

## Christine Newman

Christine has lived in Cranbrook for 30 years and in the Weald of Kent all her life and hence has a strong affinity with the town and surrounding area. She has recently retired from Cranbrook School where she was librarian and head of careers for 20 years. She was educated locally, has a degree in English and a masters in creative writing and is the founder of the community Cranbrook Literature Festival which was set up in 2016. Leisure time is spent footpath walking both locally and further afield, cycling, sea swimming, reading and spending as much time as she can with her grown up daughters! Christine has always been a supporter of the community and set up student community links with the elderly and litter picking whilst at the School. She is also part of the CranFest organisation, a committee member for the Museum and History Society and volunteers in Oxfam regularly.