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Hello everyone,

Well, a month has passed and nobody has come forward to take over from me (or help) to edit Rural Roundup.

Twenty-three years of community news, advertising local events and items of local interest giving everyone an opportunity to flick through pages or check on line for dates or events and interesting articles. What a shame!

Surely there is someone out there that can take it over, It would be dreadful if a well established publication comes to an end.

Thankfully all the organisations are preparing to return. Speaking of the WI, they held their October meeting (and with an outside speaker) in Ringwood Village Hall. What a treat it turned out to be meeting everyone face to face again. Let's hope everyone will get back to 'near normal' again soon.

The days are passing so fast it won't be long before half-term and then Christmas will be upon us. As for me I am looking forward to having two small (great grandchildren) visitors ages 8 & 4 years to entertain for half-term. I do hope the petrol will be freely available by then!

Wish me luck. Doreen

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Hello, again

October! This year is going peculiarly quickly. And also slowly. Everything has been out of kilter, including the weather. But, at last, we have a real upcoming event for you to attend!

On Monday October 25th at 7.30pm in Kingsdown Village Hall there is a Harvest Social evening! Members are invited to bring something with a Harvest theme to display for the delectation of others, such as collages, paintings, flowers or craft of any kind. There may be prizes, I don't know, but there will be praises. There are some talented people in the Garden Society, I am always impressed. It will be lovely to see everyone and catch up as well.

Now is the time to tidy the garden ready for the Winter onslaught. Although nothing is predictable weatherwise, of course. You can be sure that the year I don't bother to protect my geraniums will be the year of heavy frosts. The RHS says you should dead head and divide perennials in October and do a last mow of the lawn. But our milder weather of late has meant we are mowing into November I am sure.

The flower and seed catalogues are landing on the mat. I must resist buying too many seeds. Planting your Spring bulbs is always an optimistic activity, although I can never remember where the bulbs are from last year and end up savaging them with the spade.

Hope to see you all at the Harvest Meeting.

Teresa Ellis

Memorial Service

A Memorial Service has been arranged for Jim Stacey (formerly lived at Hardicot House, Kingsdown) who passed away in February. The service will be at St Mary's Church, Walmer on November 2nd at 2.00pm. Harriet Fox (nee Stacey)

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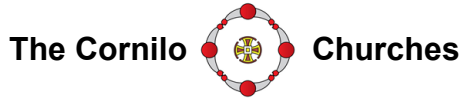
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3 rd Sunday 17 th Oct	9.30am Holy Communion		11.00am Harvest Festival	
4 th Saturday 23 rd Oct	6.00pm Celtic Style Holy Communion			
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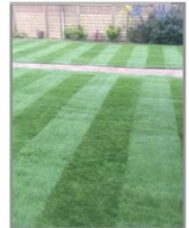
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The Little Library This is still operating in the church porch at Ringwold, books are free just turn up and help yourself, we only ask that if you are leaving books you take an equal number away! We also have a few magazines available.

Jean Winn

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 Ringwold Church 1st Thursday of the month. This month. **7th October** Tea cake and a good old natter all for £1.50! All are welcome whichever village you are from!



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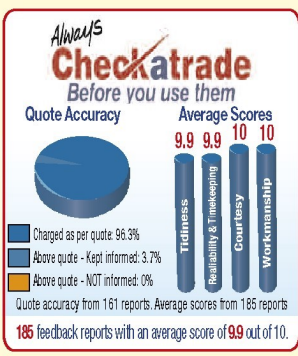




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We are pleased that Alan Watson from Speedwatch will be in attendance at our Oct meeting. Councillors have undertaken the online training and look forward to learning more about the equipment we will be using from Alan.

The new signs at Mongeham crossroads will be installed on 25th&26th October.

Streetlight

We are continuing to work with DDC and UKPN to have the 'missing' streetlight reinstalled in Sutton Road.

Parish Council Meetings

The dates of the next three meetings in the Village Hall

14th October 2021

11th November 2021

9th December 2021

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Paul took us on a light-hearted journey that looked at some of the great characters from our past like the lord who spent many hours floating in a large indoor glass water tank writing rude letters to the Prime Minister. We heard of a unique singer, a comically UFO obsessed peer and of course Spike Milligan. From a WI perspective we certainly appreciated that most eccentrics are men.

The next meeting of Kingsdown & Ringwoud WI will be held at Ringwoud Village Hall on Monday 11th October when there will be a visit from a guide dog and handler followed by a short Annual Meeting. Visitors welcome.

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Notes from the meeting held on Tuesday 7th September 2021

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

Local Community. The defibrillator. This was discussed, further enquiries to be made into having it serviced.

Bus shelter. It was decided to bring to a close, the use of the bus shelter as a book store as it has become overrun and concerns were voiced that with bad weather perhaps just around the corner, no room was being left to use the shelter for its proper purpose.

Notice board. The Council decided to relocate the notice board from the Church Hall hedge to a location more easily accessible to everyone. It is therefore going to be moved to the bus shelter. A local resident kindly offered to do this for the council.

New bin. Enquiries are to be made from DDC regarding the cost of having a new bin emptied if the parish council were to purchase and install one in Ashley near the footpath entrance onto the road.

Electric charging bays. The Community Centre's application to install two charging bays in the car park of the community hall was fully supported by the Parish Council on the understanding that there is no financial commitment.

Planning. The Councillors considered one planning application. The planning log is up and running on the website for parishioners to check local applications. Various decisions from DDC were noted at the meeting.

The Council also discussed again the consultation on the parish settlement confines. The Council decided to support all three of the proposed areas in the parish.

Playing field: Dog waste bin. The Council are looking into replacing the old, broken bin with a new one. Further enquiries to be made.

Rospa. The Council discussed the recent report. There had been very few comments made on any safety problems. A few minor issues were discussed and solutions agreed.

Allotments: The plot sizes and costs were clarified for next year's rental agreements. Another application has been made for a plot which brings the number of people on the waiting list to three.

Correspondence: The Councillors agreed that the KCC consultation on the household waste recycling centre booking system should go on the website.

The next ordinary meeting is on **Tuesday 5th October 2021** 7.30pm at Sutton Parish Community Centre



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Change of style...The Council agreed to change the style of the Council from Walmer Parish Council to Walmer Town Council with immediate effect, and that from now on any documents reading 'Walmer Parish Council', shall be taken, or read as saying 'Walmer Town Council'.

Chairman's report...Asst Clerk, Mrs Sarah Plews, has left WPC and the Chairman thanked her for her past work and commitment to the Council.

Matters arising...Thermal Imaging camera. The Council agreed to go ahead with the purchase of this instrument which will be used to help residents in Walmer see the extent of heat loss from their homes and businesses and potentially reduce their heating costs.

Cllr Bond on DDC and KCC...matters. To help with speeding in Station Road temporary traffic lights may be fitted at the junction of Station Road and Dover Road. These lights may act as a trial to something more permanent.

He suggested that WTC apply for some of his members' grant to help fund a speed camera.

Crime and anti-social behaviour reports...Cllr Weale as WPC's police liaison Cllr gave the following report.

Regretfully PCSO Adam Herod is leaving Deal/Walmer for Thanet.

A community speed watch group will need to be trained and equipped to increasing public awareness and cooperation in reducing speeds in Walmer

Work is going on to reduce anti-social behaviour in various parts of Walmer and the details will go on the website.

Financial report...The clerk and the Chairman of the F+GP Committee will review all current council contracts and make sure they are fit for purpose.

Cllr internal auditor appointments would be reviewed at the next F+GP Committee meeting.

Invitations and events...Deal Town Council 'Charter Day' – To be attended by Cllr Weale as Civic representative.

Adaption/refurbishment of new council offices.

The report was in two parts current and future.

All works required to convert the building into Council offices are complete.

The Climate Emergency Working Group will issue a report on how work to reduce the carbon footprint and increase the building's resilience is progressing..

The Clerk was empowered to arrange a suitable CCTV system to cover the building front and rear.

Review of Governance documents...The Clerk had reviewed the Council Standing orders and found them fit for purpose and in conformity with the NALC model standing orders. His only recommendation was to reformat the standing orders without altering any wording, so that they can be more easily referenced.

Richard Styles, Clerk, Walmer Parish Council.

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Unveiling of the Memorial Plaque at Walmer Station



The unveiling of the Memorial plaque to four African-American soldiers killed at Walmer Station at the end of the Second World War was the culmination of two years of research by local historians Colin Varrall, David Chamberlain, Carly Morris and Phil Eyden. Phil explains how it came about:

"I was reading an online copy of the Dover Express and by chance caught sight of a short

article published in September 1945. This stated there had been a petrol tanker explosion at Walmer Station and a number of African-American soldiers had been killed. This intrigued me as I asked around online and no-one knew any details about it.

"We decided that that we would try to research it as we wished to know more about the circumstances and their names. After contacting the American Battle Monuments Commission, we were sent a list of US servicemen killed on the 12th September. I noted that four of them had the same unit, the 509th Port Battalion and cross-checking with an American newspaper revealed that this unit was stationed at Oxney after VE Day. I realised we had the right men."

It transpired that the explosion was directly linked to an earlier disaster, that of the Liberty Ship the SS James Harrod which had caught fire following a collision in the Downs with another ship back on the 16th January with the loss of four men. Loaded with ammunition, petrol and vehicles bound for Antwerp, the blazing wreck was towed to Deal where it became grounded a few hundred yards off-shore near Deal pier.

The 509th Port Battalion were then brought to Oxney to assist in offloading the ship after VE Day. On the fateful evening of the 12th September they were pouring jerrycans retrieved from the wreck into a tanker wagon when a spark ignited the petrol vapour causing a huge explosion. Four men were killed instantly, and nine more were badly injured.

A couple of days later, the men were given a memorial service at Deal Barracks, two were buried in England (Cambridge) and two were repatriated back to their hometowns in the US.

The group decided to commemorate the men by erecting a plaque at the station. Via public crowdfunding and grants from Southeastern Railways, Walmer Town Council, Deal and Walmer Lions and the US Legion, enough was raised for the plaque which was unveiled at the ceremony, on the 76th Anniversary. A booklet has also been produced explaining the two disasters which is available at Walmer Station with all the proceeds going to the Friends of Deal Hospital.

Those attending the ceremony:

Thanet Community Gospel Choir who sang the same songs that were sung at an original memorial service in 1945.

David Goodban (son of Leslie Goodban who was the Chief Fire Officer who tackled the blaze) unveiled the plaque.

Walmer residents Keith Shorten and Mary Gough who were eyewitnesses of the actual explosion.

Phil Eyden.....*More pictures on page 2?*



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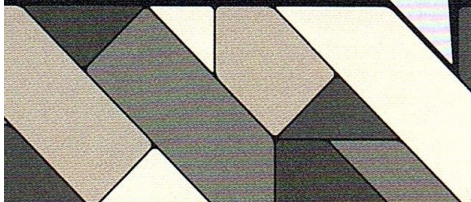
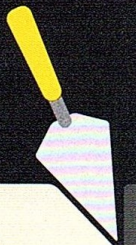
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Hello everyone,

Contrary to the appalling weather conditions we experienced in August, September has proved to be a bonus with some glorious weather throughout the month and we hope that you were able to take full advantage. We certainly did. Martin enjoyed a pleasant journey through our area on 11th September on a sponsored cycle ride for Ride and Stride whilst Ollie was able to take some belated leave with his family in Wales.

With the end of the summer DDC is now back to work with staff now able to spend an increasing amount of time in the office. Work has resumed on a number of capital projects. You have probably noticed the scaffolding appearing on Maison Dieu whilst the renovation programme gets into full swing and the archaeological work being undertaken in Dover Market Square in preparation for its redevelopment. Other initiatives also continued. The closing date for the Winter Community Grant Scheme was on 20th September and DDC have received 72 applications totalling £121,841.82. Details of successful applicants should be announced towards the end of October. The Great British Beach Clean took place as advertised in the previous newsletter and on 23rd September Martin joined the team down at Kingsdown seafront for a litter picking exercise.

The DDC Environmental Protection and Crime Unit have signed a three-year contract with a company called Waste Investigation Support and Enforcement (WISE). They will be responsible for patrolling the District and serving fixed penalty notices for litter dropping and failure to pick up dog waste. This will free up DDC staff to investigate other infringements such as fly-tipping. The new team will start operating from 18th October.

Waste collections have improved significantly over the past month with almost 100% of recycled, household and food waste collections taking place daily. Over the past few weeks, Veolia, have been able to recruit and retain HGV drivers. This has given them sufficient confidence to consider resuming the garden waste collection service. We have been advised that first garden waste collection service is planned for week commencing Monday 11th October 2021. **Your collection day for the garden waste service remains the same as it was prior to the suspension. (If you need to check your collection day you can do so by visiting: <https://collections.dover.gov.uk/property> (inputting your postcode and then choosing your property).)** As usual they will accept up to 6 bags of garden waste on each collection day. They anticipate high volumes of garden waste during the first collection cycle. If your garden waste bin is not collected on the scheduled day please leave it at your property boundary and they will collect it as soon as possible. The Council intends to offer a discount off the subscription for 2022/23 to all existing customers, and details will be confirmed later.

We both wish you a pleasant October as we commence our journey through the autumnal season. Keep well.

Councillors Martin and Ollie



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For the time being, the Chapel is fully open fully for regular services. Groups that normally run in term time, (Sunday School and Mother and Toddlers group) start from September, assuming no worsening of the situation.

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