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Well, I write this last contribution with mixed feelings.

After years of committing to preparing the publication each month I will find it strange with nothing to do. At least I will be able to please myself as to what I do and where I go without worrying about chasing everyone up and trying to meet the deadline.

I sincerely thank everyone who has regularly sent in copy, pictures and interesting articles without which I wouldn't have been able to produce such an interesting and informative publication also thank you for all the kind messages I have received.

Please carry on supporting Monica & Don Hough who have very kindly offered to continue editing and publishing the magazine.

Their contact is Tel: 01304 239 560, Mob: 07733 107 257, Email: ruralroundup@yahoo.com.

I do hope that in these difficult times everyone has a really enjoyable Christmas. I was hoping to go to my son in France, but I don't think that will happen now. A shame as they will be celebrating their Ruby Wedding Anniversary on Christmas Eve.

All the best, Doreen

A few words from Monica.....

I would like to wish everyone a very merry Christmas and a happy new year. Don and I are really looking forward to working on Rural Roundup and continuing the long tradition of the magazine.

Monica Hough

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Hello.

Whoops. I think I got a bit ahead of myself and wished you a Merry Christmas in November. I am definitely an Elf and not a Grinch!

We had a very enjoyable Harvest Gathering. It was lovely to see many members of the Garden Society for games, competitions and a glass of wine or two!! Also, another date for your diaries...in January 2022 we will be holding our AGM. Once again not a Zoom, but a real meeting! It will be held at Kingsdown Village Hall at 7.45pm on Monday January 24th. Everyone welcome, new faces, old faces (I **do** keep trying with the wrinkle cream).

It is planned for the Society to meet in the Village Hall for the foreseeable future (watch this space and keep an eye on your emails) and a programme of Speakers for next year is being put together by the Committee.

I have attempted a few gardening jobs, but it has been so wet out there. Our garden is either dust or cloying mud. Hamlet says "Words, words, words", I say "Worms, worms, worms." The lawn is covered in worm casts already. And some little beastie is digging lots of annoying messy holes in it. We did see a Green Woodpecker strutting around digging up grubs (?), but we are not sure if he is the main culprit. I got very excited by this visitor. The phrase "Get a life" does spring to mind!

The RHS says now is the time to prune climbing roses and to hard prune overgrown shrubs and hedges while they are dormant. It seems to me that, in our mild weather here, a lot of plants don't go dormant, but it's as dormant as they're going to get, I suppose! Feed the birds and sweep up the leaves. Then the mulled wine and Christmas cake sound like a good plan!

Well, I do tend to repeat myself, so...**Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!**

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We are pleased to announce that we were granted a Bronze Award in September
The provisional results of each area for assessment were:

- Worship and teaching – Gold
- Management of church buildings – Bronze
- Management of church lands – Silver
- Community and Global engagement – Bronze
- Lifestyle – Bronze

The whole amounting to an Eco Church Bronze Award.
Our journey does not end here but we shall over the next year strive to improve our ratings in the other three categories. We have calculated our carbon footprint that is being monitored monthly and any improvement on the above assessments will be revealed in the future savings that can be made to our carbon footprint.

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1 st Sunday 5 th Dec	9.30am Holy Communion	9.00am Breakfast Church	6.00pm Evensong	3.00pm Messy Church at Sutton Community Hall
2 nd Sunday 12 th Dec	9.30am Morning Prayer	9.30am Holy Communion		11am Holy Communion Community Carol Singing and memorial shrub planting
3 rd Sunday 19 th Dec	9.30am Holy Communion 6.00pm Carols by Candlelight	4.00pm Carol Service	11.00am Holy Communion	
24 th Christmas Eve	4.00pm Christingle	5.30 pm Christingle		4.00pm Christingle at Community Centre
4 th Saturday 25 th Dec Christmas Day	10.00am Holy Communion	9.30am Holy Communion		Sunday @4 Studdal Hall 4.00pm
4 th Sunday 26 th	No Services			
Tuesday 28th Dec			6.00pm Carol Service	

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,

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 Ringwould, books are free just turn up and help yourself, we only ask that if you are leaving books you take some away! and jigsaws are needed also.

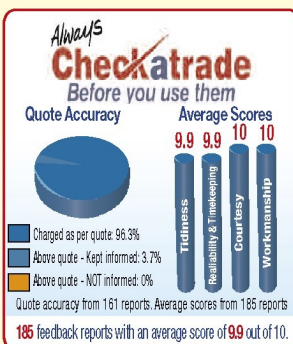
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They say the older one gets the faster time passes; certainly this past year has gone so quickly! It seems only very recently that I was wondering whether or not we would be able to hold the usual Christmas services and activities in church, and still was having to be very cautious about visiting people in their homes. And now, a year has gone by and it is still the same.

Over the past two years we have been through many stops and starts with the pandemic and the restrictions that placed on every aspect of our lives and we live still with uncertainty, as new variants of the virus appear. But despite all of that, it is impressive how families, neighbours, friends and even strangers continue to look out for each other. It seems caring for each other never tires, nor goes out of fashion and it is marvellous!

When we take time to look around at those we share our community with, we are reminded of our interdependence and connection. And we have hope that even with all the sadness, grief and hurt in the world, and in all our lives, even the smallest act of kindness can bring light into a dark place. I recently had direct experience of this when my car broke down in the dark in a place I did not know, and was offered help and hospitality by strangers, even the offer of a cup of tea! And that is what we will celebrate this Christmas-tide: the sign that light, and hope beyond what we can imagine, has been born.

We hear every Christmas the beautiful verses from the beginning of the Gospel of John; *'In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God and the Word was God.....and the Word became flesh and dwelt among us.'* From 2000 years ago these words still speak to us of kindness, hope and joy so that we might have faith in the God's love for all His children. So much so that He came and made his home among us, to show that hope is always with us, even in the darkness, and hope is manifest in every small act of kindness we share with each other. And one is never too old for that!

With every blessing for a peaceful, hopeful and happy Christmas and a bright New Year.

Rev'd. Carolyn



Church Flowers

At last we are able to hope that we shall be able to celebrate Christmas in our Church once more. If any one would like to make a donation for flowers to celebrate Christmas, we will be decorating the Church on Thursday 23 December from 10 am. Please come along and help or a donation will be very welcome.

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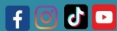
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Sylvia Main



Carol Singing in Kingsdown

I would just like to say that Alan Doyle and his team have volunteered to take over the running of the Carol Singing around the Village of Kingsdown.

I took over from Winnie Groombridge and her sister, Nell many years ago, too many to recall. All happy memories and lots of fun. As the tradition has been running for over 100 years, I am delighted that it will still carry on, not necessarily in the same format, but I wish them every success this year and for the years to follow.

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Highway Improvement Plan – Councillors have a remote meeting scheduled with KCC highways in early December to discuss the next steps in our plan.

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*Notes from the meeting held on Tuesday 2nd November 2021
in Sutton Community Centre*

Defibrillator: -

Cllr Merriman ran through the checks currently being made on the defibrillator. The Councillors discussed buying a new battery, pads and a rescue kit and voted to go ahead with the purchases.

Verge opposite Canton: -

The Councillors discussed several ways of trying to protect the verge to allow the grass to grow. Concerns were voiced as to whose responsibility the land and any bollards installed on it would be. KCC Member Steve Manion offered to contact Highways to make enquiries and to ask them to advise the Clerk on the situation.

Precept: -

Further discussion took place on next year's precept request. To be discussed again at the December meeting.

Planning: -

Three planning applications were considered. Councillors were informed of objections to one of the applications from a local resident. The local resident to be advised to also submit their comments to DDC Planning. The planning log is up and running on the website for parishioners to check local applications

Allotments/orchard: -

The Councillors discussed the grass cutting contract and decided to continue with the current contractor for another year. It was agreed the area is looking very well kept.

Allotment flooding: -

The recent enquiry about the channel from Kentish Stour Countryside Partnership had been replied to. For the current problem they recommend building an earth bund in the field, planting trees in the corner and allowing the grass to turn into scrub land. As this is private land it was considered unviable to be able to take up these recommendations at the moment. It was decided to monitor the problem.

PC meeting venue for 2022: -

As the Church Hall is out of action for the moment, meetings will take place in the Community Hall at least up to the end of the financial year.

The Councillors briefly discussed whether to go ahead with refreshments for local residents after the December meeting and decided to offer mulled wine and mince pies which Cllr Merriman kindly agreed to bring along.

The next ordinary meeting is on **Tuesday 7th December 2021** at 7.30pm
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Highlights of the Meeting of Walmer Parish Council held on Wednesday, 3rd November 2021 at Deal Parochial C of E School, Walmer.

Chairman's report: Cllr James Murray applauded the Climate Emergency Working Group following successful installation of the Drill Field EV charging points off Canada Road. An excellent example of how even small organisations can contribute towards helping the problems facing the planet re global warming.

Crime and anti-social behaviour: Members welcomed PCSO Kerry Skirrow who then provided a report on anti-social and criminal activities in Walmer.

Walmer in Bloom: Chair Cllr Mrs Sue Le Chevalier reported that while there would be no public award ceremony this year awards have been distributed by members of the team personally delivering awards to winners who were delighted to receive them.

Events Committee: Chair Cllr Marguerite Beard-Gould reported that plans for the Carols by Candlelight on December 18th are moving along well.

The Christmas programme will be available at the next meeting.

Climate Emergency Working Group: Cllr John Lonsdale reported that the new Thermal camera had now arrived and staff training would begin shortly so that the Council could offer help to homeowners hoping to reduce their energy bills.

Report of The Clerk: New Logo for the Council: The Clerk gave a report on starting a design process which will be open to the public, replacing the old Council logo, with something that reflects Walmer in 2021. The designs specification will be broad but will take in both the built and natural environment of Walmer. The deadline for submitting designs will be 1st January 2022.

Staff report: The Clerk reported that the new trainee Deputy Town Clerk Mr Roland Aldred, had started work, was working well and was familiarising himself with the functions of the office. The Clerk explained that the Council had improved its secretariat/administration to a mainly full-time provision commensurate with the growing needs of the council and Walmer's rising population. The council had found that it was insufficiently resilient in the past.

The current establishment will have a self-generating succession capability built in which will cope far better with ever changing circumstances.

The Clerk outlined a proposal to extend and refit the rear ground floor room at no 62 into a conference room capable of holding all but the largest meetings in comfort and with the minimum of energy and carbon use.

Review of Governance Documents: The Clerk presented a report on the management of old documents and the resulting archive and members agreed that the suggested management method of digitising most records instead of destroying them completely be adopted and that the Council should introduce an online archive within its website

The Council wishes to record their condolences to the family of Sir David Amess, the MP who was murdered while doing his duty and asked the Clerk to write to the appropriate people to pass this on.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday, 8th December 2021, 7.00pm, Deal Parochial School, Walmer.

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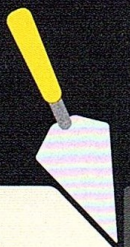
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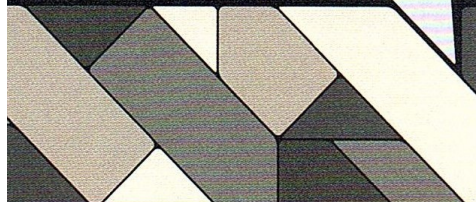
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Walmer Drill Field



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Walmer Town Council is contacting the Lord Chancellor's Office for permission to change the name of the Drill Field which it owns in Canada Rd to The Prince Philip Community Playing Fields.

Council chair James Murray has recently been working with the Royal Marines making a film about the Deal Royal Marines Trail and the history of the Corps in this area and elsewhere.

During the filming he discovered that when the MOD decided to close the barracks here and sell them off HRH Prince Philip, who was at that time (and for some 64 years in total) the Commandant General of the Royal Marines, became concerned about the effect on the population of Walmer, many of whom were connected in some way to the Corps.

He paid a private visit to the barracks, where he was briefed by a RM colonel, after which it appears that he used his influence to encourage the MOD to sell the Drill Field in Canada Rd, to the then Walmer Parish Council, in order to save it for the community in perpetuity.

Following the death of Prince Philip earlier this year, the Council has made enquiries about the way to go about this and are now able to formally seek approval from The Lord Chancellor's Office for permission to rename the Drill Field.

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I am always amazed when one reaches December how fast time has gone since I took down the Christmas Tree before 12th night and steeled myself for the year ahead. What a year it has been and, despite the onset of another COVID variant we are both feeling optimistic that the worse is behind us and that we can look forward to a more welcoming year ahead.

Despite all the problems that we have encountered within the District and Nationally we have accomplished much with the regeneration programme in Dover taking shape. The restoration projects in Kearsney Abbey have all but been completed with work now underway on Maison Dieu and Market Square as reported last week.

The Dover Fast Track Scheme is proceeding according to schedule. and it is hoped to start construction on the new roads in the Spring. Work has also proceeded with the Local Plan and parish councils are now being invited to attend the second round of consultations. 100 organisations have benefitted from the Winter Round of Community with a total amount £119,527.49 being awarded. Waste collections have returned to normal, but this has only been obtainable through the drafting in of additional resources from outside the district and this, in the long term, is not sustainable. Consequently, there will be a final restructuring of collections schedules in March next year. To pilot the new programme a new schedule encompassing round changes for approximately 3,000 communal and narrow access properties has commenced. All affected residents should have received a letter notifying them of the changes with details of their new collection days.

Finally, as we all don our winter coats and undertake those festive tasks of shopping, cooking, card writing, decorating and present wrapping it is only left for the both of us to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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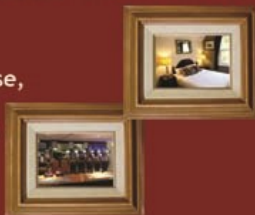
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