

A close-up photograph of a squirrel perched on a tree branch. The squirrel is facing left, looking slightly upwards. Its fur is a mix of grey, brown, and white. The background is a soft-focus view of a tree trunk and sky.

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Welcome to the October edition of Rural Roundup

There are some fascinating articles in this month's magazine. Once again, in the villages, there is a lot happening during October.

Our treasurers have sent an important notice which is featured on page five, please read it as it affects the future of Rural Roundup.

Thank you once again to all the contributors to RR and to all the volunteers who deliver our magazine. Without their efforts the magazine would cease to exist.

Monica and Don Hough

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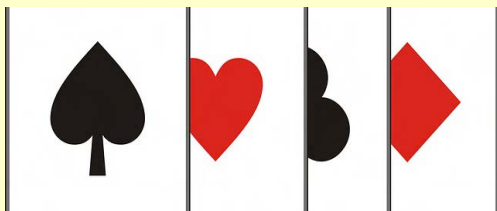
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Traditionally, Rural Roundup has been able to rely on welcome financial support by way of grants from local councils, notably Ringwould-with-Kingsdown and Walmer, and this support has enabled us to publish regular printed editions of our magazine for distribution to the local community. This year, however, although we have submitted applications for continuing support, in one case as long ago as in May, we are still waiting for the two councils to decide whether or not to maintain their support for us. Clearly these decisions will have an impact on our ability to continue as in the past but neither council will be considering our applications any further until October. As soon as we are aware of their conclusions we shall take our own decisions regarding the best way forward and we shall advise you, our readers, accordingly.

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The greenhouse is definitely a job for wearing gardening gloves. Or you can buy a Hazmat suit for a mere £7.99 on a well-known shopping website. Could be a plan...

The plant and seed catalogues are landing on the doormat and everything in them looks just gorgeous. So very tempting. I wonder if next Summer will be as dry as this one. Nobody knows...

We have a hibiscus which does not bloom, so are going to try moving it to a sunnier spot. Are we overwatering, underwatering, over feeding or underfeeding? Nobody knows that either...

The October meeting, "Colour all Year Round" is on Monday October 31st at 7:45 in the village hall with Kevin Tooher. I'm sure he will be an expert and WILL know stuff! Everyone welcome, of course. On that date it could have been a talk about decorating your greenhouse for Halloween with spooky black webs. What a missed opportunity. I'm an expert!

You have to love the changing seasons in our green (sometimes brown) and pleasant land. Each comes with its promise and nostalgia. We noticed the blackberries seem small this year, but there seem to be a lot. Pumpkins. Leek and potato soup on a cold day. Sometimes I do miss my veg patch.

See you at the October meeting.

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The mystery of the Grey Lady of

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The parish of Oxney is said to be around a thousand years old and was recorded in the Domesday Book. The earliest reference to Oxney is in a charter of 1038, at which time the parish consisted of only 319 acres.

The church of St Nicholas was at the heart of the community. However, after Henry VIII ordered the dissolution of the monasteries it was left to ruin. The open ruins were later re-consecrated as a family burial ground. There is evidence of burials at the site as late as 1931. The area is now owned privately.

There are several stories of how the Grey Lady died. Some say that it is the spirit of a woman that was killed by a horse pulling a cart. Another is that she died in the plague. Alternatively, that she died of a broken heart.

Whatever the reason for her death, the Grey Lady is supposed to haunt the area of Oxney, the woods and the road.

One story is that of a coach driver who spotted a woman in the road. He saw

her but was too late to stop the horses. There was no impact when they collided, and the coach passed straight through the vision.

Another sighting in 1967, was when a bus conductress saw a woman board the double decker bus. She went upstairs, but when the conductress went to take the fare there was no one there.

There have been many accounts of sightings. The most recently documented was in 2018 when a young woman took a photograph of sunlight passing through trees whilst in the woods. When she looked at the photograph at home, there was an image of grey mist which she was convinced was the grey lady.

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Just 5 minutes of your time could help change the face of blood testing in our Community forever

As time is of the essence, I need your stories ***now***.

Our team, along with Natalie Elphicke, our MP, is meeting with the Integrated Care Board - the ICB - (the NHS funding body) *very* shortly. This is our one shot at presenting our case for **reinstatement of the blood services at Deal Hospital**, something the Community desperately needs and has clearly stated they want.

It is essential that we have evidence that the current provision is not working for everyone. Your experiences (or those of your family and friends) provide that much needed proof. Without it, the ICB will continue to state that things are working well, that people are happy, and that the closure has had no impact on those in our Community.

At the meeting, along with everything else, we plan to present excerpts of people's experiences to show that they are wrong in their assumptions. To do that, ***I need your stories***. I am asking those of you who ***have*** written to the ICB and/or our MP with your stories to please send me a copy by email. Your name needn't be used (your choice). My email address is mdhtig@yahoo.co.uk.

For those who ***haven't*** written but have had issues regarding obtaining blood tests (ie. waiting more than 10 days for a blood test, unable to book in advance for required blood tests, having to travel to an area hospital for a blood test, have 'difficult veins', been advised to book at an area hospital, have been unable to access early morning appointments so have had to leave work to have the blood test done, etc.) please email your experiences to me. Your name, as I said, need not be used.

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Hello Everyone,

We hope you have all enjoyed this long and wonderful summer, and hopefully Autumn is promising to be just as good! Our numbers continue to grow and we always welcome new members. To represent members and their interests we are always open to suggestions and news.

If anyone would be interested in helping to work on the community triangle garden outside the primary school this would be much appreciated as many hands make light work. You are welcome to just turn up and contribute time whenever it suited you or contact Sue Lamoon at sue_lamoon@hotmail.com

If anyone in the village has a garden that is too big and they are struggling with, we thought it would be a good idea that it could be shared with villagers who have too little a garden. If this may be you, we would be pleased to link you up! Please contact Alison at secretary@kingsdownconservation.co.uk

In June Gordon Wise took us on an interesting, enjoyable and at times, spine chilling walk around Kingsdown explaining the local links to Operation Oboe and during the war.

In July we had a delightful wild flower walk around Kingsdown cliffs and beach by Sue Buckingham, who never ceases to amaze us with her knowledge and enthusiasm. Everyone came away learning something new!

In September, Nick the Forager treated us to a humorous and engaging presentation MUSHROOMS, MEDLARS AND MINDFULNESS. As well as introducing some of the most delicious mushrooms and wild edibles in our area, Nick covered topics such as, What is sustainable foraging? Are foragers damaging the landscape? Foraging and the law. Foraging and Conservation, he also treated us to sample some delicious foraged culinary delights.

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Here are our events to look forward to in the next few months ;

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Please note that these are free to members and £3 to non members, but you can join on the night for a mere £5. Please bring a glass for a complimentary drink.

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Please join us at The Kings Head , Upper St on Wednesday 16th October at 7.15 for 7.30 for our brief AGM followed by a buffet supper and social gathering.

***WILDLIFE OF SANDWICH BAY on Monday December 12th 7.15 for
7.30 at the village hall.***

The warden of Sandwich Bay Bird observatory will share a look at the varied and exceptional wildlife that use the Sandwich Bay area throughout the seasons.

Due to Covid we have not been able to hold this for two years and would like to bring you up to date with all that's been happening. All members and people wishing to join, are welcome, but in order to plan the buffet catering we would like a rough number of attendees, so please could you contact Sue Lamoon on 07813 458656 or 01394 372763 or sue_lamoon@hotmail.com Thank you.

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The 5 foot 5 inch swimmer slathered herself in sheep grease, wore a controversial two-piece bathing suit, made her own goggles sealed with petroleum jelly to keep the water out and reportedly ate chicken legs as she swam!



The Channel is known for its strong currents and is one of the toughest swims in the world and this was Gertrude's second attempt. On this swim she had a new coach and her father, positioned in the support boat. He'd promised to buy her a new Ranger car if she succeeded!

The weather was not favourable and towards the end it looked as though she would be beaten, as so many had been before her. A rough sea had developed and she had to swim through a storm. Dover boatmen declared it was impossible for her to steer clear of the tide during the last two miles. They had not taken into account the pluck and determination of this young swimmer. Aiming for Dover beach as her landing point, the strong currents eventually meant she was swept past there, and St Margaret's bay, her next preferred landing spot. Gertrude eventually came ashore at Kingsdown, landing on the beach at 9.40 pm.



Once the locals heard a Channel swimmer would be arriving, they flocked to the beach, lighting bonfires from all the dry material they could lay their hands on to act as beacons to help her see her way ashore. Gertrude, still swimming strongly, could plainly be seen in the glare of the fires. What a sight that must have been!

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After her Channel swim to Kingsdown she returned to the USA as a celebrity. On 27th August, two million Americans attended a New York ticker-tape parade in her honour and she shook hands with the President!

Gertrude died aged 97 in New Jersey in 2003.

The first recorded attempt was in 1872 by a man called J B Johnson. He was forced to stop after 1 hour and 3 mins. Australian, Trent Grimsey, holds the record for the fastest crossing of the channel in 2012. He achieved it in 6 hrs 55 mins. David Walliams, the comedian and children's author, swam it in 2006.



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The dwelling is everything included in the purchase price, including the garden, garage, conservatory & outbuildings, but not fittings, such as carpets, curtains, light fittings, or fixtures such as a wet room that makes the home suitable for use by the disabled.

A small estate of 4 bed houses in Kingsdown, rated band F or band G (band G has a second living room on the second floor)

House A	196m ²	sold 30th August 2013	£495,000	rated band G
House B	232m ²	sold March 2014	£545,000	rated band G
House C	154m ²	sold 30th Sept 2013	£475,000	rated band F
House D	196m ²	sold 6th Sept 2013	£485,000	rated band G
House E	154m ²	sold 1st November 2013	£490,000	rated band F

The above sales illustrate the point that an increased size does not mean an increased value

House A	196m ²	sold again July 2018	£720,000	rated band G
House B	232m ²	sold again July 2018	£725,000	rated band G

A property on Upper Street 203m² sold Feb 2018 £646,149 rated band G

A property on Oldstairs Rd 147m² sold August 2018 £704,000 rated band F

The property on Oldstairs Rd is set in overgrown woodlands, required a new roof and rated band F sold for just £21,000 less than House B 232m², rated Band G.

Yet the VOA increased the band for the larger dwelling despite there being very little difference in value. Two identical dwellings on Wellington Parade, both are the same size. One is in band G the other is in band H.

The VOA answer "The difference in banding is because evidence on comparable dwellings in April 1991 shows a difference in value – hence a difference in band."

This explanation appears to support a new method of valuation not laid down by Parliament. There are so many circumstances to be taken into consideration that comparisons of that kind are practically valueless. As long ago as 1932 the Court of Appeal stated "It is a vital principle of the law of rating that each hereditament should be independently assessed"

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A second favourite method of valuation by the VOA is to compare dwellings by the number of bedrooms. The VOA compares a house with 4 double bedrooms with a house with a mixture of double and single bedrooms.

When challenged the VOA responded, "Bedroom 4 is 7.05m² excluding all areas under 1.5m² high – my smallest double bedroom is 5.8m² and has room for a double bed and bedroom furniture – therefore whilst this is a smaller size room it is still classified as a double bedroom."

But not by Parliament who passed the Housing Act in 1985.

Since 1985 Parliament has determined in the Housing Act that a double bedroom is a bedroom for two persons and must be a minimum of 110.sq ft or 10.219m²
Floor area of room Number of persons

(10.219m²) 110 sq. ft. or more 2 adults or two children over the age of 10

(8.36m²) 90 sq. ft. or more but less than 110 sq.ft. 1½ 1 adult + 1 child under 10 years of age

(6.5m²) 70 sq. ft. or more but less than 90 sq. ft. 1 adult

(4.645m²) 50 sq. ft. or more but less than 70 sq. ft. ½ 1 child under 10 years of age

No account shall be taken of a room having a floor area of less than 50 square feet.

No account shall be taken of a child under the age of one

A room is available as sleeping accommodation if it is of a type normally used in the locality either as a living room or as a bedroom.

The VOA has also stated—" it has 3 or 4 bedrooms - one of the rooms is described as a study room but large enough for a double bedroom but use is obviously a preference of the occupier."

Building Regulations state that to be used as a bedroom the room must have a fire escape. Velux roof lights must be no higher than 1.1 meter off the floor of the room and have an opening of at least 450 x 450mm and a third of m² in area. The measurement from original roof edge to cill of escape widow should be no more than 1.7 mts from gutter line, and must be ladder accessible. Without which the room cannot be classified as a bedroom. This particular room inside the roof is classified under building regs as a study office because it does not have a fire escape that meets the regulations

When considering a band challenge, the VOA simply undertake a search of all the dwellings in the same CT14 8 postcode based upon the number of bedrooms, regardless of size of bedrooms, size of dwelling, size of garden, restrictive covenants on the freehold, tree preservation orders, type of road or whether permitted development rights have been removed, or the price paid on each sale. All relevant factors laid down by Parliament in the banding of the dwelling. The VOA do appear to have adopted a method of valuation other than that laid down by Parliament.

Good Luck.
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4. With which sport is Silverstone most associated?
5. Nostradamus was famous for making what?
6. In mythology, Romulus and Remus were brought up by which animal?
7. What is the main source of vitamin C?
8. Insulin is commonly used to treat which condition?
9. The first atom bomb was dropped on which Japanese city?
10. What is dermatophobia the fear of?
11. The Velocipede was a nineteenth-century prototype of what?
12. Which is Britain's oldest Sunday newspaper, published for the first time in 1791?
13. What was the middle name of Wolfgang Mozart?
14. What is the art of stuffing animals for preservation?
15. The term bhp is used when describing the power of a motor vehicle; for what does it stand?
16. What is Prince William's second name?
17. Who invented the Flying Shuttle in 1733?
18. What does a Geiger Counter measure?
19. If you were an LLD, what profession would you be involved in?
20. How many of Henry VIII's wives were called Anne?

Answers on Page 39.

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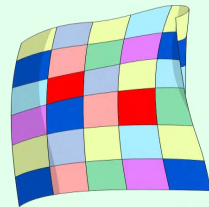


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Pocahontas was buried in Gravesend

The Native American princess, Pocahontas, was famous for saving the English Captain John Smith's life in Virginia. She married colonist John Rolfe and they went on to have a child together, Thomas, in 1615. Pocahontas and Rolfe boarded a ship to return to Virginia in 1617; the ship had only sailed as far as Gravesend when she became incredibly ill and died on board, later being buried in Gravesend. The actual whereabouts of her grave were lost as St George's church, in which her grave was under, was destroyed in a fire in 1727

The first white road lines were painted in Ashford

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The Garden of England – where did that come from?

Contrary to popular belief (or not) Kent is not named 'The Garden of England' for being the back garden... of England (strange, correct?). In fact, Kent's iconic title dates back over 400 years when Henry VIII allegedly once sampled a bowlful of cherries that were grown in Kent – he was so delighted with them and their flavour that from then on the county became known as 'The Garden of England'

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WALMER TOWN COUNCIL, BROCANTE Bank Holiday Monday, 29 August 2022

Crowds flocked to the Walmer Town Council's post Covid Brocante on its new date - the August Bank Holiday Monday and both visitors and stallholders voted the move from May a great success.

Cllr Marguerite Beard-Gould, chairman of the Council's Events Committee which organises the Brocante and many other successful events throughout the year, including The Children's Festival, The Best of Kent Food and Drink Festival, The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Concert and Christmas Carol Concerts, said:

" We were delighted with the wide variety of interesting and unusual stalls here this year and also the fact that from the moment the Brocante opened until it closed it was packed out."

Highlight of the day for one visitor - who wishes to remain anonymous - was when The Canterbury Auction Galleries expert David Parker told him that the unusual vase which he had bought at a boot fair was worth a lot more than he had paid for it.

Another fascinating discovery for valuer David Parker was an ancient record of Tithe payments paid to the Church recently discovered in Walmer Town Council archives.

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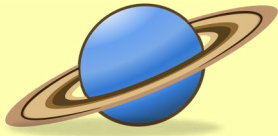
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2 nd Sunday 9 th OCT	9.30 Morning Prayer	9.30 Harvest Festival		11am Holy Communion
3 rd Sunday 16 th OCT	9.30 Holy Communion	3pm Funday Sunday	11.00 Holy Communion	
4 th Saturday 22nd OCT	6pm Celtic Style Holy Communion			
4 th Sunday 23rd October	9.30 Morning Prayer	9.30 Holy Communion		Sunday @4 Studdal Hall 4pm
WEDNESDAY COMMUNION at Kingsdown 10am 12 th and 26 th October				

To find our churches

St Nicholas, Ringwoud, Church Lane CT14 8HL

St John the Evangelist, Kingsdown Upper St CT14 8BJ

(Note NO PARKING on Church Cliff)

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St Peter and St Paul Sutton, Church Hill CT15 5DF

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Walmer Chapel is a Bible-believing, protestant church with members from a variety of backgrounds. We exist to give worship and honour to the sovereign God and his divine Son, Jesus Christ, and to share the message of salvation by which we ourselves found faith and forgiveness from sin.

Our regular meetings are as follows:

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For details of where to go online, please see inside.

(Communion 1st Sunday am, 3rd Sunday pm)

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- 225g self-raising flour
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- Heat the oven to 200C/180C fan/gas 6 with a large baking tray inside.
- Sift the flour, salt, and baking powder into a bowl,
- Add the butter to the bowl and combine with your fingertips to a consistency of fine breadcrumbs.
- Sprinkle 100g of the cheese into the breadcrumb mixture and rub together until evenly distributed.
- Gradually add enough milk until you have a soft but firm dough.
Do not pour in all the milk at once.
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