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I always admire the lovely gardens that are around during May and June but they are particularly stunning this year.

Rural Roundup has been on line for 15 months now and I know a good many people read it because I do have a response to any questions I ask. This is very encouraging, also we are able to give businesses their advertising space free.

Soon we are going to have to make a decision as to whether to continue on line or go back to printed copies which cost well over £1,000 a month to get printed and then they have to be delivered, that's if we can get volunteers to deliver them. What do you think?

I also would like to know if any of the adverts are out of date and need to be removed.

*I would be delighted to have any photographs sent in which could be considered for the front cover.* I'm sure there are some budding photographers out there. Enjoy your summer. *Doreen*

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## **Ringwould with Kingsdown Parish Council**

The Council held its Annual General Meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> May, and Cllr Sarah Wilson was elected Chairman and Cllr Nick Fish was elected Vice-Chairman.

A number of issues were considered at the meeting – access to Popples Farm, unlawful access by vehicles to Freedown Woods, the purchase of more dog poo bins, improving the surface of No Name Road, and the relocation of the Council's notice board in Ringwould.

Councillors also agreed to set up a Facebook page to assist in communicating with residents.

The sale by auction of the Ministry of Defence's former firing range at Undercliffe resulted in a meeting between representatives of the Parish Council, Kingsdown Conservation Group and the Kent Wildlife Trust to consider the options for protecting the area and its wildlife. The principal problem is the lack of information about the liabilities of any owner for the coastal defences.

The Council held a two-centre All Parish Meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> June – one at Kingsdown Village Hall and the other at Ringwould Village Hall – to allow for Covid secure meetings. Though both were not as well attended as hoped, there was useful feedback from members of the public, and the Council launched a questionnaire regarding the future of the firing range.

A room at the rear of Ringwould Village Hall has been rented by the Parish Council to act as a Council office. It is currently being fitted out with the intention of having a presence in the parish at least one day a week.

A great deal of work has been going on behind the scenes to provide a solid foundation for the Council's activities, but there are still vacancies for councillors. If you would like to learn more about your community and how you can help it flourish, you can apply to be a co-opted councillor – just let the Clerk know that you are interested and she will let you know how to go about it.

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Hello again!

I am writing this on the 17<sup>th</sup> May. So far, this has been the worst May in MY recorded memory!

Don't know what the Met Office says. Mother Nature knows we could only meet outside so amused herself at our expense by being cold, wet and windy. "They" say there will be a Kent heat wave soon. But, if the internet has taught me anything, it is never believe a word "they" say!

My scant knowledge of Latin tells me that "Semper vivum" means always alive. My semper vivum has died.

Last year I jumped out of my skin in the greenhouse when a huge green beastie flew into my face. On inspection it turned out to be a leaf cutter bee carrying a rolled leaf from an epimedium plant. It landed on the pot I had containing a beautiful flowering semper vivum and somehow wriggled inside with the leaf. I understand they lay eggs in these rolled up leaves. It did this all day. Fascinating. Don't know how it found the space. Feeling very green and magnanimous I allowed this to carry on and left the plant outside at the first sign of Spring so that the hatched bees could fly off into their new life. I have seen no bees but the plant has given up the ghost. Hmm . . .

You know the deal with June . . . plant out your bedding plants, weed the borders, mow the lawn, ENJOY YOUR GARDEN!!

The National Gardening Scheme is operating again!! I love this and have visited some fabulous gardens in the past. Can't wait to do so again! Let's hope this is not scuppered by another cursed Covid variant.

Barbara, our Chairman, will let us all know about future meetings for the Garden Society. Hopefully it will be safe to get together again soon. June has the longest day. I don't believe it!

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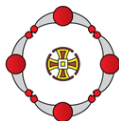
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Church	Ringwould	Kingsdown	Ripple	Sutton/ Studdal
1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	9.30am Holy Communion	Breakfast Church on Zoom	6.00pm Evensong	3.00pm Messy Church at Studdal
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	9.30am <i>Morning Prayer</i>	9.30am Holy Communion		11.00am Holy Communion
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	9.30am Holy Communion	Breakfast Church on Zoom	11.00am Holy Communion	
4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	6.00pm Celtic Style Holy Communion			
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	9.30am Morning Prayer	9.30am Holy Communion		4.00pm Sunday @ 4 Studdal Hall

## Tea and Chat

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### **Ripple Parish Council**

#### **New Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator**

Ripple welcomes a new Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator, many thanks to Claire who has volunteered to take on this role that is valued by all in the village.

*As the new neighbourhood watch coordinator I feel I should introduce myself. My name is Claire Skardon, I live in Ripple and have been an active member of the parish for some years. I am very family and community orientated. Feel free to contact me on my email address which is [skardonclaire@gmail.com](mailto:skardonclaire@gmail.com) regarding any neighbourhood problems or queries you have to do with crime or anti-social behaviour.*

#### **Parish Council Meetings**

From June, as lockdown eases, Ripple PC will resume holding physical meetings in the village hall. We understand that some of you may have questions for the Parish Council but are unable to attend meetings. You can email or telephone the clerk your question/s or any issue you would like to raise.

#### **The dates of the next 3 meetings (village hall)**

10<sup>th</sup> June 2021

8<sup>th</sup> July 2021

9<sup>th</sup> Sept 2021

#### **Keeping Safe at Meetings**

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Stay safe and well.

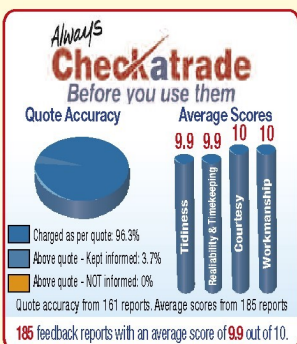
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*Notes from the Zoom meetings held on **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2021***

**Annual Parish Meeting** - The Annual Parish meeting was held at 7.00 pm. The Chair, Barbara Merriman gave her report of the activities carried out by the Council during the year. A copy of this is available with the minutes of the meeting on the parish council website. There were no questions from members of the public.

**AGM** - The AGM was held at 7.20pm. Barbara Merriman was elected as Chair for the coming year and Graeme Akhurst was appointed as Vice Chair. All councillors agreed to continue with their responsibilities from the previous year although they decided to share between them the responsibility for planning for this year.

### **Ordinary Monthly meeting**

**Planning** - The Councillors considered three planning applications. The Council listened to and discussed the concerns of local residents regarding the application for the airstrip at Manor Farm, Little Mongeham. The Councillors listed several reasons opposing the change of use of the land to a runway and decided to object to the planning application. The planning log is up and running on the website for parishioners to check local applications.

**Playing field** - The new bin has been installed. Thanks to Doug Vickers for this.

**Allotments/Orchard** - The risk assessment for the community event particularly with regard to bees on the site was discussed. To be revisited at the next meeting.

**Orchard Community Event** - The pencilled in date for this is Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2021. Arrangements for the event were discussed. The plan is to invite residents to bring their own picnic to the orchard to enjoy the surroundings and allotment holders to be invited along to show and talk about the produce they are growing on their plots. To be discussed again at the June meeting.

**Coronavirus Memorial** - The Councillors supported the Church's suggestion to arrange a memorial and short service for those local residents affected by the Coronavirus pandemic. Other parties to be approached for their approval.

**Litter Pick** - To go on the June agenda when the councillors can hold a face to face meeting.

The next ordinary meeting is on **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2021** at 7.30pm - Sutton Parish Community Centre

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### Election of Chairman of the Council for 2021/22

#### and Signing of the Declaration of Acceptance of Office as Chairman.

Cllr J Murray was nominated by Cllr Mrs Beard-Gould and seconded by Cllr C Weale and was elected **chairman for 2021/22**

**Appointment of Vice-Chairman of the Council for 2021/22:** Cllr M Eddy was nominated by Cllr Gardner and seconded by Cllr Murray and was elected **Vice-Chairman of the Council for 2021/22.**

### Appointment of Committees, Sub-Committees and Representatives:

#### Parish Council Committees

Planning Committee

Finance & General Purposes Committee

Amenity & Environment Committee

Walmer in Bloom Committee

Human Resources Committee

Events Working Group

Climate Emergency Working Group

### Parish Council Representation on Outside Bodies:

Police Parish Forum

Joint Councils Committee

Kent Association of Local Councils

Action with Communities in Rural Kent.

These individual resolutions were agreed 'en bloc' by an all encompassing resolution.

**Chairman's Report:** Under present legislation this is our last Zoom meeting of the full council.

Staff are now back working in the office which will be open to the public from nine until one every day.

A letter was received from a resident who claimed that this council was corrupt and undemocratic. The resident was spoken to on the telephone, and they now realise that it was another council.

On a happier note, this is the first meeting to be clerked by Richard Styles, until last week Town clerk of Ramsgate. A resident of Walmer, Richard, has spent many years in local government on both sides of the fence including a spell as a Kent County Council member. Before that he was a seagoing engineer specialising in steam engines and is a volunteer for a local railway preservation group. The Chairman welcomed Richard and repeated thanks to the now retired - and relieved - acting clerk Cllr Mrs Sue Le Chevalier for the sterling work she did keeping the ship not only afloat but on its proper course.

**Questions and/or Observations from the Electorate of Walmer:** Mrs C Walker: Asked a question about Fly tipping on Parish Council owned land off York and Albany Avenue. The Chairman asked if Mrs Walker knew where the waste originated. Mrs Walker replied that she did not know.

**Planning Committee:** Members received the report of the Chairman and the draft minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2021. The Chairman gave his appreciation of the work of the Committee and the diligence of its members.

**Walmer in Bloom:** Members received and approved a quotation to resurface the entrance of Hawkshill to prevent grit from washing down onto Liverpool Road.

**Council Grants:** Members received grant requests from Deal Music and Arts and from the organisers of the Deal Community Carnival Association and agreed to grant £400 to each.

Cllr. Murray declared an interest on the first item. Members agreed that no payments would be made until the Council could be assured that each event would take place.

**Date of next meeting:** Location and time to be confirmed.

Please check website.

*Richard Styles, Parish Clerk.*

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## Presentation of awards.

Parish Council Chairman Cllr James Murray told Councillors and members of the public: "Walmer Parish Council is just the visible tip of a whole host of local volunteers who work behind the scenes to make life better for all of us. Some people have been doing such work for years, some were inspired by the Covid crisis to help raise fund for the NHS, to distribute food to those in need and much more".

"Tonight I have the privilege of handing out two Kent Association of Local Council's awards to two local residents whose little known contributions to our lives have been outstanding. There is only one award given each year so the recipients have to be special people to win them"

"The 2020 Award goes to Mr. Fred Upton who should have had this award last year and who has year after year patrolled Walmer Beach every day doing two things, picking up small mountains of litter to keep the beach tidy and collecting any abandoned items - from cardboard to scrap metal - which he then arranges for Dover District Council to collect and recycle. Mr Upton, of York Rd., Walmer, thanked the Council for the award and explained that he did his voluntary work because it was needed to help keep Walmer looking good and "because someone's got to do it."

The chairman then said, "The 2021 recipient is probably really here as the representative of the dozens of voluntary helpers and musicians who have been through the Deal Music and Arts Education programmes - bringing music into the lives of hundreds of people of all ages, many of whom has thought that music was beyond their reach".

Dr Paul Edlin told the meeting: "I am honoured to receive this KALC Award for work within our community. My friend and colleague, Peter Cook, said: "It takes a community to raise a child" and Deal Music & Arts is very proud to be part of that community. And at a time like this, when we realise only too well how science is essential for life, we must recognise that it is the arts that make that life worthwhile.

Dr Edlin showed those present one of the blue and red plastic trumpets used to teach local children to play and then impressed everyone with a demonstration of just how good a plastic instrument can sound.

*There were socially distanced awards carefully presented at the Annual Parish Meeting of Walmer Parish Council held in St. Saviour's Church on the Strand recently.*



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Dear Residents, May we first apologise for not providing you with an update over the past two months. Due to the local elections we were constrained by the rules around what we can say during a campaign and therefore decided to make no comment during that period.

Now that we are back to normal we will start with the news that Ollie was duly elected as the KCC representative for Dover Town. Well done, Ollie! The DDC Council AGM saw him also retain his position as portfolio holder for Community, Environment and Corporate Property whilst Martin has moved to lead member for Housing.

Parish Councils resumed meeting in halls throughout the ward from 7<sup>th</sup> May and many kicked off with their annual meetings. There are continuing concerns around the parking of motor homes and the accumulation of rubbish along Kingsdown seafront. Both Ollie, Martin and the parish council are continuing to work with DDC and KCC to see how we can mitigate the situation as much as possible.

We were all tested when Veolia changed its rubbish collection schedule on 12<sup>th</sup> April and reduced its collection rounds from five to three. New vehicles were introduced, and rounds were reconfigured to take account of the additional housing which had been created in the District since the last review. The idea being to reduce congestion and other environmental impacts. Unfortunately, the introduction culminated in numerous delays to rubbish collection and our inboxes piled up with numerous complaints from frustrated residents. This resulted in discussions between ourselves and DDC officers who were similarly talking to Veolia to try and resolve the situation as soon as possible. During the May Day holiday the company drafted in additional resources from other areas of the country and managed to catch up with the backlog. Veolia has issued an apology and will react quickly to any customers still experiencing problems.

As we now enter the Summer DDC continues to work on a number of projects to improve our infrastructure and tourist facilities within the area. The Dover Fast Track project linking Dover with the Whitfield Urban development is on track to complete construction by June 2023 and news is still awaited concerning the decision to develop an Internal Border Facility at White Cliffs Business Park.

The improvements at Kearsney Abbey and Russell Gardens have transformed the area with the café due to open soon. Work has also commenced to provide a range of facilities at Maison Dieu and work will soon commence for the rejuvenation of Market Square.

COVID remains with us unfortunately but the vaccination programme, along with lockdown reduced cases to such an extent that we could confidently move ahead with the relaxation of restrictions on 17<sup>th</sup> May. However, we cannot afford to be complacent as there are indications of a rise in infections in certain areas of the country. So be careful and stay safe.

Best wishes,

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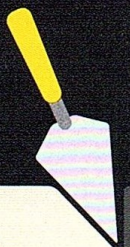
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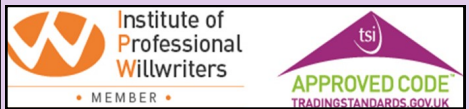
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Greetings in the Lord, and our best wishes to all. The Chapel is still not meeting and there is no definite end in sight to this lockdown. I've put a bit more material into this month's newsletter. If you'd like more from Hugh Martin, you can watch me reading it Sunday evening just go on Facebook.

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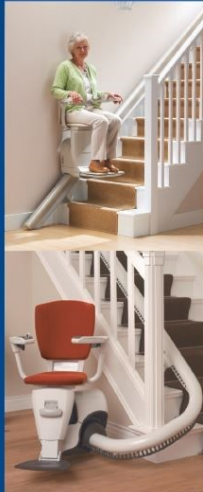
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