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Welcome to Rural Roundup

We hope everyone has enjoyed the Easter Holidays. Let's hope that the weather continues to improve and we can enjoy spending more time outside.

We'd like to say thank you for all the lovely comments we've received. It's good to get feed back, particularly when it's positive!

Thank you to all the people who volunteered to deliver the magazine and for organising the distribution.

The Summer Fayre is being held at Kingsdown School on 25th June, they would be very grafetul for any volunteers to help on the day (details below).

Of course, thank you to all our contributors and please keep those articles coming in.

Monica & Don Hough

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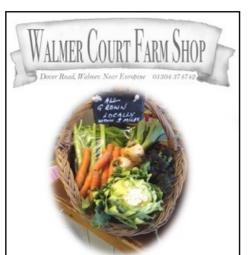
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I have often thought, as I cruelly sprinkled the blue poison in the garden, that I would be reincarnated as a slug. It's a nasty business. I have been nasty but I cannot take that enormous leap, that sea change, that the RHS recommends and perceive snails as a BENEFICIAL creature.

They have literally destroyed every morsel of some of my plants. Apparently, only 9 of the 44 species eat plants. Well, they're all in my garden! Slugs snails and greenfly are now something we should "gratefully accept, even actively encourage into our gardens". The RHS do admit they get more complaints about gastropods than anything else. I was confused at first as I read "gastropubs"... Of course, I understand the theory. Everything feeds on everything else and we need diversity in the garden. But it is a difficult personal journey for me. I will have to just plant a less tasty menu. And be kinder to the slimy beasts.

Events: Sunday 8th May Garage Safari. Lots of lovely plants on the Garden Society Stall in St. James' Road. No snails allowed. Monday May 23rd in the Village Hall 7:45pm. A talk about Local Wild Flowers by Sue Buckingham. Monday 27th June. The Summer Social. Sunday 3rd July. The Summer trip.

You will know more about these from the monthly meetings or from Jane's emails.

Lots to do in May. Earth up your potatoes, mow the lawn weekly (or weakly), plant out Summer bedding!! That's a fun one! Weeding, feeding. The work in the garden is infinite. Your garden is NEVER done! I hope there will be fewer queen wasps around. I know Chris Packham is emphatic wasps are beneficial also, but they give me the heebie jeebies. Fear of wasps — "spheksophobia". Good one for the pub quiz! I was reading BBC's Gardening World Top Ten Plants you Can't Kill. One of them was Penstemon. I always thought they were quite tricky! What am I doing wrong? I blame the gastropods.

Lovely fresh green everywhere. Plants you'd forgotten you'd bought resurfacing. Old favourites to admire all over again. Love love love this time of year. Especially in the garden of a gastropub.

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KINGSDOWN NEWS - Jane Banks

The Pop-up cafe, run by the Rural Kent Coffee and Information Project, will have their next session of the summer on the green in Kings Close on Wednesday18th May from 10.30am to 12.30pm. Come and have some coffee and cake!

Regarding the blood services at Deal Hospital, this was posted by Marsha Horne on Facebook: 'Back in November, one of our local Councillors succeeded in getting Kent County Council to discuss the Clinical Commissioning Group's decision (implemented without any notice or consultation) regarding closing the blood service at Deal Hospital.'

The CCG was subsequently invited to attend a KCC Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting. The meeting, like all others, is recorded and is "in the Public Domain", thus available for anyone to view.

When I watched the recorded meeting, it made me even more determined to fight for the Reinstatement of Blood Services at our Hospital and hold the CCG accountable for their failure to Consult/Discuss/Give Prior Notice to the community.

This video is from the Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 11 November 2021 and shows, in my opinion, the total disregard the NHS's CCG have for the people in our Community. I will leave you to form your own opinions once you have viewed this!

However, the words of the NHS Constitution: "Patients Come First" with a guarantee of "transparency" on their part, seem to me to be just hollow words.'

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Hello Everyone,

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On Sunday April 10th, Gordon Wise lead 25 people on a very interesting and informative walk and talk on the heritage trail into the South Foreland site to Wanstone Farm, D2 Anti Aircraft Battery, and Fan Bay, illustrating what existed during the war, facts relating to this and also the good work the National Trust are doing in this area.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

On Monday 9th May at 7.30 in the Village hall there is a talk hosted by representatives from Veolia. Do come along and find out what happens to your waste and recycling. *There are places available.*

On Sunday 19th June at 1pm, Gordon Wise will lead a fascinating walk and talk into Kingsdown Woods, Hawksdown and through the village, discussing Operation Oboe and what life was like living in our village during the war. There are places available on this walk.

On Friday 15th July Sue Buckingham will lead us on a Summer flower walk. *There are places available on this walk.*

If you would like to join us at any of these please contact:

sue lamoon@hotmail.com Free to members and £3 for non members.

JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

KCG and the local WI have jointly funded and planted a couple of small trees and flowers on The Triangle near the Primary School. There is to be a small memorial plaque erected to commemorate the Queen's Silver Jubilee on the site.

If anyone wishes to join the KCG we are always welcoming new members and you can pick up a membership form at Dels. We also welcome people interested in joining our small friendly committee.

Enjoy the early summer ahead, in our lovely village.

Rest wishes

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Kingsdown Garage Safari



Sunday May 8th 2022

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Closing time for bookings is Saturday 30th April 2022



Please ring Rex Martin on 01304 375766 with any questions or enquiries.

Council Tax News May 2022 - Sandra Upton

Council Tax was introduced in April 1993 and replaced the much maligned poll tax. The Valuation Office is the only organisation that includes the exterior walls when ascertaining the size of the dwelling. Gardens, garages and outbuildings are taken into account when assessing the value for Council Tax purposes. If garden land is sold or developed, a new entry into the CT list has to be made and a new valuation carried out at April 1991 values. Homes with extensions or improvements can have their Band increased *only* when the home is sold.

For Council Tax purposes, homes are banded according to their value on the 1st of April 1991. Homes sold within 18 months either side of the 1st of April had their value adjusted to take account of the falling market before being placed in one of the below bands:

- Band C for homes valued between £52,001 and £68,000 (between 50² - 80m²)
- Band D for homes valued between £68,001 and £88,000 (between 80m² 100m²)
- Band E for homes valued between £88,001 and £120,000 (between 100m² -180m²)
- Band F for homes valued between £120,001 and £160,000 (around 180² -200m²)
- Band G for homes valued between £160,001 and £320,000 (above 200m²)

Unsold dwellings had their characteristics compared with dwellings sold around April 1st 1991 until all homes were banded. Bands were adjusted in April 1993 when the locality of the dwelling was taken into account. New build homes since April 1993 are all banded at April 1991 values.

Saint Martin's Women's Institute

welcomes you to join in the fun!

Second **Thursday** of every month Gt. Mongeham, Parish Hall – 7.30pm.



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Kent on Film

Our Kent coastline is a mecca for producers of TV and film dramas which frequently feature our lovely towns. From Liar (a recent ITV drama which had two series) set mainly in Deal, Kingsdown and Romney Marsh to the soon to be released Pistol (directed by Danny Boyle about the Sex Pistols) where Deal's shop facades were transformed into the style of that era.



During filming there were many keen fans observing the actors (and the cats!!) in action. Luckily the weather was very kind.

You can see examples of Wain's work at Bethlem Museum of the Mind in Beckenham, Kent.

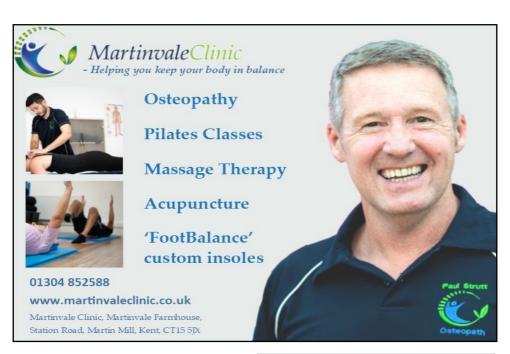
The film had a limited release on 22/10/2021 in cinemas and is now available on Prime Video.

Sally Colligan

A recent film (2021), The Electrical Life of Louis Wain was about Louis Wain (1860 to 1939), an eccentric illustrator and painter and his love of cats who he regularly painted. His psychedelic paintings changed the public's perception of cats.

It is a biographical comedy drama narrated by Olivia Colman and stars Benedict Cumberbatch as the painter with Claire Foy and Toby Jones, amongst others. It was filmed in a variety of locations including Walmer and the beach.







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Kingsdown & Ringwould WI

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Notes from the meeting held on Tuesday 5th April 2022 in Sutton Community Centre

New Councillor

Cllr Merriman welcomed Cllr Steger as a new member of the Council. Cllr Steger signed her Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

AGM and APM

The date for the AGM was set for Tuesday 3rd May 7.15pm The date for the APM was set for Tuesday 31st May at 7.30pm Clerk to book Sutton Community Centre for the meetings.

Queen's Jubilee Celebrations

Cllr Merriman had been nominated as the parish council representative on the events committee. A community event is to go ahead on the weekend of 3rd June 2022. Depending on available funding the plans are to have activities in the hall, church fete games, competitions, an afternoon tea, possibly a jubilee quiz and evening social event. To be discussed again at the next meeting.

Local Community

New light in Downs Road. KCC were contacted about the new light and have replied reiterating DDC's reasons for not re-installing the light. Cllr Steve Manion has taken up the case with both KCC and DDC to add his support to the Parish Council's request to reinstate the light.

KCC Bus Funding Reduction Public Consultation. Information on the consultation has been put on the website. Members of the public expressed their concerns about the possible loss of all bus services in the parish. The three buses currently serving the parish are all affected by the consultation to reduce funding and are under threat of being cancelled. A letter strongly objecting to any reduction in bus provision to be sent as a response to the consultation. Support for this stance to be sought from KCC Member Steve Manion.

Planning

Three planning applications were discussed by the Council and various DDC decisions noted. The planning log is up and running on the website for parishioners to check local applications.

Playing Field

Cllr Willet has kindly offered to paint the youth shelter. The Parish Council agreed to reimburse the cost of the paint (dark green and sufficient for the picnic table base). Picnic table. It was hoped that Cllr Calthorpe would take a look at the bolts again for a solution to the sharp edges.

The next meeting is the AGM on **Tuesday 3rd May at 7.15pm** followed by the ordinary monthly meeting at 7.30pm - Sutton Parish Community Centre APM Tuesday 31st May 2022 at 7.30pm - Sutton Parish Community Centre





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Glenda & Tulip



Lots of people stop to admire the pigs which live on the corner of the footpaths at the rear of Balmoral Road in Kingsdown. They belong to Julia Siddans and she keeps them as pets. Their names are Glenda (ginger) and Tulip (spotted) and they are 3 years old. They are Kunekune pigs, their name is pronounced Coonev Cooney, and it means fat and round in Maori. Originally kept by Maoris in New Zealand, they are friendly hairy pigs born in a variety of colours. It is the smallest domesticated breed of pig in the world, a firm favourite among pet pig owners, due to its placid friendly nature and love of human company.

Julia had always wanted to keep pigs and when she saw them at a Pet farm decided this was the breed she preferred. I asked her if she intended to eat them and she answered with a resounding NO! They are fed with vegetable peelings and pig pellets once a day. So please do not feed the pigs if you're passing.

Julia has decided that two is enough and she has no intention of breeding them, but with a life expectancy of approximately 30 years the pigs will be around for a lot longer.

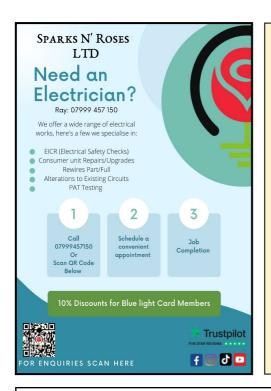


Here is a list of 8 fun facts you may not know about these amazing animals.

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- Pigs love belly rubs!
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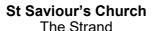
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