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Hello everyone, This is a double issue covering July and August. Let's hope that by the September issue more Groups and Societies are back near to normal.

In answer to my query as to whether we should continue to publish on line or get hard copies printed at a cost. I have had quite a number of responses and in general people liked it on line but thought a limited number of hard copies should be available in designated pickup points. We will review this for the September issue when we hope groups and societies are meeting again.

Just a reminder once again. The publication is only as good as the copy sent in, so please keep it coming.

As you can see I am still relying on James Murray for the front cover picture (thanks James). Surely there are more photographers around about. Please send some pictures in.

Do hope you all enjoy your summer break. See you again in September. *Doreen*

**Closing date for copy for the September Issue of Rural Roundup  
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## **Ringwold with Kingsdown Parish Council**

The Council's most recent meeting was on 14 June at Ringwold Village Hall, which is where the Council is establishing an office. Councillors received updates on the latest expenditure and income for the Council, which included five years' worth of payments from the school for the use of some of the allotment land. The Clerk also updated councillors on progress regarding the sign-off for the 2019-20 accounts. Councillors considered proposals to purchase two more dog poo bins, as well as a gate for Freedown Woods to prevent unlawful entry by vehicles and the purchase of a new seat on the Green in Kings Close.

The outcome of the Annual Parish Meeting, split into a two-venue event (at Kingsdown and then Ringwold Villages Halls) because of Covid restrictions, was discussed. The results were positive, despite the low attendance, and it allowed the Council to communicate directly to residents. Progress is being made on getting the office fitted out and open, and the Clerk presented a discussion paper on how to increase engagement with residents and to get other essential work of the Council done.

The sale by auction of the Ministry of Defence's former firing range at Undercliffe has been completed. Currently, the Parish Council has no knowledge of the successful bidders but will be keeping a close eye on any proposals which come forward for the area. The Parish Council was not involved in the bidding. The final price represented the best part of five-years' council tax income together with an unknown commitment towards the maintenance of the sea wall.

Progress is being made on setting up a Council Facebook page and the policies supporting its use, and a Data Protection Policy is being developed for adoption at a later meeting. Councillors are also considering setting up councillor surgeries so that we can pick up residents' concerns early and let residents know what we are doing to resolve them.

And again, if you want to help your community, the Council is looking for potential parish councillors to be co-opted. Please get in touch with the Clerk via the email address at the top of this page.

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Hello.

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or whether the weather be  
not,

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or not.

This just sprang into my mind from a long lost youth due to the unpredictability of said weather right now. The greenhouse is as hot as Hades (I don't speak from personal experience) but the garden is looking gorgeous. We really needed rain then we got rain. But everything is extreme. I was thinking that next year, perhaps, I will just let everything survive that self sows with a few exceptions, namely weeds. I have plants needing a home but don't want to pull up all the poppies, lychnis and eryngium that have taken over and are looking so pretty.

We have had so much self seeded borage! Not to be too judgmental about having hundreds of them, but I was considering eliminating (cruel word) a few of them till I stopped and saw the bees. So the borage stayed till they gave up the ghost. I read you can eat borage leaves and flowers and make borage lemonade. I didn't try any of that, but it's a possibility...maybe...one day...

So jobs for July? Water, deadhead, have a barbecue, drink a few G and T's or cups of tea. I remember our courgettes turning into marrows overnight when we had a veg patch. So pick those! As I said before, you don't need a novice like me giving you advice! Ooh, cutting back hardy geraniums for a second flush is a good one. (I just read that!)

Gardening Society social events are STILL on hold. So nothing new there. Watch this space...

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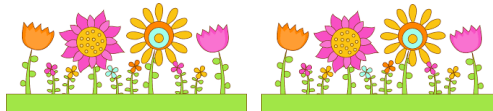
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Church	Ringwould	Kingsdown	Ripple	Sutton/ Studdal
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	9.30am Holy Communion	Breakfast Church on Zoom 9.00am	6.00pm Evensong	3.00pm Messy Church at Studdal
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	9.30am <i>Morning Prayer</i>	9.30am Holy Communion		11.00am Holy Communion
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	9.30am Holy Communion	Breakfast Church on Zoom 9.00am	11.00am Holy Communion	
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	6.00pm Celtic Style Holy Communion			
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> July	9.30am Morning Prayer	9.30am Holy Communion		4.00pm Sunday @ 4 Studdal Hall

### Tea and Chat (Ringwould)

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July** at 2pm outdoors at the church.

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*Sylvia Main*

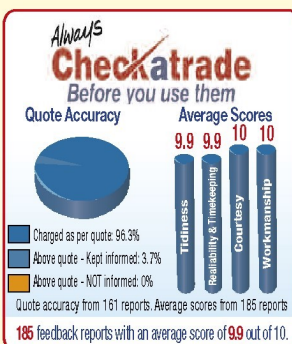




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### **Speedwatch,**

Ripple have joined with Great Mongeham Speedwatch and our Councillors have started to undertake the training required.

### **Parish Council Meetings**

The dates of the next 3 meetings (village hall)

15<sup>th</sup> July 2021 – this is a change from the original published meeting date

9<sup>th</sup> Sept 2021

14<sup>th</sup> October 2021

### **Keeping Safe at Meetings**

As per government guidelines, members of the public will be asked to wear a mask if attending meetings. Chairs will be spaced at least two metres apart.

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The pandemic has hit children hard, Here in the U.K., lockdowns, loneliness and worry are blighting their childhoods and futures. If we don't act now to support them, the long-term impact on children's lives will be devastating. Save the Children has provided thousands of families struggling to make ends meet with supermarket vouchers, along with toys and games to help kids through lockdown. Children like Lilly, aged five and her baby brother Jack from Maidstone. Their Mum Alice, was made redundant last year before lockdown and she has been struggling to provide food for the children.

The emergency grant provided by Save the Children meant that Lilly and Jack didn't have to go cold last winter and always had enough to eat and Lilly loved the new toys that came with it. 'It has made such a huge difference to my family' says Alice. Thank you for your support and for giving children facing tough times something to smile about.

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*Notes from the meeting held on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2021*

*The Parish Council managed to hold their first face to face meeting since the start of the pandemic. The meeting was held in Sutton Community Centre and was attended by several local residents.*

**Annual Audit of Accounts:** The Councillors approved the various sections of the Annual Return which were then signed as necessary, ready for display in the notice boards and on the parish council website.

**Planning:** The Councillors considered seven planning applications including the change of use of land north of Eastling Down Farm Cottages to a Traveller site. The Council listened to a brief update on the application for the airstrip at Manor Farm, Little Mongeham and noted that the Parish Council had received correspondence from local residents opposing this application and the caravan site application. All local residents had been told to contact DDC Planning with their objections. The planning log is up and running on the website for parishioners to check local applications.

**Playing field:** The donated bench has been repaired and kindly installed by Doug Vickers.

**Orchard Community Event:** The spring community event has been cancelled due to concerns over the delayed Covid opening up guidelines and it was decided to wait for the next government announcement. The next event will hopefully be the apple day event in September. The risk assessment is to be revisited at the next meeting.

**Litter Pick:** It was considered too late in the season to carry out a litter pick because of the recent growth of grass and weeds. To go on the January agenda next year for a spring event in 2022.

**Footpaths:** A query arose as to the grass cutting responsibility for a particular local footpath. Enquiries to be made.

The next ordinary meeting is on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2021 at 7.30pm - Sutton Parish Community Centre.

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### Highlights from the June meeting of Walmer Parish Council.

**Chairman's Report:-** Cllr James Murray reminded Cllrs and staff that when they are sent on training courses or attend outside bodies on behalf of the council they should report back about what they learnt and where appropriate, the effectiveness of the course.

KCC advised WPC on the efficacy of the improvement to Hawkshill carpark and was doing other work in the area, and the work will be done under s136, of the LGA 1972 due to the specialist nature of the work.

**Questions and/or observations from the electorate of Walmer:-** A resident asked if there were any changes to do with the York + Albany Field. The Chairman replied that there were no changes, but that the proposal to build affordable starter homes for local young people was ongoing.

**Council vacancy – co-option of Councillors:-** After hearing a presentation from Mrs Sarah Fisher of her past history and the skills which she could bring to the Council. Members resolved:

*'Walmer Council hereby co-opts Mrs Sarah Fisher on to the Council, as a member of the Council, with all rights and requirements pertaining to a Councillor. In accepting the position of Councillor, Mrs Fisher, agrees to abide by the Code of Conduct operated by Walmer parish Council and agrees to declare all relevant interests.'*

Under the Council's policy of allocating Cllrs to committees with vacancies members approved allocations to fill committee vacancies. Cllr Fisher – Amenities + Environment, Events and Planning. Cllr Jull – Walmer in Bloom, Events and Planning.

The Council also agreed to set up a waiting list of potential candidates for co-option should such vacancies arise in the future.

**Crime and anti-social behaviour reports:-** PCSO Adam Herod told the Council that there is now a restored police presence in Deal located at the Fire and rescue station.

A team of special constables and speed watch volunteers will be carrying out speed checks in the area. He had met with Cllr Weale, WPC's Police link Councillor to discuss initiatives on reducing Anti-Social-Behaviour by young persons in the area and some proposals may be suggested soon.

**Report of the Clerk:-** All WPC paperwork, on declarations of interests etc has now been submitted to the DDC monitoring office and any Cllr needing to update their declarations of interests should contact the Clerk asap.

**Adaption/refurbishment/Repair of new Council Offices:-** The Clerk gave a report on progress regarding the repair/refurbishment of 62, The Strand, Walmer and issued a summary of the work required and its relative priority. Three builders have been contacted for quotations using a detailed schedule of works.

Members agreed to delegate the selection of energy survey consultant to the Climate change working group at its next meeting.

**Date of Next Meeting - Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> July 2021.**

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## Commemoration to Four African American soldiers at Walmer Station

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employed transporting petrol cans from the wrecked US Liberty Ship the *SS. James Harrod* that had grounded after a collision off Kingsdown the previous January.

Whilst offloading petrol at the station, an accident ignited the vapour at the Goods Shed and there was a terrific explosion. Four men were killed instantly, and nine more were badly injured. The blaze was tackled by the Deal National Fire Service who managed to extinguish the flames in an hour. A couple of days later, the four men were given a memorial service at Deal Royal Marines Barracks, two were buried in Cambridge, England and two were repatriated back to America, one being buried at Arlington National Cemetery and one at Greenville in South Carolina.



To commemorate this little-known tragedy, a ceremony will be held on the 12<sup>th</sup> September at 1pm. A plaque will be unveiled to form a lasting memorial; the plaque being paid for by the American Legion, Walmer Parish Council, Southeastern Trains and the Deal and Walmer Lions Club as well as public donations via Just Giving.

All are welcome to attend and lay a wreath if desired. A gospel choir will be in attendance singing songs that were sung at the original memorial service in Deal. Representatives of the American Legion will also be present. It is hopeful a relative of one of the deceased will be travelling from America to attend, COVID restrictions pending.

I am still looking to raise money to pay for a commemorative booklet explaining the *James Harrod* disaster, the story of the African American 509<sup>th</sup> Port Battalion and the Walmer Station disaster. The booklet will be sold at the station with 100% of the proceeds going to a local Deal charitable cause (to be announced). The Go Fund Me page is here with more details:

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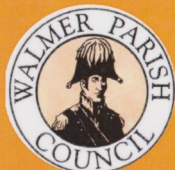
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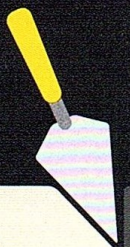
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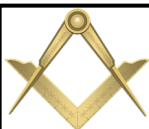
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