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Hello Everyone

We have the TENews AGM on Tuesday 8th October at 7.30pm in the Lower Village Hall and would like to invite you all to attend and enjoy a glass of wine and nibbles with us. If you have been thinking of getting involved, or would just like to come along and be sociable, this is your opportunity to meet us all.....we hope to see some of you there!



We recently sent out letters to advertisers about renewing their adverts for the new advertising year, which starts next month.

**September 19 is International Talk Like A Pirate Day - Aaarh!**

I would like to thank all advertisers who have continued to support us and have paid their dues in a timely manner.

We also renew subscriptions for people who live outside of the village at this time of year too. If you know of anyone who would like to receive a copy of the Newsletter posted to them each month, please let us know. The cost of this is only £8 for the whole year, which is to cover the postage. Anyone can of course download the Newsletters free of charge from the website should they prefer.

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

Jeanette

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# Village Diary 2013

## September

|                     |  |
|---------------------|--|
| <b>Thurs 12</b>     | <b>Community Coffee Morning</b> at the Village Hall 10am   |
| <b>Sat 14</b>       | <b>Ride &amp; Stride for Kent Churches</b> - see ad page15   |
| <b>Sat 21</b>       | <b>Gardeners Autumn Show</b> at the Village Hall 2-4pm   |
| <b>Tues 24</b>      | <b>Parish Council Meeting</b> in the Baptist Chapel Hall 7.15pm  |
| <b>Thurs 26</b>     | <b>Community Coffee Morning</b> at the Village Hall 10am<br>Also PCSO Gretel May's surgery 10.30-11.30 |
| <b>Thur26-Sat28</b> | <b>'Light &amp; Sound' T E Players' Production</b> - see ad page7                                      |
| <b>Sun 29</b>       | <b>Village Walk</b> starting at 2pm  |

## October

|                 |  |
|-----------------|--|
| <b>Tues 8</b>   | <b>Newsletter AGM</b> 7.30pm in Lower Village Hall - all are welcome                                   |
| <b>Thurs10</b>  | <b>Community Coffee Morning</b> at the Village Hall 10am   |
| <b>Sat 19</b>   | <b>The Ghost of Chance Murder Mystery Evening</b> 7 for 7.30pm<br>in the Village Hall - see ad page 5  |
| <b>Thurs 24</b> | <b>Community Coffee Morning</b> at the Village Hall 10am<br>Also PCSO Gretel May's surgery 10.30-11.30 |
| <b>Sat 26</b>   | <b>Temple Ewell W.I. 50s / 60s Evening</b> 7 for 7.30pm in the<br>Village Hall - see ad page 20        |
| <b>Mon 28</b>   | <b>Gardeners AGM</b> in the Lower Village Hall 7.30pm  |
| <b>Tues 29</b>  | <b>Parish Council Meeting</b> in the Baptist Chapel Hall 7.15pm  |

## November

|                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| <b>Thurs 7</b>  | <b>Community Coffee Morning</b> at the Village Hall 10am  |
| <b>Tues 19</b>  | <b>Parish Council Finance Committee</b> in the Baptist Chapel Hall<br>7.15pm (Budget preparation) |
| <b>Thurs 21</b> | <b>Community Coffee Morning</b> at the Village Hall 10am  |
| <b>Tues 26</b>  | <b>Parish Council Meeting</b> in the Baptist Chapel Hall 7.15pm                                   |

## December

|                 |  |
|-----------------|--|
| <b>Thurs 5</b>  | <b>Community Coffee Morning</b> at the Village Hall 10am<br>Also PCSO Gretel May's surgery 10.30-11.30 |
| <b>Thurs 19</b> | <b>Community Coffee Morning</b> at the Village Hall 10am   |
| <b>Weds 25</b>  | <b>Christmas Day - BANK HOLIDAY</b>  |
| <b>Thurs 26</b> | <b>Boxing Day - BANK HOLIDAY</b>   |

## January 2014

Wed 1

New Years Day - BANK HOLIDAY

Tues 28

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

Annual Parish Meeting in the Baptist Chapel Hall 7.15pm

Fri 18

Good Friday - BANK HOLIDAY

Sun 20

Easter Sunday

Mon 21

Easter Monday - BANK HOLIDAY

Tues 29

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

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*



# Temple Ewell Newsletter Prize for Citizenship 2013

Max McLeavey was the worthy winner of the annual Prize for Citizenship, which is donated by Temple Ewell Newsletter to the village School.

Max's teacher, Mrs Matthews, reported that Max is a creative boy, who approaches his learning with enthusiasm and imagination.

He plays an active role in the class and school community, contributing valuable ideas and leading his own projects. Last year he led a small group of children in designing and producing a school newsletter; which he then sold to parents and children after school to raise funds for new playground equipment.

He is the Chair of School Council and has the responsibility for compiling agendas and leading the regular meetings. Max encourages the younger children to share their ideas, as well as ably contributing his own innovative suggestions.

Max has represented the school at the Dover School Council this year, where he has made regular contributions about how to develop our local area. He enjoys keeping up to date with national and international news and is able to consider world issues in a mature and thorough manner. Max greatly deserves to be awarded the Citizenship Prize. Well done!

## Temple Ewell School Fete - 22nd June

The school fete took place in atrocious weather, rain and gales. Gazebos were flying down the field, loads of stalls cancelled but the Dunkirk spirit prevailed and over £2,000 was raised for the school. The sun did come out for the last 20 minutes - just in time for the Sherbert Moon Glee Choir to perform followed by the big finish, local lady Le'arna Castle with her singing partner Annie performing as The Swingtime Sweethearts. My memory of the day will be forever Willows performing to "feeling hot, hot, hot" as the rain lashed down. All the children did brilliantly not one moan of "I'm cold" was heard.

The raffle is always popular and this year prizes were donated from the following: The Harbour Board, Vista Leisure, AMF Bowling, Pines Gardens, Farming World, Revolution Skate Park, DFDS, Dover Transport Museum, Dover Cinema, Inkjet & Toners, P&O, Wildwood and O'Briens Butchers. A big shout out to Harbour Print who did some lovely banners for the stalls.



I hope I haven't missed anyone with the thank you letters but if I have please rest assured your input was most appreciated and you will be asked again next year! A BIG "thank you" to the staff, villagers and parents who helped to make the day a success.

Temple Ewell Players present

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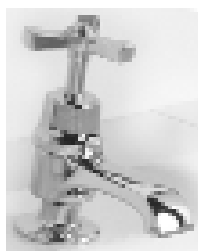
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# Medieval Merriment 10 August 2013 – What a Day!

**The Scene** -The King George V Playing Fields hosted the Medieval Merriment Day which picked up where the highly successful Queen's Jubilee and Village Olympics left off. This time organised by the Events Committee of the Parish Council, **the organisers had aimed to provide a top-class and fun memorial to the Temple Ewell of 800 years ago without charging an entrance fee**, enabling everyone in the village to attend and for everyone to enjoy each other's company. This was achieved through the energetic fund raising efforts of many people, a generous grant from our District and County Councillor, Mr Geoffrey Lymer and kind donations from the local Templars.

To say the day was a roaring success is probably an understatement. The field which had been decorated with the flags of every Dover in the world and with medieval-themed tents and gazebos presented a splendid sight. It was graced with many a fine knight and many a glamorous lady, many of whom had not reached the teenage years but looked magnificent in their Templar battle dress or romantic medieval ladies' robes. The Events committee had decided to provide many prizes as well as shields, swords and jewellery for the young gentlefolk and Jenny Miles handed these out throughout the day and also organised free games for the youngsters. Fields in Trust (who are the organisation behind the Queen Elizabeth Memorial fields) sent four boxes of "goodies", many of which were handed out to the children: who can forget the energetic running of the kids flying the kites they had sent us?

Chris Shilling's public address system blasted out some suitable medieval music which helped to set the scene, the Temple Ewell Newsletter provided a tasty barbeque so that the fine gentlefolk and peasants of the village might not be famished.

Con Taylor from our own village had graciously agreed to show some of his magnificent birds of prey and true to his word he showed four of them. One, a merlin, was a mere nine weeks old and totally adorable and the other three looking very regal – much as peregrines should. This brought the sport of royalty close to us all, many thanks to Con for patiently showing these magnificent creatures for several hours.

There were many highlights throughout the day and this account is sure to miss some; apologies to all who do not receive a mention: it is due to forgetfulness rather than malice.

**Re-Enactment** - The central event of the day was the re-enactment of the momentous events of 1213 – 800 years ago to the year. King John, a true "baddie" of English history, had picked a fight with the Pope and lost, so like almost all bullies throughout history, he caved in and grovelled for forgiveness, in the process giving away England and Ireland to the Pope. Ta, thanks very much, Johnny.



Cindy Tuson wrote and narrated the script for the re-enactment and a large group of actors, strongly supported by the Temple Ewell Players, DODS and the Freeman of the Blean (more of them in a minute), gave a spirited performance of the spectacle. A real highlight was our own Fr. Paul who played Pandulph the Papal Legate with dignity and gusto and King John (Roger McCracken) received the boos and hisses from the villagers which he deserved. On marching out, the Vikings "harassed" the spectators which caused more amusement than terror and the entire cast marched off to thunderous applause.

**Games** - A comprehensive, energetic and highly successful games programme was organised by Alyson Grayson. This entertained, nay thrilled, the youngsters and one particular adult was also carried away into egging on the two girls he championed. There will have been many favourites but this author really fell for the superb hobby-horses which our youngsters rode in a jousting contest, followed by further tests of their skill.

**The Free men of the Blean** - Amanda Lomas had found this group of re-enactors and the Events Committee agreed to hire them for the day. What a sensational find they turned out to be! Firstly, they set up a medieval tent village which gave an impression of what life would have been like some 800 years ago. From a chicken being roasted on an open fire to bread and corn we then move on to their real purpose: the enactment of historic battles. The whole range of personal weaponry was on display: swords, maces, daggers, spears, bows and arrows as well as the defensive gear: chain mail, helmets, shields, iron gloves... An artisan was demonstrating and explaining how a bow and arrows are made from raw wood, how the archers of the 13th century would have pulled bows of 160 lbs. (when the author struggles with an 80 lb. bow)... None of them ever tired to show and explain and demonstrate - this old kid at heart was surprised how heavy the materials were...the helmets and chain mail weighed "a ton" and battle must have been totally exhausting.

Well, and then they swung into action! Groups of pilgrims were being plundered and murdered by villainous, scurvy knaves and vagabonds and it fell to the local Templars to rid England of this scourge. A trap was set and battle ensued. What energy both sides displayed! The fight raged on, swords clashed, spears were thrown, arrows fired, shields used both in defence and to batter the foe. One Templar gave his life to defend the helpless but in the end, the forces of Good prevailed, the villains lay dead on the ground. One final knave was captured and, in the name of God and England, beheaded most theatrically, much to the joy of the villagers.

In case anyone thinks Temple Ewell has become the home of blood-thirsty monsters, nay, nay and thrice nay, it was "all done in the best possible taste."

It was an enactment but: speaking to the Free men after the battle, two showed off their metal helmets which were adorned with heavy imprints of sword blades. One combatant confessed that "his ears were ringing" from a blow he sustained in the fight.

It is with great delight that one hears that the Free men enjoyed Temple Ewell as much as we enjoyed having them. They really were a fearsome yet immensely friendly group of splendid people who gave authenticity to the day and enriched our event greatly.

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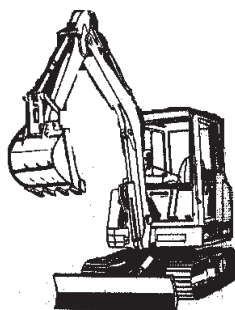
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# Parish Church of St Peter & St Paul

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

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

|               |  |
|---------------|--|
| Sunday 1st    | Parish Eucharist 10.30am   |
| Saturday 7th  | Marriage of Mark Reid & Joanne Koi 2pm   |
| Sunday 8th    | The Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary<br>Patronal Festival Eucharist at St Mary's Lydden<br>Joint service 10.30am<br>Guest Preacher: Fr. Anthony Fletcher SSC<br>Festival cake & wine to follow |
| Sunday 15th   | Parish Eucharist with Holy Baptism of Benjamin Terris 10.30am  |
| Saturday 21st | Celebration & Blessing of Marriage Dotun Olukowa &<br>Katherine Spink 1pm  |
| Sunday 22nd   | Parish Eucharist 10.30am   |
| Sunday 29th   | St Michael & All Angels  |
| (5th Sunday)  | Joint Benefice Eucharist at TE 10.30am<br>Holy Baptism of Ethan Dolbear 5pm  |

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

## **A Personal Letter and Invitation**

Stand at the gates of the Old Palace at the western end of the Cathedral precincts and look up to the large first floor window. This is the main window of the Archbishop's sizeable drawing-room from which many an Archbishop will have viewed the crowds milling around below. I have no idea if there is the same arrangement now but, when Lord Runcie was Archbishop, leading from the drawing-room was a small comfortable and 'private' sitting room known as the 'Snug'. It was there that Lord Runcie would escape for a while from the considerable pressures of office and it was there that, after my 30 minute personal interview with the Archbishop on the settee (part of a three day retreat with him), I knelt to receive his blessing. It was the day before he would ordain me, with others, into the 'priesthood of the Church of God'. As I left the Snug the Archbishop's gracious words were, 'It is a privilege to ordain you'. No, he certainly was not referring to anything special about me, rather he was referring to the privilege he had in bestowing the sacrament (gift of Christ to his Church) of ordination.

That was all 25 years ago and a few days later it was me who, at the Church of St Saviour, Folkestone, had the privilege of celebrating the Holy Eucharist for the first time (a votive Mass of Christ the King). Most of my subsequent ministry had been in Temple Ewell and Lydden, arriving in 1991 when considerably darker and slimmer! It was not my intention to inflict myself upon you quite as long as I have (health and other issues rather dictated things) but now it is time for me to cele-



brate the Silver Anniversary of my ordination and this I shall do with a similar Votive Mass of Christ the King at 12 noon on Saturday 5th October (TE) and at which the Bishop of Richborough will kindly preach. The service is not a glorification (I am very aware of my many failings and inadequacies) but a thanksgiving to the God I trust called me, in spite of myself, to do what I have the privilege to do. I hope to give thanks among very special loved ones and as many dear friends who wish to come. There will, of course, be a reception in the Millennium Hall after the service.

With every blessing.

Thank you so much for your support.

**Fr. Paul**

P.S. Thanks to all the very hard work and planning which made possible a truly excellent festival of Medieval Merriment on 10th August, it was so good to celebrate the notable history of our super village. One felt proud that our ancient and beautiful Church nobly looked down upon the festivities and that it is still such an important part of our life together. GIFT DAY is Saturday 28th of this month and, as usual, I shall be sitting outside Lorna's Barber Shop 9am to 1pm hoping to receive your gifts to be used to help us continue to maintain the fabric of our Parish Church for future generations.

## Sunday Club

Many of us enjoyed the Holiday Club at Salem and our outing to Fowlmead for den building. Bubbles had a lovely time at their craft morning.



We start again after the summer holidays on September 8th and look forward to seeing any new faces that wish to join us.

## Knights Templars

I'd like to share our Newsletter, where you feature prominently!

Kind regards,

George MacLean GOTJ Preceptor

Preceptory of St Thomas a'Becket, London

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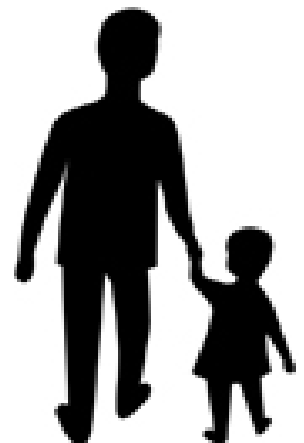
## Ride & Stride for Kent Churches

Many churches in Kent will be open from 10am - 6pm on 14th

September, so that cyclists and walkers can visit them and raise money for their local church through sponsorship.

If you would like to know more about this worthwhile and healthy activity, please contact me on 01304 330706.

**Betty Pilcher**





# Temple Ewell Baptist Church

(Part of the Baptist Family in Dover)

## WHAT'S IT WORTH?

Nine British charities paid individual staff more than £300,000 each last year according to the charities rich list. The phrase "charity begins at home" comes readily to mind. Are these people really worth this amount? In contrast the national minimum wage will rise by 12p an hour to £6.31 an hour for adults with effect from October. Many essential care workers receive this figure which does seem very inadequate for the work which they carry out!

How do we assess what something is worth? There is delight if we purchase something which we consider to be at a bargain price. We pride ourselves on having "saved" so much, even though our bank balance has been reduced.

The economist would consider that price is determined by supply and demand. In the final analysis something is worth what someone else is willing to pay. The Bible tells us that you (and me) are of such great worth that God was willing to pay the price of his only son for us.

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**

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# Friday Club



I hope that you all had a good summer and for a pleasant change the weather was very kind to us; very little rain, if any, but lots of sunshine.

We at the Friday Club have enjoyed a visit from Ann Finney who gave us a talk about and played music from the late Glen Miller, although during her talk we were told that his body and plane have never been found, so the assumption that he died in a plane crash is only speculation. We live and learn. Ann came to us four years ago and gave a talk on Gracie Fields, which was very lively and enjoyable, and she has many other celebrity talks under her belt. If any one would like her telephone number just give me a ring; she only asks for a donation to Pilgrims' Hospice and £10 for her petrol, so very affordable.

We have also enjoyed a Strawberry Tea and Ploughman's Lunch, which our committee worked hard to produce, and we also had an indoor BBQ - don't ask how but we did and it was lovely!

One of our members will be 70 on 9th September and it is customary to give a little party for them, so "Happy Birthday Bill". A couple of our friends are poorly at the moment, so on behalf of all the Club Members I would like to wish them well and a speedy recovery.

I must just mention what a splendid time we had on August 10th with our Medieval Day. The sun shone and everyone enjoyed the day, thank you to all those who supported the Village.

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

## Wednesday Club



## W.I.

We enjoyed a visit to The Fox for a skittle tournament. Alyson cooked us hot dogs and chips. Ben won the trophy for the highest score and Luke was second.

On July 25th we entered Deal Carnival. Our theme was Hawaiian and we came second! Everyone had a great time. We had chips on the way home and got back very late. It was lots of fun.

**Sophie**  
**Marilyn and Trish**

At our meeting on Thursday 12th September we are having a collection of clothes from Edinburgh Woollen Mill which will be modelled by some of our members. We would like to invite anyone who is interested to join us for the evening, 7-9pm, in the main Village Hall.

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## Produce Association

The Summer Show, held on the 20th July, was a great success with many entries for vegetables, flowers and cookery. The children's entries were very imaginative and a delight to judge. We would like to thank all our members who entered exhibits and everyone who came to the hall. It was a pleasure to meet old friends and new over tea and homemade cakes .

Our next show is in the Autumn on Saturday the 21st September in the Village Hall. We look forward to seeing you there. Many thanks for your continued support.

**Trevor Barlow**



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## District Councillor

Many families I meet around the various Parishes of Dover West have been touched by the drug dealer. The dealer, in their greed for money to avoid having to do an honest days work actually destroy not only individuals but the family network to which that individual belongs.

Those of you who have a member of the family that has succumbed to the weakness of relying upon controlled drugs know exactly how it destroys family relations, radically alters the character and personality of the drug abuser with the resultant loss of a good ten years of the best part of their life if they are able to rehabilitate, for this, on average, is how long it takes the drug user to wake up and come to their senses to realise, there are no gains, just pain with drugs for them and their family. In the mean time their friends have worked hard over the same period and the results are starting to show with having a house, a family, a car or two and all the benefits of working to improve one's life. Mean while the rehabilitated druggie will be continually playing catch up for the rest of their life.

There is a new and integrated community drug and alcohol recovery service called **TURNING POINT**. Turning Point has been chosen to deliver a bespoke integrated drug and alcohol recovery service across East Kent. The service addresses and prevents problems with drugs and alcohol so that people with those addictions are able to access treatment at local sites. It is essential that users and their families know that when the user is receiving treatment by way of prescribed medication that this treatment will continue seamlessly.

Turning Point have been working closely with local GPs, pharmacists, Social Services, mental health teams and the Criminal Justice colleagues to ensure a smooth transition and to discuss how they will go forward together in their work. It is important those services, their staff and the people they support are seen as a valued part of the community. As a result Turning Point will be holding some open days throughout the summer and I would encourage you to contact them if you have any worries concerns or queries to do with drug or alcohol abuse.

The contact details for further information are by phoning Liz Offor, Area Operations Manager, **Turning Point**, on **07876 684 764** or email **[liz.offor@turning-point.co.uk](mailto:liz.offor@turning-point.co.uk)** .

I detest those who for financial gain destroy the lives of others, ruining and burdening their families, think about it for one moment. So the drug dealer has not affected you or your family? So it does not affect you, you do not have to worry. Well the amount of money that KCC and the NHS England, not forgetting their partners, who all work hard to reintegrate drug users into society, the money spent on prescribed drugs to help these people cost the county millions every year and the country billions of pounds monies paid in tax through our hard work. If we did



not have the drug dealer that money could be better spent by NICE allowing certain medications to be dispensed in the fight against diseases such as cancer, money to improve our roads.

So remember the drug dealer/importer is the scourge of our society and must be treated as such. Anyone who has suspicions of drugs being dealt or cultivated in our neighbourhoods has a duty to their family and society to notify the authorities. Keeping quiet to protect the drug dealer is not ethical or decent. Think of the victims of drugs and the hurt, harm and destruction caused to families knowing their daughter has entered into prostitution or their son has become a thief in order to buy a drug. Do the right thing report the drug dealer or cultivator.

***Cllr Geoffrey Lymer***

## Channel Rotary Ride

Two members of Temple Ewell Bike Club, Chris Barnet and Jenny Olpin, took part in Channel Rotary's Romney Marsh Bike Ride in July. There was a choice of either 10 miles, 30 miles or 50.....and yes they did the 50! As no hills were apparent, there was no respite from the pedalling in the searing heat and on route they met Mr and Mrs Webb from Temple Ewell, also keen cyclists taking on the 50 mile route.



As Rotary's District Governor for this year, Chris was also in demand for a 'quick chat' from the many Rotarians who excellently marshalled the course. Monies raised (and it was hoped to reach £10,000) will be shared between Kent Air Ambulance and Pilgrims Hospices.

Look out for this next July! A really good 'flat' ride and many families took part especially on the 10 mile.'



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# Village Folk

It was really only a matter of time before I managed to catch up with my next guest (he couldn't run for ever) and I am therefore delighted to let you know that this month's guest is **Father Paul Christian**. Having been at our beck and call for the past 22 years, many of you will know him well as our village priest. Hopefully this article will help to reveal a little more of the man behind the collar.



Fr Paul's life started out in a flat in Streatham Hill, South London where he was born. His father worked for the Housing Department of LCC and his mother was a full time homemaker (used to be called housewife...). His father served in the Royal Navy during the second world war and was Chief Petty Officer aboard a Destroyer on the North Atlantic Convoys.

Life in Streatham had been marred after an attack on his mother so was not the happiest for the young Paul. It was therefore with mixed feelings that he, his elder brother and parents were informed of the untimely death of his aunt Gladys who kindly bequeathed them her terraced house in Mitcham. Fr Paul remembers with great fondness the first day they moved there, and running through the grass in the garden shouting "is this ours?".

The standard of education at his Secondary School was dreadful however, he confesses to having been a bit of a rebel in his school days but declined to give your author any juicy stories - sorry. I did however manage to hear him confess (!) to being a grocery delivery boy after school hours. He wore a white coat and rode a bicycle - not unlike Granville from Open All Hours, but says he was much better looking.

One positive outcome of school life, however, was that this was where he met his wife, Hilary. They married very young and started out life with very little money. The only home they could afford to buy was in Ashford so they found a house there and furnished it with whatever friends and relatives could spare. Visitors had to sit on deck chairs.

On leaving school, his first job was with Croydon Council. In his interview, he expressed a preference to working with people. Unfortunately.....he declined to state a preference as to whether living or dead so found himself working for the next two years in the local cemetery. From there, he moved to working with the Council as a debt collector for families who had been evicted. Some encounters made a significant impact on him. One in particular was with an Irish lady who was covered in bruises and had several children running around her feet. When asked why her husband did this to her, she replied that she must have deserved it. This struck Fr Paul as just how downtrodden people can become to believe they deserve to be treated so badly.

Fr Paul still commuted daily to Croydon from Ashford but money was so tight, he couldn't even afford to buy a daily newspaper to read on the train journey.

By the mid 1970s, he had been moved to Maidstone and then to Ashford Rural Council as a Housing Officer. This was where he was put in charge of collecting rents from the first official gypsy site in the UK, and where he first discovered children sleeping in sheds.

His love of the Church started at the tender age of 3 or 4 when he remembers with great fondness going into darkened churches with his mother to light candles. He attended Church as often as he could and by the time he had left school, his commitment to the church had steadily increased. Interestingly, his church choir in Mitcham had several members of the soon-to-be-famous pop group Mud, including their late lead singer Les Gray.

After several years of soul searching, he finally decided to start on the long path of study to become a priest. He had to take a theological course to degree standard - all the while continuing to work full time plus, by then, he had a young family to support.

In 1987, he was ordained Deacon and the following year ordained priest in Canterbury Cathedral by Robert Runcie (of whom he does he a really good impersonation). Having previously given up his Council work, he became a full time Curate at St Saviour's Church, Folkestone, where he spent three and a half years. He was then appointed to Temple Ewell and Lydden Parishes where he has happily remained ever since always so supported by his wife Hilary, his son (Temple Ewell Choir Master) and daughter who are now grown and live locally. He also has three beautiful grandchildren and is always so happy when they all manage to get together for Sunday lunches.

Fr Paul's health is better now but some of you may be aware that he had a massive heart attack some years ago. He can even make me smile relating the story of this; he was being (reluctantly) interviewed by the Bishop of Dover at the time he started to feel unwell. When he mentioned to the Bishop that he did not feel so good, it was interpreted as an excuse to terminate the interview early! Luckily however, his wife Hilary was present and recognised quickly that her husband was indeed unwell and arranged for an ambulance to be called. When he arrived at the Intensive Care Unit in Kent & Canterbury hospital, he enquired why there were so many young people around his bed. It was then he was informed that they were the Crash Team and that they had in fact "lost him" for a very few seconds. He received more than 300 get well cards and retains them all to this day in a box.

He told me that he has become so fond of the people here that he will find it extremely hard to leave when the time comes for him to retire when he will be required to leave his Rectory home and Temple Ewell. So, we ought to cherish him while we can.

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There has been a lot in the press about children's centres that are closing. Buttercups are not closing, they are merging, so Tiddlers will continue to run.

As the new school year has started we have said goodbye to Christopher, Louis, James, Willow, Sadie and Harvey, as they have gone to big school. All of them have been coming since Tiddlers started when they were babies.

Last term we had a teddy bear's picnic in the Abbey and did The Big Toddle with Acorns class to raise funds for Barnardo's. This year the theme of the Toddle was fairytales. Tanya from the children's centre along with reception children performed the Ugly Duckling. The Friday Club ladies helped with the Toddle then we got to hold real, live ducklings. Mrs Cunningham arranged this with Sophie of Chuckies Farm. We raised £124.40 for this worthwhile charity.

Tiddlers is open every Tues 9-11am in the Millennium Hall.

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## Lounge on the Lawn

The fund raising committee of St Peter & St Paul would like to thank everyone who made our musical evening such a success in July.



Firstly our thanks must go to Glen and Pamela for providing us with such a beautiful setting. Obviously, thanks also to all the people with the musical talent of such variety that entertained us all evening.

The evening was enhanced by the barbeque provided by Friends of the school and the cake stall supplied by Kylie, Emma and Patricia. Thanks to all of them. The children loved the face painter who had travelled from Maidstone to join us but I think the

adults had equally as much fun. The sight of Fr. Paul as a tiger and Beefy as spiderman was to behold!

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# Letters to the Editor

We would like to hear from you. What do you want information on? Need help with something? Want to comment on a local issue? This is the place to do it! Send to the Editor - details on page 1

Dear Newsletter

We live at 41 Cartington Ave, Shirmoor, Newcastle and have received your Newsletter a few times. Unfortunately Mrs J Howland no longer lives here and I have no forwarding address. Please cancel her subscription to your Newsletter.

Many thanks

Kerry Robertson

***Mrs Howland is not on our list of subscribers, so perhaps someone in the village forwards their copy to this address? Editor***

Hello

We moved to Temple Ewell in January and we are loving it here. It's a beautiful area. I'm a beekeeper and I'm looking for available land to securely site some beehives. I do have various apiary sites but I'm giving up one at our old home in Littlebourne and would like to have a local site.

I sell honey at retailers in Sandwich, Shepherdswell, Lyminge, Folkestone and other locations nearer to Canterbury. I'm a member of the Dover and Canterbury Beekeepers Associations.

Best regards

Christopher Bristow (Beekeeper)

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***Can anyone help Chris with a site for his beehives? Editor***

Dear Editor

**The Trip to Notre Dame Church in Calais has sadly had to be cancelled due to insufficient interest. Pity, as folk don't know what they are missing.**

Pat Castleton

Hi,

I discovered your newsletter by accident on the Internet and as I was born in Temple Ewell many years ago (and lived in Dover until 2004) I read it with interest - especially the profile on Ivan Pennock. My mother used to work for him back in the 1960s and as a young child Ivan always used to treat us well - can clearly remember him letting me drive his tractor on many occasions. One magic memory of him was when he let me drive it with his combine harvester attachment on the back and when we looked behind us at the row we had cut, I had never seen such a crooked line in all my life!

Those were happy days and I still have fond memories of them. I still often visit Dover to see my son and old friends and on my way home back to Lincolnshire (where I now live and work as a magazine editor). I often opt to drive through Temple Ewell and Lydden on my way home to Lincolnshire and have often wondered what happened to Ivan. So I was really pleased to hear that he is around - please pass on my regards to him.

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With regards to the picture of the village cricket team; the picture is not that clear, but I'm slowly convincing myself that my late father, Frank, is standing in the back row. Although I can't be 100% certain, by a strange quirk, I am pretty certain that the person standing next to him is Ernie Rogers. It could also follow that some of the other cricket team members could even be my uncles George and Bob, but again, I can't be sure.

If you wish, I'll go through my late father's possessions when I get back from Australia. He had lots of photos (which are in the attic somewhere) and some of them might be of interest for your magazine. I will at some point, take a crawl around to see if I can find them if you wish - but I'm off to Australia next week and will be going away again on business when I return, so it may be a while. I could also write you a few tales as well – although they would have to be in my own time and would need to fit around my own magazine deadlines.

Out of interest I scrolled through your pages looking at people's names, just to see if I recognised any of them from back in the days before I moved out of the village in the late 1970s and it would be interesting to know if there is anyone else around who spent their teenage years in Temple Ewell during the 1960s and who might remember me.

Regards Maurice Spencer, formerly of Church Hill, Temple Ewell  
mauspencer@gmail.com

***I have responded to Maurice to thank him for his email and let him know that we would be very pleased to receive any photos / articles that he sends us. Editor***

Dear Editor

Just read your concerns about the lack of swans - but that's the way it should be. As a child often playing in the abbey, I noticed that every autumn the pair (they mate for life) would chase off their grown up cygnets of that spring, so they could have the lake to themselves the following year to start again.

This was all spoilt by 'the swan lady' artificially feeding them early each morning. The outcome was that there were so many the fence had to be put up to stop the health hazard of their droppings on the lawn in front of the abbey building, spoiling the fun of toddlers feeding the ducks. It also meant it attracted seagulls and water rats to the area. Some of the swans moved to the lakes at Kearsney Manor and Bushy Ruff but then she fed them there too.

Last winter the remaining swans were moved to a lake on Romney Marsh as the lake at Bushy Ruff almost dried up. Perhaps it would be timely to ask DDC to remove the fence around the lake now. ***Maggie Smith***

**Received via our website contact form .....**

Re: the Medieval Merriment event - Thank you for the opportunity to join in your enactment yesterday with my fellow "modern" Templars. We have strong links to your village and parish and were honoured to play our part. It was a wonderful day! Kindest regards from the Grand Priory of Knights Templar in England & Wales

*george.maclean@horveanalysis.com*



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**Bandy Ball** -The Free men of the Blean also taught us Bandy Ball which was a great hit with folks. It is a little like hockey played with walking sticks, the main difference being that the goal is a wooden log and physical contact is encouraged. Not for the faint-hearted but great fun.

**The Live Band** - An excellent live band played hits of the 60s, 70s, 80s and 90s, the song selection was eclectic and provided quite a few surprises along the lines of, "yes, I remember that one, hadn't heard it in years." Their musicianship was excellent and their performance much enjoyed. The author was transported back a long way by Steppenwolf's "Born to be Wild"; many of us probably thought, "yeah, man, rock on ... if only our bodies were as willing as our spirit".

**Fireworks and Beacon** - Any village pyromaniacs were magnificently entertained by the fireworks, organised by Steve Grayson and the lighting of the Jubilee Beacon by Parish Council Chairman, Mr Colin Smithen. The fireworks were just as entertaining and impressive as for last year's events, they seemed to go on for quite some time and were greeted with much appreciation.

At 9 o'clock, Fr. Paul rang the church bell eight times, once for every century which had passed since the historic event which we were celebrating. Colin lit the beacon which provided an outstanding, bright spectacle, the flames dancing into the night sky and providing a warm light to the assembled crowd.

**Summary and Impressions** - As young Mr. Grace might have said, "You've all done very well!" The village presented itself in its usual wonderfully friendly manner: the Free men of the Blean com-



mented specifically on this and praised the way they had been made to feel part of the village. The organisers of the many events did a great job, the games, the enactments (thank you, TEPs), the band, the battle scene, fireworks, beacon...what a spectacle for such a small village! Speaking to a family from Dover, surprise was expressed that we managed to provide all this without charging an entrance fee. Well, quoth I, it's due to the hard and selfless work of many people in the village and the fact that we receive support way beyond our boundaries, to

wit, from our County Councillor and from a number of commercial organisations.

Linda and I have only lived in Temple Ewell for 14 years but we are amazed, time and again, how much this village "punches above its weight". "Strong the Force is in this village" (after Master Yoda) and the Treasurer of the Events Committee can report that there is a surplus of cash available from the event to seed the next one. Look out, there's more to come.

**George Ognibeni, TEPC Events Committee**

"Old men forget; yet all shall be forgot,  
But he'll remember, with advantages,  
What feats he did that day."

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| Buckland Hospital   | 201624         |
| Canterbury Hospital                                       | 01227 766877   |
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