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Good news! I have someone who has volunteered to take over from me.

Monica Hough and her husband Don have agreed to edit Rural Roundup as from the February issue 2022. I will confirm the details where all the copy should be submitted in the next issue.

I have really enjoyed editing the publication for the past 12 years and before that the Chronicle for 13 years. I really think it is time for me to have a break. I have even produced issues when visiting my sons in France and Australia. It will probably feel very strange not to be committed every month.

I must thank everyone. especially James Murray who has regularly sent in extra interesting stories and pictures to publish, without your help there wouldn't have been anything to put in the publication every month.

Now I am on my own, I will be free to have long holidays with my sons, their growing families, and also enjoy visits from the great grandchildren who come to stay with me for the school holidays whilst their parents are working. I love it!

Looking forward to my final issue and passing it over.

All the best, *Doreen*

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KINGSDOWN Garden Society

Hello.

Gardeners' Question Time said last week that we can still enjoy "the faded glory" of our gardens. I see enough of that in the mirror, thank you very much :D! Also, as I write this in October, lots of the plants in our garden are at their peak. I am loving the clashing colours of the Nerine and the Chinese lanterns. And the dahlias in some gardens look stunning this year!

However, Winter looms...and all the celebrations that come with it! More of that later.

I wasn't going to buy any more bulbs this year, but then we visited a Garden Centre and it was irresistible. So that's a lovely job and worth every minute spent on it when Spring arrives. Other jobs for November include lifting and storing those lovely dahlia tubers, mulching the garden, gathering up fallen leaves and cutting down faded tatty perennials. I love the trees in Kingsdown, including our own, but trees also mean leaves, leaves and yet more leaves! Hopefully, the green waste collections are back on track if you use them.

We must investigate our compost bin to see if it's usable yet. I also heard on the radio that the tiny red worms, "red wigglers", that help make our compost are kind of mysterious. They appear in our compost heaps and bins like magic. I certainly don't see them in our normal soil which is populated by the usual much larger earthworms.

So... Christmas!! There **will** be a Christmas Garden Society gathering in November. This will be in The Village Hall, unlike other years, as Covid is still limiting our lives. If you are a member of the Society you will receive details of the Christmas event in an email from Barbara or Jane, so keep an eye open for that. It's always great fun!

Have a fabulous Christmas!! We all deserve it.

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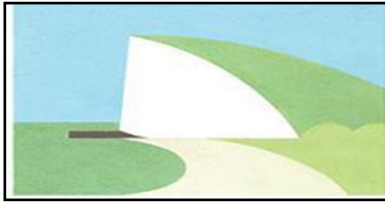
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Kingsdown Conservation Group

Campaigning for our village

Hello , well Autumn is here and after our burst of late summer its certainly cooling down..... Who is determined to put on an extra layer and keep the heating off?

Finally we are pleased to announce that our long awaited **Nature Notice board** is proudly standing on the beach to the left of the tables outside the Zetland Arms. Already we have had many positive comments and seen people looking at the information..... don't miss it you may learn a new fact!

Our **Kingsdown Beach Clean** took place on Sunday 26th September. Thank you for those people who turned up to collect, what turned out to be, very little litter. We were particularly heartened to see much less fishing twine and plastic bottles. We think people are doing their own beach cleans and using the DDC litter picking station at the Zetland, thank you everyone who helps to keep our beloved beach clean.

Action Needed: Rifle Range The Parish Council unadopted the public footpath beneath the cliffs next to the rifle range, this does not mean that it ceases to be a public right of way (it simply means that the Council don't have to look after it or be responsible if you get knocked out by a bit of falling chalk!). Evidence suggests that part of the public right of way runs through the rifle range within the fenced off area. The new owner of the rifle range has expressed his views on the matter through his solicitor. See letter here https://mcusercontent.com/a5bf4bae6cb0da86c66e5ff84/files/db160ac6-72b4-8685-2867-84d1edfddaa8/letter_from_solicitors_of_new_owner_of_the_rifle_range.pdf. There is a campaign to try and ensure that it remains a right of way. It needs people who have walked over the rifle range and its various footpaths to complete forms and provide any evidence that it has been used as a right of way for many years – date stamped photos of you (and your dog?) walking along it would be perfect. A blank form can be found here <https://mcusercontent.com/a5bf4bae6cb0da86c66e5ff84/files/ec93ba8d-228c-9cf5-0b2a-2841400cd2b7/BlankForm.pdf> and a completed one with supporting documents which might help you complete the blank one is here <https://mcusercontent.com/a5bf4bae6cb0da86c66e5ff84/files/9cc02f0e-1263-1541-6728-c3f92de85b1e/Completedform.pdf>. Please leave your forms and letters at Del's to be collected by Mrs Upton and added to the evidence that is being compiled as a dossier to send to the lawyers.

Viewing the Bounds Walk: On the 14th November Sue Lamoon and Clive Chandler will be leading a walk for 15 members to explore the shape and diversity of our parish boundary. This is approximately 8 miles long so allow at least four hours. The walk will mainly be on footpaths but there are a few 'off path' patches which are quite rough. We will try to follow the boundary as much as possible. We plan to start at 10am by the beach hut at the sea end of Boundary Rd. If you are interested please become a member by contacting the membership secretary below and then contact Sue at sue_lamoon@hotmail.com it will be a first come first served basis.

Climate Action: ICAEF_DD (Independent Climate and Eco-action Forum for Dover District) Are holding a family friendly rally on **Climate Friday** at Deal Station between 3.30pm and 5.30pm for anyone to join. If you are on FB you may want to check out COP26 Coalition national page who are also organising a national march in London on Saturday 6th November.

Planning: There are new planning applications for areas within the conservation area which we urge you to look at and comment on, as these could considerably alter the character of the village. Please go to the DDC planning section of their website.

And Finally: Congratulations to the Deal With It Community Hop Farmers who were featured in the latest copy of the Royal Horticultural Society's magazine with a four page spread.

If you'd be interested in these you can join the Kingsdown Conservation group by emailing membership@kingsdownconservation.co.uk

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2 nd Sunday 14 th Nov	Remembrance Sunday please check time with your church	Remembrance Sunday please check time with your church	Remembrance Sunday please check time with your church	Remembrance Sunday please check time with your church
3 rd Sunday 21 st Nov	9.30am Holy Communion		11.00am Holy Communion	
4 th Saturday 27 th Nov	6.00pm Celtic Style Holy Communion			
4 th Sunday 28 th Nov	9.30am Morning Prayer	9.30am Holy Communion		Sunday @4 Studdal Hall 4.00pm

Breakfast Church has returned to Kingsdown Church on the First Sunday of the month at 9am. Muffins and Pastries, Tea and Coffee, please bring your own mug!

Tea and Chat. Meets in Ringwoud Church 1st Thursday of the month, Tea cake and a good old natter all for £1.50! All are welcome whichever village you are from!

The Little Library



This is still operating in the church porch at Ringwoud, books are free just turn up and help yourself, we only ask that if you are leaving books you take some away! and jigsaws needed also.

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Our thanks to many local businesses who donated towards the 27 wonderful raffle prizes, which include The Kings Head, Oxtale the Butchers, Del's Store and Post Office, The Rising Sun, The Zetland Arms, The Dining Club, Deal, Walmer and Kingsdown Golf Club, Bean Coffee Bar, Deal, Higher Elevation Ltd, Kingsdown, The Bell Hotel, Sandwich and Kingsdown Water.

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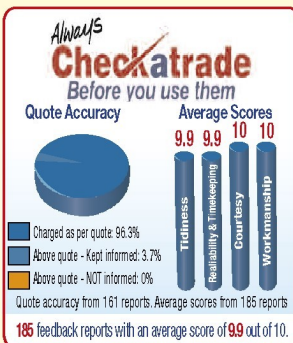
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Closure of Services at Deal Hospital

At the beginning of October, patients heard that the phlebotomy services at Deal hospital would be terminated at the end of the month.

I heard about this via a posting on a local social media site, and have tried to alert the community to yet another closure which will affect many people.

There was NO consultation on this!

It sounds like we'll have to fight for our hospital yet again!

Folkestone, Dover etc all have phlebotomy services provided by the NHS, so why should Deal loose out again?

Why should patients have to travel to Dover or further afield? It's not easy if you don't have transport!

It is also very 'ungreen' to increase health care mileage even if you can afford it and are healthy enough to drive and have petrol. Many are not.

We have already lost nearly all outpatient services.

GP surgeries are already snowed under, and have been trying their best to provide many services which used to be available at Deal Hospital. This appears to be yet another service that the government expects them to provide for their patients.

If you feel you want to join the fight for Deal hospital's services, please consider contacting your MP, the Kent and Medway Clinical Commissioning Group (through their website www.kentandmedwayccg.nhs.uk, by phone 01634 335 095 or by emailing them on kmccg.complaints@nhs.net) and/or via your patient participation group.

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We would like to say a huge “thank you” to Peter Frater for so kindly choosing us as his charity during his captaincy at Walmer & Kingsdown golf club. We were so grateful to receive the enormous sum of £4,014. Thank you, Peter, and everyone at the club who supported this.

The fundraising towards the building is very much continuing, there has never been any conversation about aborting the project. So, I am sorry if you have heard this, this is misinformation. It is a challenge, and it is very stressful, but the committee are working hard behind the scene to try and raise the money. Covid unfortunately paused all fundraising for us and access to grants. We are now coming out of the pandemic and are trying to apply for grants as and when they come available. Unfortunately, we do not meet the criteria for a lot.

We have received donations currently totalling £3,470.79 and have secured two grants amounting to £30,000. Along with the Golf club money our total stands at £ 37,484.79. We are still a long way off our target of £200,000

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We are grateful to have continued use of the village hall. It is a great facility where there is lots of space for the children to learn through their play however, the layout of the building has limitations for this age group including the access to have free flow outside space. So our target to get to our own purpose built building is still very much needed.

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Notes from the meeting held on Tuesday 19th October 2021

The extraordinary meeting was held in Sutton Community Centre and was attended by four members of the public. The scheduled meeting on the first Tuesday of the month had unfortunately been cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances.

Bus shelter

The bus shelter's use as a book store is being brought to a close as it has become overrun with all sorts of things being left in it. Hopefully the remaining books can be cleared out over the next couple of weeks.

Notice board

Doug Vickers and Charlie Hogben were thanked for moving the notice board to its new position in the bus shelter making it more easily accessible to everyone.

New bin

The proposed charge from DDC for emptying a new bin in Ashley which the council had been considering was discussed. It was decided to look into this further and discuss again at the next meeting.

Visitors

The concerns of local residents regarding overgrown hedges and abandoned gardens leading to vermin problems were reported at the meeting. KCC Councillor Steve Manion kindly reported the hedge problem to Highways immediately with other problems to be reported to DDC Environmental Health by the clerk.

Planning

Two planning applications were considered and various decisions from DDC were noted at the meeting. The planning log is up and running on the website for parishioners to check local applications

Allotments

The guidelines followed by DDC on their allotment waiting list were discussed and it was decided to follow their example. To be reviewed and adopted before the new allotment agreements go out in the spring.

Correspondence

The Council dealt with various correspondence and feedback was given on local meetings attended by the councillors. It was agreed that the Police and Crime Commissioners survey should go on the website and notice boards.

The next ordinary meeting is on **Tuesday 2nd November 2021** at 7.30 pm - Sutton Parish Community Centre



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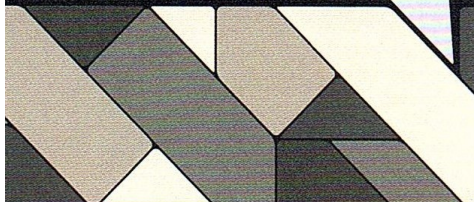
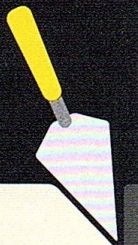
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Committee Reports and Minutes: Brocante: will take place on August bank holiday in 2022.

Walmer in Bloom: The Council will acquire a vote roll so that winners can be informed more easily.

Planning: Now on a four-week, monthly schedule.

CWEG: EV charging point now installed at the Drill Field.

A+E: telephone box on the Strand still awaiting response from BT.

Financial Report

Cllr Murray commended the staff for achieving a 'clean sheet' on the Annual G Audit Report [AGAR] this year. This has not happened for several years.

Adaption/Refurbishment/Repair of new Council Offices

The Clerk reported that the Council had now moved into No 62 The Strand. All works had been completed on time and to budget.

The Clerk recommended that RJW construction who had done an excellent job on the offices be appointed the maintenance contractor for a period of three years on an as needed basis.

Invitations & Events

RBLI armistice day and Remembrance Sunday events. Chairman will attend.

Chaplain for the Council

The Council agreed to invite Canon Seth Cooper to be the Council's chaplain for three years and thereafter chaplains from other religious persuasions may be appointed as necessary.

Recovery of Walmer Aerodrome WW1 Flyers Memorial Report

The Clerk was instructed to investigate the ownership of the land where the old memorial now stands with a view to acquiring the land and the memorial in the interest of the community and for the wellbeing of the memorial, which was built by a grateful community as a mark of respect for those young men flying from Walmer Aerodrome who gave their lives

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Recruitment of Deputy Town Clerk

The Clerk reported that there had been over 20 applications and that five names had been shortlisted for interview. The interviews would take place on Thursday 7th October. It is hoped that an appointment will be made shortly afterwards.

Lease Number 8 The Strand

A confidential report was received outlining the circumstances behind the formation of the lease, the current position of both parties to the lease and actions that might be taken. The Council considered the document and entered a debate about the report and what actions should be undertaken, from which the following actions were agreed:

A letter by recorded delivery is to be sent to Mrs Margaret Johnson, the land lady of Number 8, The Strand, and her solicitors, requesting a meeting between herself and the Council.

Advice is to be sought from the Monitoring Officer and the District Auditor on the dubious circumstances surrounding the setting up of the unbalanced lease of Number 8, The Strand, which had not been presented to the Council for approval before it was signed.

The Council's insurance company to be informed of the possibility of legal action, in this matter.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday, 3rd November 2021, 7.00pm, Deal Parochial School, Walmer.

Richard Styles, Town Clerk

Church bulletin board

The following appeared in church bulletins or were announced at church services.

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.

Compiled by Max Bowen

Walmer now has a Town Council

According to the local government association the current state of local government in England is a patchwork quilt of traditional three tier local government (County, District and Town/Parish councils) in some areas, other areas having a different system consisting of either Unitary authorities, Metro Mayors or Regional Mayors. Add in lots of unelected Quangos, Police commissioners, Police forces, Fire and Rescue authorities, Health authorities of many kinds, Drainage boards, and of course according to the local government association the current state of local government in England is a patchwork quilt of traditional three tier local government (County, District and Town/Parish councils) in some areas, with other areas having a different system consisting of either Unitary authorities, Metro Mayors or Regional Mayors. Add in lots of unelected Quangos, Police commissioners, Police forces, Fire and Rescue London, where everything is different, and you can see why the English local government quilt has become really diverse, complicated and colourful.

The origins of Parish Councils are from the ecclesiastical organisation of parishes as local organisations, which lasted from the late Anglo-Saxon period to the birth of modern local govt in the late Victorian period. Often Parish Councils are confused with Parochial Church Councils or PCC's, which are entirely church based organisations.

Walmer Town Council is seeking none of the pomp and circumstance sometimes associated with its new title but simply changing its name to reflect its true position and status. It is the third largest by population first tier local council in the Dover District and the second most densely populated area.

Some frequently asked questions are:

- **What does 'changing the style' mean?** It means changing the name of the council from Parish to Town, Community or Neighbourhood. Not the name of Walmer.
- **Will it mean higher Council tax?** No, the raising of Council tax via the precept is a budgetary matter and nothing to do with the name of the Council.
- **Does it mean that the Council must elect a mayor, with all the civic trappings of office?** No, Walmer can retain a Chairmanship, but if it wishes it can elect a Mayor. Some Councils have both a Mayor and a Chairman to transact different areas of Council business, civic and budgetary, but these are matters of experience, not process.
- **Why then change the name?** The term 'parish' has connotations of rural matters and there is a strand of thought which holds that being called a 'Parish Council' in some way demeans the standing of the Council when it is being addressed by outside bodies, what you might call the 'Dibley effect', where the fictional TV village of Dibley was sometimes portrayed through its Parish Council, as being bumbling, undemocratic, and rustic; none of which is true of Walmer. Walmer is very much an urban seaside community, which is growing by the year.

Will the rules or governance of the Council change? Absolutely not all 'Local Councils' be they styled Parish, Town, City, Community or Neighbourhood, follow the same rules.

I hope this explains the reasons for the change in 'style' or 'title'.

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One small step for a Town Council - Walmer helps in the fight to save the planet.

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The charging points are located just inside the entrance to the Drill Field in Canada Road on the right of the access road to Deal & Betteshanger Rugby Club, are intended primarily for use by local residents without off-street parking, so they can charge their current and future electric cars without the need for their own drive.

Two of the chargers are 7kw, and two are 22kw - the fastest chargers in the Walmer and Deal area. Electric Vehicle drivers can simply pull up, plug in and use the Connected Kerb app to start charging.

Councillor John Lonsdale, Chair of the Climate Emergency Working Group at Walmer Town Council, says, "Charging infrastructure is a key factor in encouraging us all to switch from fossil fuel vehicles over to electric and we believe

that people without private parking shouldn't be excluded from this opportunity to help reduce the world's carbon footprint.

This year electric cars were amongst the biggest sellers and there is no doubt that Walmer will need many more in future and the Town Council will do all it can to help make it happen"

The Climate Emergency Working Group is also working with other agencies to introduce electric buses into the area for those who can't afford an electric vehicle or have chosen not to run a car at all.

Other ongoing climate-related schemes at the Town Council include:

- Introducing secure cycle parking at Walmer station.
- Increasing biodiversity in the local area.
- Providing free access to outdoor exercise machines for residents and visitors
- Providing equipment for residents to assess where insulation is needed in their homes.

"Walmer Council is proud of its long heritage as a non-political council with every member working for the benefit of local people and not following the dictates of an individual political party.

Chairman of Walmer Town Council Cllr James Murray, said: "We are delighted to be able to improve the lives of the people in Walmer by these initiatives from our Climate Emergency Group.

The initiative from Walmer Town Council plus another two in the Deal Memorial Car Park that we lobbied Dover District Council to provide for, are a very important starting point.

"The addition of three elected Green Party Councillors has helped enormously in our efforts to do what we can to improve the climate emergency by focussing on targets that can be achieved by us and they deserve our thanks for this".

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Welcome to autumn as we now pass the season of half-term, Halloween, Fire Works night and enter into the period of long dark evenings and the lead up to Christmas.

DDC continues to work on a range of projects including the rejuvenation of Maison Dieu and the Market Square. The issues around bin collections has all but been resolved and, hopefully, we will not have to refer to it again in our next newsletter. Normal collections are now back to the levels experienced before the schedules were changed last Spring. It has been a long haul, but residents are now finding their bins being emptied on the scheduled dates and the collection of garden waste has resumed.

In terms of other activities, the WISE contract to which we referred last month is now operational with the first enforcement officers being deployed on 18th October. To date, 169 Fixed Penalty Notices have been served on people dropping litter and the enforcement officers have been making their presence known in areas where dog fouling has been taking place. There has been some good news announced recently for residents in St Margaret's. DDC has received a grant of £150,000 to repair the groynes in the Bay and work will commence on that in the Spring. Meanwhile, Ollie considered the applications for the Winter Round of Community Grants and selected 100 organisations with a total amount of £119,527.49 being awarded. Finally, with Christmas just around the corner we are keen to support businesses within the town and, to provide support to local businesses, I have just signed off on free parking in DDC car parks for Small Business Saturday on 4th December 2021. Additionally, parking charges in Council-run car parks will not be enforced from 23rd December 2021 to 28th December 2021 and 1st January 2022 to 3rd January 2022.

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Councillors Martin and Ollie

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