congratulations on her new role and we send our love, best wishes and prayers but it also comes with mixed emotions as we will be so sad to be losing her, Sandra has played such a large part in the services at Staple especially with the Family Services which have been very much enjoyed by us all and her caring, kind hearted and warm presence will be very much missed.

Her last service at Staple will be on Sunday 16th May which will be a Family Service to which you are all invited. It would be lovely to see you all. The following week will be her last service in the benefice with a service at Eastry Church. Both services start at 10.00am.

From your many friends in Staple



Useful Contact Numbers

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	Pat Heathfield - Treasurer	01227 713396
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	Angela Chandler	01304 812716
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Neighbourhood Watch	Peter Young	01304 812625
Staple Village Hall	John Kirk – Chairman	01304 813178
	Sue Coulson - Bookings	01304 812340
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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.

St James the Great, Staple: Services for May 2021

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

Sunday 2 May STAPLE	Easter 5 10.00 a.m. Said Holy Communion
Sunday 9 May STAPLE Woodnesborough Eastry	Easter 6 No Service 10.00 a.m. Holy Communion 10.00 a.m. All Age Worship
Sunday 16 May STAPLE	Easter 5 (and Rev Sandra's last service in Staple) 10.00 a.m. Family Service
Sunday 23 May Eastry STAPLE	Pentecost (and Rev Sandra's last service) 10.00 a.m. Benefice Service No Service
Sunday 30 May Woodnesborough STAPLE	Trinity Sunday 10.00 a.m. Benefice Service No Service
Sunday 6 June STAPLE	Trinity 1 10.00 a.m. Said Holy Communion

Church Rota

Date	Sidesman	Readers	Prayers	Verger
2 May	Russ	Pip	Priest	Vanessa
9 May	No Service in Staple			
16 May	Rachel	Roger, Kate	Vanessa	Trevor
23 May	Benefice Service in Eastry			
30 May	Benefice Service in Woodnesborough			
2 June	Mick	Trevor	Priest	Vanessa

Flower Rota *to be confirmed*

Private Prayer in the Church

The church building is open every day for private prayer from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 Please wear a face mask when you visit the church, use the sanitizer provided and observe social distancing. Thank you!

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The Church Annual Parochial Church Meeting will not now be held on Sunday 9 May due to continuing covid restrictions. It will be rescheduled in June.

ZOOM SERVICES

The benefice will continue to meet virtually at 10 each Sunday morning using Zoom. You can join a service by following this link -

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/7360055669?pwd=UEVwSzJOSlYvTHNtVnBLK2VNTzliZz09>

From the Church Register

27th March	Burial of Ashes, Mavis Rosemary Larkins.
11th April -	Baptism of George Neil Smith
22nd April -	Funeral of Finn Alexander Phythian Ward
26th April -	Burial of Ashes, Roseanne Loukes



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 was with much sadness that we heard of the devastating loss of Heidi's son, Finn Ward at the end of March. Many of you know Heidi as our organist in the church and our thoughts and prayers are with her and her family. Finn's funeral took place with a service in the church on 22nd April led by Sandra. Donations in memory of Finn towards the training of a counsellor may be sent c/o WS Cole & Son 17-19 High Street, Minister, Ramsgate CT12 4BU.



Many Congratulations to Anthony and Megan Ellis on the birth of their daughter, Grace Sophia Maeve who was born on 2nd April. Congratulations also go to proud new grandparents Jon and Jane Vickers and to Denis Vickers on his third Great Grandchild.

We are sorry to hear that Val Bartlett broke her wrist after a fall, we are pleased to say that she is getting better. Val would like to thank everyone for their kind wishes, cards and flowers.

We are pleased to see that Peter Chappell has made good progress and is recovering well and that is up and about again and walking in the village.

Many many Congratulations to Val Hollman who will be celebrating her 100th Birthday on Friday 14th May. We hope you have a lovely day and despite the restrictions celebrate in style.



We hope you all had a lovely Easter and had an enjoyable break, seems a long time ago now, but did you enjoy the holiday as a time of religious contemplation, a pleasant break from work, or simple as an excuse to eat chocolate ?

This month we have two bank holidays and there is much to look forward to in May, with lockdown starting to ease and Spring is definitely has arrived a sense of optimism is in the air. Food and drinks have been served in our local pubs and cafe gardens and courtyards and as from 17th May you will be (all being well) be allowed to sit and eat inside, especially as it has been fairly chilly in the evenings, so there is plenty to look forward to.

Elections

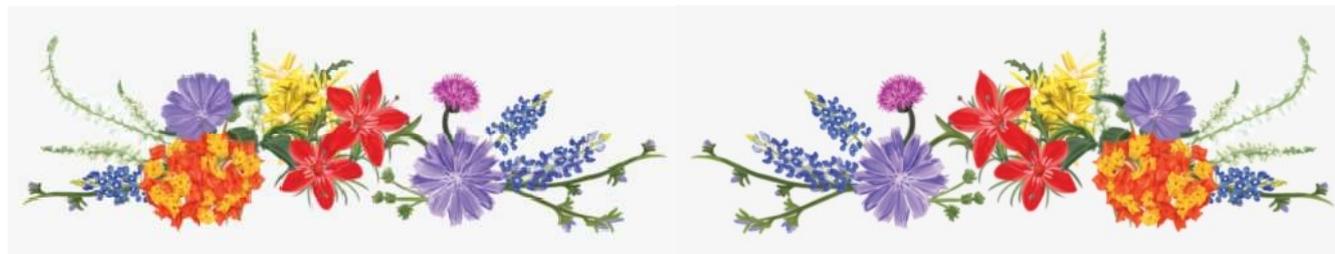
Good luck to all candidates who are standing for election on Thursday 6th May. Remember that all those who would like to vote and have not already done a postal vote need to go to The Black Pig, Village Store to vote on 6th May and not as usual the Village Hall. Voting hours are 7am to 10pm and you do not need to take your polling card with you in order to vote.

Local visit

If you are looking for a lovely garden to visit that is not too far away then why not try Goodnestone Park Gardens which is well worth a visit. This elegant country house was built in 1704 and was a favourite of Jane Austen, the garden are open daily for all to enjoy.

The Old Dairy Cafe, situated in the grounds is open from 10-5 Wednesday to Sunday.

For further information, why not visit the website: www.goodnestoneparkgardens.co.uk



Update on Church Refurbishment Programme

We were lucky that the first phase of work on the Church was just about complete before the first lockdown last March. It was reassuring to know that the building had been made watertight and would be fine, even if we were not able to use it for a while. Since July, the Church has been open for private prayer and services have been possible at times, in line with government restrictions.

As people will remember, the plaster has been removed from various parts of the internal walls which are being left to dry out. This was due to take at least 18 months so we will be assessing the state of the walls later this year to see whether we can move to reinstating the plaster. The PCC has also been giving thought to the next stage in the refurbishment process – although we will need to raise more funds (difficult at the moment) or apply for more grants before we can continue with work.

In the meantime, we have turned our attention to the churchyard. Three smallish trees will shortly be removed from the East end of the Church as advised by the structural engineer called in during the recent works to investigate cracks above the altar. Arrangements for the long awaited path round from the tower to the memorial garden are now in hand as is the extension of the memorial garden which is almost full. All these items require diocesan approval which has been requested. In addition we are hoping to get permission to install a defibrillator in the porch so that one is available at that end of the village.



FROM THE ARCHIVES

It is ten years since the famous Staple Pancake Race which was held on Sunday 6 March 2011

Flippin' fantastic pancake race was a huge success!

The Street in Staple came alive on Sunday 6th March when the village held its first Flippin Fantastic Pancake Race, which was the idea of Sarah Joy, who is a member of the Church Fund Raising Committee, although not an idea to raise money for the funds but to hold an event for all ages to have some fun and to bring the village together and afterwards celebrate with a service in Staple Church. And it if it made a bit of money all well and good (it actually made £52.00)

The road was officially closed at 10.00 and we had about 70 people, watching, stewarding or taking part.

It started with the Men's race, then the Ladies and then followed by the 4 children's classes and finished with a 3 legged race, each participant had a stretch of the road to run and then at various places had to toss the pancake.

There was lots of cheering from the crowd and it did create a lovely atmosphere, especially in the children's classes.

When all the classes had finished we moved into the village church (St James) where Rev Rob Stevenson lead a short Family Service where the prizes were awarded to all who had taken part, medals and certificates were presented.

And after the service refreshments were enjoyed by all.

Many thanks to all those people who helped in so many ways to make the day such a success.

Trevor Bartlett



WILDLIFE NEWS

No Mow May (you don't have to cut the grass!)



As we are all aware by now, the global bee population is in serious decline. Contributing factors



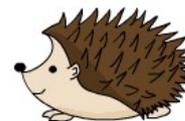
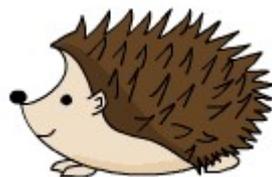
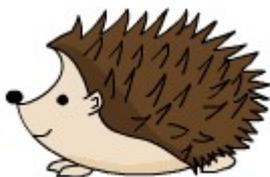
include use of chemicals and over cultivation. Scruffy lawns are cool and we are beginning to realise the importance of wildlife in our gardens. Wildflowers are particularly important for the bees - increasingly, local authorities are leaving the roadside verges uncut, much to the benefit of the animals and this month the charity Plantlife is helping gardeners (and the kids

will love this) to join in and here's how:

1. Leave your mower in the shed for No Mow May and watch the flowers grow.
2. From 23rd May to 31st May, take part in 'Every Flower Counts' by counting the number of flowers in a random square metre of your lawn.
3. Enter your counts on the website below, and instantly receive your very own Personal Nectar Score, showing how much nectar is being produced by the flowers on your lawn and how many bees it can support. You might be surprised by the results!

For full details, visit the Plantlife website:

<https://www.plantlife.org.uk/everyflowercounts/>





STAPLE BRANCH THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION



*In normal times we meet at the **Black Pig**, Barnsole Road, Staple on the second Thursday of each month. We welcome new members. You do not have to have served in the Armed Forces to become a member, only have the aims and objects of The Legion at heart: Comradeship, Welfare, Representation and Remembrance. Unable to have meetings due to the pandemic restrictions, please contact the Secretary for more details, by email at: TRBLStaplesec@btinternet.com – watch The Escallop for special events. Do have a look at our website on: <https://rblstaple.wix.com/rblstaple> where there is much of interest, including Lost Sons of Staple profiles and the story and pictures of the construction of the Remembrance Garden.*

The Arts Society Sandwich

The Arts Society Sandwich is currently 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 10 May

Nicola Moorby, 'Turner versus Constable: The Great British Paint-off'

Nicola Moorby will relate the story of the epic rivalry between the two giants of British art, J.M.W. Turner and John Constable. The subject will provide an enjoyable overview of the British art world during the first half of the nineteenth century.

Monday 7 June

Paula Nuttall, 'Urbino, the Palace of the Courtier'

Paula Nuttall will focus on the Ducal Palace at Urbino and on Frederico da Montefeltro, Duke of Urbino, and his patronage of artists including Piero della Francesca, who painted the famous double portrait of the Duke and his wife.

If you are not yet a member but find this interesting, we welcome non-members but would appreciate a £5 contribution per event for participating in our online lectures. If you would like to participate please email your request to membership.sandwich@theartssociety.org to enable you to log in.

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

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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.

Ash Bowling Club

Taster Sessions 28th and 29th May

There will be an open evening at the club house and green in Moat Lane, from 5.30pm to 8.00pm on Friday 28th May, and also an open afternoon from 2.00pm to 5.00pm on Saturday 29th May.

Members and coaches will be available to explain the game, demonstrate and let you have a try. All ages, from 10 years old will be most welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

All we ask is that you bring a pair of flat shoes or trainers with you. We will lend you the bowls.

If you require further information please contact our secretary at secretary.ashbowlsclub@gmail.com or telephone 01304 813629.

Venue: Ash Bowling Club, Moat Lane, Ash CT3 2DG



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

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

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



Can you name these places in East Kent?

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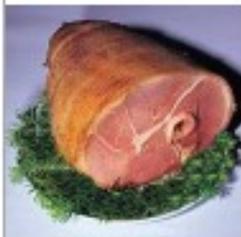
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Rotary Club of Dover – Youth Competition

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



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

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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.

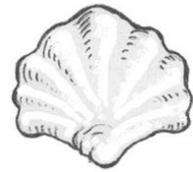
Staple- Sandwich - Northbourne - Mongeham				
Mondays to Fridays				
Staple, Three Tuns	0940	1110	1310	1440
Staple, The Street	0941	1111	1311	1441
Guilton Corner	0946	1116	1316	1446
Sandwich, Fire Station	0951	1121	1321	1451
Sandwich, St Marys Church	0952	1122	1322	1452
Sandwich, The Guildhall				
Arr: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

Recycling and Waste Collections

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

Garden waste collection dates in May are Tuesday 11 and Tuesday 25 May.

www.dover.gov.uk/recycling



Staple Helpline



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

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

If you need any help, please email The Escallop@gmail.com, or call 01304 812515 and we will do what we can.

There is also a team of helpers to ring round people in the village on a regular basis to check in with them. If you would like to receive a phone call, please let us know. If you would like to volunteer to help, please get in touch.

Village websites

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

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



Community Speedwatch Report April 2021



We have recommenced Speedwatch and have conducted six sessions since the end of March with the result that 22 vehicles exceeded the speed limit and 16 vehicles were recorded in the Police database.

One vehicle clocked 48 mph and received an immediate letter from the Police. This 60% above the speed limit would definitely kill anyone who was walking or horse-riding along our roads. Referring to stopping distances a car traveling a 30 mph stops in around 23 meters or 75 feet (thinking distance + braking distance = stopping distance). At 48 mph the stopping distance doubles to 53 meters or 174 feet. Think about speeding ~ please.

Last month I asked for comments on how we could improve safety on our roads. Very few constructive comments were received so I have to assume that speed is not a critical factor in Staple and that almost everyone is happy with the speed of vehicles. The Kent County Council Highways Improvement Plan which the Parish Council has responded to contains the ideas for improvement that we consider would improve safety in Staple. For information on suggested improvements see the Parish Council minutes for April.

Regrettably, in the UK road traffic offences such as speeding and driving without due care and attention has risen significantly despite the Covid 19 situation.

In addition there has been an increase in pot hole damage to cars. 10.2 million cars were damaged in the year to March 2021. Please report any pot holes you see especially if they caused damage. Remember that they can cause serious injury to cyclist. There is a web portal on Kent CC where you can report pot hole problems.

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-problem>

It is easy to use and KCC will fill holes quite quickly ~ even if these are only temporary fixes. It is estimated that to fix the road system in the UK would cost £10 billion which is actually a quarter of the income from road taxes ~ but that money goes into a big pot and is not funds for roads only! The government likes to throw money away quite often (HS2 rail???)

SID

No report this month on the statistics ~ the SIDs are having a rest and will be deployed next month

More volunteers are still required and we would appreciate anyone with an interest in reducing speeds through the village to come forward.

Usual contact Roger43@gmail.com 01304 812306

Can you name these places in Kent? Answers

- | | |
|------------------|---------------|
| 1. Sandwich | 6. Ramsgate |
| 2. Deal | 7. Wingham |
| 3. Staple | 8. Canterbury |
| 4. Wickhambreaux | 9. Chartham |
| 5. Sittingbourne | 10. Dover |

April 12th 2021
District Councillor's Report

Local Plan consultation: This finished on March 17th. There has been a very high response, considerably bigger than the last Local Plan consultation under 'normal' circumstances in 2011. Planning Dept will now digest all these responses over the next few months before moving to the next phase of recommendations.

Waste and Recycling collections: Many residents will see a change in the day of their collections from next week. The changes have been agreed between DDC and Veolia to improve the efficiency of the 'rounds' thereby reducing the carbon footprint of the operation. There may be some initial disruption but the established pattern of food waste collections every week and alternate weeks collection for general waste and recyclables will continue. All residents affected should have received a communication on this. Residents wishing to renew their garden waste subscriptions should do so now. A new Waste Services Manager, Ian Dudding, has been appointed to replace the sadly missed Mandy Pile.

We have been pleased to learn that we have been allocated £3.2 million from the future High Streets Fund. Together with moneys from the Coastal Communities Fund and from our own Capital budget this will allow the major regeneration of Dover High Street and Market Square areas, as well as improving the link with the waterfront. We have also been given £170,000 as a Welcome Back Fund to spend money on high streets once most shops reopen. A meeting was scheduled for April 8th to decide exactly what to do with this.

Kearsney Abbey and Russell Gardens are both now open with toilets also open. The new café at Kearsney is due to open next month.

Community Grants Scheme: Bids from local organisations are open from April 12th to May 24th. £65,000 is available for the summer six months following the allocation of the same figure in the winter.

5.2 Cllr. Sue Chandler (KCC) No report received as yet, but the Annual Report is available and will be circulated to Councillors

5.3 PCSO (Eva Winter)
No report has been received.
Cllr R Loukes said that Eva was meant to attend the Speed Watch yesterday but did not attend.

6 Finance

6.1 Approval of Bank Reconciliation for March 2021
Proposed: Cllr J Kirk
Seconded: Cllr N McCollum
Carried unanimously

6.2 Cheques to be approved:

Cheque No. 200374 Clerk's Salary	£190.00
Cheque No. 200373 PKF Accountants (late fine for last year's AGAR)	£288.00
Cheque No. 200375 Shelley Morris (Wildlife Friendly Village)	£161.95

Proposer: Cllr. Cllr J Kirk
Seconder: Cllr. N. McCollum
Carried unanimously

6.3 Other financial Items
Cllr. S. Coulson asked if we can now order the new village notice boards. Proposal put forward that this should be paid...
Proposed Cllr. S. Coulson
Seconded Cllr J. Kirk
Passed unanimously

7 Correspondence Received

7.1 Letter from R. Kehoe ref/ Frog and Orange in which he asked if the PC had opted to apply for an AVC on the Frog and Orange. Cllr. N McCollum said that as the PC hadn't received any communication from anyone else, there is little justification for objecting.
Notice of appeal ref. enforcement notice ref. land to the south of Summerfield House

Cllrs. thought that there was no lesser way of removing the caravans other than the enforcement notice.

8 Reports

8.1 Planning applications determined

21100063	Land between Greenways and Morella Villa. Change of use from agricultural to flexible	Prior approval approved

8.2 Planning Applications submitted

21/00512	Albany Lodge, Durlock Road, Staple CT3 1JX, erection of two storey side and front extensions, single story rear extension with new front boundary wall and alterations to fenestration. Supported by the Parish Council
CON/20/0053A	Land opposite The Row, Barnsole Road, Staple CT3 1LE. Arboricultural Method statement Duly noted by the Parish Council
	Barnsole House, Barnsole Road, Staple, CT3 1L: Removal of Condition 6 (parking) of planning permission DOV/09/00774 to remove parking restrictions (application under Section 73) Supported by the Parish Council

8.3 Village Hall and Recreation Ground

Cllr. J Kirk reported that there will be a meeting next week. The roof has been repaired at some expense but at least it has been done. CCTV camera has not yet been installed.

8.4 SID/Speedwatch

Cllr. R Loukes reported that Speedwatch has now started again. 13 speed violations have been recorded and sent to the Police.
Maximum speed 41 mph
There have been problems with the SIDs and will be positioned on the brackets in about 3 weeks' time. The repaired SID is not displaying at the moment and does not record the speed of the vehicles going past. Cllr. D Kirk could help put the SIDs in place.
Thanks to Cllr. R. Loukes for everything that he and his team are doing.

8.5 Footpaths

Cllr. S Coulson said that two villagers have helpfully cut back much of the vegetation. Dog walkers are not picking up the mess that their dogs make. Someone is placing the dog waste bags under the bonfire trying to hide it. Notices have been put up in the Churchyard, not sure if it has made any difference though. Cllr. T. Bartlett has been informed by Mervyn Laker about the problem. Could dogs be banned from that area? An article could go in the Escallop? Cllr J Kirk asked if KCC dog warden could be asked to give us advice. Cllr R Loukes suggested that we could get more signs, but it would not be good to put too many signs in the Churchyard. Cllr. G McCollum said that signs have no impact on people without a social conscience. Cllr. J Kirk said that you cannot ban dogs from a public area without a byelaw. Cllr T Bartlett said he would contact the necessary authorities at DDC to obtain advice and hopefully get the Council Dog warden involved.

9 Items for discussion

9.1 Future PC Meetings (including the AGM)

It was decided that the Staple PC AGM would be held via Zoom on May 12th

9.2 Operation London Bridge and Operation Forth Bridge (ref. arrangements for HRH Duke of Edinburgh funeral...Flying of flags.

It was decided that a letter of condolence to HM Queen, signed by the Chairman of Staple PC should be written. Clerk to forward a pro-forma letter to Cllr. T Bartlett

10 Any Other Business

Cllr. J Kirk said it would be good to recognise the achievement of the Staple Pre-school in having been awarded eco school status. The Clerk will send a letter of congratulations to Pre-School (via the Chairman, Paul Wells).

Cllr. S Coulson mentioned the Sandwich Connect Bus Route. It was suggested that it should be routed up Chequer Lane in Ash, to allow easier access to the Ash Surgery. Ash Parish Council supported this idea. The bus is to continue. The idea of the new route is going to be raised with the bus company again.

11 Additional correspondence as permitted by the Chair

None mentioned.

12 Date of next meeting:

Wednesday May 12th

Cllrs. decided that there would not be an AGM in the immediate future, owing to Covid restrictions.



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DDC's popular Community Grants Scheme is back and opens on 12 April

Local community groups looking for vital funding are encouraged to apply to Dover District Council's Community Grants Scheme. Building on the success of previous years' schemes, the Council has increased the Annual Community Grants Fund to £130,000 this year to help local community groups deliver projects in a Covid-safe way.

The grant has been split into two rounds for the summer and winter, and includes £7.5k from the Dover District Lotto (for every pound spent on the Lotto, 60p goes back into the local community). £65,000 is now available for the summer round.

Community groups who benefit the local area can bid for grants from £100 up to £2,000. Bids will be accepted from Monday 12 April 2021 until 12 noon on Monday 24 May 2021 and successful applicants will be notified in early July. Read the full <https://www.dover.gov.uk/News/Press-Releases/2021/>

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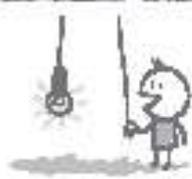
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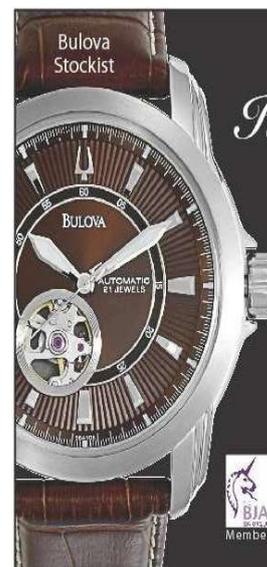
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