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#### Hello Everyone

Well here we are in July already. I Googled to find out any special days that fall in the month and found St Swithen's Day is on 15th - if it rains that day it will apparently rain for 40 days - oh well, no change there then!

The other special day I found was a census of



swans which takes place annually during July on the River Thames in a ceremony known as Swan Upping. Swans are counted and marked on a 70 mile, five day journey up the River Thames. Perhaps it's something we ought to do in this area too - I'm quite concerned about the low numbers of young swans and ducks this year. Is it the weather that's caused the shortage or perhaps the seagulls are taking more eggs than usual? If anyone has the answer perhaps they could let me know.

I want to point out the finance article on page 10 - be sure to read it, it could save you getting caught out and consequent serious problems!

There is no Newsletter in August, so have a good summer (ha!) and see you in September.

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# Village Diary 2013

## July

- Also PCSO Gretel May's surgery 10.30-11.30Mon 28Gardeners AGM in the Lower Village Hall 7.30pm
- Tues 29Parish Council Meeting in the Baptist Chapel Hall 7.15pm

## November

Tues 5	Parish Council Finance Committee in the Baptist Chapel Hall
	7.15pm (Budget preparation) Community Coffee Morning at the Village Hall 10am
Thurs 7	<b>Community Coffee Morning</b> 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

## December

- Thurs 5Community Coffee Morning at the Village Hall 10amAlso PCSO Gretel May's surgery 10.30-11.30
- Thurs 19 Community Coffee Morning at the Village Hall 10am
- Weds 25 Christmas Day BANK HOLIDAY
- Thurs 26 Boxing Day BANK HOLIDAY

## 2014

## January

Wed 1New Years Day - BANK HOLIDAYTues 28Parish Council Meeting in the Baptist Chapel Hall 7.15pm

## Febuary

Tues 25Parish Council Meeting in the Baptist Chapel Hall 7.15pm

### March

Tues 25Parish Council Meeting in the Baptist Chapel Hall 7.15pm

## April

- Tues 8Annual Parish Meeting in the Baptist Chapel Hall 7.15pm
- Fri 18 Good Friday BANK HOLIDAY
- Sun 20 Easter Sunday
- Mon 21 Easter Monday BANK HOLIDAY
- Tues 29Parish Council AGM & Monthly meeting in the Baptist Chapel<br/>Hall 7.15pm





# Salvador Dali Skies

Did you ever look at a Salvador Dali painting and imagine that those surreal skies were his rather exaggerated, even flamboyant, artistic representation?

Well look again. Better still, take a drive along the Catalunian coast from Perpignan to Figueres. I remember, on my first visit to the area, looking out and exclaiming, "Oh my God, Salavador Dali sky!" The clouds here aren't so much cotton wool as creamy, marshmallow hanging motionless in a vast expanse of the widest, brightest, azure sky. It's no wonder the celestial heights are a dominant feature of Dali's paintings – they would have been the first thing he saw in the morning and the last thing he noticed at night.

Other artists painted here and hundreds still do. In fact, contemporaries of Dali such as Picasso have donated works inspired by the locality to the Museum of Modern Art at Ceret, but I haven't yet seen the near perfect depiction of the heavens that Dali achieved in his most surrealistic landscape paintings.

The light on this trail is so true, so clear, that artists have colonised former fishing villages like Collioure and Cadaques and made them their own. In fact, somehow, that very colonisation seems to have made the towns works of art in themselves. The main pedestrianized area in Collioure is a pastel painted street, with terracotta, pink, yellow and cream buildings edged by blue and green railings, shutters and such, finished with red, cream or orange canopies and lush hanging baskets bursting with flowers.

This lovely, French street, with its charmingly, narrow alleyways, is mainly populated by purveyors of curiosities, jewellery, paintings, the odd designer dress shop, an artisan bakery and, of course, street side cafes.

Walking towards the old church with its landmark clock tower, the shops and cafes on the right hand side lead straight through to the bustling, beachside square.





Nestled on three sides by medieval fortifications you can sit in one of the beachfront cafes and watch the world go by. Why not try the banyuls or muscat, local drinks similar to port or sherry?

By contrast, the fishing port of Cadaques, on the Costa Brava coast, is striking for its whitewashed houses with orange, tiled rooftops tumbling from the mountains to jostle along the shore. This is a place of wending lanes and steep, almost perpendicular

streets, barely wide enough for a car. This is a town where the houses are so close together you'd better like the neighbours! Perhaps that's how it retains a feeling of intimacy, despite being something of a tourist trap, similar to Collioure or, closer to home, Whitstable in Kent.

Or maybe it's the fact that only the determined visitor comes to Cadaques, as it is located a good half hour drive through the mountains from the nearest town. You have to twist and turn to the dizziest of heights before beginning the sharp descent to the village. The two lane road is good, but edgy for the phobic. As we stopped at a summit viewpoint, it brought to my mind the late, great Jimmy Cagney shouting, "Look at me ma. I'm on the top of the world!" And, perhaps even more significantly, thank goodness the CBT\* worked and I can bear to look down from a great height without breaking into a sweat and wanting to hide in the car!

Yours swooningly *Angela* 



\*CBT - Cognitive Behaviour Therapy



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# Pension Liberation? You Decide!

A practice is making the rounds where people are offered the "opportunity" to take cash from their pensions before the age of 55.

**The Pensions Regulator**, the government body in charge of pensions regulation, explains, "Pension liberation also known as 'pension loans' and 'pension scams', is a transfer of a scheme member's pension savings to an arrangement that will allow them to access their funds before the age 55.

In rare cases – such as terminal illness – it is possible to access funds before age 55 from a current pension scheme. For the majority, promises of early cash will be bogus and are likely to result in serious tax consequences."

"Pension liberation can be illegal where members are misled about key consequences of entering into one of these arrangements. This could be because they're not informed of the tax consequences, fees involved or how the remainder of their pension savings are invested.

Pension liberation can result in tax charges and penalties of more than half the value of a member's pension savings, and those being targeted are usually not being told about these potential tax implications. " ...

#### The Regulator summarises:

- A member may be poorer in retirement.
- A member may be hit by unexpectedly high fees. ...these can typically range from 10 30%.
- A member may be misled as to the consequences of the transfer. The member may not be informed or misled as to huge tax consequences of making such a transfer.
- A member may be hit with significant charges by HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC). If a member has liberated their pension, they need to tell HMRC and will have to pay tax. If they fail to tell HMRCand HMRC contacts the member first, they may be charged penalties and interest in addition to the tax."

**H.M. Revenue & Customs writes:** "Normally a member can only take money from their pension once they're aged 55 or over. Some companies are marketing schemes claiming to let members gain early access to their pension pot by borrowing from the member's pension fund before they retire. This is commonly known as 'pension liberation' and can result in unauthorised payments being made from the pension scheme. Early access to pensions is rarely in anyone's long-term financial interests, and can carry **tax charges of more than half the unauthorised payment.**" [our emphasis]

**Financial website**, *Every Investor*, explains: "It makes no difference whether you are a non, basic or higher rate tax payer, the charge is fixed at 55%. You are liable for this tax charge and not the scheme or the adviser that facilitated the transfer.

You still have to pay this tax regardless of whether you didn't understand you had broken the rules, you offer to put the money back, have spent the money or have already paid the company fees and charges. Once you have made the transaction it is not reversible."

Action Fraud, the UK's national fraud and internet crime reporting centre, recently made a number of arrests. Commander Steve Head, from the City of London Police, said: "...the reality is you could be falling into a terrible trap which has the potential to destroy your retirement. People should think long and hard before releasing pension funds early and anyone who is cold-called or text messaged with this or any other type of investment opportunity should put the phone down and not reply to the message."

#### The Serious Fraud Office (SFO) advises:

- 1. Never give out financial or personal information to a cold caller.
- 2. Find out about the company's background through information online. Any advisers should be registered with the Financial Services Authority (FSA). [Note: The FSA is now The Financial Conduct Authority, www.fca.org.uk]
- 3. Ask for a statement showing how your pension will be paid at retirement, and question who will look after your money until then.
- 4. Speak to an adviser that is not associated with the proposal you've received, for unbiased advice.
- 5. Never be rushed into agreeing to a pension transfer.

Several of the largest pension companies in the UK including Aviva, Standard Life, Zurich and LV= have announced that they will do their best to prevent further "pension liberation" business being conducted.

Not every pension liberation is fraudulent but financial regulators and experts advise against it in the strongest terms.

#### What Can You Do If You Have "Been Taken In"?

If you have been advised to liberate your pension and not been advised of the huge tax consequences of doing so, you can call the Action Fraud line on 0300 123 2040.

A more comprehensive article can be found on the TE News web site www.tenews.co.uk



# **PCSO GRETEL MAY**

I can be contacted on **07772 226209** for any issues that you'd like to discuss with me. My next surgery at the Coffee Morning is on Thurs 18th July. *Gretel.* 





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Our Sunday Club meets every Sunday during term time at 10.30am

Sunday 7th July Sunday 14th July	Parish Eucharist 10.30am Parish Eucharist 10.30am
Friday 19th July	School Leavers' Service 1.45pm
Sunday 21st July	Parish Eucharist 10.30am
Sunday 28th July	Parish Eucharist 10.30am
	Celebrant: Fr. Anthony Fletcher SSC
Sunday 4th August	Parish Eucharist 10.30am
	Celebrant: Fr. Anthony
Sunday 11th August	Parish Eucharist 10.30am
Saturday 17th August	Marriage of David Kennett & Ema Thompson 3pm
Sunday 18th August	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
	Parish Eucharist 10.30am
Sunday 25th August	Parish Eucharist 10.30am

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

If you have had occasion to travel on the High Speed Rail link to the splendidly restored St. Pancras Station, and having taken the escalator to the upper level (stopping briefly, as one does, for a refreshing glass of champagne – 'How much!' – at the Champagne Bar), then it is there before you, and I refer to the 'larger than life' statue of Sir John Betjeman, raincoat flying out and hat held on, as he rushes to catch a train – maybe a train home?

Reminiscing last month about the blessings of home, reminded me of how much 'home' meant to Betjeman. Between the war years of 1941 & 43, Betjeman was the UK's press attaché in Dublin, but in a 'Home Service' broadcast in 1943 entitled 'Coming Home' he revealed how he simply longed for England and for the home he loved:-

"It is something really terrible, this longing for England we get when we are away. The other month I found my eyes getting wet (fortunately there was no one about) at the sight of moonlight on a willow stump covered with ivy. It reminded me of a willowy brook in the Berkshire village where we used to live before the war. And then I looked at the stars and even envied them in their icy remoteness because they were also shining on my home village. We have all been taught in my generation to avoid the sloppy and sentimental. Exile from England has uncorked the bottle of sentiment for me and I could go on gushing for hours, indulging myself at your expense."

.... And remembering the most trivial things about home, yes he does continue such an indulgence, finding that remarkable depth in his use of the familiar which was Betjeman's genius. This was, of course, something which Jesus did when he

wished to make a point in his teaching. Jesus would illustrate his teaching by taking the familiar sights and situations of his day - wheat and weeds, sheep and shepherds, brides and bridegrooms, and so on. And in his teaching about the Kingdom of Heaven the imagery was always rich as he spoke of welcome, hospitality and of generous preparation, comfort, security and warmth. Throughout the Gospels we are shown that the Kingdom is so much more than words and that the 'fullness' of the Kingdom is brought close at hand when Jesus' followers on earth try hard to echo the hospitality of Heaven. I don't know what Sir John Betjeman would have made of the 'someone burning meat' as the smell of a summer barbeque was recently described to me by a parishioner, but I can imagine he could have 'gushed for hours' about the hospitality which can so transform such occasions and certainly would not have been dismissed the possibility of a certain 'echo'! Fr. Paul

NB. 'Coming Home' quoted from 'Trains and Buttered Toast' – a volume of some of John Betjeman's Home Service broadcasts.

## Sunday Club

We welcome any new children from the ages of 3 - 11 at 10.30a.m. in the Millennium Hall. Our last meeting prior to the summer holidays is July 21st. and we return on September 8th. Some of our older children will be attending the holiday club at Samem Baptist during the holiday. We hope to arrange an outing during August date yet to be confirmed. We would loke to wish all our children a happy and safe summer holiday.

Any more information required re Bubbles and Sunday Club please feel free to ring Jenny on 824280 or Margaret on 820615.



## W.I.

Our next meeting will be on July 11th when our speaker will tell us about PORCHLIGHT a charity which supports vulnerable people in Kent.

Visitors are welcome, we meet in the Village Hall 7pm-9-30 pm.

# Friday Club

We at the Friday club are at present enjoying the sunny days as it makes us all feel much better and happier, let's hope we are in for a good summer.

We recently enjoyed a Ploughman's lunch which was prepared by our committee and what a good meal we had. Everyone went home with a full tummy and we are now looking forward to our next lunch - watch this space.

We would like to welcome two new members, Audrey and Delia. It's always nice to welcome new people. We now have a membership of around fifty and, don't forget, there is no age limit. Please come along and join in the fun.

That's all for now take care. Yvonne





# **Temple Ewell Baptist Church**

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#### BREAD

With all the luxury of having rich and sweet food in abundance there is still immense pleasure in eating the simple basic staple of our diet, namely bread. Whether this is in the form of soldiers along side an egg, roll with soup or toast and marmalade, it is always a joy to let it linger on the palate. A proud boast to a relative that I had made my own bread brought the response "I suppose this was in a breadmaker". I was crushed by this reaction but pointed out that I did have to put the ingredients into the machine. Determined to do better, it was now time to make bread the hard way. Strong flour was carefully measured, a dollop of butter, small spoonfuls of sugar and salt, plus some yeast were placed in a bowl and mixed with a cup of water. The contents were squeezed through the fingers, rather like mud, slapped onto a flat surface and punched with the hands until exhaustion set in. The sticky mess was replaced in the bowl by extracting it from the fingers with a knife. My thoughts reflected on scout camps when a mixture of flour and water was rolled into a long sausage, twisted around a stick and held over an open fire (this could not be described as cooked). The main difference was the absence of yeast, the living ingredient. After leaving the bread mix for a couple of hours it had miraculously increased in size. This process was then repeated and cooked in a hot oven. Total amazement! What came out tasted really good. Made for me, consumed by me. It was mine!

Jesus said "I am the living bread". The people who heard said "Give us this bread". (John's Gospel ch. 6)

Our activities continue as usual:

Sunday Family Service: 10.30am Sunday Evening Prayer and Video: 4.30pm Monday Keep Fit: 7.30pm Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer: 7.30pm Friday Kids Club: 3.30-5.00pm

#### We are here to serve you and if there is anything you wish to ask do not hesitate to contact Pat on 827341, Jack on 825150 or our minister Ewart Graham on 375823.

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# **Temple Ewell Players**

Is it July already?! This year seems to have gone like a lightening bolt for the Players as we finished our Spring production of 'Free and Easy', written by Bill Cronshaw and directed by Cindy Tuson

and Rachel White.

We'll start by saying a heartfelt 'thank you' to everyone that was involved backstage, on stage and front of house for the show, we could not have presented such an energetic, funny and musical production without you. Also thank you to our loyal audiences who have supported us over the years, we hope you enjoyed the show!

Looking ever forward it will soon be time to start thinking about our forthcoming Autumn production. Unfortunately you'll have to wait until the next Newsletter to find out what it is! I know you won't be disappointed! I can tell you however that it will be the directing debut of one of our members, so it's sure to be an exciting production.

See you when the leaves change colour.

#### Rachel



## Youth Club

On the 26th May Youth Club went bowling and we all enjoyed ourselves and had lots of fun. The highest scoring girl was Becky, the highest scoring boy was Ross and the younger boy

winner was Connor.

After a bit of food some of us went ice skating, then at the end of the afternoon we did a little presentation to give the winners their medals.

On the 31st May we had a new member - it was a chicken called June that was running free, so it joined us till its owner turned up!

We played a skittles match last Friday. Harry Johnson won and the runner up was Luke.

More news next month.

#### Sophie Yarnley



Youth Club members enjoying Bowling



# **Produce Association**

The Temple Ewell Gardeners' Summer Show is on Saturday 20th July from 2pm until 4pm. Hopefully we shall have plenty of entries. If anyone would like to enter cookery, flower arranging or anything else from the schedule for

the first time there is no charge for entering and we will be happy to help you stage your entry. So come to the Temple Ewell Village Hall on Saturday afternoon where there will be a warm friendly welcome, home made cakes, tea and coffee and perennial plants for sale. Please contact Trevor for any further information on 824787.

We also have a few seats left for the Wisley trip on the 7th September 2013 please contact John on 822954.

#### **Trevor Barlow**



# Temple Ewell C of E Primary School

July is a busy month in school, as we move towards the end of the academic year.

Sport dominates over the coming weeks with Sports Day and Sports week. The latter gives the children the opportunity to sample different sports such as Zumba. I am also proud to announce that the school's Tag Rugby Team will represent the Dover District in the 'Fair Play' tournament which will be held in Gillingham. The month ends with an athletics tournament at Kingsdown School, in which teams will compete from Kingsdown, Temple Ewell, St Margarets and St Marys, Deal.

An environmental arts week has been planned for early July. During this week the children will study different artists through a range of media and have the opportunity to work with a local artist. Children from Temple Ewell and Kingsdown will also be working collaboratively in the local environment, taking inspiration from Kearsney Abbey and Kingsdown Beach. The children in class 6 will soon be spending a taster day at their secondary school, in preparation for September. The

Leavers' Service and presentation will be held during the last full week of term.

Mrs Jo Hygate Executive Headteacher



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# **District Councillor**



Well, what a Summer so far. Even in my greenhouse the temperature guage has been recording just over 50 degrees.

Many people I speak to, be it young or senior in age who live alone, have expressed their concern to me over what they incorrectly call 'Bed Room Tax.' I have to say the press has not helped with their

scare mongering . The introduction of these new measures applies only to social housing, that is Council owned and Housing Association properties. Therefore if you own your own house or you are buying one, using a mortgage or other means of raising a loan then this does not apply to you.

This measure was introduced in April and the change is not a tax charge, but is in fact a reduction in the Housing Benefit paid if you are classed as under occupying a Council or Housing Association property that you occupy and claim Housing Benefit on. This follows on from the size criteria that apply to Housing Benefit claimants who rent property privately subject to local housing allowance rules. So that means anyone who is deemed to live in a property larger than they need then they will see a reduction in their Housing Benefit set at 14% for under occupation by one bedroom and 25% for under occupation by two or more bed rooms.

However, Local Housing Allowance rates are to be increased in line with the Consumer Price Index as opposed to using the market rates for property lets in the local area.

If you are wishing to find out the Local Housing Allowance rates in your area and the number of bedrooms you may be eligible for, then visit www.hbupdate.com for up to date information on housing Benefits. For those of you receiving one or more of the benefits due to be replaced by Universal Credit, you will receive a letter fairly soon informing you of the changes to come.

If you need further information, there is a useful web site called Turn2Us which will give you a useful fact sheet on Universal Credit. Visit the web site www.turn2us.org/universalcredit.

Finally, nuisance calls. Over the past few years a few rogues have taken advantage of phoning unsuspecting people in their homes pretending to be from a Microsoft related support company stating that the user has problems with their computer that must be resolved. Microsoft or their related support companies will never make unsolicited calls to you in this way. The reasons these people may try to contact you stating they operate on behalf of Microsoft is to obtain personal data, passwords etc. So if you receive a call similar to this, take details of the person, phone number, company then hang up.

#### Cllr Geoffrey Lymer

# Medieval Merriment - Fun and Games in a Historical Context

## Programme of Events

- 3 p.m. opening procession
- King John (hiss! Boo!) at the Templars. Re-enactment of the events which took place in Temple Ewell 800 years ago
- Games
   There will then be team games for your
   group, family or road. Please come and join
   in the fun Registration at The Fox is required in advance please



- in the fun. Registration at The Fox is required in advance please.
- Stocks: "punish" the scurvy knave in the stocks, 50p a go
- Re-enactment: The Freeman of Blean will be re-enacting medieval events and will have a camp set up for us to peruse.
- Fancy dress parade for the younger people of the village will be taking place and
- Selection and celebration of a 'village idiot'. All to be done in good faith and humour please!
- Band: Later in the day there will be live music followed by a
- Finale of fireworks and
- Lighting the beacon.

Refreshments will be available but feel free to bring your own.

If you would like to bring your own gazebo then prizes are on offer for the best dressed of the era.

It all promises to be a very pleasant day. Further details or clarification of events can sought from Alyson in the Fox, Alison Worton, Glenn Mousley, George Ognibeni or Yvonne Sacker.

Please come and join in the fun and have another fabulous community day on Temple Ewell. We look forward to seeing you there.

**Footnote** ... We are looking for under 16's to come along in fancy dress, these need to be of the Medieval theme and there will be prizes for the best dressed.

We'll also be looking for a Prince and Princess of the day, so come on parents get your thinking caps on let's make this a day to remember. Adults are also encouraged to get into the spirit and dress up.

There'll be a raffle held during the day and if anyone would like to make a donation for this please contact me on 330017 or prizes can be left in the Village Hall for me to collect on a Friday afternoon.

Many thanks in anticipation. Yvonne



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# Village Folk

You know those rows of long greenhouses on the right hand side just before you enter the village from Lydden? Ever wondered who owns them and why? Well, wonder no more this month's guest will reveal all - **Mr Ivan Pennock**.

Ivan and his family have lived in the village for several generations and I have to admit to



being fascinated by some of his stories of "days gone by". Both Ivan and his wife Kath can remember the village when it was a typical Kentish Village. One aspect that I think which will surprise you to learn is that when he was young, Ivan can recall seven shops here - yes seven - including a Greengrocer, Baker, Post Office and...of all things... a Fish and Chip shop. These, together with three pubs....it was no wonder this was such a popular village and retained families for generations.

Ivan was born in 1 Pond Close Cottage in 1926 with his grandparents living almost next door at Pond Close Nursery - where the long rows of greenhouses are.

Educated at Temple Ewell School, Ivan missed the last year of his education due to being evacuated at the outbreak of the Second World War. He went to live with his grandparents near Earl Sondes' estate at Lees Court, Badlesmere, near Faversham. Aged 13, the young Ivan found himself fascinated by country life there and recalls many happy jaunts with the estate's resident gamekeeper.

Temple Ewell meantime became home to the army who had several battalions stationed here. They used the area where the garage now stands for drill practice and had commandeered some of the larger houses in the village - including the Village Hall - for residential use. It was later lamented by the local young lads that the state of their snooker table in the Hall had indeed seen signs of it's own war!!

As the war was coming to an end, Temple Ewell quietened down and therefore his family felt that it was safe for Ivan to return home. His father who had been a policeman during the war also returned home and purchased some additional land from \*Miss Madeline Watson who was a substantial land owner in this area. The family then worked together and started extending the nursery to grow a larger selection of crops such as corn, cucumbers, tomatoes beans etc. These were then supplied to local shops - particularly the greengrocer shop in Temple Ewell (situated at that time opposite Lorna's) which was run by Ivan's aunt. Also, they were supplying the chain of Paynes greengrocers who had stores in Dover, Canterbury, Ramsgate, Margate, and Maidstone.

Among many other photographs, Ivan showed me a picture of his first love - a black Consul car. His second love came shortly after in the lovely form of Kath whom he married some 52 years ago in St Saviour's Church, Folkestone.

They have been inseparable ever since - which is more than can be said for Ivan and the black Consul which has long since departed...

They have a son Mark who is married to Wendy, and have two fine grandsons, Tom and Sam.

Being so busy all his life meant little time for hobbies but Ivan had one great enjoyment - fishing. Many a fine specimen of trout, plaice or small shark has been triumphantly placed on the table for tea (poor Kath..)

Ivan will be 87 years of age this year. He has gradually handed over the running of the family business to Mark who has expanded it in different directions. Apart from his very close knit family, Ivan enjoys reading and you can often see him sitting on his favourite bench near his home, enjoying the sunshine.



\* I thought you might like a little information about this grand lady who sadly died in the 1950s so I am obviously unable to feature her in a Village Folk article. However, she left a very generous legacy to the village in the shape of the Allotments plus the King George V Playing Fields. There is very little known about this kind benefactor but Ivan kindly lent me a rare photograph of her taken in 1939 with the local Cricket Team. Interesting to note is that the gentleman top left in the picture was her chauffeur. Quite a different era in time. If any of you out there in Temple Ewell recognise your relations in this photograph, we would love to hear from you.



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# Village Walk 2013

Over 20 people, some children and 3 dogs of various sizes convened at the Village Hall on Sunday 9th June for the Annual Parish Walk. One group joined Alison Worton who led up the Rights of Way on the north side of the village, up the George and Dragon path and onto Temple Down for a wonderful view of Temple Ewell and beyond, then back down past the allotments to the village Hall.



I led the second group up the south side, up through Great Watersend Farm onto the Minnis (see photo below taken by the farm gate) and then down via Scotland Common into Church Hill, joining the others at the village hall. It was here that the W.I. were busy serving welcoming cups of tea accompanied by some very tasty cakes and biscuits!

We were grateful that the rain stayed away and look forward to a further Village Walk this year on Sunday 29th September. 2.00 Village Hall...... a date for your diary!

We look forward to seeing you.

Jenny Olpin



### Parking in DODS Mill Car Park

You are welcome to use the car park during the day until 6pm but we would appreciate it if villagers would park elsewhere after 6pm each day.

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# Letters to the Editor

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Dear Newsletter

#### SCHOOL FETE

I want to thank everyone who helped, donated or spent money at our school fete. I hope you had a lovely time. As I'm writing this before the event, due to printing deadlines, I can't tell you who won the Temple Ewell cake off or the fabulous raffle prizes.

Look out for the September issue for more details and photos.

Amanda Lomas

#### Dear Editor

**Seats are still available** for the Day Trip to Calais to visit Notre Dame Church and Museum of Lace on 7th September.

As previously mentioned, the noble Church of Notre Dame was badly damaged by bombardment in 1944.

Extensive restoration is progressing and by September much of the work will be nearing completion including the 'retable' or high altar piece of alabaster and marble which will be revealed again in all it's glory. An organ remains to be found and the search continues.

An early start is arranged in order to allow free time for a browse around the Saturday market stalls and other local shops before our guided tour of the church. There are many eating places to choose from or you may prefer to bring your own picnic.

After lunch, the visit to the Museum of Lace via the newly refurbished Town Hall, which looks fantastic, and the famous Rodin sculpture of the Six Burgers of Calais which stands before it.

To end the day, we leave the town for an interesting 'mystery tour' before our return to Dover.

Booking and payment of £30 per person is requested by end of July please and don't forget to check validity of passports.

Many thanks.

Further details from Pat Castleton 01304 330371 patricia.castleton@ntlworld.com

#### Dear Editor

We have two pictures that were created by the late June Vardon to auction. They will be on display in Lorna's shop.

Sealed bids in an envelope with name and telephone number to be returned to Lorna's, Southdown Stores or the Church.

To be drawn on Saturday 13th July at the Mid-Summer Music Festival with all proceeds going to the Church.

#### Margaret Austen

Lunch arrangements are optional.

## Something to think about

If you think nobody cares .....try missing few payments. I used to think I was indecisive ...... now I'm not sure. Nothing's impossible......for those who don't have to do it. What if there were no hypothetical questions? No sense being pessimistic. It wouldn't work anyway.

## Top of the Pops for Seniors

"You're So Varicose Vein" by Carly Simon "How Can You Mend A Broken Hip?" by the BeeGees "I Can't See Clearly Now" by Johnny Nash "These Boots Give Me Arthritis" by Nancy Sinatra "Once, Twice, Three Trips to the Bathroom" by the Commodores "Talking' 'Bout My Medication" by the Bathroom" by the Commodores "Bald Thing" by the Troggs "You Can't Always Pee When You Want" by the Rolling Stones "I Heard It through the Grape Nuts" by Marvin Gaye



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# Temple Ewell Parish Council

Temple Ewell Parish Council Meeting 28th May 2013

I am delighted to report that Cllr Smithen has been re-elected as the Parish Council Chairman. Cllr Mousley has been elected as Vice-Chairman. Thanks go to the Parish Councillors for their continued support and for

their valuable contribution to the work of the Council.

Broken Street Light – Lower Road – The Clerk wrote to John Burr Director of Highways & Transportation, informing him of KHS failure to mend a broken light despite being informed on numerous occasions over a seven month period of the problem. A reply was received on 21st May explaining that the situation was being investigated and a response would be sent to the Parish Council within 20 working days. On Friday 25th May the light was finally mended. The Parish Council awaits an explanation.

Broken Lamp-post Dragon Wood Car Park – Keith Watson, DDC wrote to the Parish Council explaining that although DDC holds a mapping system that refers to all the lighting column ownership across the District, they question the accuracy of this system and have no evidence of the agreement as to why the Dragon Wood lighting column has been placed within the responsibility of the Council. Consequently further discussions are required to ascertain why this would have been agreed in the first instance and why DDC would be responsible for this lighting, which is on private land. No budget is allocated for such a service and so Keith Watson regretted to inform the Parish Council, that DDC is unable to provide any lighting on private land. DDC are still responsible for maintaining lighting columns GLCS 101 to 105, but refuse to take responsibility for GLCS 106. Dist Cllr G Lymer will be asked for his assistance in this matter.

Allotments - A letter has been sent to St Michael's House regarding a Eucalyptus tree on their property that has become overgrown and requires attention. It is now leaning dangerously over the allotments and tenants are becoming concerned.

The agenda and minutes are displayed on the Parish Council notice board by the village shop, Southdown Stores and on the Parish Council Web-site. Contact details for councillors are on the website:

#### www.templeewellpc.kentparishes.gov.co.uk

#### Meeting Dates are published in the Village Diary

Parishioners are most welcome to attend and contribute to meetings. Mrs. Jane Coulson-Wright, Clerk, 5 Dour Side, River, Dover, CT17 0UX

Parishioners are encouraged to report any incidents within the village to PCSO May on 0777 222 6209 or to go to the PCSO's monthly surgery. For immediate help contact Dover Police on 01304 240055 or dial 999.





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