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Hello Everyone

It's feast or famine with articles submitted I find. Last month I had so much to try and get in, there was the Medieval Merriment report with lots of photos, School Fete, again with photos, and lots of letters, but this month I've struggled to fill the last couple of pages.



We're always happy to receive articles of general interest from our readers. It's good to have a 'store' of articles that I can bring out on a quiet month. One thing I would ask everyone to remember though, if you are submitting photos for inclusion, please, please, let me have them as separate high resolution jpegs. Photos that are inserted into Word documents and low res photos that have been reduced in size, just do not reproduce well in the printing process that we use. So, if you submit a photo and it does not appear in the Newsletter, that may be the reason - either that or there is not room in a particular issue for all the photos submitted, as can happen when there's been a special village event or events taking place.

The TENews AGM is on Tuesday 8th October at 7.30pm in the Lower Village Hallwe hope to see some of you there!

Tickets are still available for "**The Ghost of Chance**" Murder Mystery being held on 19th October, but are selling fast - see the advert on page 5. Prepare for a spooky evening of entertainment!

Jeanette

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We welcome all contributions to the content of the Newsletter, but please remember that the deadline date is 8pm on the 15th of the month. **NOTE:** You should be aware that articles are also published on the website tenews.co.uk - please inform us if you want any part of your article withheld from that particular medium

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Village Diary 2013

October

- Tues 8** **Newsletter AGM** 7.30pm in Lower Village Hall - all are welcome
Thurs 10 **Community Coffee Morning** at the Village Hall 10am
Christian Aid Band Concert 7.30pm St Marys Hall Dover - see ad page 15
- Sat 12** **St Peter & St Paul Quiz Night** 7.30pm Millennium Hall - see ad page 15
- Sat 19** **Dover Bee Keepers Annual Honey Show** - see article page 21
The Ghost of Chance Murder Mystery Evening 7 for 7.30pm in the Village Hall - see ad page 5
- Thurs 24** **Community Coffee Morning** at the Village Hall 10am
Also PCSO Gretel May's surgery 10.30-11.30
- Sat 26** **Temple Ewell W.I. 50s / 60s Evening** 7 for 7.30pm in the Village Hall - see ad page 20
- Mon 28** **Gardeners AGM** in the Lower Village Hall 7.30pm
Tues 29 **Parish Council Meeting** in the Baptist Chapel Hall 7.15pm

November

- Thurs 7** **Community Coffee Morning** at the Village Hall 10am
Fri 8 - Sun 10 **T E Art Workshop Autumn Exhibition** - see ad page 10
Sat 9 **St Peter & St Paul Christmas Bazaar** from 11am - Soup Lunches available see ad page 10
- Tues 19** **Parish Council Finance Committee** in the Baptist Chapel Hall 7.15pm (Budget preparation)
- Thurs 21** **Community Coffee Morning** at the Village Hall 10am
Sun 24 **Time for Tea** 3-5pm Millennium Hall - see page 7 for details
Tues 26 **Parish Council Meeting** in the Baptist Chapel Hall 7.15pm

December

- Thurs 5** **Community Coffee Morning** at the Village Hall 10am
Also 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**

January 2014

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Tues 28

New Years Day - BANK HOLIDAY
Parish Council Meeting in the Baptist Chapel Hall 7.15pm

February

Tues 25

Parish Council Meeting in the Baptist Chapel Hall 7.15pm

March

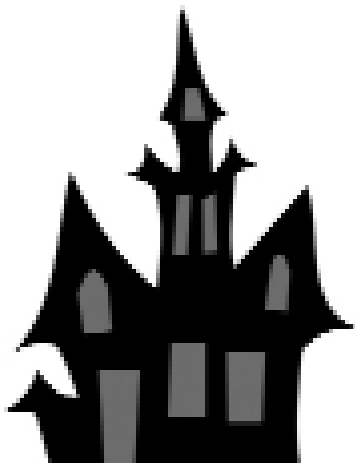
Tues 25

Parish Council Meeting in the Baptist Chapel Hall 7.15pm

April

Tues 8
Fri 18
Sun 20
Mon 21
Tues 29

Annual Parish Meeting in the Baptist Chapel Hall 7.15pm
Good Friday - BANK HOLIDAY
Easter Sunday
Easter Monday - BANK HOLIDAY
Parish Council AGM & Monthly meeting in the Baptist Chapel Hall 7.15pm



The Ghost of Chance

(A Murder Mystery Evening)



Saturday 19th October

7 for 7.30pm (Table judging at 8pm approx.)

in the Village Hall

The Ghost of Chance invites you to celebrate All Hallows Eve with him at an interactive play where you get the chance to be detective and decide who is the murderer!

Guests will need to bring their own food and drink.
There will be prizes for the **BEST DRESSED TABLE** and **PERSON!**
Do your spooky best ! (HALLOWEEN COSTUMES optional)

Tickets £6 from Jeanette 826386; Linda 824044; Jenny 825011

A TENews Event

Working Parties for Nature Lovers

Temple Ewell roadside is one site among a few around our area that the Working Parties tend - also Lydden Hill, Coldred and Whitfield. The Working Parties cut and clear the roadsides to help wild flowers, including Orchids, to grow back where they have previously been lost. While doing this we have been fortunate enough to see lizards and voles.

If you would like to help your local countryside, we have Working Parties on Tuesdays 9.30am - 3pm and Sundays 10am - 3.30pm, but any other time you can help will be useful too.

If you would like more information or would like to volunteer in anyway, please call Bob Newington on 01304 827138.



Sponsored Bike Ride

On Saturday 7th September, my dad, Lex Dalton of Temple Ewell, rode an amazing 300 miles in under 24 hours, raising money for MacMillan Cancer Support.

Setting off at 3am in a cold mist, he battled through wind, showers and darkness and contended with double punctures, doing six 50 mile loops around the Dover, Thanet and Canterbury area. Finally finishing at 10.50 pm after a total ride time of 18 hours but, including rest stops and puncture repairs, 19 hours 52 minutes. Amongst the fellow Deal Tri-cyclists supporting Lex were locals Campbell Main and Graham Dimmock; a massive thank you to them for their support and encouragement.

So far, Lex has raised over £600 on his JustGiving page. Thank you to Lorna, Father Paul, Jenny Miles and Steve and Alyson Grayson for also having sponsorship forms available. Also a big thank you to Alison Warton for the morale boosting welcoming party every time Lex passed through the village!

If you would like to donate, please go to
<http://www.justgiving.com/Lex-DaltonIBC2IBC2013>

Thanks very much for all your support, messages and donations.

Ride 24 next year: Newcastle to London, any takers?!

Cara Dalton



Amanda, Jenny and Margaret would like to invite you for afternoon tea on Sunday 24th November 3-5pm in the Millennium Hall. For only £3.50 adults, £1.50 children, you can have a lovely afternoon tea with good company, music and craft for children or they can play in the outside area.

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 UK Border Force we sent 117 last year. We are aiming for 150 this year. There are postage costs involved (£3 a box) 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 were lacking soap, flannels and postage. 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. **www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk/**

Each box should have the following in:

1. Toothbrush & toothpaste
2. Flannel or sponge & soap
3. Hat & gloves
4. Game or Toy (not war or fighting)
5. Cuddly toy (CE kite marked and new)
6. Sweets (not chocolate bbf 31/05/14)
7. Pens, pencils, colours, stationary items
8. Notepad or colouring pad
9. Finger puppet(don't worry too much about this as I have Lilian who is 99 years old producing these at an astonishing rate)
10. Postage of £3
11. Hair bands or bobbles for girls or socks for boys.

Make your box for a girl or boy, the age ranges are 2-4, 5-9 and 10-14 years. Please bring them 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, so we know how many cakes to bake. Do come and support The Sunday Club.

Thanks

Amanda Lomas 07506811851

Jenny Miles 01304 824280





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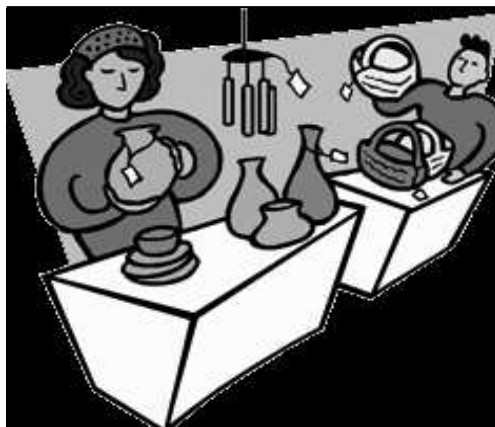
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Christmas Bazaar

Saturday 9th November
in the Village Hall
from 11am

*Please note this year it will start at 11am
and soup lunches will be available*

Any contributions to the stalls will be
greatly appreciated.

**Please ring Jenny on 824280 for further
details**



TEMPLE EWELL
ART WORKSHOP

AUTUMN EXHIBITION
at Kearsney Bowls
Clubhouse

Fri 8th November 2-6pm
Sat 9th / Sun 10th November
10am - 5pm

Paintings, prints, cards and craft items
will be on sale

We All Need a Friend

Friends and family can be a blessing, but what if your family lives far away and all your friends can't visit you for any reason? For a growing number of our community this is the case.

With our increasingly ageing population one of our biggest problems is growing social isolation. Loneliness is not only unpleasant; it can lead to a breakdown in mental and physical health. Care services are stretched and even those people who receive regular physical care find that their providers often simply do not have the time to stop and talk.

In recognition of this problem befriending schemes are being introduced in many locations and here in Dover District we have our own scheme, aiming to provide volunteers who can offer that much needed regular friendly contact. This might simply be a chat and a cuppa on a regular basis – or even just a weekly phone call to make sure the other person is alright.

So what is involved in being a Befriender? Befrienders work with vulnerable people, so we do ask you to go through a simple vetting process and attend initial training – with the option of further on-going training as required. Once that process is complete we aim to match you with someone who is based fairly near you and who has compatible interests. Throughout your volunteering with us you will attend support meetings with the co-ordinator around once every twelve weeks – and there is always someone on the end of a phone if you need advice or support.

Your role will be to act as the “good neighbour” – offering company, keeping an eye on the person and being able to flag up other sources of support or services if and when these are needed. Our aim is to support and develop the independence of scheme users, so you are there to help them help themselves.

Why become a Befriender? The friendship in such a relationship often goes both ways – we all like company and sharing stories and experiences with someone else can be both interesting and rewarding.

If you think you might be interested in becoming a Befriender, or if you or someone you know would be interested in having a Befriender please contact the scheme Co-ordinator, Roisin Murray on 01304 367917 (Tuesday to Thursday) or 07969 698165, or email training@doverdistrictvolunteering.org.uk





R.C. McDONALD

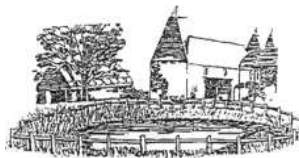
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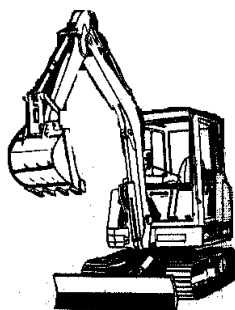
We offer a small rural school with a good team of professionals and well behaved children. Children are good at caring for each other, learning is fun and each child is developed as an individual. We aim to equip children with essential skills that they can apply throughout their life.

OFSTED 2011 confirmed our ability to differentiate learning well for both age and ability. 'Pupils continue to make good progress through the school so that their attainment by the time they move to secondary school is generally above average'.

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Parish Church of St Peter & St Paul

**October services –
to which we warmly welcome you.**

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

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| Saturday 5th | Fr. Paul's Silver Anniversary of Priesting
Votive Mass of Christ the King 12 noon
(Preacher – The Bishop of Richborough) |
| Sunday 6th | Feast of Dedication
Parish Eucharist 10.30am |
| Friday 11th | School Harvest Service 9.15am |
| Sunday 13th | Harvest Festival Eucharist 10.30am
(Speaker – Mr Noel Beamish – Dover Food Bank) |
| Sunday 20th | St Luke's Tide Family Eucharist 10.30am |
| Sunday 27th | Parish Eucharist 10.30am |

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

Writing two weeks ahead of printing, I am hoping that Gift Day (28th September) was a dry day and that, as usual, we have been supported and much encouraged by the generosity of our parishioners. Thank you so much. In these difficult times, like so many families, the church family (who give so generously) is nevertheless struggling financially. However, we ensure that the Gift Day donations are used solely to help maintain the fabric of our ancient and beautiful church. In the same way, any legacies kindly left to support the Fabric Fund are used for this purpose only, whilst support with the general and significant day-to-day running costs are also so very welcome!

Our Harvest Festivals will be celebrated very soon with both schools at Lydden and Temple Ewell coming to give thanks in their parish churches. With so much heart-break, need and suffering in the world we are very conscious of our blessings. As many probably know, in our country our harvest festivals have their roots in the natural human desire to reverence the spirit of life at work as the crops ripen. That desire was 'Christianised' through two August observances and harvest celebrations. Firstly, there was the observance of Lammas (Loaf Mass) when the first bread made from the new harvest wheat was used and the second had links with the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Lady Day in Harvest) on 15th August. The Reformation suppressed all this and it is a sad but fascinating fact that it was not until the mid 10th century that the need and rightness to celebrate the bless-

ing of harvest emerged in our churches again. This was all thanks to a Cornish Clergyman, the Rev. Robert Stephen Hawkes, who at the beginning of an October asked his congregation to bring the first fruits of harvest to church, this time the bread for the Holy Communion they celebrated made from the new corn. How pleased the Rev. Hawker would be to see how the seeds he planted again have grown and how right to give thanks!

A simple prayer by Canon Frank Colquhoun based on the 4,000 year old words of Psalm 145 verse 16.

‘Most gracious Father, you open your hands and fill all things living with
plenteousness.

As we your children partake of your bounty, we pray that we too may be
open-handed;

That we who have so freely received, may always freely give,
For the sake of him who gave his life for us,
Our Saviour Jesus Christ.’

Fr. Paul

PS This year our Church and school harvest gifts are to be directed to the Dover Food Bank to help local people in crisis, and the proceeds from the Harvest Lunch will be given to Christian Aid for the Syrian Crisis Appeal

St Peter & St Paul Quiz Night

Saturday October 12th

7.30pm prompt start

Millennium Hall

£5 per ticket to include a ploughmans supper

Please ring Alison on 824152 to book a table of 6-8 people



Christian Aid Band Concert

St Mary's Hall, Dover

October 10th at 7.30pm

Details and tickets available from Jenny Miles 824280



Temple Ewell Baptist Church

(Part of the Baptist Family in Dover)

A FREE LUNCH

Someone knocks on our door and offers us a Free trip "up the Orinoco river"; a FREE "pair of see through glasses"; or whatever. Our automatic response is "No thank you".

The use of the word Free is no longer trusted and is treated with scepticism. We might feel some sympathy for the telephone cold caller offering a FREE bit of tat and knowing what responses he must have had already. It is commonly said that "there is no such thing as a FREE lunch".

There were 5000 people who had a FREE lunch when Jesus took the 5 loaves and 2 fishes from the lad on the shores of the lake. Would these people have been doubtful? There was certainly scepticism from the disciples. The recipients of the FREE lunch "all ate and were satisfied". (Mark chapter 6}. Jesus offers us more than a FREE lunch!

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

FUTURE EVENT

Harvest Thanksgiving - Sunday 13th October 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.



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 24th October. **Gretel.**





Temple Ewell C of E Primary School

By the time you read this we will be well into the new academic year and the glorious Summer break will be a distant memory.

In September we welcomed Mrs Rachel Williams and Ms Abbie Rose Porter to the staff team. Mrs Williams is teaching the Sycamores (Class 4/5) and Ms Porter is working alongside Mrs Wallace in the Acorns. We also welcomed our new Foundation children and nine other children who joined classes across the school. This brings the school roll to 131 children, which is extremely positive news!!

Over the Summer Break you may have noticed that the outside of the school had a bit of a facelift. The roof of the 'original school' has been refurbished and the external woodwork has all been repainted. We hope to complete the internal decoration over the coming year, as well consider long term plans for the school building.

Last year was really successful for Temple Ewell CE School and it finished with a set of very good Key Stage 2 results. We also achieved our first Level 6 in maths - well done Daniel. Well done to all of the children involved and we wish them all the best at Secondary School!

	Reading	Writing	Maths
Level 4	100%	93%	93%
Level 5	57%	36%	50%
Level 6			6%

Many exciting learning opportunities have been planned for the coming year, which I look forward to sharing with you over the coming year.

Jo Hygate
Executive Headteacher

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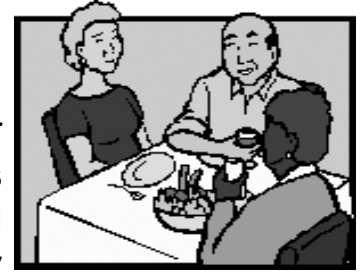
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Friday Club



In September we celebrated the 70th birthday of one of our members, namely Bill Ashcroft, with a fish & chip lunch. This is always well received and enjoyed by us all. We gave Bill a chorus of "Happy Birthday" while he cut the lovely birthday cake, which was made for us by Marilyn Holness. This was then sliced up and we had it as our dessert.

We are now in the process of planning for the winter season (UGH!) with our Christmas Party on 13th December which will close the year 2013 for the Friday Club.

Two of our members have been quite poorly of late, namely Renate Youden and Dot Golder. From me and all the members, we send you our best wishes for a speedy recovery and look forward to your return to the Club.

That's all from me now folks. **Yvonne**

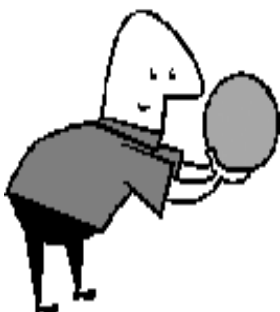
Short Mat Bowlers

If you would like to try a friendly game of short mat bowls, why not come along to Temple Ewell Village Hall on Tuesdays 10am-12 noon or Thursdays 2- 4pm.

It is very much a social event with a cup of tea or coffee included.



Either turn up between the hours as above to "have a go" or telephone Jan Steele on (01304) 824623 for any further information.



We'd love you to join us.



W.I.

At our meeting this month members and several visitors enjoyed a fashion show presented by Edinburgh Woollen Mills.

Some of our brave members (not quite Twiggy!) modelled the clothes. They did so well with twirls and slinging their jackets over the shoulders. We next meet for the 50s / 60s evening - see below for details:

Temple Ewell WI 50's / 60's evening

Sat 26th October 7 for 7.30pm

Tickets £8 including meal and musical entertainment

Details and tickets:

Jan 01304 331051 / Ann 01304 827138



Dressing up optional - Please bring your own drink

BEE AWARE!



Dover District Beekeepers Annual Honey Show is coming up so why not come and join us on Saturday 19th October at the wonderful hall at Beechgrove, Nonington - home to the Bruderhof Community.

It's a great afternoon for adults and children alike with displays of live bees at work in a special observation hive (weather permitting), microscopes to get a close up of bees and their pests, hive and equipment displays and of course lots of different honeys.

Creams, lip balms, soaps and honey, all locally produced, will be on sale.

Entry is free with refreshments available to purchase, so come along and join us to find out what beekeeping is all about.

Don't forget! Saturday 19th October - doors open at 2.30 at Beechgrove, Nonington CT15 4HH

Chris Holdstock
Show Secretary



Players

Firstly, big congratulations to Colin and Maureen Everdeen on their directing debut of the hilarious 'Many Hands Make Light Work', during our 'Light and Sound evening' in September. The evening also included a sketch from the Goon Show 'The Dreaded Batter Pudding Hurler' directed by Mike Brodie and a delicious ploughman's dinner. A big "well done" to the cast and crew of both productions who worked very hard in rehearsal to bring both a lighthouse and a BBC broadcasting studio to life! Thank you also to our fantastic audiences over the three nights who supported us, we hope to see you in January for pantomime!

Talking of which, as the leaves turn to orange and the crisp autumn air starts to bite, The Temple Ewell Players start to think about one thing... Panto! Rehearsals will begin shortly for this year's panto, I will reveal all in the next issue! I promise you won't be disappointed!

Rachel



Brownies

News from over the last few months - Over the May Bank Holiday four girls went to Rippledawn House for four days on a Brownie Camp indoors. We had some lovely weather there and it was the first time some of them had been away. In June some of the girls went to a Brownie Revels, with a clown theme, and they all enjoyed making things there. They also learned a dance over three weeks, which they then performed at the School Fete. On a very hot day in July three girls went to Herne Bay and did their First Aid and Firefighters badges and in August four girls joined the Medieval Pageant in the playing field. In September we went to Folkestone Sports Centre.



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THE ORIGINS OF HALLOWEEN

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2. The Roman Pomona festival, honoring the goddess of fruit & trees
3. The Celtic festival Samuin, meaning "summer's end", which comprises the bulk of the origins of Halloween traditions
4. The Catholic Hallowmas period of "All Souls' Day" & "All Saints' Day", which was instigated around 800 by the church to try to replace Samuin.



The word Halloween originally came from the Middle English 'Alhallowmesse', meaning "All Saints' Day". The night before Alhallowmesse was called "All Hallows Even (evening)" which was eventually shortened to "Hallowe'en" till it just became "Halloween" in the 20th century.

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Village Folk

This month's guests will be known to many of you, and hopefully after reading this, you will know them a little better - **Arthur and Dot Healey**.

Dot (like her mother) was born in the George and Dragon in Temple Ewell as her grandparents were publicans there for many years. She lived in Ewell Minnis until age 4 then the family moved to a cottage on Church Hill. Having attended Temple Ewell Primary School then Castlemount Secondary School, Dover she went on to Folkestone Technical School for Girls.



Her first (and only!) job was with the National Coal Board in Dover where she was employed at the princely wage of £3.19 per week - yes, read that again...per week.

Arthur was born in India in 1935 where his father (who had been born within the sounds of Bow Bells - therefore qualifying him as a true Cockney) had been posted with the army. Co-incidentally, at the end of the 18th century, his Cornish grandfather had also been posted to India where he was Postmaster General in Calcutta. In 1938 Arthur and his parents returned to the UK and lived in several locations around Kent. He attended Biddenden Primary School and then Homewood School in Tenterden where his father was employed as the caretaker. At the outbreak of the WW2, he was evacuated to a farm in Somerset where he says he spent some of the happiest days of his life.

At age 16, Arthur joined the army and was assigned to the Queens Own Royal West Kent Regiment as a boy soldier. He was subsequently posted to Malaya where he remained for a year before returning to Twickenham to study music - specialising in the trombone. Over the following 5 years, Arthur, in his role within the regimental band, was posted to many interesting locations including Germany and Cyprus. He was always interested in athletics and represented his battalion in both the 400 and 800 metres plus the long jump. Unfortunately, after one rather bad landing, he injured his back so badly that he was hospitalised for some 16 weeks. That sadly heralded the end of athletic competitions for him.

In 1959, having returned to the UK and being based in Shorncliffe Barracks in Folkestone, he met Dot at the Leas Cliff Hall where they both used to go to dance to the big bands of the day. He recalls her catching his eye when she flounced down the stairs with loads of petticoat layers under her skirt. They married 3 years later in Temple Ewell Church and Dot then found herself in the role as army wife which she describes as consisting of packing boxes, as they moved home 10 times in the first years of their married life - as and when Arthur was posted to various locations. By 1965, Arthur had become so proficient as a musician that he decided to train as a bandmaster and attended a 3 year course in Twickenham.

He got his first bandmaster role in 1969 with The Loyal Regiment (North Lancashires) who were based in Connaught Barracks in Dover. Because of military amalgamations, this regiment was joined with another and Arthur was posted to the 2nd Battalion Royal Irish Rangers, and it was with them that Arthur finally completed his army service in 1975.

For the first few years in Civvy Street, Arthur taught music at various schools in the area and then, for a short time, went to work as a plumbing technician at South Kent College. This, he decided, was not for him so he joined the Electricity Board as a meter reader before being promoted to the Credit Control Unit where he eventually took early retirement in 1997.

- Arthur's love of big bands extended beyond army life and he was appointed as bandmaster of the Hythe Town Military Band for nearly 25 years and then with the Invicta Concert Band in Herne Bay for 10 years until 2010.
- He was also involved with a lot of charity work and was one of the fanfare trumpeteers at Prince Charles's investiture at Caernarfon Castle in 1969.
- He played for the late Queen Mother at least 8 times when she visited Walmer Castle. Arthur recounts an interesting tale about the Queen Mother and her love of wearing high heeled shoes. After one of those concerts, she was walking beside him when she tripped. Now etiquette demands that you do not touch a royal but Arthur threw caution to the wind and gallantly stepped forward and steadied her at the elbow until she regained her balance. Luckily, there was no mention of any resulting visit to The Tower of London!!
- Along with several other volunteers from Temple Ewell, Arthur helped to restart the Youth Club and recalls with great fondness helping to take groups of local youngsters to pantos or on lifeboat trips, and the occasional week's holiday to Capel School, giving some local mothers a much welcome break during summer holidays.
- He is also chairman of the Regimental Association of West Kent, and enjoys the occasional spot of fly fishing which I am informed is particularly good in Sellindge.

Both Arthur and Dot love their home and garden which is a refuge for wild birds. They have two children - Linda, who was born in 1964, and David born in 1967, and 5 grandchildren. They keep active with walking and visiting National Trust locations around the country.

In 1997, Prince Charles awarded Arthur the MBE for "Services to The Electricity Industry and The Community of Kent".

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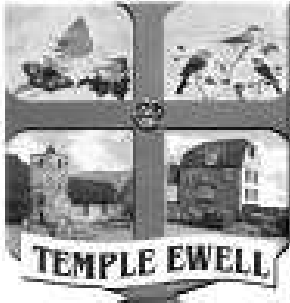
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Lamp post Dragon Wood Car Park – Dist Cllr Lymer has spoken to Tony Jenson, KHS, about the damaged lamp post and discussed the correspondence received from DDC. Tony has accepted that the lamp post is KHS and agreed that it will be reinstated and maintained.

You Decide Grants Scheme – KCC and Dover District Council are now accepting applications for the “You Decide” grant scheme. Applicants can apply for a grant up to a maximum of £2,500, the deadline is 13th September 2013. It was agreed that as Dragon Wood will be receiving the Queen Elizabeth Fields Trust Deed of Dedication this year grant funding could be sought. Woodlands can provide health and lifestyle benefits for people by creating a recreational space for the community to enjoy and an educational resource for local schools. Woodlands are also valuable for nature conservation. They create a corridor for wildlife to move between existing habitats and new woodlands soon develop their own flora, insect, mammal and bird populations.

Lower Road Buses – The Chairman wrote to the Stagecoach Operations Manager on 24th July enclosing three photographs taken between 1616 and 1620 on Friday 19 July 2013, which illustrate the problem caused by buses on a not infrequent basis. Previously Stagecoach assured the Parish Council that they would be looking at ways to avoid buses meeting in High Street/Lower Road. Clearly any steps implemented have not worked and the disruption caused by the buses is causing increasing concern among residents.

A recent survey of buses commissioned by the Parish Council has also taken place and the results have raised further questions. The present situation cannot be allowed to continue and it was therefore unanimously agreed to invite Stagecoach to the next Parish Council meeting.

Hedge – Lower Car Park – A resident has asked when the hedge will be cut bordering the lower car park. RSPB recommend that cutting hedges and trees be avoided between March and August, as this is the main breeding season for nesting birds. It is an offence under Section 1 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act of 1981 to intentionally take, damage or destroy the nest of any wild bird while it is in use or being built. It will be classed as an intentional act, for example, if it is known that there is an active nest in the hedge, any individuals will be liable if they cut hedges during this period, damaging or destroying nests in the process.

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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.

The agenda and minutes are displayed on the Parish Council notice board by the village shop, Southdown Stores and on the Parish Council website.

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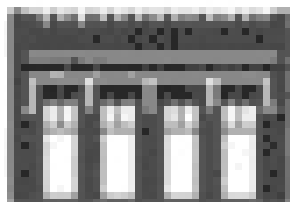
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“Education is not about filling buckets, it’s about lighting a fire,” said the poet W. B. Yeats. A romantic statement, a dazzling and brilliant aspiration, I’m sure you’d agree. I would, it was why I became a teacher.

In 1990 failing schools and teachers were dominating the press, so OFSTED, the National Curriculum and GCSE’s had been introduced to put the system right. I was aged thirty, newly qualified and filled with idealistic zeal. Inspired by, indeed ‘fired’ by, the thought that I was actually doing something useful and worthwhile and, most dangerous of all, the idea that children wanted to learn (they absolutely do, but what, how and why is the question?) and, my goodness, I was ‘gonna teach ‘em’! The education system might be failing, but I wasn’t.

The crushing blow came early in my career, when I realised on my first day that I wasn’t going to be a champion of child centred learning. Leading children to learning, facilitating learning, I soon realised, would need a complete rethink of the education system. In other words, lighting fires is difficult, dangerous and unpredictable, whereas filling buckets is safe and satisfying to some pupils and parents, and gets steady results for schools in an educational market economy. I became a ‘provider of education’.

As a ‘provider of education’ I had to learn discipline. Not how to have it, how to administer it! I did not see myself as a disciplinarian. I had this woolly, liberal notion that somehow when children and, indeed, young adults (I was a Secondary teacher) realised what I had on offer – the delights of Messrs Wordsworth, Yeats, Hughes, et al, they would fall, spellbound, at my feet, eagerly awaiting the next literary or linguistic pearl. Not just that, but I felt that I was philosophically opposed to the authoritarian imposition of rules in my classes. After all, discipline imposed externally is no substitute for self-discipline.

As well as having been trained to be a reflective teacher, I had read, independently, Maslow’s Further Reaches of Human Nature and was inspired by his ideas on education, or more to the point, learning. He had a vision of a system in which school was for anyone and anyone could join or opt out at any point. Classes would be provided on a wide range of subjects in which one could participate according to interest. Furthermore, education would be voluntary. His contention was that

once the basic needs of food, shelter, love and warmth were satisfied human beings would seek intellectual stimulation. In this scenario notions of disciplining classes of 30+ children would be an irrelevance. Those who participated in lessons would be there because they wanted to. They would be driven to reach their



highest potential, that being the pinnacle of the hierarchy of needs. With this useful philosophy in mind and a few theoretical strategies from our lecture on behaviour management; no shouting, treating everybody with respect and providing interesting and stimulating lessons, I embarked on my first class. Bottom set Year 10 in a school in 'challenging circumstances'. I had a Classroom Assistant working with me; it was her first day too.

I opened the classroom door to greet my first ever class as a qualified teacher, opened the gate to my kingdom, armed with only a lesson plan and a belief in the wonder of enlightenment. Twenty three boys and four girls dived, hurtled and exploded towards me. Twenty seven fourteen year olds crashed through a four foot wide door together, at once, and proceeded to stampede to the tables and chairs, on the tables and chairs and under the tables and chairs, howling and growling like Banshees. I stepped back, so as not to be killed in the rush, open mouthed I think, because I caught a glimpse of the CA and her jaw was on her chest, as she pinned herself to the wall, in the hopes of disappearing through it.

Alas, the haste to enter the classroom was not enthusiasm for learning, as the 'class' proceeded to make jets from the paper I had set out on their tables. Quickly tiring of such innocuous pursuit they upped the anti and hurled the books around, closely followed by the chairs and tables. I tried to reason with the smaller, less intimidating individuals among the frenzied mob. I tried using my authority, asserting, "Now stop this and sit down please 10g!" Nothing. I approached the girls, seeking sisterly solidarity. Unfortunately at that point in time they had no intention of admitting me into their sisterhood or, possibly, coven and had subdued their better natures to the point of extinction. So, they chewed their gum contemptuously and carried on with their conversations, pausing only to shout, "F--- off!" every now and then at random boys. I began to wonder whether I had acquired the power of invisibility. I certainly hadn't acquired the power of soothing the savage breast.

"I don't remember this in Goodbye Mr Chips," I said to my worthy colleague, as we watched the last raging bull leave the room and started picking up the tables and chairs. At least it was break-time. In the staffroom I mentioned that the class was somewhat 'lively', an educational euphemism for deranged, and was informed, "Oh yeah, they are a difficult group. They've had supply teachers in English for the last four years and their last one hung himself. They're probably thinking that they drove him to it and want to do that to you. Ha, ha." Great, I had them again that day, in one lesson's time.

Forewarned is forearmed and I came up with a 'protect and survive' strategy that cracked down on discipline, prevented me from hanging myself and enabled the class to get a trickle of something in their buckets. I imposed discipline!

Maybe that wasn't so bad I tell myself – the pupils liked rules. Everyone, well, almost everyone, responded to firm, but fair. And, maybe, you have to fill the

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bucket before you can light the fire. After all, how can you become inspired by knowledge if you can't read or write? Without the tools how do children access the inspirational thoughts and deeds of those who have gone before them or, indeed, their contemporaries?

Whilst that may be true to an extent, it's not the whole story. It's simply an acceptable view of the current ideas around schooling. If five A to C grades at GCSE is the benchmark of success and the figures for the achievement of that success are hovering around 30-40%, by implication, the system is failing 60-70% of pupils. Isn't it about time we started asking some fundamental questions about the process of socialisation and, particularly, what is education? What constitutes an educated person in the 21st Century? How do we 'light the fire' for those who are unable or unwilling to participate in a system based solely on narrow, prescriptive notions of achievement in reading, writing and 'rithmetic? How does the average kid leave school with a sense of self-worth and accomplishment?

Angel Eglin

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Dear Editor

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