

Parish Chairman's notes December 2020

At the time of writing we are in the first week of the second lockdown. By the time you read this I hope we will all have come through it safely. For anyone in temporary financial difficulties arising from the virus and its consequences a reminder that there is a Parish Hardship Fund managed by the Parish Council in association with Paddock Wood Community Advice Centre. This fund will make grants to residents in short term financial difficulties. Details can be found on the Capel Parish Council website www.capel-pc.org.uk or directly from PWCAC <http://www.pwadvice.org/capel-residents/4594766472>

The Vision For Capel document produced by the Neighbourhood Plan Working Party will be available on the parish council website www.capel-pc.org.uk and elsewhere on social media. At the time of writing it is going live in the middle of November. The document is based on the questionnaire issued in August to which nearly a quarter of households in the parish replied. Thanks go to everyone on the working party, parish councillors and volunteers, who distributed the questionnaire, analysed the feedback, and wrote up the results all in a little over two months. The document is being circulated to all those in authority who have an influence on life in this parish so that the views of our residents will be clearly understood.

On Sunday 8th November, a wreath was laid on behalf of the parish Council, alongside that of the British Legion and other local groups at the Brampton Bank memorial. This was a short, socially distanced ceremony with no invited audience as it was during lockdown. The attached card reads "In loving memory of those from Capel Parish who gave their lives that we might live in freedom"



As this is the last issue of the magazine before Christmas the Parish Council wishes all its residents a Happy Christmas (in whatever form that may take) and a prosperous and healthy New Year.

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