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Hi Everyone,

I think we have to admit that autumn has arrived as I stood in the school playground last week waiting for the children, my resolve to remain sockless in sandals until October crumbled. I'm now heading off in full winter coat, cardi and warm boots!



The Newsletter Fashion Show is all set for the 2nd October and will be a great opportunity to buy some new pieces for the season from high street names at discounted prices. What could be better than livening up a dull autumn weekday evening with an evening of fashion and wine?! (Full details on page 26).

We also have our Newsletter AGM on Monday 15th October in the Lower Village Hall starting at 7.30pm. We'd be very pleased to welcome anybody who would like to come along and meet the Newsletter team, especially if you have any comments or suggestions regarding either the Newsletter or tenews.co.uk

Kathryn.

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</u> tenews.co.uk - please inform us if you want any part of your article withheld from that particular medium

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Parish Church of St Peter and St Paul



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

Friday 5th School Harvest Service 9.15am

Sunday 7th Harvest Eucharist 10.30am

Evening Prayer 6.30pm

Sunday 14th Parish Eucharist 10.30am

Evening Prayer 6.30pm

Sunday 21st St Luke's Tide Family Eucharist 10.30am

Evening Prayer 6.30pm

Sunday 26th Feast of Dedication (Thanksgiving for our ancient Church)

Parish Eucharist 10.30am

(Evening Prayer followed by Baptism at Lydden)

NB. Friday 2nd November
All Souls' Requiem Mass 7.30pm at St Mary's, Lydden
(Names to Fr. Paul in good time please)

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

VINTAGE MODEL TRAIN EXHIBITION

Saturday November 10th
Temple Ewell Village Hall 10.30am to 4.30pm

Plenty for young and old alike, help is required with the catering, and manning the door.

Contact Geoff or Christine Roberts on 01304 822850

Proceeds to the Dover homeless kitchen project.

Parish Church of St Peter and St Paul

The deadline for Newsletter contributions being the 15th, it is also Church Gift Day and so, as I write this, I can only be hopeful that there is the usual generous and so encouraging response in helping us to maintain the fabric of our historic and beautiful Church. Like so many of us these days it is also a real struggle for our Church family to maintain the life and witness of our Parish Church, and I want all to know how much in these difficult times your help is appreciated.

When I was an Ordinand training for the priesthood of the Church of England, it was certainly a struggle meeting the cost of the theological books required and one was very dependant upon the support of grants. The Guild of Servants of the Sanctuary (an Association of those who serve at the altar) was by far the most generous and, to try in a small way to express my gratitude to the Guild, for a number of years I have served as Chaplain to the Chapter of St. Michael the Archangel covering about one third of the Canterbury diocese. It was in the Guild's last quarterly magazine that this thoughtful 'Prayer for Autumn Day's' appeared and I feel sure they would not mind my sharing it with you, especially having been blessed to be in a place where autumn is so stunning and beautiful.

Fr. Paul

Prayer for Autumn Days

God of the seasons, there is a time for everything; there is a time for dying and a time for rising. We need courage and your help to enter into the transformation process.

God of autumn, the trees and bushes are shedding their green and are letting go of what has been. We, too in our lives, have our moments of surrender, with all their worries, insecurities and risk. Father, help us to let go when we need to do so.

God of fallen leaves lying in amazing coloured patterns all over the ground, we realize that these reflect our own lives which also have their own individual patterns. As we look and see the patterns of our own growth, may we learn from them.

God of misty days and harvest moon nights, there is always the dimension of mystery and wonder in our lives. We always need to recognise your power-filled presence and gain strength from this.

God of the harvest and of the fields of ripened grain, many gifts of growth lie within this autumn season of our surrender. We must patiently wait for the harvest in faith and hope. Lord, grant us patience when we do not see the blessings.

God of the birds flying south for another season and of the animals hibernating for the winter. They know the seasons. Lord your wisdom enables us to know what needs to be left behind and what needs to be carried into the future. We look and yearn for insight and vision.

God of life, you believe in us, you enrich us, you entrust us with the freedom to choose life. For all this, Father, we are grateful.

Amen



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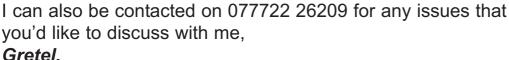
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PCSO GRETEL STEVENS

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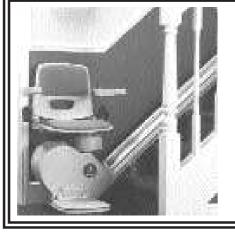
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Temple Ewell Baptist Church (Part of the Baptist Family in Dover)

HARVEST -The Reality

If the harvest fails; we starve. This is the reality in many parts of the world. Due to the wet summer, we have a poor harvest of apples and pears, and honey will also be in short supply. We are shielded from the effects of a poor harvest by importation from other parts of the world. The only difference a poor harvest makes to us is that we pay a higher price in the supermarket.

There is still delight in having a 'hands on harvest' which in many case takes the form of tomatoes, runner beans and pick your own strawberries. A Harvest Festival is a good time for reflection in addition to giving thanks to God for his provision. Our service will be held at 10.30am on Sunday 14th October.

Jesus taught many parables about the Kingdom of God and the great harvest at the end of time. One of these tells of wheat and thistles growing together in a field. Only at harvest time is the wheat taken into a barn and the thistles taken out and burnt. (Matthew 13 verse 30). Harvest is a good time for us to consider what harvest our lives will reap.

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

FUTURE EVENTS

Harvest Festival followed by Lunch 14th October, 10.30am Tear Fund coffee morning 31st October 10.00am - 12.00 noon

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Church of St Peter & St Paul Temple Ewell

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Temple Ewell Parish Council

Temple Ewell Parish Council Meeting 31st July 2012

A questionnaire was published in the June addition of the village Newsletter, to canvass residents for their opinion regarding a proposal to install new outdoor gym equipment in the King George V playing field. Only 4 replies were received from parishioners supporting the proposal and therefore after much debate it was decided that there was not enough sufficient evidence to pursue this project. No further action.

It was agreed at the last meeting that Pigotts Solicitors be instructed to view the Deed of Dedication to ensure that the Parish Council is acting in good faith on behalf of the village. Unfortunately due to illness Pigotts were unable to view the document so Mowll & Mowll solicitors were instructed. Parish Councillors were given a copy of their report, which was debated. Cllr R Marsden believed that the report enforced his concerns and reasons why the Parish Council should not sign the deed. Cllr G Ognibeni pointed out that all solicitors will highlight any negatives and that the main objective is to secure the land so that no roads or structures are ever built on it. The Chairman proposed that a Deed of Dedication be entered into for Dragon Wood, this was seconded by Cllr G Ognibeni. The Parish Councillors voted four in favour, three abstained. The Clerk will contact Terry Housden with this decision.

New laws governing the conduct of elected members in local government in England came into effect on 1 July, with local (parish and town) councils required to have their own local codes of conduct. From 1 July 2012, members of parish councils have new mandatory obligations in the Localism Act 2011 regarding disclosable pecuniary interests. From 1 July 2012, new arrangements governing the conduct of members of local authorities are expected to have taken effect. The new arrangements require all local authorities to adopt a code of conduct which is based on the Nolan principles of public life, the involvement of an independent person in allegations of misconduct, the creation of new criminal offences if members fail to comply with new statutory obligations regarding disclosable pecuniary interests.

The Chairman explained that two models have been received, one from KCC + District in Kent the other from KALC (Kent Association of Local Councils). It was recommended by the Chairman that Temple Ewell Parish Council adopt the KALC model, this was seconded by Cllr G Mousley. Concerns were raised over disclosing husband/wife/civil partner information on the Disclosable Pecuniary Interests form. The Clerk explained that this is a new requirement, however she would contact DDC for further clarification.

Parishioners are encouraged to report any incidents within the village to PCSO Stevens 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.

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 councilors are on the website www.templeewellpc.kentparishes.gov.co.uk
The full Parish Council meets on the last Tuesday of the month (excluding August & December) at 7.15pm at the Temple Ewell Baptist Church Hall on the corner of the High Street and London Road.

Parishioners are most welcome to attend and contribute to meetings.

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Afternoon

Tea

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Each year Sunday Club make and send shoe boxes to children who otherwise wouldn't get a Christmas present. Thanks to the generosity of the people of Temple Ewell and the people I work with, we sent 49 boxes last year. We are aiming for 50 this year.

There are postage costs involved and we do make sure each box has everything in it so if items haven't been put in we fill the box up. For example last year the boxes all had toothbrushes in but not many had toothpaste. All the proceeds from this afternoon tea will go towards this worthwhile project.

Here is the website for Operation Christmas Child should you wish to donate anything or make your own box up.

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www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk/

Please bring your boxes along to the afternoon tea or ring me and I'll collect them.

If you would like to come for afternoon tea (Margaret and Jenny really do a good spread, you won't need tea afterwards!) ring me or Jenny to book your place.

Do come and support The Sunday Club.

Thanks, **Amanda Lomas**

Amanda 07506811851 Jenny 824280



Our Historic Village - extract from www.tenews.co.uk

Nine hundred and fifteen years separate the first and most recent 'Doomsday' surveys of Temple Ewell (1086 - 2001).

Ewell, from the Saxon meaning 'river spring' is first named in about AD 772 but its attractive site must previously have been inhabited for thousands of years. From about 8000BC, when the sea broke through to create the Channel, it was close to the Dour estuary and the shortest Channel crossing. During the twelfth century the Knights Templars founded the present church and thus the word Temple became incorporated into the village name. The river valley offered invaluable inland communications and the village has remained both desirable as a habitat and close enough to share in all Dover's local, national and international history.

Many of the older houses, in the conservation area, are built of local flint, as is the Baptist Chapel, but the Temple Ewell of today is a delightful mix of the old and the new; a friendly community with a thriving primary school, a Post Office and grocery store along with a Village Hall that is the hub of village life.





Village Diary 2012

October

Tue 2	Temple Ewell Newsletter FUNdraising Fashion Show please see page 26 for details.
Thur 11	Community Coffee Morning 10.00am at the Village Hall
Sat 13	Church of St Peter & St Paul Quiz Night 7.30pm at the Millennium Hall
Mon 15	Temple Ewell Newsletter AGM 7.30pm at the Lower Village Hall
Fri 19	Friday Club Table Top Sale 3.00pm at the Village Hall
Sat 20	Temple Ewell W. I. Autumn Evening 7.00pm at the Village Hall
Sun 21	Sunday Club Charity Afternoon Tea 2.00pm at the Millennium Hall
Mon 22	Temple Ewell Produce Association AGM 7.30pm at the Lower Village Hall
Thur 25	Community Coffee Morning 10.00am at the Village Hall
Mon 29	Temple Ewell Village Hall AGM 7.30pm at the Hall
Tue 30	Temple Ewell Parish Council Meeting 7.15pm at the Baptist Church Hall

November

Tue 6	Parish Council Finance Committee Meeting (Budget Setting)	
	7.15pm at the Baptist Chapel Hall	
Sat 10	Vintage Model Train Exhibition 10.30am at the Village Hall	
Sat 17	Church of St Peter & St Paul Bazaar 2.00pm at the Village Hall	
Thur 22	Community Coffee Morning 10.00am at the Village Hall	
Thur 22	PCSO Gretel Stevens' Surgery 10.00am - 11.30am at the	
	Village Hall	
Tue 27	Temple Ewell Parish Council Meeting 7.15pm at the Baptist	
	Church Hall	

NEWSLETTER AGM

Monday 15th October 7.30pm in the Lower Village Hall

PLEASE COME ALONG AND MEET THE COMMITTEE All are welcome

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

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Temple Ewell & District Produce Association

I am writing these notes on the eve of our Autumn Show. The weather forecast is pleasant and there is a good number of entries for the show bench so all is set for a good show day.

Our A.G.M. is on Monday 22nd. October in the lower Village Hall at 7:30 pm, please come along and let us know if you are happy with the way we are going or better still, tell us how we can improve our activities.

The Seed Catalogues will soon be with Fred so if you would like to order your seeds through the Association please contact Fred on 823320 or call at 129, London Road, Temple Ewell for a catalogue. You will receive a good discount depending on the total size of the Association's order, the minimum discount will be 30%. Last year our total order was such that all participating obtained a 40% discount.

Beryl Vincent, Show Secretary.

Church to church walk



On a beautiful September afternoon 33 of us set off on the church to church walk from Lydden to Temple Ewell. It was a glorious day with beautiful countryside and to top it all a smashing tea laid on by Jenny and Margaret.



FUNdraising Fashion Show



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Temple Ewell W.I.

We were taken back in time at our September meeting, one of our own members brought rug making kits and we endeavoured to make a rug. We were very keen but a lot of laughter and chat went on and no rugs were completed!

We will be having an Autumn Evening on Saturday 20th October, Tickets are priced at £8.00 and include a three course meal with wine or fruit juice. Contact 01304 331051 for further details.

Our next meeting will be on 11th October from 7.00pm - 9.30pm at the village hall, visitors will be most welcome.

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Temple Ewell Nature Reserve - extract from www.tenews.co.uk

Around Temple Ewell Lydden and Temple Ewell Nature Reserve overlooking Temple Ewell from the north, and the neighbouring village of Lydden, is the Lydden and Temple Ewell Nature Reserve.

This area of ancient chalk grassland, two hundred acres in all, is owned and managed by The Kent Wildlife Trust and was declared a National Nature Reserve in August 1998.

Aside from the periodic clearance of invading scrub, the regular grazing of live-stock plays a vital role in the management of the downland. These practices have gone on for centuries and as a result the area is home to an immense variety of wild flowers. Where the turf is short, carpets of Wild Thyme are found along with Bird's Foot Trefoil, Eyebright, Rock Rose, Centuary, Chalk Milkwort and Small Scabious. Marjoram and Greater Knapweed prefer areas where the grass is long.

Several species of Orchid appear throughout the summer, among them are; Bee, Fragrant, Burnt Tip and the specially protected Early Spider Orchid. During the late summer, Autumn Gentian, Devils Bit Scabious and Autumn Ladies Tresses come into flower.

About thirty species of butterflies have been recorded on the reserve. Several Blues, including Chalkhill, Small, Common and Adonis, breed here. Marbled Whites and Meadow Browns inhabit the taller grasses. 1999 was a record year for the rare Silver Spotted Skipper. Before its introduction to two other sites, this was the only site in Kent where this butterfly could be found.

Other insects include several species of Grasshoppers and Crickets, like the Great Green and the rare Wart Biter. The Wart Biter Cricket was said to have become extinct from this site in the 1970?s. It was reintroduced in recent years and is now breeding successfully, although its numbers are still being carefully monitored.

The resident bird species include Linnets, which nest among the gorse thickets, Yellow Hammers, Sky Larks and Meadow Pipets. Kestrels are often seen hovering over the steep slopes of the downland. Green Woodpeckers are sometimes seen breaking into the anthills after the insects on which they feed. Summer visitors such as Black Caps, White Throats, Lesser White Throats and Willow Warblers may be seen in the wooded areas and surrounding hedgerows.

Spooky Spider Cakes

Ingredients

200g butter, at room temperature
200g golden caster sugar
200g self-raising flour
4 eggs
½ tsp baking powder
1 tsp vanilla extract
6 tbsp chocolate chips or chopped chocolate
2 packs liquorice Catherine wheels
12 tbsp Nutella or other chocolate spread
liquorice allsorts (the black ones with the white centre)
tube black writing icing
1 length red bootlace

Heat oven to 180C/fan 160C/gas 4 and line a muffin tin with 12 cases, preferably brown ones. Put the butter, sugar and flour in a mixing bowl. Break the eggs into a smaller bowl, taking care not to get any shell into it, then tip on top of the butter mixture.

Add the baking powder and vanilla to the larger bowl, then beat with an electric hand whisk until smooth and creamy. Stir in the chocolate drops or chocolate. Spoon the cake mixture evenly into the cases and bake for 20-25 mins until golden - a cocktail stick pushed into the middle of one of the cakes should come out clean. Cool on a wire rack.

To decorate the cakes, unravel the liquorice wheels and cut into lengths with

scissors to make dangly legs. Stick 8 into the top of each cake, making small cuts with the tip of a sharp knife so they push in really securely.

Spoon the chocolate spread on top and spread lightly within the liquorice legs to make a round spider's body. Now cut the Allsorts to make eyes and the red bootlaces to make mouths, then stick them onto the cakes and dot on the icing to make eyeballs.

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Friday Club

We have had a quiet time during the summer with many members away either sick or on holiday, but the highlights of the summer for us were the trip to Dungeness for fish and chips and more recently a trip down/up the Medway on a paddle steamer. This was a most enjoyable day,

although on the way to Chatham Docks it started to rain but by the time we got to the docks the sun shone and did so for the rest of the day. I would like to thank everyone who joined our trip for making it a a splendid day out.

On a personal note, sadly we have lost one of our founder members Mrs Freda Leach. On behalf of the Friday Club I would like to send our condolences to Freda's family. She was a lovely lady and will be greatly missed by us all. R.I.P Freda.

Also remembering Nancy Davies who sadly passed away recently, she was a member of the Friday Club for many years.

If you would like to find out how to join us at the Friday Club and get involved with our activities you can contact me on 330017, we always welcome new members.

Bye for now **Yvonne**

Friday Club

TABLE TOP SALE

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Councillor Geoffery Lymer

Well the summer holidays are almost over but during these tight financial times our nation has not rested on its laurels. We have shown the world how well we celebrated the Queen's sixty years of reign and then we have given the next Olympic host nation a hard task to follow with regard to the opening and closing ceremonies of the Olympics and Paralympics.



It is that commendable determined spirit that will pull our country out of this depression I believe a little earlier than some of our European neighbours. So I get extremely angry when people of this nation who are self employed and probably just keeping their heads above water, having already endured a bumpy ride with many of the banking malpractices which are continually being uncovered, to then have to fight unfair tax demands.

There are many serious tax evaders out there owing millions to HMRC. They are the offenders that HMRC should be targeting but instead it is the small businesses who end up often with unfair tax demands.

HMRC continues to target small businesses and before you think, I do not have a business so that does not affect me, if you use one or more rooms in your house for bed and breakfast, then you will be classed as a small business.

There has been a recent ruling that if you are taken to court by the HMRC, where the case is found in the favour of HMRC and you appeal successfully it has been ruled that you cannot recover costs agianst HMRC. Either way it could prove financially prohibitive to defend an action by HMRC.

Therefore if you run a bed and breakfast, private taxi/wedding car hire, pub, newsagent, green grocer or are a market trader then you really should give consideration to a 'fee protection insurance'. It may be well worth consulting your accountant regarding the supply of such insurance.

Whilst on the subject of HMRC be aware that they have a help phone line that employs an 0845 number. If one consults the 'Say No to 0845' website HMRC has demanded that their alternative number to 0845 be removed. Whilst I do appreciate that one of the reasons for this was due to the alternative number supplied by the website being attributed to a private address; an alternative number has not been volunteered or discovered. Should you use a mobile phone to consult their help line you will incur a substantial cost running into several pounds just by listening to the all the recorded messages concerning which department you should be speaking to.

Even using a landline you will be paying an increased call charge, so remember if you phone their help line you are effectively being taxed whilst you seek to comply with the fiscal law. The same applies to the department of work and pensions.

Unless it is really urgent I would advise that you write a letter or email HMRC, thus it will cost you a fraction of a mobile phone call especially in these financially tight times.

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