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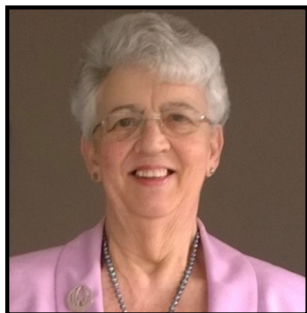


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Hello

I do hope you all enjoyed your summer break. The weather has been a bit patchy for the school holidays but the time appears to have flown, at least it has for me.

Half term next, and then before we know, it will be Christmas. I just can't believe how the years pass by. "They say the older you get the quicker time goes!" You will never believe this, but when clearing out cupboards I found a copy of the very first copy of the 'Community Newspaper' produced and delivered by the children of the after-school 'Newspaper Club' which I set up when a Governor at Kingsdown & Ringwould School, dated July 1998. Yes, I have been doing it for 23 years! I've enjoyed doing it but it is about time someone took over from me.

I intend to finish at the end of the year with the December issue so if nobody comes forward to take over, that will be the end of 'Rural Roundup' I am afraid. **Please - are there any offers?** I will be around to help anyone for a while if needed.

All the best, Doreen

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Hello again.

I began for the Garden Society in the worst and weirdest of times, but now there is light at the end of the tunnel and I have real news

to report instead of just waffle. Hooray!

Can I contain my excitement?! Can you?!!

The Society actually visited the Hampton Court Flower Show and is now planning a trip to the Wisley Flower Show in 2022. Is this the beginning of some kind of normality?

Even better, the Committee is planning a Cheese and Wine evening in October with members submitting “displays with a harvest theme”. The exact date will be decided later, so members will receive an email and the October Rural Roundup will provide more information.

I understand the plant stall made a profit of £198 earlier in the year. My hope is this will help buy the wine, but I am happy to bring a bottle. And my big glass!

It will be AMAZING to all get together again!

Now for the waffle...

What's up with the weather? Where is the sunshine? Where are the Pimm's and parasols, deckchairs and paddling pools?

The snails are LOVING it! They've gorged on my sunflowers, snaffled my echinops and decimated my salvias. Love the garden, but it can be so exasperating. There is, already, a distant whiff of Autumn on the breeze. Or maybe it's that Farmer again...

Next year I plan to plant some dahlias, perhaps. Something that provides late Summer colour as my garden is past its prime and I have this terrible urge to dig up all the Nigella that have gone to seed and plant Foxgloves for the Spring. Making plans for the future is one of the joys of gardening. We have all had to do a lot of that. One of the aggravations of gardening is, as mentioned, snails, snails and more snails. Aargh!

Stay well.

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As this time is not at all suitable for the elderly members, please note that in future Kingsdown & Ringwould WI will be holding all meetings at Ringwould Village Hall on the Second Monday of each Month 2.00pm - 4.00pm. (Except August) when a Garden meeting is generally held. New members are always very warmly welcomed. Just turn up or contact the Secretary 01304 362 333 or 07850 481 723 for more details.

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/ 2 nd Sunday 12 th Sept.	9.30am <i>Morning</i> Prayer	9.30am Holy Communion		11.00am Holy Communion
Sunday 19 th Sept.	9.30am Holy Communion		11.00am Holy Communion	
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The Little Library This is still operating in the church porch at Ringwould, books are free just turn up and help yourself, we only ask that if you are leaving books you take an equal number away! We also have a few magazines available. *Jean Winn*

We are now allowed to sing in Church but please wear a mask and remember distancing!

Breakfast Church has returned to Kingsdown Church on the First Sunday of the month at 9.00am. Muffins and Pastries, Tea and Coffee, please bring your own mug!

Tea and Chat.

Meets in Ringwould Church 1st Thursday of the month at 2.00pm

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All are welcome, whichever village you are from!



Dear Friends.

I hope you enjoy the article 'Church Bulletin Board' - the Church does have a sense of humour! Having a sense of humour is a gift, especially when life is often so difficult; at times, seeing the funny side of things and being able to laugh helps us to cope. And we have had to find ways of coping with all that the past 18 months has brought. We have been surrounded by stories of loss, bereavement, anxiety and isolation as together and apart we coped with the ebb and flow of the infection rate. We found ways to cope with all of that, and took care of our families and neighbours and found things to enjoy not matter how simple or small, to help us get by- and sometimes we laughed!

One of the most helpful things for me has been prayer in all its forms. And the Church has prayed constantly for the world and for all its needs. And our local churches have held in prayer the surrounding people and communities. In some areas we have been able to keep open the church building for people to drop in for a few moments of quiet, or just to think, and sometimes to pray. Because prayer is marvellous! Prayer does not have to be formal or formulaic, and nothing is too big or too small to bring into prayer. God wants us to talk to Him with which ever words come to mind and if we can't find words we can sit and rest in the silence and peace of God's presence. So I encourage you all to pray however and wherever you can. Prayer is never wasted, think of prayer as a conversation waiting for you to join in!

With every blessing, Revd Carolyn

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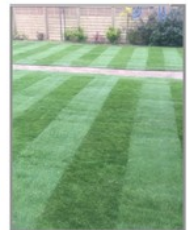
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Church bulletin board

The following appeared in church bulletins
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The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

Don't let worry kill you off –
let the Church help.

Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again', giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

The Rector will preach his farewell message, after which the choir will sing 'Break Forth Into Joy'.

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

Potluck supper Sunday at 5pm –
prayer and medication to follow.

The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.

The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

This evening at 7pm there will be hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.

Low Self-Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7pm. Please use the back door.

The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new tithing campaign slogan last Sunday: 'I Upped My Pledge – Up Yours.'

This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs Lewis to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.

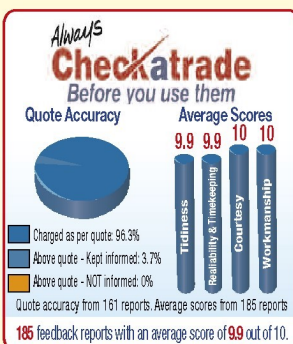
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country and nearly half of all children under five need life-saving treatment for acute malnutrition.

The escalating conflict has had a devastating impact on children and families. Many have been wounded or killed. Since the beginning of June, more than 120 000 children have been forced to leave their homes. Those families displaced within Afghanistan are some of the most vulnerable people on earth right now.

Teams from Save the Children have been providing lifesaving health, education protection, nutrition and livelihoods services to help children and communities across Afghanistan.

Save the Children has had to temporarily suspend services in areas where there is active and increased violence, however it continues to help communities with remote services where possible.

Save the Children is committed to resuming its full spectrum of services and is also equipped and ready to respond to humanitarian crises in Afghanistan. Save the Children aims to resume its health, education and protection work as soon as it's safe to do so. We have seen repeatedly that children who don't have access to education health or protection services in a conflict are at a higher risk of being wounded or killed, forced into child labour, displaced or recruited by armed groups. Flexible funding is needed urgently to help children here who are currently fighting to survive amidst the chaos around them. The Save the Children Emergency Fund enables Save the Children to respond to emergencies around the world, so the charity can provide life saving aid.

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Notes from the meeting held on Tuesday 27th July 2021

The meeting was held in Sutton Community Centre and was attended by four members of the public

Visitors - A local resident voiced concerns about the amount of dog waste bags left on the footpaths, particularly on the footpath over to The Brooms. It was decided that notices should be put on the Sutton Facebook page and in the notice boards.

A local resident suggested the notice board at the Church Hall should be relocated to make it easier to read. The Councillors considered this. Various queries arose including whether the notice board is still necessary and would a new one need planning permission. To be discussed again at the September meeting.

Planning - The Councillors considered four planning applications including the change of use of land north of Eastling Down Farm Cottages to a Traveller site and the application at East Studdal Nurseries for the erection of 14 dwellings. The planning log is up and running on the website for parishioners to check local applications.

The Council also briefly discussed the consultation on the parish settlement confines. To be further discussed at the September meeting.

Playing field - An update was given on the current Public Spaces Protection Order which has been extended for one year as DDC has been unable to carry out a consultation. The existing one still shows a dog exclusion zone in the old play area. DDC hope to send the consultation out in the autumn which the parish council will respond to.

Orchard Community Event - The date for Apple day was fixed for Saturday 18th September 2021. A specific risk assessment for the event to include the bee hives and any up to date government guidelines will be agreed at the September meeting.

Correspondence - The Councillors agreed on their response to the Community Resilience/Emergency Plan Questionnaire and also agreed for details of the Litter petition to go on the website and notice boards.

The next ordinary meeting is on Tuesday 7th September 2021 at 7.30pm Sutton Parish Community Centre



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Highlights from the Meeting of Walmer Parish Council held on Wednesday, 7th July 2021 at Deal Parochial C of E School, Walmer.

Cllr Bond gave a report on DDC and KCC matters as follows: - He had contacted the police commissioner regarding speeding problems in Walmer.

Although an Alcohol licence for the paddling pool and minigolf course had been granted if there were Anti-Social Behaviour issues that licence could be reviewed.

Crime and anti-social behaviour reports: - PCSO Herod gave a report on items of interest since the last report.

The local police had confiscated quantities of alcohol and cannabis in the last month.

A community speed watch campaign was active in the Parish (new Dover Road) and surrounding localities.

Underage drinking in the Parish had been addressed in the last month. £100's of beer and spirits were seized and destroyed by the police, before the very eyes of the underage drinkers.

Events Working Group: - Members were invited to volunteer to help during the day at the first post lockdown Brocante which is being held on Bank Holiday Monday 30th August. Cllr Beard-Gould reported that volunteers too were needed help marshal the event which was sold out.

A review will be held after the event to decide whether or not to return to the May Bank Holiday date or continue to hold the event in August.

Climate Emergency Working Group: - The purchase of a thermal imaging camera to assist Walmer residents with home heating efficiency issues was proposed but deferred until the September council meeting, where a full report will be submitted by the Working group.

Financial Report: - Members approved a series of recommendations from the Finance and General Purposes Committee to re-organise and consolidate the Council's bank accounts. They agreed to close three bank accounts and transfer the funds into organisations specialising in ethical banking.

They also decided that in the event of replacement accounts or safe deposits not being available in time the process will be suspended until alternatives are agreed.

Proposal for Borrow Pit car park: - Cllr M Eddy proposed that an application for improved signs to the Borrow pit car park from the DDC 'Welcome back fund' be applied for. Following the outcome of this proposal, further proposals may be made.

Adaptation/refurbishment of new Council Offices: - Estimates were received and approved for work from building contractors and members resolved that the estimates received from RJW Building Contractors Ltd be approved and that this company be engaged to carry out the work.

Telecoms estimates received and approved VOIP phones and Wi-Fi installations. Members resolved that the estimates received from Mitec Group Ltd were approved and that Mitec Group Ltd be engaged to carry out the work.

Selection of removal contractors: - Members authorised the Clerk to seek three estimates for the removal of council items from 8, the Strand to 62, the Strand, and to engage with the removal firm with the most competitive estimate.

Richard Styles, Clerk, Walmer Parish Council.

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Despite unfriendly weather the event was judged a great success by stall holders and customers alike.

Councillor Marguerite Beard Gould, chairman of the Council's Events Committee, said: "We are delighted to be able to finally bring back this popular event and I am grateful to the stall holders and the visitors who braved the weather to make the day a great success".

The Brocanté is normally held in May but was postponed until August because of the lockdown.



*Councillor Marguerite Beard-Gould
with Walmer PC clerk Richard Styles
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Heavy rainfall had been sweeping small stones and other debris from the car park for the land which is now owned and maintained by the Council for the benefit of local people into Liverpool Rd.

Volunteer Councillors had cleared away the debris but it had become a never ending task so when Councillor Sue Le Chevalier learned that Kent County Council Highways Department were planning to resurface the junction between Liverpool Road and Grams Rd she persuaded them to re-surface a large area of the car park.

“KCC officers were extremely helpful and we are hopeful that this work will remove the problem of washed down debris from the area.,”

said Cllr. Le Chevalier.

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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.

Don't forget we're still live-streaming or posting Sunday services morning and evening on Facebook, 10.30 and 6.30, at <https://www.facebook.com/pg/Walmer-Chapel-226551017831235/posts/>, and the audio sermons are uploaded to the Chapel's website, www.walmerchapel.org/lords-day-sermons_2021.html

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Dear Residents,

We hope that you have all enjoyed the summer season although, sadly, the latter part did not provide much in the way of good weather.

Dover District Council continues to work hard and has extended its use of virtual technology so that now all committee meetings have resumed and can be viewed by members of the public. The first ever virtual council meeting was the Annual Council Meeting and took place on 22nd July.

Speedwatch volunteers went back to work on 15th June with teams within the District resuming their activities. The Winter Round of Community Grants remains up and running and the date for applications has been extended to 20th September. To date DDC have received 41 applications totalling £67,987.

On behalf of DDC we would like to apologise for the inconvenience you all experienced as consequence of Veolia's failure to provide an efficient service since May. Work to resolve the rescheduling issues will still take a few weeks to complete and it is anticipated that revised routes are unlikely to be in place before October. Collection services were severely affected by a national shortage of HGV drivers and by the so called 'pingdemic' requiring staff to self-isolate. DDC are doing all they can to maintain services, but this was proving increasingly difficult for Veolia given their current staffing levels. DDC therefore agreed to their request to suspend garden waste collections, to provide them with some additional capacity to support the recycling collection services. They are in daily discussion with Veolia regarding resource levels to determine when the full range of services can be resumed. At this stage, the message to those affected residents is that they should store their garden waste until their next scheduled collection. They are looking at arrangements to compensate customers by measures such as extending the subscription period or offering a rebate off next year's renewal. The position is now improving fast. Latest daily reports show that 100% of household, recyclable and garden waste collections are taking place on the scheduled dates.

Closer to home concerns remain about the influx of visitors camping along Undercliffe Rd. There were also complaints about the increase in dog fouling on the beach and the continuing closure of the public toilets. The toilets were reopened on 5th June. DDC environmental enforcement have increased their patrols within the area and placed a number of dog fouling warning notices in the vicinity. DDC will be taking part in the Great British Beach Clean which will be run from 17th September 2021 to 25th September 2021 and a beach cleaning event is being planned for Thursday 23rd September 2021 between 10am and 11am at Kingsdown Beach (at the end of Undercliffe Road, Kingsdown). DDC will be providing further information on this event shortly.

Finally, we both wish you a pleasant autumn and please do contact us if you have any concerns that you would like us to help you with.

Councillors Martin and Ollie

Now, Free Moving Traffic....

A proposal from Walmer Parish Council to relieve congestion and excessive exhaust fumes on Station Rd in Walmer has been successfully completed..

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The plan was initiated by Walmer Parish Council after Dover District Council decided to grant planning permission for another large housing estate at the bottom end of Dover Rd and the Council sought ways to mitigate the increased traffic from this development and also the

The background - Approximately 100 yards from the junction with Dover Rd the double yellow lines ended with the result that vehicles parked on both sides of the road caused bottlenecks back to Dover Rd affecting traffic moving along Dover Rd towards Deal. Simultaneously, because there is only room for one vehicle at a time to pass between the parked cars traffic also built up in the opposite direction.

The result was often frustration for drivers, delays and a reduction in the flow of traffic entering Station Road from Dover Road which could have the effect of causing tailbacks there too.

Ironically the cause of these problems was a small gap of around 20 yards in the yellow lines painted on the road on the southern side of Station Road, with space for only two or three cars to park.

Kent County Council have a list of traffic improvement projects which Councils like Walmer can ask for specific projects to be added by means of the Highway Improvement Plan (HIP) process. Such projects are normally funded by the Council which asks for them to be carried out.

Chairman of Walmer Parish Council, James Murray, said: "Because of the massive increase in traffic from these two housing developments we felt that losing just two or three parking places along Station Rd which would enable traffic to move freely in both directions was something which would benefit not just those living near the site and possibly suffering from excessive exhaust fumes from cars in traffic jams but also those people using Station Rd to access home or work.

"The Highways Authority agreed with us and the project was fast tracked and is now in place."

Councillor James Murray





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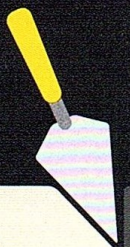
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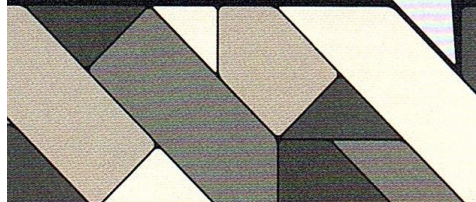
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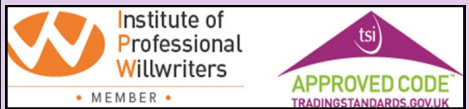
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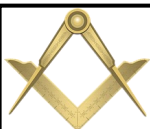
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