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Hello Everyone

At the time of writing this we've just had our second batch of snow and the sky is grey and dingy. It's lovely to think that the clocks go forward on 31st of this month, which is Easter Sunday; I can't wait for the lighter evenings and maybe even some warmer weather!





We have an interesting article to do with finances this month, see page 28; very useful in these difficult times. It makes rather depressing reading - but look out for the money-saving tips at the end! And don't foget to send in your own tips!

I hope you all enjoy a good holiday week-end. Jeanette Email: tenews@uwclub.net Tel: 01304 826386 Address: Edenvale 1B Byllan Rd River CT17 0QL

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. *NOTE:* You should be aware that <u>articles are also published on the website tenews.co.uk</u> - please inform us if you want any part of your article withheld from that particular medium

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Village Diary 2013

March

Fri 1	A Celebration of British Cheese - Cheese Tasting Evening in the Village Hall 7.30pm, Newsletter event
Sat 9	East Kent Morris Men - have a go! In the Village Hall 10.30- 12.30 - see advert page 36
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
Fri 29	GOOD FRIDAY - BANK HOLIDAY
Sat 30	Gardeners Spring Show at the Village Hall 2-4pm
Sun 31	EASTER SUNDAY - CLOCKS GO BACK
	April

Mon 1 EASTER MONDAY - BANK HOLIDAY

- Weds 3Annual Parish Meeting in the Baptist Chapel Hall 7.15pmThurs 11Community Coffee Morning at the Village Hall 10am
- Thurs 25 Community Coffee Morning at the Village Hall 10am
- Tues 30Parish Council Meeting in the Baptist Chapel Hall 7.15pm

May

Mon 6	BANK HOLIDAY
Thurs 9	Community Coffee Morning at the Village Hall 10am
Thur16- Sat18	Players' Spring Production - details later
Thurs 23	Community Coffee Morning at the Village Hall 10am
Mon 27	BANK HOLIDAY
Tues 28	Parish Council Meeting in the Baptist Chapel Hall 7.15pm

June

Thurs 6	Community Coffee Morning at the Village Hall 10am
Thurs 20 Sat 22	Community Coffee Morning at the Village Hall 10am School Fete in the King George V Playing Field
Tues 25	Parish Council Meeting in the Baptist Chapel Hall 7.15pm

July

Thurs 4	Community Coffee Morning at the Village Hall 10am
Sat 20	Gardeners Summer Show in the Village Hall 2-4pm
Thurs 18	Community Coffee Morning at the Village Hall 10am
Tues 30	Parish Council Meeting in the Baptist Chapel Hall 7.15pm

August

Thurs 1	Community Coffee Morning at the Village Hall 10am
Thurs 15	Community Coffee Morning at the Village Hall 10am
Mon 26	BANK HOLIDAY

September

Thurs 12	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
Thurs 26	Community Coffee Morning at the Village Hall 10am
Thur26-Sat28	Players' Autumn Production - details later

October

Thurs 10	Community Coffee Morning at the Village Hall 10am
Thurs 24	Community Coffee Morning at the Village Hall 10am
Mon 28	Gardeners AGM in the Lower Village Hall 7.30pm
Tues 20	Device Council Meeting in the Dentist Changel Loll 7 15mm

Tues 29Parish Council Meeting in the Baptist Chapel Hall 7.15pm

November

- Tues 26Parish Council Meeting in the Baptist Chapel Hall 7.15pm
- Thurs 21 Community Coffee Morning at the Village Hall 10am

December

- Thurs 5 Community Coffee Morning at the Village Hall 10am
- Weds 25 Christmas Day BANK HOLIDAY
- Thurs 26 Boxing Day BANK HOLIDAY

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Snaps The Ice Queen

The Ice Queen, performed by Temple Ewell Players at the end of January, was another 'hit' with the audiences. This was a fun story, from the pen of our local playwright Sandra Hathaway, produced by Mike Brodie & Tonia Watts, with fabulous costumes, make up and scenery, as always, and enthusiastic performances from the cast. Well done everyone!





Photos courtesy of Weng Lim

One of the many highlights of the show was Martin Ladbrook's Elvis, whose lines were all taken from Elvis songs - very funny!

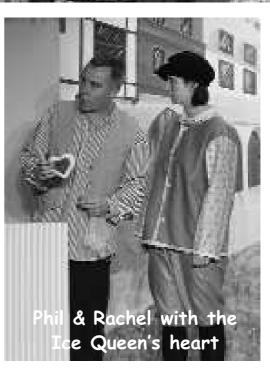
Kat & Linda Clarke were the Scottish robbers



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Energy Deal will be launched (registration open) in Spring 2013, however if you are interested in finding out more log onto Dover District Council website energy pages http://www.dover.gov.uk/environment/energy_advice/cut_energy_bills.aspx and leave your details.



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Temple Ewell C of E Primary School

This has been a very busy term at Temple Ewell Church of England Primary School – with trips, visitors, and themed learning days.

The Acorns and Willows (year R, 1 and 2) have based their learning around famous paintings including work by Georges Seurat and Henri Rousseau. The climax of their learning will be a trip to the National Portrait Gallery in London, during the last week of term.

Debbie Belsher has spent two days in school recently, working with the junior children. Debbie delivered 'Brain Optimum' workshops to the children, exploring with them:

- How their brain develops, learns and remembers.
- The different ways we learn (learning style).
- That we are all 'smart cookies' (multiple intelligences).

Here is what one of our children said about their learning with Debbie:

"On Friday, Years 3, 4 and 5 had a visit from Debbie Belsher who taught us about our amazing brains.

Did you know:

- o We are born with 100 billion brain cells?
- o *It would take 3,171 years to count them all?*
- We have three brains in one, the reptilian, the neo cortex and the limbic system.
- o Each time we learn something new, we grow a "branch" in our brain so that we can remember it again later?

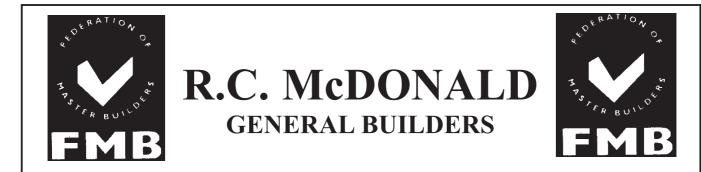
During the day, Debbie talked to us about how we can remember lots of facts through different movements and pictures. We learnt to count to 10 in Japanese. She had a puppet which she brought into school and every time we needed a brain break we danced to the music. Moving is good, it helps keep our brains active. We enjoyed having Debbie visit our school and learning about how our brains work." Damien, from Sycamores

On Tuesday 5th February we held a 'SID' or Safe Internet Day! Throughout the day

children learnt about how to keep themselves safe whilst using IT devices (particularly when on the internet). Key messages from this week were shared with parents at the end of the day.

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Parish Church of St Peter & St Paul

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

Sunday 3rd	Third Sunday of Lent Parish Eucharist 10.30am
Sunday 10th	Family Eucharist for Mothering Sunday With blessing and presentation of flowers 10.30am
Wednesday 13th	1st Meditation on the Stations of the Cross (Lady Chapel) 6.30pm
Sunday 17th	Fifth Sunday of Lent (Passion Sunday) Parish Eucharist 10.30am
Wednesday 20th	2nd Meditation on the Stations of the Cross (Lady Chapel) 6.30pm
Sunday 24th	Palm Sunday – Holy Week begins Procession from the George & Dragon 10.15am with donkey and palms Parish Eucharist 10.30am
Tuesday 26th Maundy Thursday 28th	Chrism Mass at the Cathedral 12 noon Mass of the Last Supper, Footwashing and Watch at the Altar of Repose 8pm
Good Friday 29th	Morning Prayer at St Mary's, Lydden with Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus 10am Liturgy, Ante-communion and Veneration of the Cross 2pm (Preacher: Fr. Patrick Jones)
Holy Saturday 30th Easter Sunday 31st	Candlelit Easter Vigil 8.00pm Parish Eucharist of Easter 10.30am

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

It was some years ago and prior to taking the funeral service for her late husband that I visited an elderly lady. Naturally, we firstly spent some time talking about her departed loved one and her sense of loss whilst also gently having to think about the service to come. However, it was as I thought our conversation was coming to an end that the lady suddenly felt the need to share with me something she had never spoken of before to anyone. It concerned an incident from when she was about 10 years old but had troubled her through her life. I think the dear lady (who herself died a few years later and will not be known locally) was quite mystified why she had suddenly spoken as she had, but I do know it was absolutely liberating for her whilst being a moving privilege for me to have helped in a small way with the release of her burden.

The Lent which began on Ash Wednesday (and early this year on 13th February) is nevertheless associated with movement from the darkness and sleep of winter

into the light and new life and activity of Spring. Hopefully, for the Christian Lent is not only about self-denial, prayer and (see Holy Week services) faithful attendance at Church (important as these things surely are), but could be described as the season for 'looking into a mirror and seeing yourself and the loving crucified Lord in the same reflection'. This way the ash made from last years Palm Crosses of course represents sorrow for sins when received on our forehead, but traced in the sign of the Cross it is also a liberating sign of the love which bears and releases us from their burden and helps us to bear the burdens inflicted upon us also - the 'Spring' of new beginnings.

Fr. Paul



W.I. One of our many talented members showed us how to make Easter cards. We all enjoyed the evening. Plans were made for our next meeting which will be our 95th Birthday - all visitors welcome 7-9.30pm 14th March.

Sunday Club

The children were delighted to give out the tubes full of smarties in the hope they can be returned full of 20p coins to help with Church funds on Palm Sunday. If anyone else would like a tube please ring Jenny on 824280.

We are also collecting Easter Eggs for distributing to needy children and in sheltered teenagers care. Donations can also be given to Jenny at 96 Templeside.

We shall enjoy our Mothering Sunday service on March 10th and all are welcome.

On Palm Sunday we will process to church from the George and Dragon and will enjoy an Easter craft session in Sunday Club.

Happy Easter to all!

Friday Club

Oh how glad we were to see the snow disappear; January at best is a miserable month but snow as well made us even more depressed. Oh no! As I sit here writing this newsletter we are again being targeted with even more snow - go away, enough is enough!

We at the Friday club are looking forward to the better weather when we can enjoy the 'feel good factor'. Most of us have suffered this dreadful virus that's been doing the rounds.

We are now filling our diaries with activities for the summer but we kick off with the variety show at the Winter Gardens in April. This is a firm favourite of the club as it is full of dance, song and glamorous costumes.

We can also order basket meals and best of all a pint of the best bitter (or wine or whatever). I still have a few tickets left at £12.50 including the coach to Margate. Call me on 01304 330017.

To everyone poorly, get well soon and keep in the warm.

Thats all from me for now, Yvonne.

P.S. One of our members has a disabled walker for sale. It is of sturdy construction and has a seat. Cost £95 and only used once - will accept £50 Call 01304 82203.



SNIPS ...

UK dogs produce an estimated 1,000 tons of waste everyday. And if I were of a cynical nature, or prone to exaggeration, I would estimate that a fair proportion of that is contaminating the

beautiful hedgerows and pathways of Dragon Wood. I am well aware that the streets of Temple Ewell are kept quite clean by responsible dog owners who 'scoop the poop'. The question is why anyone would not feel that our wooded walkways deserve the same respect? I am especially puzzled as there is a dog waste bin in the Dragon Wood car park.

Setting out for a pleasant afternoon stroll in this area is a truly hazardous experience. One cannot relax for a moment due to the proliferation of poo. I can understand that owners are pleased to allow their dogs to run free and may find it more difficult to keep an eye on their wandering dog's defacation habits. However, I would implore people to show extra viligence in consideration for walkers in our grassed and wooded areas. Even the dog owners must be appalled at the difficulty in dodging the dirt!

As well as the obvious nuisance concerning smell, flies and the generally unpleasant experience of placing one's foot in a steaming or decomposing pile, there are health implications. Dog faeces, as many of us will be aware, may carry the Toxicara worm. In humans, and children who might put their hands in their mouths are particularly vulnerable, this dangerous parasite can cause fever, cough, abdominal pain, liver or lung damage and decreased vision.

Bearing this in mind, I searched the jolly old interweb for methods of dog waste disposal and was amazed at the number and variety of gadgets, gizmos and greenery. From simple flushable or compostable, biodegradable bags for use in special doggie compost bins (dog waste compost should not be used on food crops, by the way) to the more elaborate 'Doggybogs'. The Doggybog fits to an outdoor soil pipe enabling the owner to deposit and flush away the poo in the mains drainage system. Flushable bags can be used in this contraption too.

I was fascinated by the dog waste wormery. A company called Original Organics report that their Pet Poo Wormery will treat waste from up to two medium sized dogs. The worms must be fed only animal waste, so if you want to recycle your kitchen scraps as well you have to invest in separate tanks. Some ideas here for keeping our outside spaces green and pleasant and there is always the option of training your dog to go at home in his back yard! Take care and may your forest frolics be faeces free... Angela.



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Village Folk

The reason that this feature was started was because I was constantly surprised at the number of interesting and diverse people who live here in such a relatively small area. So...., how many of you out there knew we had a professional singer living in the heart of the village?

Le'arna Castle is this month's subject and I can't wait to let you know all about her, her charity work and some of the well known people she is associated with and has met. More of this later so let me start at the very beginning.



Le'arna (whose unusual name is just because her mum liked it!) was born on 10 April 1973 in the Templeside house where her parents still live. She was christened in St Peter and St Paul here in the village and attended the TE Church of England Primary School and then on to Archers Court Secondary until 1991.

Le'arna worked in several jobs over the next few years, including Hoverspeed and Eurotunnel which is where she met her husband Dominic. They married in 2004 in St Peter and St Paul and had their reception in The Fox pub's garden. They bought one of the old cottages in Temple Ewell High Street where they still live blissfully with their much loved West Highland Terrier, Harry (who was even featured in their wedding photographs).

In 2005, both Le'arna and Dominic were unfortunately made redundant. However, as her love of singing had been slowly taking hold over the years, she decided to turn professional in 2006. Her rendition of the aria Ave Maria at a friend's wedding several years earlier had resulted in numerous invitations to sing at functions. She had several bookings that first year and then, after answering an advert in the Stage Magazine, attended an audition and landed a chorus part in the London show Sunday Night at Her Majesty's. However, the part involved dancing- which she had not done since her school days. So... a flurry of dancing lessons ensued which she considers a superb learning experience.

As a solo artist, Le'arna appeared in 2 summer seasons at the Winter Gardens and several local venues, as well as a few sessions at wedding fairs etc. In 2006 a mutual friend introduced her to her now singing partner Annie. Although complete opposites, they got on so well from the start that apart from singing together, they are firm friends. Together, they did some backing singing but were keen to form an identity of their own. By now, Le'arna had developed a real love for singing songs from the 1940s (Vera Lynn, Glenn Miller etc) and they therefore decided to concentrate on this era and bought military uniform costumes and transformed themselves into **The Swingtime Sweethearts**. They have since found themselves in increasing demand - especially in the Dover area where so many war anniversaries are acknowledged. You will probably have heard them sing - although perhaps not realising you were listening to a local lass.

Some of their more memorable performances are ;

• In 2009, they made a recording of Not Forgotten with Dame Vera Lynn.

• Singing in the Ballroom at Buckingham Palace as part of the entertainment for the 90th anniversary of The Not Forgotten Association. They have also performed at four of the Christmas parties at St. James Palace.

• Performing at The Goodwood Revival (the historic motorsport and aviation event) in Chichester, W.Sussex where everyone dresses in 1930s, 40s, 50s and 60s costumes.

• A performance at The Glenn Miller Museum at Twinwood Airfield in Bedfordshire (this was where Glenn Miller boarded his last tragic flight).

• Singing for Her Majesty The Queen in Bromley as part of last year's Jubilee celebrations. Le'arna and Annie were singing 1940s songs on an outdoor stage when the royal party walked past. HM Queen looked up at them, smiled and waved. HRH Prince Phillip grinned widely and gave them the thumbs up!!

Last year, they sang at Dame Vera Lynn's 90th birthday party and as a result, had their photographs published in OK! Magazine, which was covering the event.
Singing in Trafalgar Square at the unveiling of the Sir Keith Park memorial. Sir

Keith Park was 3rd in command for the Battle of Britain and during WW2, and was responsible for the defence of London and S-E England which earned him the nickname of The Defender of London.

Last year, flying to Germany to entertain troops based at RAF Gütersloh. Le'arna recalls with great pleasure her meeting with HRH Prince Charles whom she describes as extremely charming and witty.

She and Annie are also involved with two charities and have met Princess Anne several times in her role as Patron to one of them;

1. The Not Forgotten Association. This is a unique tri-service charity which provides entertainment, leisure and recreation for the serving wounded, injured or sick and for ex-service men and women with disabilities.

2. The Dame Vera Lynn Trust for Children with Cerebral Palsy. The schools, which are based in Sussex and Suffolk provide a specialist service for families of young children with cerebral palsy and other learning difficulties.

For 2013

Apart from various festivals and local venues, Le'arna and Annie have been invited to perform at The Lord Mayor of London's Big Curry Lunch. This is where cerlebrity chefs come along and cook their favourite curry dishes which are then auctioned off. The money raised is donated to ABF The Soldier's Charity (which includes The Chelsea Pensioners).

In July, they will be performing at the New War and Peace Show at the old racecourse in Folkestone, which is the world's biggest military vehicle expo.

You can find out more by visiting their web site - www.swingtimesweethearts.com or join them on Facebook at Friends of Swingtime Sweethearts.

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It is inconceivable to us that Jesus Christ would have this experience of blackness and rejection. Not only did he suffer a cruel death by torture but also rejection by his Father; the Bible says that the sky became black, and this was in the middle of the day when things should have been at their brightest. His body was put in a tomb with a large stone across the entrance, ensuring that there was no way out, and it was black inside. BUT BUT

God rolled the stone away. Light and Life came into the body. God can do the same for us. This is the promise of Easter. (St. Matthew's Gospel chapter 28).

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 Coming Events: Peter Jackson - talented Blind Pianist performs on Saturday 9th March 2.30pm Maundy Thursday Communion 28th March at 7.30pm. EASTER SUNDAY celebration service 31st March at 10.30am.

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.



Produce Association

Here we are again, our first show of 2013 is the Spring Show on Saturday 30th. March in the Village Hall between 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. followed by the auction and the raffle. Come along

and see what our members can produce for the show benches, also the Village School pictures. They are always very good and worth seeing also, the Brownies entries and children's entries. It would be nice to see a few more parents come and see their children's efforts. **Beryl Vincent**



Youth Club

It's nearly March and Youth Club are thinking what they would like to do during 2013. We are about to have our first trip of the year, we have decided to go to Dover Leisure Centre to go swimming and rollerskating. For our trip in March we are thinking about going bowling and maybe ice-skating at Bugsy's bowling centre. This is one of our more regular trips as everyone enjoys it thoroughly.

By popular demand, we are also taking a trip to Thorpe Park in April, so that we can experience the extreme thrills of the theme park. Also on the 4th May Youth Club are holding a Tea Afternoon for over 60s. Tickets will be on sale at Friday Club and Coffee Morning at £1.50. The cost will include afternoon tea of sandwich, scones and cakes. Y.C will provide entertainment and we will have a cake stall and a raffle. We hope to hope see you there. TEST

T E Players

Spring is sprung!

Which means that we are well on our way into rehersals for our new Spring production 'Free and Easy' directed by Cindy Tuson and Rachel White.

The musical is set in the 1960's with great 60's music, fashion and iconic styles which we are having great fun rediscovering! We have now cast the show and the new ensemble is hard at work on learning their lines!

It seems like only yesterday we were hanging up our 'Ice Queen' Panto costumes on the last night, a big thank you to everyone involved! We hope you enjoyed watching it as much as we enjoyed putting it together. A lot of hard work paid off in the end as we took our bows on the Saturday night.

We hope you can join us in May for the new Spring production, more details in the next newsletter.

Editor: Sophie Yarnley Co-Editor: Tiffany and Natalie Rachel



Brownies

We would like to thank all the people who donated Sainsbury and Tesco vouchers last year for us. We collected enough for mixing bowls, wooden spoons, bean bags and a target ball game. We are again collecting Sainsburys vouchers and have a box in the Lower

Hall and at Lorna's Barber Shop, as Lorna has kindly said she will take any donated vouchers.

We will shortly be taking part in the Guiding Thinking Day Service which this year will be a service at Eythorne Church.

We would also like to thank Coffee Morning for their donation to our funds.



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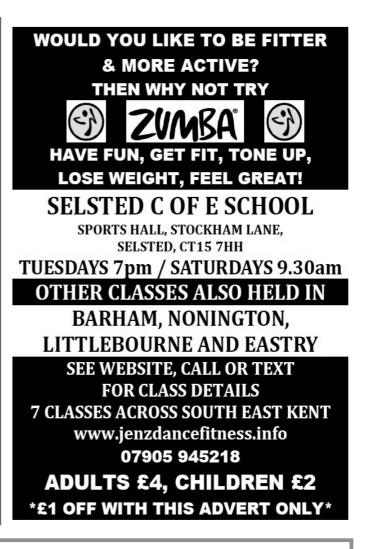


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Britain is Addicted to Credit - The average household spends $\pounds 2,297$ p.a. on interest payments on borrowed money (mortgages, credit cards, car loans etc.). That includes households with no debt at all, so for many the interest payments are much higher. Who ben-

efits? The bank, building society or other lender. They pay as little as nothing and maximum 2.5% p.a. gross on savings yet charge several times that for loans.

If you go to the likes of Wonga, Pounds2Pocket and similar outfits, you could pay more than 4000% APR and, unless you repay and then don't re-borrow, you could be on the road to perdition. If you borrow £400 from Wonga, you will need to repay £529.48 only 31 days (1 month) later (that's 4214% representative APR, quote from Wonga web site, 20/1/2013). Yes, Joyce, Earl and Betty, the Wonga puppets, not only have "sliders" but they're also having "a giraffe". Unless you are disciplined, your finances could end up sliding to hell. To paraphrase the advert, it could be "15 minutes of fame and a lifetime of pain." Yee-ha.

You Hated the Guy from "Floggem Life" and Traded Him in for Pension Poverty - He's been trying to sell you life, critical illness, redundancy insurance etc. You don't need it - or so you think. Fact: the average British family has just 19 days before their savings run out if the main breadwinner becomes unable to work (source: L&G, Deadline to the Breadline).

Incidentally, the bloke from "Floggem" used to sell endowments and savings plans which would pay out 10 or 25 years later. Now a large part of the British public does not save any more, relying on the state for retirement income. Wake up call: the average salary in the UK is £26,000, most think they'll get 2/3rds when they retire. That's £17,160 per year. But even the increased State pension of £144 per week will only provide £7,500 per year.

Unless you are lucky enough to work for the State, even local government, or one of the dwindling number of private companies which still have final salary pension schemes, you are likely to end up in retirement poverty. You can't eat your house and you have little income and the state is unlikely to help... arrrgh.

£1 Million Capital is Small Beer When it Comes to Income - There was a time when £1 m in cash meant you were "filthy rich". While it's still better to have than not to have, £1 million in the building society will only pay you around £20,000 gross per year. Tax will reduce this to around £17,000 if you have no other income. If you get even a state pension, this goes down to £16,000 p.a. (all round figures, individual figures will vary according to personal circumstances).

That's nothing special, it certainly does not make you feel rich. We're back to Mr. Darcy's time when wealth was measured by a person's annual income.

House Prices Down

Leading property website Zoopla reports the average house price in the CT16 area down 0.65% over the last 3 months and down 2.25% over 6 months. That's a half-

year loss of £3,616 on an average house now valued at £156,816. At least over 12 months the price is up an indicative 2.88% or £4,383. That suggests that the "green shoots" of recovery of a year ago have withered like our Ash trees. The economy is going down but at least the prices of petrol, gas, electricity, water, trains, food are going up - sorry, more bad news.

Looking After Your Money

It's not easy to make ends meet at the moment but there are plenty of bargains to be had. From ebay to Groupon and Moneysupermarket and not forgetting Amazon, discounts of 25% or 50% or sometimes 70% can be found. If you shop in Currys or PCWorld, always check the online price because it is sometimes substantially cheaper. If you are already in the store and have a smartphone or tablet with 3G, again check the price: you may be able to save a lot of money by checking the in store price against the online price: sometimes it is 10% - 35% cheaper online. Order it online, reserve in store and take the item to the cashdesk. As soon as the order comes through on their computer, you pay the lower price and feel good about the little gadget which saved you money - we all like a bargain.

Clubcard points and other incentives: use them wisely, sometimes you get double the face value of your voucher. That can really make a difference. If you use the ferries, register for offers: last half-term, one of the ferry lines would take a car and nine on a day trip for - nothing, free!

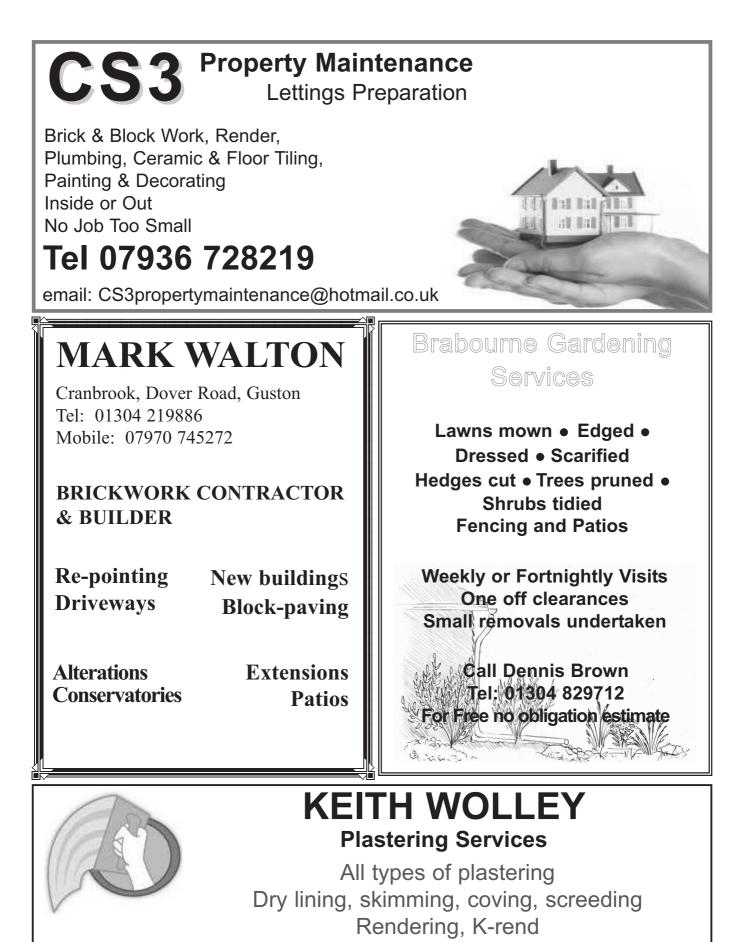
If your pay monthly mobile phone contract runs out, don't just renew, talk to their disconnections team who usually have the power to give you a better deal: most companies do not want to lose you (I saved £7 p.m. x 24 months plus £29 up-front charge by playing hard to get).

If you have a mortgage and you can afford to overpay even a little each month (check that the lender allows this without penalty), consider doing so because mortgage rates will need to rise at some point and you could save a lot of money in the long run (take professional advice, please). If you're buying a retirement annuity, again take professional advice, shop around: you might get as much as 40% more for the same amount of money.

Use the comparison sites, meerkat or otherwise, to check your energy prices and insurance cost: I cannot believe how cheap my car insurance is... (yes, it's Iggy Pop's merry band, they're not great to deal with but so cheap). Utility Warehouse may be another useful contact because they do a lot of the shopping for you.

It is absolutely certain that most people know some little trick, totally legal, which saves money. Why not share it with the Newsletter?

At least frugal old Temple Ewell Parish Council is again not increasing its precept, partly at least because Councillors are giving up the allowance to which they are entitled and the Parish Clerk has had her salary frozen for yet another year. If only higher forms of government would do the same - £40 million blown on the West Coast rail debacle sticks in the craw. How our local school could improve its buildings with a fraction of that wastage...



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Temple Ewell Parish Council

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As readers will know, the Council Tax is made up of elements needed by the Kent County Council, Dover District Council, the Police and the Parish Council to meet the cost of services provided by each of them. The Parish Council works hard to keep its requirements to a minimum while maintaining a high level of service for residents. We are particularly conscious of the need for good financial management at the moment and I am pleased to report that we have managed to keep our projected expenditure for 2013/2014 at the same level as for the current financial year. This has been achieved despite the level of government grant passed to the Parish Council being reduced. Thus, a Band D property in the Parish will pay only £36.58 in the coming year for services provided by the Parish Council and, hopefully, you will agree that this is good value for money. If you would like to come along to a meeting to see how we spend your money or to suggest ways in which we could improve the services we provide, we will be delighted to see you. Meetings are held at 7.15pm on the last Tuesday of each month in the Baptist Church Hall. An opportunity is provided for members of the public to have their say. Colin Smithen - Chairman

Broken Stile – Escaping Livestock – Peter Forest from the Kent Wildlife Trust has confirmed that the livestock grazing the fields behind the allotments will return in April/May 2013. The broken stile will be replaced prior to this date to ensure that the livestock do not escape onto London Road, Allotments & Dragon Wood.

Parking Issues – Double parking, Kearsney Ave, Double Yellows Request – Mill Street & London Road, Temple Ewell. – Richard Heap, KHS wrote to the Parish Council regarding issues with parking in London Road at the junction with Kearsney Avenue, and also in Mill Street, Temple Ewell. He explained that Kent County Council receives a very large number of requests every year for new highway works. Unfortunately, due to substantial Government cut backs in funding, Kent County Council has not got the money to meet this huge demand and therefore, they have to carefully prioritise what works they can deliver and those they just cannot afford. This is to ensure they get the best value for the public of Kent out of the limited funding they have available. They are currently only funding those new works that are deemed to be safety critical. Their definition of safety critical is where there has been at least one personal injury crash in the last three years of the type they would be affecting by implementing the works requested. Mr Heaps has checked the crash database, which shows they have no record of any personal injury crashes at these locations over the last three years and therefore at this moment in time will not be able to fund the request.

Mr Heaps appreciates our concerns about road safety at this location and assured the Parish Council that as part of the annual Casualty Reduction Programme they will continue to monitor the safety record in the area and will take whatever action they can justify within the budgets they have available. Mr Gordon Measy has requested that photos be taken of the offending vehicles who are double parking in Kearsney Ave, so that he can work out whether this is a matter for DDC's parking services or KCC Highways to deal with.

Dropped Curb Request – London Road/Templar Road – The Clerk has contacted Kent Highways Services regarding the pavement by the Village Hall. The step is too high and difficult for wheelchair access. A request for a dropped curb had previously made to KHS and was approved. KHS has confirmed that the request is in the system and should be completed by the end of March 2013.

Salt Bins – The Clerk reported that KHS filled all of the village grit bins on Friday 25th January. There are currently seven grit bins within the village: Church Hill, London Road, Watersend, Whitfield Hill, Temple Close and two in Green Lane.

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 240055/101 or dial 999.

The agenda and minutes are displayed on the Parish Council notice board by the Southdown Stores and on the Parish Council Web-site.

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Letters to the Editor

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Dear Newslettter

This is a long shot. Over 50 years ago I visited relatives of my grandmother Esther Thomas. I remember Tom and Win and a maiden aunt. They had a son, Ivan, who ran a smallholding and a daughter who also had a son and a daughter. Tragically the son John was drowned off Dover beach. There was also a relative called Hector who farmed in the area. I just wonder if anyone remembers this family and can give me news of them and maybe their surname which I have forgotten. I would just love to put some missing pieces back in the jigsaw.

I am writing from Herefordshire, but I was born in Bexleyheath, Kent and lived in Tonbridge before we moved here in 1984. My son works in Wells and Tunbridge lives in Southborough. He married the daughter of a retired fireman and I was told that the patriarch of the family I am trying to trace was the chief of the London Fire Brigade and he moved to Temple Ewell and bought the small holding when he retired from that post.

The family are cousins to my late grandmother but none of the names I have on a family tree tied in with a list of fire chiefs that my son's father in law has in his possession. I decided to Google Temple Ewell on the spur of the moment and found the website and the parish magazine.

I was just 18 years old when I last saw them all which was not long after the tragic loss of Ivan's nephew.

Helen Holmes (nee Lowe) harvey@heleholmes.plus.com

Can anyone help? Editor

Dear Editor

Thank you for your helpful e-mail, I have now been able to fix my mother up with her daily paper from 'Delivered News', and she is very happy.

By the way they also deliver milk, so that's a bonus, and they pass through Temple Ewell before 6:30am!!

Thanks again for your kind assistance.

Alan Hearn

Following Mr Hearn's request for help last month, I was contacted by some one in Lower Road who informed me about the service from 'Delivered News', which I passed on to Mr Hearn.

In case anyone else needs it, the phone number for Delivered News is 01622 719446. Editor



This year's practices have started, Wednesday evening eight 'til late – the practice location - The Churchill School, Hawkinge, top of Spitfire Way. We could do with a few more men with a mind for the tradition of frivolity and inconsequence. I invite any of these to join us. Our practice sessions are light-hearted and provide good exercise.

If you can wait that long we have a 'come along and try it session' booked for Saturday morning 9 March 10.30 - 12.30 at Temple Ewell village hall, but we would be very pleased to see you before then.

We are mature men, drawn from all stations in life. Beards are not required so teenagers can also come along too! Some degree of physical fitness would be good, but that does improve with the practices. Our side has its original roots in Folkestone, but we have men from Pluckley in the west to Dover in the east and Whitstable from the north.

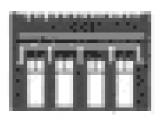
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They are still looking for an organ! Many artefacts went missing during the war years, including the organ pipes, responsibility for which is attributed to members of the German, French and British armies. Fortunately, the major work of the Assumption of the Virgin by Flemish painter Gerard Seghers which hung over the high altar was rescued after the bombing and placed in safe keeping. It is now to be seen back in the church having been restored and will be rehung eventually.

I sincerely hope that this visit will go ahead and will keep you posted on developments so, watch this space! **Pat Castleton**



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Parking in DODS Mill Car Park

Unfortunately we have to withdraw the use of both our car parks during the evenings with immediate effect so would appreciate it therefore if villagers would park elsewhere after 6pm each day. You are welcome to use it during the day until 6pm. Thank you.

Please note that you may be asked to move your vehicle at other times where the Mill has been booked after the Newsletter print deadline.

Thank you in advance for your co-operation. *Mike Brodie*

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