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Welcome to Rural Roundup



As Christmas is almost upon us, we'd like to thank everyone who has helped in the production and distribution of Rural Roundup throughout the year. Without your help the magazine would cease to exist. Special thanks go to Julian Dalrymple, Ash Spanner, Robert Buxton, Laurence Davey, Liz Endacott and all the good people who distribute the magazine.

Thank you to all our contributors whose articles have been fascinating and informative, please keep them coming. Finally, thank you to our Treasurers who do a fantastic job.

Sadly, due to lack of Parish Council Support we will have to reduce our printed copies, but the magazine will be available online. Please read the Treasurers' Update on page 5.

We'll be back in February. In the meantime, we wish you all a **Merry Christmas and a Very Happy New Year!**

Monica and Don Hough

**Closing date for copy for the *February* of Rural Roundup
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On behalf of the Walmer Lifeboat Fundraising Group, I should like to thank all who came and supported our recent Christmas Fair held at the Kings Head, Kingsdown by kind permission of Amanda and Alex.

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UPDATE FROM THE TREASURERS

In the November edition of Rural Roundup, we promised to bring you up to date with our negotiations with both Ringwould-with-Kingsdown Parish Council and Walmer Town Council. Our intention was, hopefully, to enlist support from both Councils, as in the past, with help in meeting the cost of printing our magazine.

Our discussions with Walmer Town Council are still ongoing. However, Ringwould-with-Kingsdown Parish Council are no longer going to support us. They have reneged on the promise that they made to us in writing at the beginning of lockdown in which the Council had agreed to resume payment of support to Rural Roundup when we recommenced distribution of printed editions of our magazine.

This means that we now have a shortfall in our budget. If we are to continue production of hard copies of Rural Roundup, we shall be obliged to reduce the number of editions to six each year as opposed to ten.

Martin & Helen Rodney-Smith



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Hello,

Even the RHS advice for December says something like “stay by the fire and plan for Spring”. We have had it pretty mild in November and it’s hard to imagine how brutally cold it COULD be in January. I remember that Winter ten, maybe twelve, years ago when we were snowed in. Someone skied down Upper Street and the beach looked stunning, covered in snow with the tide lapping on to it. But I am one of many NOT dreaming of a white Christmas this year. If we get a dry day, I’ll be out in the garden like a shot weeding and sweeping and tidying, but otherwise nothing out there is imperative. Ah yes, time for a nice glass (or mug) of something and a mince pie.

Our nerine have looked beautiful up the garden, but are rather wasted as we have rarely been out there and can only glimpse them from the house. “If a tree falls in the forest and no one is around to hear it, does it make a sound?” some Philosopher quipped. Well, the nerine DO bloom when the garden is void of humans. Next year I am going to plant some in pots and put them near the house. Apparently, they thrive in pots and they are such a lovely bright plant at an unexpected time of year.

Whoops, just remembered I did buy some tulips, better get those in the beds sometime. Don’t want them to turn into mouse food when the timorous beasties raid the greenhouse again. As they do.

No meeting in December as we are all busy busy busy. The January meeting, on Monday 30th January, will be the AGM. In the Village Hall 7:30 for 7:45. New members very welcome. Many hands make light work; all hands on deck; individually we are one drop, together we are an ocean. I feel slightly nauseous now. Perhaps it’s the mince pie...

***Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.
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Kingsdown Conservation Group

Campaigning for our village

Hello all,

On Wednesday 16 November we had our AGM at The Kings Head. It was very well supported by over 35 members. The restrictions of Covid meant we were not able to hold an AGM since 2019, so the three annual reports were available to read. A headline report of our activities was described. The committee now consisted of Anne Marie Martin, Alison Sharvill, Debbie Muggoch, Sue Lamoon, Ian Williams, Helen Williams and a new member Jeremy Clarke.

The main concern of members is the new DOVER DISTRICT LOCAL PLAN. The local plan is now out for its final public consultation. This document will form the basis for all planning decisions for the next ten years so it needs to be good. You have **until 9 December** to comment.

In order for comments to be considered it must be submitted using the representation form, answering the specific questions set out within it. If it is not submitted in this way, your comment may not be accepted due to the legal requirements at this stage of the Plan making process.

The easiest way for this to be completed is through the online consultation portal which can be accessed at the following link. <https://dover-consult.objective.co.uk/kse/event/37116/section/>

Please watch this helpful video which shows how the website and online portal works [How to Make a Comment on the Local Plan - YouTube](#) and view the how to comment guide for instructions on how to submit comments through the portal <https://www.doverdistrictlocalplan.co.uk/uploads/pdfs/Regulation-19-How-to-Comment-Guide.pdf>.

There is also a guidance note on Legal Compliance, Soundness and the Duty to Co-operate to assist in answering the specific questions on the form <https://www.doverdistrictlocalplan.co.uk/uploads/pdfs/Guidance-on-Legal-Compliance-Soundness-and-Duty-to-Cooperate-Guidance.pdf>

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Dates for your Diary

December 12th Illustrated Talk in Kingsdown Village Hall by Steffan Walton, Warden of Sandwich Bay Bird Observatory Trust **WILDLIFE OF SANDWICH BAY** A look at the varied and exceptional wildlife that use the Sandwich Bay area throughout the seasons.

February 13th 2023 Illustrated Talk in Kingsdown Village Hall by John Buckingham **BIRDS OF KINGSDOWN AND SURROUNDING COUNTRYSIDE**

We have many interesting talks organised for next year and will be posting them nearer the time.

Please think about joining our organisation, all are very welcome.

We all wish you a very merry Christmas and a healthy, happy 2023!

Alison, Anne-Marie, Deborah, Helen, Jeremy , Ian and Sue



PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS THE LOCAL PLAN

FRIDAY 2nd December 2022
Kingsdown Village Hall
7pm—9pm

Please come and discuss the Local plan and its potential impact on Ringwould and Kingsdown

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Council Tax News December 2022/ January 2023

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year
to all the residents of Kingsdown & St Margarets who have trusted me with
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Together we have achieved band reductions and council tax refunds as far
back as April 1993, worth thousands of pounds.

A Bungalow in Queensdown Road Band F to E
A Bungalow in Queensdown Road Band E to D
A Chalet bungalow in Victoria Road Band G to E
A Bungalow in Victoria Road Band G to F
A Bungalow in Victoria Road Band F to E
A House in The Avenue Band G to F
A House in Alexandra Road Band G to F
A House in Glen Road Band G to F
A Bungalow in Balmoral Road Band E to D
A Chalet bungalow in Walmer Band G to F
A Chalet bungalow in St Margarets Bay Band F to E

Commiserations to all those who lost the fight to have their band reduced.
Or had their band increased following VOA investigations.
So Merry Christmas to all those with Council Tax Refunds still to spend

Here's hoping that 2023 will prove a good year for all those, still fighting the
good fight of whom there are many. In particular the two tax payers who have
lodged appeals in the High Court.

2023 looks like being an exciting year so Happy New Year
to all the council tax payers of
Kingsdown & St Margarets

Sandra Upton

Kingsdown and Ringwold CEP School PTFA Christmas Fayre



*will be taking place on
Thursday 8th December from 3.20pm to 5.15pm*

**There will be games & refreshments. We are having a Christmas jumper
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Kingsdown Carol Singing

'Kingsdown Carol Singing 2022

It is almost time!

Please keep an eye out for a small flyer coming through your door in December which will let you know where to come (meet point) and join the Carol singers for your road. Everyone is welcome to come, singing or no singing. In the meantime here is a listing of where we will meet to start at 18.30 before moving to the next meet point. If a road is given but no house name that is because we meet in a quiet cul de sac and sing in the road. You won't miss us!

Thursday 15th Dec - Jarvist Place; 16th Dec - Climdown; 17th - Points of View (The Rise); 18th The Avenue; 19th Olive Tree (Victoria Rd); 20th Calvados (St James Rd); 21st Balmoral Road (turning circle between nos 54-60); 22nd The Coach House (Kingsdown Hill); 23rd No Name Road (turning point at the end near beach); 24th Pubs (starting point to be confirmed).

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The Curling's of Kingsdown by Jenny Wall

I would like to introduce you to Mr and Mrs William Curling. This couple lie at the heart of the development of modern day Kingsdown from a small fishing, agricultural and sea-faring hamlet to a modern village complete with a country house, church and first village school. The couple came to Kingsdown in the early 1820's, bought extensive land and proceeded to live in the area for some 35 years.

Mr William Curling who was born on 5th August 1773 (*to distinguish him from the many other William Curlings*) owned extensive land including, by the early 1820's some 85 acres in and around Kingsdown village. The first known record of him in the area is dated 1816 when he rented 14 Dolphin Street Deal on a 21-year lease.



Portrait of Mr and Mrs William Curling in Kingsdown House 1851, by G A Storey RA and restored by him in 1904, with the kind permission of the family.



Kingsdown House 1934 (photographer unknown)

After building Kingsdown house William Curling went on to commission the building of the schoolhouse (now our village hall) and then later the church, all built over a period of some 30 years.

William married Elisabeth Green in 1827 and one is left to speculate that together they designed Kingsdown House which they owned until after William died in 1855. It is highly likely that the house was built as their country retreat (on the first floor there was a trunk room); their primary residences continued to be in Church Row Limehouse and Hamilton House West Grove, Royal Greenwich London.

19th century 1841 tithe map of Kingsdown shows a small chapel. Recorded in East Kent Parishes 2nd Edition by David Wright (2002) as a Methodist chapel dated 1813. The building lies in the back garden of Wayside Cottage on Upper Street. It seems half the building and one chimney remains in what is now a private property Pigot's Directory 1826 Deal, Dover & Ramsgate: Shipping Agents for Lloyds of London.
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So why did the Curling's come to Kingsdown? As wealthy Victorians, enjoying highly successful businesses across a range of interests from ship building, ship insurance, rope making, trade in whale fins and other "commodities" such as sugar and the transportation of slaves, philanthropy was expected.

It was a time of rapid change, the midst of the industrial revolution, a time when such things as social justice, the spirit of reform, improving people's lives, particularly that of children, came to the forefront of modern thinking.

By the 1840s William was the Squire of the hamlet of Kingsdown, it is reported that he said "*the beer house should not be the only open door in Kingsdown*". Certainly, it's also possible to state that visiting the seaside had been made fashionable by King George IV and during the regency period in general. William Curling was on "visiting terms" with his neighbour the Duke of Wellington and was on a guest list dining with the Duke, Queen Victoria, and Prince Albert at Walmer Castle in 1842.

It was during this time that it was reported in the Dover Express and East Kent News that Queen Victoria and Prince Albert had sheltered from the rain in a fishermen's hut on the beach at Kingsdown that belonged to Thomas Erridge. Later the article recalls the fisherman received a lifelong pension for his kindness.

After William's death the house was sold to a Mr T S Clarke J. P. Deputy Lieutenant of Surrey. Two of this gentleman's daughters are remembered, as are seven members of the Curling family, on stained glass windows in St John's Church. A year after William died, Elizabeth accompanied by her servants left Kingsdown and spent the rest of her life in Eastbourne.

Since 1934 Kingsdown house has been part of a holiday camp, a WW2 training camp, a Union club, a restaurant, and a night club, before being divided and sold as four separate residences.

In Evelyn Waugh's book '*Men at Arms*' the first part of his 'Sword of Honour' trilogy, he uses Kingsdown House (where he was based for a few weeks in 1940 while training with the Royal Marines) as the fictitious Kut-al-Imara House.

In 1940 Waugh described Kingsdown House as follows:

"Kingsdown is lousy. It is a hideous, derelict Victorian villa without carpets, curtains or furniture, one bath, one WC without a seat and another without a plug. Surrounding is a collection of huts built of one thickness of asbestos for use in the summer as a holiday camp. The cold is intense".

A further local association with Evelyn Waugh is to be found at Walmer Castle. From 1913 – 1934 Lord Beauchamp was Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports. It is widely believed that Evelyn Waugh's Flyte family of Brideshead Revisited fame, were inspired by the Beauchamp family during their eventful years residing at Walmer Castle

Author Jenny Wall: Local amateur historian and volunteer guide with English Heritage. If you would like a copy of my booklet on the Curlings of Kingsdown please email me on Jen.wall@outlook.com

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Fundraising news from Kingsdown Pre-school

So, sadly our Oktoberfest was postponed. We wanted the night to be as foot stomping as possible but the clash with October half term meant there were just too many people that couldn't make it. But the good news is, we have rescheduled and are back to our usual January spot. So after a whopping 6 years absence, Kingsdown Pre-school's much loved Bierfest will once again be led in fine style by local Oompah band the Bettesteiner Footstompers. We are also very pleased to announce that Peckish will be serving up the sausages with traditional sauerkraut and crispy onions, plus fries. Tickets are priced at a suggested donation of £25, which includes all your beer, wine, soft drinks, food and live entertainment. Fancy dress is encouraged and there'll be prizes for the best dressed male and female! You can also try your hand at the raffle to win one of our fabulous prizes.

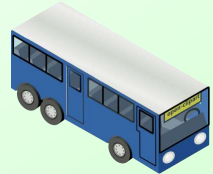
The school hall will be decked out in true Bavarian style on **Saturday 21st January** from 7.30pm. So dust off your lederhosen and buy your tickets soon to avoid disappointment!

To buy tickets, please contact Lisa Dennison on 07835 057 227 or e-mail lisa.dennison@btinternet.com Event posters are up around the village or you can find further details on Facebook.

Profits raised from the 2023 Bierfest will all go towards Pre-school's new build fund.

LOCAL BUS SERVICES

At November's PC meeting, I asked our local County councillor, if he could inform the meeting as to the differing cost between the subsidy offered to Stagecoach by KCC, for the Deal - Walmer - Kingsdown original 2022 service, and the sum Stagecoach required to make the service viable from October 2022.



Not having the figures to hand, Mr. Mannion has agreed to produce them in time for the December PC meeting.

Once this cost is available, RWKPC has agreed to calculate the additional precept to the parish rate that would make good this deficit, with a view to re-introducing the more regular bus service. Perhaps in conjunction with the parishes of both Deal and Walmer as the service was of benefit to all, linking all three communities and their respective amenities.

The above should be able to be confirmed by reference to the minutes of the RWKPC meeting of November 2022

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Rural Roundup Christmas Quiz!

1. Who played Buddy in the 2003 Christmas classic Elf?
2. Complete the lyrics: "On the tenth day of Christmas my true love sent to me .."
3. Which author wrote *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* in 1957?
4. How many of Santa's reindeer begin with the letter D?
5. What is Scrooge's first name in the Charles Dicken's novel, *A Christmas Carol*?
6. The song "Walking in the Air" features in which classic Christmas film?
7. In which decade did Slade have a Christmas number one with "Merry Xmas Everybody"?
8. What is the name of the singing snowman in *Frozen*?
9. London's annual Winter Wonderland celebration is found in which park?
10. What time was the Queen's speech traditionally broadcast on Christmas Day?

Answers on page 40

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Ripple Parish Council

Community Speedwatch –

The Ripple group runs regular speedwatch sessions and more local residents have joined us as volunteers - many thanks to them. Speeding remains an issue - a recent morning session found that around 25% of cars entering Ripple were speeding with a top speed of 47mph recorded.

Highway Improvement Plan

Councillors are pleased to report that work is expected to start by the end of the year on the next stage of our traffic calming measures. By moving the 30mph speed restriction further out toward Crooked 'S' and installing new signage on the approach to the crossroads at Pommeus Lane and Mongeham Road, drivers will be aware of the speed restrictions further outside the village boundary, hopefully slowing traffic through the village. The work has been part-funded by a Member's Grant and the Chairman thanks Cllr Steve Manion for his support and helping the parish council achieve this outcome.

Litter Pick

It is long overdue, but thank-you to Cllr Muir and the many volunteers who gave up a few hours on a Sunday morning back in the summer and collected a massive 20 sacks of litter, including an exhaust, a tyre and a broken bedside cabinet!

Parish Council Meeting

November's meeting was very well attended with a lot of interest in the application for outline planning permission to build 9 houses on land behind Chapel and Church Lanes. The Parish Council heard strong arguments from attendees against the development and agreed to raise objections with DDC. Other items discussed included: setting up a Community Interest Company (a company that operates to benefit its local community); creating a Neighbourhood Development Plan for Ripple; and the Dover District Draft Plan. The Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) co-ordinator hopes to start a monthly meeting in the village for residents to discuss any crime related worries and consider ways that safety in the village can be improved. The planned start date is April 2023.

Full minutes will be published on the website - www.rippleparishcouncil.org. The next Parish Council meeting is Thursday 8th December 2022 in the Village Hall at 7pm. If you are unable to attend but would like to make comment, please contact the Clerk.

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LET'S BE SOCIABLE Regrettably the November Coffee Morning was the final one - age and health having taken a toll on the organisers!

A big "thank you" to all who have supported our monthly meetings and helped raise nearly £6,500 for many different charities over the past 9 years that we have held the reins. For a small group of people you have done extremely well!

Thank you also for the lovely flowers given to us - they were much appreciated.

Pam and Olive

PS - We can still keep in contact through the Church Coffee Mornings on the first Tuesday of each month.

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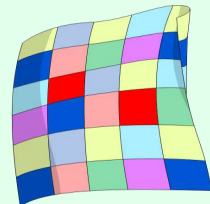
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Kingsdown Village - Jane Banks & Sharon Morris

Second of three part history - continued from November edition

The Curlings built their home, Kingsdown House (now the Manor House), and afterwards financed the building of the original Victorian School in 1843 (now the Village Hall). The school had two large rooms with a fireplace in each room – you can still see the evidence in the pattern of the floorboards in the main hall. The lower hall was the cloakroom. Elizabeth Curling ran the Sunday school.



Photo taken in 1928

The School Deed was found on a small handwritten note in VH records and is very different to today's standards!!

1. The school may only be used as a school
2. The committee to be Incumbent plus 5 others who must subscribe £1 per annum to school funds
3. The only people entitled to elect a member of the committee shall be a contributor of 10/- per annum to the school
4. Mistress of school with a member of C (committee? / C of E?)
5. The committee may dismiss the teacher
6. Each April a committee of 4 ladies can be.....?
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Lawrence Kirkman, the schoolmaster in February 1859, was reported in the local press as being 'up before magistrates' as he had caned a pupil on the back of a hand and the back of his head.

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Lawrence Kirkman, schoolmaster, of Kingsdown, was charged with assaulting George Cole, a lad about 13 years of age, and a scholar in the school.

George Cole, on being sworn, said—I was at the Kingsdown school on the 8th of February. My master, Mr. Kirkman, called me from my class and asked me to hold out my hand, which I refused to do; he then took hold of it by force and cut me across the back of the hand with the cane, and afterwards across my head. I told him that my father said that was not a proper place to strike me, and then left the school and went home.

The magistrates, after a few minutes' deliberation, dismissed the case, admonishing Mr. Kirkman to be more careful in future as to how he inflicted punishment; this being the second time he had appeared before them under similar circumstances, and recommended him in future wherever punishment was necessary, to take the advice of the clergyman, the Rev. Mr. Charlton, before inflicting it.

Report from the Deal Sessions. Sat 26 Feb 1859 East Kent Times



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Newsletter - Jane Banks

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Kingsdown Carol Singing 2022

The over 100 year old tradition will continue this year. Carol singing will be each evening from Thursday 15th December to Christmas Eve inclusive with a 6.30pm start. The format is similar to last year with meeting hubs for one/two/three roads. Update messages will be sent nearer the times with meeting places each evening and these will also be put on the Kingsdown and Ringwould Social page. There is also a Whatsapp group for similar updates. Please come and take part in your road meeting place and make this year even bigger and better than last year. All proceeds raised will go to the Deal Food Bank and Kingsdown Church fabric fund.

Many thanks from the organisers *Alan, Annie, Kate, Tracey, Kathryn*

At last... The news we've all been waiting for!

Those of you who subscribe to the Goodwin Sands Conservation Trust newsletter will already have heard the brilliant news that the Port of Dover has abandoned its plans to dredge the Goodwin Sands!

After six and a half years of campaigning, we are absolutely delighted that the Port has announced it will not be extending the aggregate licence that expires on 31st December and has sourced a cost neutral alternative for its landfill.

We cannot thank you enough for your encouragement and support that kept us going through the tough times - and there were plenty of them. We soon learned that when we felt we had reached rock bottom, the only way out was up!

Above all, this outcome clearly shows that development does not have to come at the expense of the environment.

We would like to recognise the support provided by our MP Natalie Elphicke who understood both the need for the port to finish its development and our concerns for the marine environment. We have no doubt that she was instrumental in encouraging the Port of Dover to source the necessary landfill elsewhere.



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GREENFIELD DEVELOPMENTS IN KINGSDOWN?

Many in Kingsdown are deeply concerned about the dangers if / when a housing development were constructed on Ringwould road or on Glen Road or near Courtlands. Many want to respond to DDC and protest about SAP 34 and SAP 35 included in the DDC Local Plan now out for consultation. BUT RESPONDING isn't easy !

KCG at their AGM on Wed 16 agreed to lay on a help session, workshop-style for residents on afternoon of Sun 4th Dec because the deadline of the consultation is 5pm on Fri 9th December 2022. Those wishing for help should bring along their laptops and ask for advice. There will also be paper DDC Representation Forms that can be completed.

Residents attended the parish council meeting on 14th Nov, the day that a sad fatality on the A258 caused the A road to be closed and traffic to be diverted down narrow Kingsdown streets without pavements between daylight hours of 2pm until well after dark past 7.30pm. Pedestrians report near-misses!

Residents were pleased to hear the PC is planning to assist residents also with a special PC meeting on this issue very soon (watch noticeboards and website). A KCC cllr who also sits on DDC attend the PC meeting and he was told how very sick citizens are of their voices of opposition to greenfield developments (and the opposition of their parish councils) not being heeded by higher level councils.

If you wish to respond to DDC consultation, these suggestions may help:

There is a youtube link on doverdistrictlocalplan.co.uk : [How to Make a Comment on the Local Plan - YouTube](#)

I am very mindful that the How to comment Guide [Regulation 19 How to Comment Guide \(doverdistrictlocalplan.co.uk\)](#)- directs us to comment on **Legal Compliance / Soundness / Meets duty to cooperate** .

For those wishing to focus on protecting Kingsdown, it is SAP 34 on page 163 of this document that you'll want to look at [Dover District Local Plan Regulation 19 Submission Document Oct 2022](#)

The evidence we can check includes this [Appendix 3b HELAA 2020 Housing Sites Highways Assessment \(doverdistrictlocalplan.co.uk\)](#) and SAP 34 Woodhill Farm Ringwould Rd is at the top of page 9 in the highways assessment. If we disagree on the 'evidence' of this assessment - we should say so IMHO.

This link shows the new adjacent Courtlands SAP 35 [Appendix 2d TC4S Housing Sites Highways Assessment \(doverdistrictlocalplan.co.uk\)](#) in this I can see they assessed the SAP35 adjacent Courtlands bottom of page 4

A third site for 70 houses, at the bottom of Glen Road in Walmer is SAP 15 on page 127 of the Reg 19 Doc. A fourth site for 15 houses, is on Dover Rd Ringwould SAP 53 on page 195.

Any of these developments is very likely to dramatically reduce road safety, as well as removing the farmland we need for food security, and if any combination of them were built, mayhem would ensue IMHO.

Sarah Waite-Gleave, resident of the parish / ward.

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Christmas in Walmer

All-age Nativity

*Sunday 18th @ 11.00am St Mary's, St Clare Road
Come dressed as a Nativity character (or animal, or star)!*

Carol Services

Traditional Carols

Sunday 18th @ 6.00pm
St Saviour's (The Strand)

Carols by Candlelight

Tuesday 20th @ 7.00pm
St Mary's (St Clare Road)

Christmas Eve

Christingle

*For the whole family to celebrate the light of Christ
4.00pm - St Mary's (outside weather permitting)*

Midnight Mass

11.30pm - St Mary's

Christmas Day

8am Said Communion
9.30am Sung Communion
St Mary's

11am Sung Communion
St Saviour's

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Quiz Answers



1. Will Ferrell
2. Ten lords a leaping
3. Dr Seuss
4. Three- Dasher, Dancer & Donner
5. Ebenezer
6. The Snowman
7. The 1970's
8. Olaf
9. Hyde Park
10. 3pm

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Date	Ringwould	Kingsdown	Ripple	Sutton/Studdal
4th SUN	0930 Holy Communion	0930 Breakfast Church	1600 Evensong	3.00pm Messy Church at Studdal
11th SUN	0930 Morning Prayer	0930 Holy Communion		11.00am Holy Communion
18th	0930 Holy Communion 18.30 Carol Service	1500 Funday Sunday	1100 Holy Communion	16.30 Carol Service
21st			Carol Service 6pm	Glendale Carols 1430
24 th	1600 Christingle	1700 Christingle		1600 Christingle (Studdal Community Hall)
25th SUN	10am Holy Communion	10am Holy Communion		
1 st January 10 am United Service at Ringwould Wednesday Communion on 7 December 10 am at Kingsdown				

No Tea & Chat this month as we are out for Christmas Lunch !

To find our churches:

St Nicholas, Ringwould, Church Lane CT14 8HL

St John the Evangelist, Kingsdown Upper St CT14 8BJ

(Note NO PARKING on Church Cliff)

St Mary the Virgin Church Lane Ripple CT14 8JL

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

Studdal Church Hall, Downs Road, East Studdal CT15 5BX

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Tea and Chat. Meets in Ringwould Church 1st Thursday of the month .All are welcome whichever village you are from!



The Little Library

This is operates 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 and jigsaws.

Jean Winn



Walmer Baptist Church

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Sundays

Service 10.30 am

Weekdays

Mondays: 2.00pm Badminton

Tuesdays: 2.00pm Knitting for the Needy

Fridays: Noon Share & Prayer (on Zoom)

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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:

Sunday services are fully open but will still be **LIVE-STREAMED**....10.30am & 6.30pm.

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

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL, 2-3.30 pm term time (from 24th July)

all children welcome (Age 5 up)

Midweek Bible study/prayer meeting, Wednesdays 6.30 pm

Mums & Toddlers, Thursdays 9.30am -11.30am term time (resumes 21st April)

Drop-in cafe, 10am-12 noon **Saturdays** (closed on 28th)

Pastor Clive Lambden, all enquiries 07951 877 263.

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Studdal Church Hall: Mrs Claire McLaren 07742 779 430

Sutton Community Centre: Meg & Darren Parfitt 01304 239 190
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Walmer Parish Hall: Elaine Wickenden 01304 366 605
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Ringwoud-w-Kingsdown Parish Council

Chairman: Sarah Wilson 07511 108 585

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Parish council office opening hours 10.30 am - 3.30 pm 01304 375889

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Ripple Parish Council

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Sutton-by-Dover Parish Council

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Walmer Town Council

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KCC Community Warden

Mr Martin Dadd: *email: martin.dadd@kent.gov.uk* 07969 584 181



12th Deal (Kingsdown) Air Scouts

We meet at the Kingsdown Village Hall. Beavers 6 years to 8 years on Tuesdays 6.00pm until 7.00pm – Cubs 8 years to 10½ years on Wednesdays 6.30pm until 8.00pm and Scouts from 10½ years.

We have vacancies in all sections and we also need some adult help – if you like fun and adventure why not come along and give it a try!

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CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

Deal & District Branch of Save the Children

Chairman: Mrs Sarah Spong 01304 363 942
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Chairman: Barbara Peel 01304 361 384
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Kingsdown Pre School

Chairperson: Amy Bridges 07841 702 249
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Kingsdown & Ringwold Women's Institute

President: Mrs Sue Le Chevallier 07814 267 506
Secretary: Mrs Kathy Erridge 07973 238 603

Kingsdown Table Tennis Club

Contact: Cathy Whitnall 01304 362 824

Kingsdown Village Hall

Chairman: Anna Fitzmaurice 07976 600 392
Bookings & Enquiries: bookings@kingsdownvillagehall.org.uk

Ringwold Village Hall

Secretary: Mrs Avril Woolf 01304 379 059

Ripple Village Hall

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Kingsdown Welcome Pack (for newcomers)

Contact: Sylvia Main 01304 373 651

Loose Fibres Craft Group

Contact: Rita Rhodes 01304 365 778

Ripple Tea & Chat

Contact: Mrs Rosemary Davey 01304 374 512

Ripple Neighbourhood Watch

Contact: Claire Skardon 07716303974

St John's Heritage Association

Chair: Ian Stephen 01304 380 550

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