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Hello Everyone

By the time you read this Christmas and New Year will be a distant memory, but there's lots of good things to look forward to early in 2013.

Not least is the Newsletter's Celebration of British Cheese on Friday 1st March - see the ad on page 7. Those of you who came to the last Cheese Evening will know how good that was, but this one will be even better because this time we have a local Cheese Maker coming along, bringing some fabulous speciality handmade British cheeses for us to enjoy for supper. He'll be giving a short talk about the production of British cheese and answering your questions. We'll have a quiz, a raffle and there will be a prize drawn on the ticket numbers. All committee members have tickets to sell, me included, so get yours early as there are a limited number available. Hope to see you there!



This month sees the Chalkfoot Theatre Arts returning to the village hall on Wednesday 13th with *The Prisoner of Zenda*. Chalkfoot's version aims to capture the excitement of the original novel whilst offering plenty of tongue-in-cheek fun when it comes to interpreting such an epic story for performance on a small stage. If you enjoyed the no-holds-barred approach to multiple role play that characterised *The Riddle in the Sands*, then you'll love *The Prisoner of Zenda*. Chalkfoot's advert is on page 25.

I'm really pleased to report that we got a response to our request for someone to help with the editing of the Newsletter. Angela Eglin is now our Editor in Training - see her introductory piece on page 6. Welcome to the Team Angela, we're thrilled to have you on board.

In the wake of the super events that took place last year, the Newsletter Committee has been approached about taking part in some sort of event this Summer, possibly involving outdoor theatre. Anyone who would like to be involved, or who has any ideas, please contact us.



Hope you all have a lovely Valentine's Day.

Jeanette

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We welcome all contributions to the content of the Newsletter, but please remember that the deadline date is 8pm on the 15th of the month.

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Village Diary

February

- Sat 2** **Gardeners Coffee Morning** at the Village Hall-noon - where members & public can get news of 2013 events & schedules
- Sat 2** **Quiz Night** Friends of T E School in the Millennium Hall - see ad page 24
- Weds 13** **'The Prisoner of Zenda'** 7.30pm in the Village Hall - Chalkfoot Theatre Arts production, see ad page 25
- Thurs 14** **Community Coffee Morning** at the Village Hall 10am
- Thurs 21** **Community Coffee Morning** at the Village Hall 10am
- Tues 26** **Parish Council Meeting** in the Baptist Chapel Hall 7.15pm

March

- Fri 1** **A Celebration of British Cheese - Cheese Tasting Evening** in the Village Hall 7.30pm, Newsletter event - see advert page 7
- Thurs 7** **Community Coffee Morning** at the Village Hall 10am
- Sat 9** **East Kent Morris Men** - have a go! In the Village Hall 10.30-12.30 - see advert page 36
- Thurs 21** **Community Coffee Morning** at the Village Hall 10am
- Tues 26** **Parish Council Meeting** in the Baptist Chapel Hall 7.15pm
- Sat 30** **Gardeners Spring Show** at the Village Hall 2-4pm

April

- Weds 3** **Annual Parish Meeting** in the Baptist Chapel Hall 7.15pm
- Thurs 4** **Community Coffee Morning** at the Village Hall 10am
- Thurs 18** **Community Coffee Morning** at the Village Hall 10am
- Tues 30** **Parish Council Meeting** in the Baptist Chapel Hall 7.15pm

May

- Thurs 2** **Community Coffee Morning** at the Village Hall 10am
- Thurs 16** **Community Coffee Morning** at the Village Hall 10am
- Thurs 16- Sat 18** **Players' Spring Production** - details later
- Tues 28** **Parish Council Meeting** in the Baptist Chapel Hall 7.15pm
- Thurs 30** **Community Coffee Morning** at the Village Hall 10am

June

- Thurs 13** **Community Coffee Morning** at the Village Hall 10am
- Sat 22** **School Fete** in the King George V Playing Field
- Tues 25** **Parish Council Meeting** in the Baptist Chapel Hall 7.15pm
- Thurs 27** **Community Coffee Morning** at the Village Hall 10am

July

Thurs 11	Community Coffee Morning at the Village Hall 10am
Sat 20	Gardeners Summer Show in the Playing Field 2-4pm
Thurs 25	Community Coffee Morning at the Village Hall 10am
Tues 30	Parish Council Meeting in the Baptist Chapel Hall 7.15pm

August

Thurs 8	Community Coffee Morning at the Village Hall 10am
Thurs 22	Community Coffee Morning at the Village Hall 10am

September

Thurs 5	Community Coffee Morning at the Village Hall 10am
Thurs 19	Community Coffee Morning at the Village Hall 10am
Sat 21	Gardeners Autumn Show at the Village Hall 2-4pm
Tues 24	Parish Council Meeting in the Baptist Chapel Hall 7.15pm
Thur26-Sat28	Players' Autumn Production - details later

October

Thurs 3	Community Coffee Morning at the Village Hall 10am
Thurs 17	Community Coffee Morning at the Village Hall 10am
Mon 28	Gardeners AGM in the Lower Village Hall 7.30pm
Tues 29	Parish Council Meeting in the Baptist Chapel Hall 7.15pm
Thurs 31	Community Coffee Morning at the Village Hall 10am

November

Thurs 14	Community Coffee Morning at the Village Hall 10am
Tues 26	Parish Council Meeting in the Baptist Chapel Hall 7.15pm
Thurs 28	Community Coffee Morning at the Village Hall 10am

December

Thurs 12	Community Coffee Morning at the Village Hall 10am
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A copy of every Newsletter is posted on the website, including the village diary. Make sure you log on to www.tenews.co.uk





SNIPS...

As the Rolling Stones once said, "Please allow me to introduce myself"...

I am Angela Eglin, in training to share the editorship of the village magazine, the 'vill-zine'(?), with Jeanette.

Having been inspired by the memories of villagers from the 1980s (December Issue) I thought we could start a SNIPS and SNAPS section. The SNIPS being snippets of information and the SNAPS being photographs of local people, places, animals, whatever, past or present – could even be a kind of static You've Been Framed! Bear in mind, though, that photos will be reproduced in black and white and we can't infringe copyright laws, ie they should be yours.

My first SNIP, as it were, is a story concerning a local lad called James Tremblett, son of a Ewell market gardener 'of good character'. According to the Dover Telegraph of Saturday, 6th January, 1844 young James, a mariner, aged 18, was sentenced to seven years transportation to Australia.



His crime? Rape, pillage, murder? Gaining by deception a watch to the value of £4 and a watch guard, value 12/-. According to the fount of all knowledge, Wikipedia, the equivalent total value of the items today is about £382.54.

The goods, belonging to a Mr William Luckhurst Junior, were recovered from Dover pawn shops and James Tremblett was duly convicted and sentenced. A century and a half later the sentence of seven years in Australia sounds pretty harsh. Not least, because the defendant had no previous convictions.

The name Tremblett does not seem to appear on 'passenger' lists of 1844 or 5. And I have searched various census returns and the local cemetery for the family name with minimal success. So, I have no idea where and when he was transported and what became of him or his family.

I hope there was a happy ending to his story, as Tasmania, New Zealand and Western Australia all received a number of rehabilitated boys from Parkhurst Prison. These young men arrived on Antipodean shores as free settlers destined for apprenticeships with locals. (Convicts to Australia Website). Does anyone know any different? Is Master James Tremblett your long lost relative?

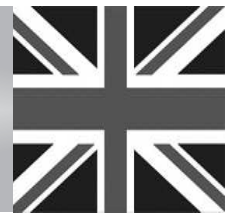
Any ideas for future SNIPS and SNAPS? Please contact me via the Newsletter.

Happy Valentine's. TTFN, Angela



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Temple Ewell Players

Hooray for 2013!

As I write this we are putting the final touches to this year's Panto 'The Ice Queen' written by Sandra Hathaway and directed by Mike Brodie and Tonia Watts.

A big thank you to everyone who was involved with the production, the cast and crew have worked extremely hard to make the Panto a success.

As we look forward to the rest of 2013, as usual there's no rest for the wicked as Players get to work on our Spring production which will feature in May. The final plans are being put in place and there'll be more details in the next issue. Thank you for your continued support, see you in May!

Rachel



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Friday Club

Happy New Year to you all. We at the Friday Club celebrated our end of year party with a lovely lunch cooked by Marilyn, who was assisted by the Youth Club and their mums, and it was delicious. We also had a surprise visit from Santa who gave us all a present. Thank you Santa for taking the time to call on us, we know you have a busy schedule at this time of year so a big thank you from the Friday Club.

Later, during the afternoon, hot mince pies were served with tea and these were cooked on the premises by the Youth Club, so "very well done" to them. Our music was supplied by my old friend Tim Greenwood whose music is always enjoyed by us all.

I would like to welcome three new members to our club, they are John Wissenden, Linda Joyce and her friend Jackie (sorry Jackie I have no surname).

We, the Committee, are now working on our outings for 2013. We kick off with the Glitz and Glamour Show in Margate on 25th April. We have a few seats left at £12.50 so if anyone would like to join us please call me on 01304 330017 to reserve your seat on the coach.

I would like to thank all our members for supporting the Friday Club last year.

All those who have been poorly over the Christmas and New Year I wish you a speedy recovery, get well soon.

That's all from me so ta-ta for now.

Yvonne

Coffee Morning

We had a very successful first Christmas Lunch in The Fox, thanks to Alyson and Steve.

At Christmas Coffee Morning we held our yearly raffle and were able to send money to the Hospice, Demelza House and St Mary's Food Bank.

Fortunately, our numbers continue to increase and all are welcome.

February dates: 14th and 21st
10-11.30am.



Temple Ewell W.I.

Summer 2012 was very much on our minds at our January meeting when we welcomed our speaker, Sue Heritage, who told us about her experiences as a Games Maker at the London Olympics. The Games Makers were all volunteers and had to pay their own travel costs from their homes to London. One of Sue's jobs was driving. There was a lot of intensive training before they actually drove any of the fleet of 800 BMWs, valued at £30million, used to ferry all the VIPs.

Sue told us that working 12 hours shifts for the duration of the Olympics had left her feeling mentally and physically exhausted, but was it an experience she wouldn't have missed.

Our next meeting is on February 14th 7-9.30pm and all visitors are welcome.



Temple Ewell C of E Primary School

Happy New Year!

Terms 3 and 4 traditionally tend to be the quieter and shorter terms of the school year, when the focus in school returns to learning after all of the Christmas celebrations. Terms 1 and 2 were particularly long ones (15 weeks) and this led to extremely tired children and quite a few illness bugs by the time we broke up. However I am pleased to say that everyone has returned back to school in January - relaxed, healthy and raring to go!

At the end of last term the school received a monitoring visit from HMI to assess the school's progress set against the targets set by Ofsted last year. The Inspector was very pleased with what she saw and the school was graded as making 'good progress'. The next monitoring visit is due to take place before Easter.

The House Captains from Year 6 will be organising their first inter-school sports competition. These competitions include all of the children in the school competing for their House, in events such as speed stacking and athletics. These tournaments develop not only sporting talents but also a sense of belonging to their House Teams - whilst enabling our older children an opportunity to develop their leadership skills.

Finally, at the beginning of February, the school will be holding a themed week with a focus on 'Being Safe'. During the week the children will learn about personal safety including e-safety and cyber bullying. I look forward to sharing with you some of the key messages from this week in the March edition of this magazine.



Jo Hygate
Executive Headteacher

Symbols of Love

Cupid is said to be the symbol of Valentines. Cupid is associated with Valentine's Day because he is believed to be the son of Venus, the Roman god of love and beauty.



The heart is associated to Valentine's Day as it is considered the source of all human emotions.

The red rose is also the symbol of Valentine's Day because it is a favourite flower of Venus, the Roman goddess of love. All over the world, over 50 million roses are given for Valentine's Day each year.



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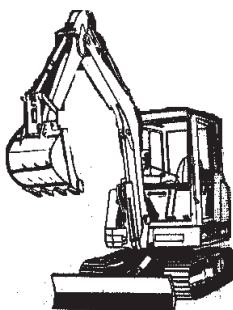
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Parish Church of St Peter & St Paul

**February Services - to which we warmly
welcome you. Our Sunday Club meets every Sunday during
term time at 10.30am**

Sun 3rd	Parish Eucharist 10.30am Celebrating the Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)
Sun 10th	Parish Eucharist 10.30am Celebrant & Preacher: Fr. Anthony Fletcher SSC
Wed 13th	ASH WEDNESDAY (the beginning of Lent) Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes Joint Service at St Mary's, Lydden (Fr. Anthony) 7.30pm
Sun 17th	Parish Eucharist 10.30am
Sun 24th	Parish Eucharist 10.30am

***For the times of the Daily Offices and midweek services, please refer to the
Church Notice Board***

Whilst the beautiful cribs will have remained beneath the altars of both our churches until the celebration of Candlemas on the first Sunday on February, everything else relating to the Christmas season has been packed or taken away. Among the traditions relating to the Christmas Tree is the story of St. Boniface (an English missionary in Germany during the 8th century) who was said to have chopped down a sacred oak beneath which heathen human sacrifices had been offered. As the oak fell, a young fir tree is said to have miraculously appeared in its place and therefore the saint saw it as an emblem of new faith.

During the Prayers of Intercession at Temple Ewell each Sunday, remembered by name are a number of people who are sick or troubled in some way and at Christmas it has been the recent practice for our smaller children's groups to make decorations for the Church Christmas Tree bearing each of those names. It is a small gesture, but nevertheless made with simple faith and as we all try to hold onto the light of that love we believe entered the darkness of the world and transformed it.

Maybe 10 years or so back, in our attempts to support others through prayer, each of our churches had special 'prayer boxes' into which people could place written prayer requests. It didn't really work as we had intended, most people preferring to make the meaningful gesture of lighting a candle. However, when finally I decided to remove the dusty prayer boxes, at St. Mary's I noticed that at the bottom there was a folded piece of paper. Written by whom, I do not know, but it was a most moving and faithful prayer and loving gesture which for me reflected the light (as I believe all such gestures do no matter how small) which entered the darkness on that first Christmas. But perhaps I should reveal another reason for finding the prayer so moving. It was placed there during the trauma of 8 years ago when for

a while my heart had stopped and the light went out. This time the prayer was for me!

Fr. Paul

NB. Please note arrangements for Ash Wednesday on previous page.

Christian Aid

A concert will take place in St Mary's Parish Centre on February 16th at 7.30pm.

It will consist of 'Songs from the Musicals' by the Diva Singers and a light supper will be provided in the interval. Tickets are £5 and all proceeds go to Christian Aid.

Call Jenny Miles on 824280 for tickets.

Sunday Club

Thanks to everyone involved we were pleased to send £200 to the Children Society after a lovely Christingle service and fun afternoon.

Everyone has returned this term and we look forward to doing exciting things.

Youth Club

Recently Temple Ewell Youth Club has been on a trip to Vue cinema at Westwood Cross. We had to face the hardest decision - which film we were going to watch before choosing our goodies! The two films were Twilight and Tinkerbell. Most of Youth Club chose the latest Twilight film and this trip was enjoyable for everyone.

On the 21st December Youth Club had a Christmas party where we all came together to wish one another a Merry Christmas. We played pass the parcel, musical chairs, musical statues and murder in the dark. There was also a delicious buffet and we enjoyed the party very much.

Youth Club would like to take this opportunity to wish you all the very best for 2013 and a very HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

Edited by Sophie Yarnley,
Helped by Natalie wood & Tiffany Leatham

Parking in DODS Mill **Car Park**

In order to relieve parking problems in our car park it is our intention to publish in the Newsletter each month details of when we will be using it. Villagers are welcome to use the car park at any other time, but it would be appreciated if it is kept clear on the dates and times specified:

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Notice of Public Consultation - Dover District Council

Discovery Park – Draft Local Development Order Land Allocations Pre-Submission Local Plan Community Infrastructure Levy Preliminary Draft Charging Schedule

Dover District Council is seeking views on the following Documents:

Discovery Park – Draft Local Development Order (LDO)

A LDO has been published for the Discovery Park Enterprise Zone (EZ) in Sandwich. This is a planning tool to simplify the planning process, attract new businesses, allow certain types and amounts of development to take place in the EZ without the need for planning permission.

6 week consultation between 13th Dec 12 until midnight on 24th Jan 13.

Land Allocations Pre-Submission Local Plan

The Land Allocations Pre-Submission Local Plan, formerly called the Site Allocations Document, has now been published. Its primary purpose is to identify and allocate specific sites that are suitable for employment, retail and housing development in order to meet the Core Strategy's requirements and makes a major contribution to delivering the Strategy. A Sustainability Appraisal and Habitat Regulations Assessment are also available.

10 week consultation between 13th Dec 12 until midnight on 21st Feb 13.

Community Infrastructure Levy Preliminary Draft Charging Schedule

The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) is a new 'tariff' that local authorities may choose to charge on developments in their area. Any money collected must be used to support development by funding infrastructure, in line with the District Council's development plan. Dover District Council has published a Preliminary Draft Charging Schedule to engage communities in developing a viable levy.

12 week consultation between 13th Dec 12 until midnight on 7th March 13.

The documents are available for public inspection on the Council's web site and, during normal working hours, at the main Council Offices, Area Offices and viewed on the Council's website www.dover.gov.uk/ldf where you can submit your comments on line. Comments should preferably be made via the Council's website as this will aid the efficient collation and analysis of the views. Alternatively, comments can be submitted on the Land Allocations Local Plan using the representation form which is available from Council offices and on the website. You can also email or send a letter:

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Over the years it has provided the venue for countless events ranging from the usual celebrations, parties and weddings to W.I., coffee morning (pictured above) and Friday Club. For the more energetic amongst us there is zumba, pilates and short mat bowls.



Not to forget, of course, the Hall has seen many a drama in the staging of brilliant productions from the Temple Ewell Players. The picture left shows the latest team of artisans preparing for this year's panto, *The Ice Queen*.

Finally, the Hall is our centre of democracy, when it becomes the local Polling Station. And now ... it's about to have a well earned makeover!

We look forward to hearing how that is progressing.



Councillor Geoffrey Lymer

Here we are at the start of yet another new year; a time when we've spent a little more money than perhaps we would wish to, considering we have still some way to go before we are on a safe road to economic recovery.

So what has changed recently regarding benefits or what proposed changes are imminent? There is a planned change to the Employment and Support Allowance system which will offer greater support to those people who are undergoing treatment for cancer.

Under the proposals all types of cancer treatment will be viewed as having the same debilitating effects and so many more people will be placed in the Support Group for Employment and Support Allowance where they will be given the necessary long term support. Further the application process will be radically simplified to take into consideration those patients undergoing treatment such as Chemotherapy and the side effects of such treatment.

The payment will be known as PIP, Personal Independent Plan and will be announced to commence on the 8 April 2013. However it is a trial to be rolled out in certain areas of Britain before general issue through out Britain later in the year.

Disability Living Allowance - Those of you aged between 16 and 64 inclusive who are receiving the Allowance will soon receive a letter explaining that those of working age will soon have the Allowance replaced by a PIP. They will then be asked if they wish to apply for the PIP. DLA will be replaced by PIP.

However, if you are a child under 16 or as at the 8 April 2013 you are over the age of 65, then you will remain on DLA until the success of PIP has been reviewed. The Government website www.direct.gov.uk has now been replaced by an updated version. To visit the new site just type www.gov.uk you will find this a very useful information site for education, motoring, benefits, the law, the environment and many other topics.

As from the 1st October 2012 wheel clamping and towing vehicles away by private companies became unlawful, only lawful authorities and their own specifically appointed agencies will have the powers to carry out these enforcements.

Finally, I have received some complaints concerning the practice of certain estate agents encouraging those clients wishing to sell their property, to place their house on the market for a price of let us say between £150,000-£160,000. The agents will give a story, which they will back up with some paperwork that they will flash in front of you, but which is difficult to verify, to show that they use the lower of the two prices as a hook to get the buyer interested, then they will encourage the purchaser to pay a price closer to the higher figure. Oh come on, who are they kidding? The complaints I have received are the majority of the prospective purchas-

ers will come in at the lower price and will then attempt to go below that price. Of course they will, if you are offered two prices to buy something, you are going to always go straight in at the lowest figure.

So what is it all about? Well an agent that I have spoken to, operating a similar system in the Midlands, confided in me that with house sales having moved slower over the recent few years since 2007, with fewer properties selling, they are often struggling to get their commission, so by operating the two price marketing they are creating a lower market price from the one that they assure the vendor they will achieve. So they are not working for the selling client, they are operating to ensure they dispose of the properties at a lower price, quicker, in order to obtain their commission earlier rather than the property sit around a little longer where it may have achieved a more realistic price. A house will probably be your most expensive asset. If you are considering placing it on the market with an estate agent operating this system, just think about who are they really acting for and give serious consideration to placing your asset on the market for only one price.

I wish you all a peaceful, healthy and trouble free 2013. Could I ask you to keep an eye on any elderly or infirm neighbours who may live alone amongst our community to ensure their welfare during any severe weather conditions over winter?

Cllr Geoffrey Lymer

Newsletter Prize for Citizenship 2012

Some readers may not know that the Temple Ewell Newsletter donates a prize to the village school every year. The prize is awarded for Citizenship and in 2012 the recipient was Fern Smith.

Mrs Matthews, her Class Teacher, reports that Fern is a happy girl who works with enthusiasm and determination in all activities. She plays an active role in the class and school community, contributing valuable ideas and considering the opinions of others. She is a member of the School Council and listens carefully and encourages the younger children to contribute to discussions.

Fern is the Chair of School Council and has the responsibility for compiling agendas and leading the regular meetings. She has a mature, sensible approach, and values the ideas and opinions of others, as well as contributing her own innovative suggestions. Fern has represented the school at the termly Dover School Council this year, where she has made regular contributions about how to develop our local area.

Fern is a thoughtful girl who is able to consider world issues in a mature and thorough manner. She greatly deserved to be awarded the Citizenship prize.

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There must inevitably be a sense of loss when we shall never see a person again, and the more so if death has occurred prematurely. The sadness of a funeral must be very intense if the deceased considered that death was the end of everything, a total finality.

The Christian funeral service includes the momentous promise of Jesus "I am the resurrection, and I am the life; he who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die."

If we attend a service commemorating the continuity of the deceased into eternity with a loving God, into a kingdom where there is joy and total fulfillment how can this be sad? Surely a Happy Funeral!

Our activities continue as usual:

Sunday Family Service: 10.30am

Sunday Evening Prayer and Video: 5.30pm

Monday Keep Fit: 7.30pm

Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer: 7.30pm

Friday Kids Club: 3.30 - 5.00pm

Coming Events LENT LUNCHESES start 20th February at noon.

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Christmas and New Year are over and now we are starting another year – 2013. I hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas and didn't break the bank.

This year we have got a Coffee Morning on Saturday 2nd February in the Village Hall between 10am and 12 noon. There will be information about a coach trip in April – details below. Also, our Spring Show is on the 30th. March 2013 in the Village Hall as usual. Show Schedules will be available at the Coffee Morning for members who haven't had one.

We have got a new Show Secretary this year, the details are in the front of the Schedule – Mrs. Beverley Jaconelli. I was Show Secretary from 1992 until October 2012 but I have retired now but will still help at the shows.

COACH OUTING – SATURDAY 27th. APRIL 2013 - For our coach outing this year we've found somewhere special - Pashley Manor in East Sussex. This is including the Tulip Festival. The Tulip Festival is held annually in conjunction with BLOMS, the 61 times Chelsea winner. So as well as visiting an award winning garden we should see 22,000 Tulips in 100 different varieties and 2,000 cut Tulips displayed in vases. Pashley Manor also has fine old trees, fountains, ponds and herbaceous borders. The views of the surrounding countryside are not bad either.

The restaurant serves hot and cold lunches, drinks and snacks and there is a gift shop. We stop here for 4 hours then we will go to BYBROOK BARN Garden Centre for 2 hours before we come back home arriving about 18:30 hours. The cost will be £ 20.00 for members and friends.

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Tiddlers had a great time at their Christmas party, as you can see from the photos below. Karen the Music Maker came to give us a demonstration of her session she offers every Thursday at 11am in River village hall. The man in red also paid us a visit with a present for everyone.



New year and some new faces to Tiddlers, Henry, Jakob and baby James, welcome. If you have a little person and are feeling in need of some adult company then come along for a chat, we're a friendly bunch. Or if you would like to come along and help, you don't need to commit to every week, then just pop up one Tuesday and see if it is for you. I'd love a couple more volunteers. Tiddlers is open every Tuesday 9-11am in the millennium hall.

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Village Folk



This month's featured guest is Colin Smithen who plays an important part in our village life as Chairman of the Parish Council.

Colin was born in this area, where his family has a long history of farming in Alkham Valley. In fact, the Alkham Valley Garden Centre was once at the heart of his grandparents' farm.

Born in 1946, Colin attended Alkham Primary School and then Dover Boys Grammar. His first job was (for five and a half days a week) in central London with The Phoenix Insurance Company. However, being a country boy at heart, the long and tedious daily commute did not suit him so, after one year, he changed occupation and became employed by Dover Rural District Council which was then based where the Nursing Home is now in Temple Ewell. Colin retired from the District Council in 1997 after having a variety of posts in the region – Folkestone, Ramsgate and Eastry.

A deep love of the countryside plus and unswerving desire to assist in community works, have taken up huge swathes of Colin's spare time particularly in Capel where he lived for 30 years and where he first became involved in public life. He served there as Chairman for the Capel Parish Council, Scout Leader, Chairman of the School Governors. He also headed the Village Hall committee where he organised and arranged the rebuilding of their current Village Hall.

LITTLE KNOWN FACTS

- So prolific have Colin's endeavours been in the past that, in 1997 he was awarded an MBE for his services to the community.
- I've seen pictures of Colin astride one of the loves of his life – a 400cc Kawasaki motor bike.
- He used to play pantomime dames in a local amateur dramatic society (would have loved to have seen photographs of that...).
- He served as Dover Town Clerk for seven years.

Colin's hobbies are varied and diverse including water colour painting, rustic cooking and baking, DIY, woodwork (involving making both garden and interior furniture), gardening, bird watching and various country interests including walking - particularly in Wales - with his large and extremely affectionate (I can testify to that!!) 8 year old German short haired pointer dog, Murphy. He also loves the snow and enjoys nothing more than sledging with his grandchildren – the steeper the slopes the better.

He has written a book detailing his post-war childhood experiences involving life in the country – mainly as an historic detail for his three grandchildren. However, he is considering a publication which may well be an interesting read – especially for

those of us in this area. He relates tales for example of how his grandfather refused to use tractors on the Alkham farm – insisting on using shire horses instead. Must have been a wonderful sight.

Some of you may be aware that Dover is twinned with Split which is a large port town in Croatia. While the Balkans war raged, Colin organised several convoys to the town in Ford Transit vans with medical supplies etc. and in fact relates that he was part of a convoy which accidentally drove through a war zone without realising it!! Whew. When the war was over, and the Serbs left Split, they took with them all the town's fire engines which subsequently caused fairly major problems when fires broke out. There was no money to replace these so over a period of time, Colin managed to raise sufficient funds to purchase second hand fire engines from the Kent Fire Brigade. He then drove the machines to Split and in recognition was awarded the Freedom of the City - only the second person ever to be awarded this honour, the first being the German Chancellor Helmut Kohl.

Colin shows no signs of slowing down. He is currently planning a trip to California next year to visit relatives there. He also loves Bavaria and plans further trips there to visit some of his many friends. We are lucky to have had Colin serve as our Parish Council Chairman for the past 4 years, plus he is heading the Village Hall sub-committee in trying to raise funds for the planned refurbishment. It is hoped that most of the monies required – a whopping £180,000 - can be funded from a National Lottery grant. Fingers crossed.

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Dear Editor

I was born and brought up in Temple Ewell so I was interested to read in the December T.E. News about Mr Gambrill and his milk deliveries. I remember him coming round with a churn on a cart; he used to measure the milk into your jug with either a pint or half pint measure.

I went to school in Temple Ewell when Miss Dare was Headmistress.

I was very surprised when I received my Temple Ewell Calendar to see the row of cottages I was born in, which are in what's now called Templar Road. They were called Stone Cottages back then.

I really enjoy receiving my T.E. News every month, it keeps me in touch with the village.

Best wishes for 2013.

Rosemary Howland (nee Chapman)
Newcastle

Dear Editor

My elderly mother lives in Temple Ewell and has become pretty much housebound. She is now unable to go to get her daily paper. Do you know of any newsagent who provides a delivery service? (Mother lives in Lower Road).

With thanks in anticipation

Alan Hearn

alanrhearn@gmail.com

Hello All

Just a bit of happy news, but first of all I would to thank the whole village for their support of me over the years.

I have just got engaged (a bit old, I know) to a lovely man. John Campbell and I are very happy; we won't be getting married for a while but watch this space!

I thought you would like to share my good news as you have all been so good to me and my family.

Lynda End

Dear Newsletter

Parishioners will have noticed the gleaming new directional signpost at the lower car park by the George & Dragon. Such signs tend to cost hundreds of pounds, so it is lovely to note that this sign cost the people a mere £36.

This is due to the fact that the sign was made by Parish Council Chairman, Colin Smithen, and painted by Parish Handyman, John Wright. The two also erected the sign, saving the rate payers a lot of money.

More evidence why Temple Ewell is such a great village and I would like to thank Colin and John for their work and initiative.

George Ognibeni

CAN ANYONE HELP THIS LADY? - Editor



East Kent Morris Men were formed in Folkestone in 1953, Coronation year, and recently moved back to the area from Ashford in an effort to recruit more men.

We practice in Churchill School, Hawkinge on Wednesday evenings, 8pm - 10pm, and then adjourn to The Mayfly. Now is the time to join, in order to develop sufficient skills to dance out in the summer.

We are men's side, minimum age 14 years (chaperoned), and a new man might expect to learn three dances in say nine practice sessions. The dancing requires a moderate amount of fitness and plenty of practice. So, the exercise value is good.

We try to limit our summer performances to one per week, though the demand for us to perform at fetes, weddings and other weekend events is quite high. During spare weeks we try to arrange a pub stand on Wednesday evenings.

We could probably do a one-off 'come along and try it' session in Temple Ewell if enough people were interested. Please contact David Webb -Secretary East Kent Morris Men. <http://ekmm.org.uk>



**The East Kent Morris men are coming to
Temple Ewell Village Hall
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PCSO GRETEL MAY

I can be contacted on **07772 226209** for any
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Our Neighbour Across the Channel

My husband and I lived for almost twenty years in Calais and during that time saw many changes, not least the start of the restoration of the church of Notre Dame. This beautiful edifice, the sole example of Tudor architecture in France, still awaits completion of the work.

In 1944, mistakenly believing the town to still be under the occupation of the German army, the allies launched a bombing raid which almost totally destroyed the port and town of Calais including the church of Notre Dame; the bell tower collapsed on to the north transept and the altarpiece became in danger of collapse.

Since 1945 the nave and bell tower have been rebuilt but no further works were carried out until a preliminary study on the restoration was completed in 2002 – 60 years after the bombing. The cost was estimated at £5.9 million. A decision was finally made that work would commence in 2008, to be completed by 2010-2011. This work is ongoing though a target for completion had been 2012, the year of the British Olympics!

I was able to visit Notre Dame last year and, though a large part of the church has been beautifully restored, there remains much to be done. A Tudor style garden is planned, a white rose named 'Notre Dame de Calais' was launched last year at the Chelsea flower show which, it is intended, will be planted there.



A visit to Calais by coach is in planning stage, the date in April or May to be confirmed. A tour of the church will be accompanied by an English speaking guide and there will also be the opportunity to visit the lace museum and perhaps some shopping! I hope many of you will be interested in this highly recommended visit to see this lovely church which I would love to share with you.

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NHS Direct	0845 4647
Dover Health Centre	865500
Buckland Hospital	201624
Canterbury Hospital	01227 766877
William Harvey Hospital	01233 633331
Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother Hospital	01843 225544
South East Health Care (Out of hours doctor)	03000 242424
Dover District Council	821199
KCC Highways to report faults with roads/streetlights etc	08458 247800
Citizens Advice Bureau	0844 8487 978
Dover Library	204241
Dover Leisure Centre	201145
Stagecoach Dover	08456 00 22 99
Tourist Information	205108
Late Night Chemist Tesco Whitfield (open till 8pm)	867547
PCSO May	07772 226209
Dover Community Safety Unit	872220
Police Fire Ambulance - Emergencies	999
Police - to report a suspicious event	101
Police - to report a crime where the offenders have left	101
Social Services	0845 8247 100
Crimestoppers	0800 555111
Gas Emergency	0800 111999
Electricity Emergency and Power Failure	0800 783 8866
Water Supply Emergency	0845 888 5 888
Waste Water Emergency	0845 278 0845
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