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Hello everyone

As I'm writing this the rain is lashing down and the wind is howling. I hope to goodness that there's been a change in the weather by the time you read your March Newsletter. Wouldn't it be lovely if we get an early Spring?



Just a quick reminder about the Pampered Chef Show on 12th March at 7.30pm. I hope all you ladies will come along to support this event which will raise funds to help us keep the Newsletter going and where you'll enjoy a fun-filled evening of cooking (and eating!). Tickets are only £2 and include a drink, so hope to see you there. (See ad below for full details). Tickets available from Lorna's.

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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Discover the chef in you

**Wednesday 12th March
7.30 pm at the Village Hall**

INTERACTIVE COOKING SHOW

An opportunity to try innovative multifunctional kitchen tools whilst learning to prepare impressive recipes quickly. And you get to enjoy the tasty results from the cooking demo too!

There will be a raffle with some wonderful Pampered Chef Products among the prizes and a wine / soft drinks bar

Tickets £2, including a glass of wine or soft drink, from any committee member or from Lorna's Barber Shop

Why not bring along a friend, neighbour or family member too?



Village Diary 2014

March

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| Mon 3 & Tues 4 Wed 12 | 2014 Dover Film Festival featuring Temple Ewell Pageant 3pm & 7pm at the Town Hall Pampered Chef Cookery Show 7 for 7.30pm in the Village Hall Tickets £2 each to include glass of wine or soft drink - see Ad on opposite page |
| Thur 13 Sat 22 | Coffee Morning and PCSO Surgery at the Village Hall TOTS2TEENS Nearly New Sale (baby & toddler items) at Lydden Village Hall 9.30-12.30 |
| Tues 25 Sat 29 | Parish Council Meeting in the Baptist Chapel Hall 7.15pm Gardeners' Spring Show in the Village Hall 2-4pm |

April

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| 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 |
| Thur 24 | Coffee Morning and PCSO Surgery at the Village Hall |
| Tues 29 | Parish Council AGM & Monthly meeting in the Baptist Chapel Hall 7.15pm |

May

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| Mon 5 | BANK HOLIDAY |
| Thur 22 | Coffee Morning and PCSO Surgery at the Village Hall |
| Mon 26 | BANK HOLIDAY |
| Tues 27 | Parish Council Meeting in the Baptist Chapel Hall 7.15pm |
| Sat 31 | 'Whose Story is it Anyway?' Children's production from the Kapow Theatre Company 2.30 in the Village Hall |

June

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| Sat 21 | T E School Fete 11am - 2pm In the King George V field |
| Tues 24 | Parish Council Meeting in the Baptist Chapel Hall 7.15pm |

July

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| Thur 3 | Coffee Morning and PCSO Surgery at the Village Hall |
| Sat 19 | Gardeners Summer Show 2-4pm in the Village Hall |
| Tues 29 | Parish Council Meeting in the Baptist Chapel Hall 7.15pm |
| Thur 31 | Coffee Morning and PCSO Surgery at the Village Hall |

August

Mon 25 **BANK HOLIDAY**

September

Thur 11 **Coffee Morning and PCSO Surgery** at the Village Hall
Sat 20 **Gardners Autumn Show** 2-4pm in the Villag Hall
Tues 23 **Parish Council Meeting** in the Baptist Chapel Hall 7.15pm

October

Thur 9 **Coffee Morning and PCSO Surgery** at the Village Hall
Mon 27 **Gardeners AGM** 7.30pm in the Village Hall
Tues 28 **Parish Council Meeting** in the Baptist Chapel Hall 7.15pm

November

Thur 20 **Coffee Morning and PCSO Surgery** at the Village Hall
Tues 25 **Parish Council Meeting** in the Baptist Chapel Hall 7.15pm

December

Thur 18 **Coffee Morning and PCSO Surgery** at the Village Hall

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Friday Club

We are having a quiet time at the club at the moment but plans are in place for our Annual Dinner on 14th March. This is always a highlight of our year so we're getting quite excited about it. Our theme this year is Royal Ascot, so hoping to see lots of lovely hats.

We have had some of our members rather poorly since Christmas and hope that they will be able to attend the dinner.

We are also preparing for our AGM which will take place in April, so watch this space for changes.

I hope none of you have been affected by the floods or experienced storm damage, let's hope that this weather will soon clear.

We would like to thank the kindly person who donated monies for our replacement P.A. System. Whoever you are a big thank you from us all at the Friday Club.

Wrap up warm and take care, and be safe.

Yvonne

TOTS2TEENS

Nearly New Sale

For babies, toddlers and Mums to be

Saturday 22nd March
9.30-12.30
at Lydden Village Hall

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Produce Association

The coffee morning was well attended by over fifty members and friends. Thanks to all who came and made it a very sociable morning.

The Spring Show is on Saturday 29th March. Hopefully the weather will improve to let us get on in our gardens.

A new feature for the show is a photographic section, so if you do not grow you might like to take part in this. We are also embracing the digital age as we have an online entry form at (www.tedpa-form.moonfruit.com) all lower case, for those who would like to try this mode.

A coach trip has been arranged for this year to Merriments Gardens, near Hurst Green, East Sussex, stopping off on the way home at Dobbies Garden Centre. It is on Sunday 15th June. This was first announced at the coffee morning and a lot of names were added to the list then, so if you would like to come please contact John Philpott 822954 or Edie Barlow 824787.

Trevor Barlow



Temple Ewell Players

Ye haw! The Deadwood stage rolled into Temple Ewell in January as Temple Ewell Players performed their rooting tootin' pantomime 'Calamity Jane' directed by Mike Brodie and Tonia Watts. It was a very energetic show with several scene and costume changes, intricate routines and rowdy singing! The plot centred around Calamity Jane (played by one of our newest members Alex Evans) heading out to the wild west to seek fortune and a man! There was line dancing, totem pole dancing and even some questionable Mexican dancing. A big thank you to the whole cast and crew for putting on such a good show.

Looking forward I can exclusively reveal our new production will be 'Half a Sixpence' directed by Cindy Tuson and aided by Mike Brodie. I can't tell you much more than that but it's going to be a fantastic show! We are beginning to cast the production so next issue I'll be able to give you a bigger snapshot of the show!

Rachel





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Tiddlers is as busy as ever with regularly 15 children each week. I know this not only because of how noisy it gets but because I have to send the attendance figures to the Children's Centre every month. These are used to justify a need for the group. Unfortunately the powers that be have decided that a group like Tiddlers does not have any "outcomes". However I see every week how the children learn social skills, the adults have company and how Tiddlers' friendships support each other so I'd disagree on that one.

Although Tiddlers comes under the Children's Centre umbrella it has always been a self supporting group so we won't be affected too much by the cuts. Fortunately we don't rely on the Children's Centre to man the group as my plea for helpers was rewarded with people who have had a real positive impact in Tiddlers. Welcome to Mike, John and Donna and thanks as always to Mary and Jenny.

Alice spent a term with us gaining work experience, so if there are any teenagers who would like to join us please give me a ring to find out more.

Amanda Lomas 07506811851



Temple Ewell School Fete

Saturday 21st June 11am -2pm

June seems a long time away but preparations are under way for the Annual Fete that is the biggest fundraiser for the school. Even in the appalling weather last year it still raised over £2000, imagine the total if the sun shines. I'm really hoping the weather is kind to us this year as we have lots of different stuff planned. Without giving too much away I'll just say two words.....vikings!.....maypole!

The fete wouldn't be the success it has been without the people of Temple Ewell, so if you can help in anyway please give me a ring.

I look forward to hearing from you!

Amanda Lomas 07506811851

Church Fund raising

Many events are in the pipeline for this year. Fund raising is an essential part of our Church as, not only do we have to maintain the fabric of our beautiful Church, but there are also expenses of nearly £3000 per month that have to be covered. We are very fortunate to be supported by so many in the village and we aim to make the fund raising as pleasant as possible.

Events for this year include a Spring Fayre, Quiz night, Strawberry Tea and of course the Bazaar nearer Christmas.

We have had an idea for a new event that may interest you.....



Furrther events, when dates have been secured, will be found in the newsletter.

Brownies



We earned our Science Investigator badge by finding out about two famous scientists.

We grew cress in different locations in pots. Some grew well and some didn't. The two that did well grew in the light.

We drew our own healthy dinner plate. Thank you Mrs Walton helping us and teaching us science. We had fun watching the cheesy stick burn.

Erin, Francesca, Jessie

We are again collecting Sainsburys vouchers. Lorna at the Barber's Shop will take the vouchers for us again. Thank you to the few people who helped collecting vouchers last year. We bought some items with them.



R.C. McDONALD

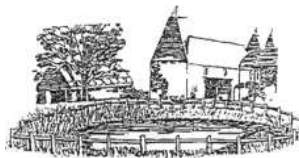
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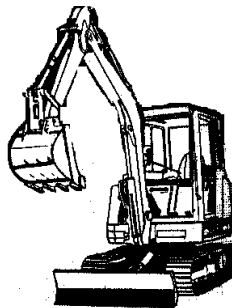
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Parish Church of St Peter & St Paul

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

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

- Sun 2nd** Parish Eucharist 10.30am
- Weds 5th** **Ash Wednesday**
 T.E. Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes 10am
 or
 St. Mary's , Lydden 7.30 pm
- Sun 9th** **First Sunday of Lent**
 Parish Eucharist 10.30am
- Sun 16th** **Second Sunday of Lent**
 Parish Eucharist 10.30am - Speaker at Eucharist
 Miss Emma Kevan, Christian Aid Regional Controller
- Sun 23rd** **Third Sunday of Lent**
 Parish Eucharist 10.30am
- Sun 30th** **Mothering Sunday**
 Family Eucharist with Blessing of Flowers 10.30am

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

Having just returned home from our Candlemas services on Sunday 2nd February (the Village Newsletter only just about out), I was contemplating the things needing doing before a few days late post-Christmas break. It was then that I realised that I would be away for the 15th deadline and would have to produce something for the March Newsletters before going away. 'Oh dear, what can I write about?' I said. 'Sausages' my 5 year old grandson Christopher suddenly suggested, 'write about sausages!'

Though a most regular Church-goer, I'm not sure about Christopher's logic, and I doubt he was thinking that, by the time the March Newsletters appear it will almost be Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent when people give things up – so why not sausages? But Lent is, of course, a time of abstinence in other ways too – a time of identifying and abstaining from those things that mar God's image within us. It is a time of deep reflection, the very name of Ash Wednesday and the prac-

tice of having ash marked on our foreheads at the special eucharists, linking us with Old Testament history as we think of the great prophets who called the people to 'return to the Lord with all their hearts.' The outward sign of the peoples' repentance we read, that they sat in dust and ashes.

Today, I believe, Lent is a time of similar need for 'a return' and also very much a time where there is an overwhelming need for inner stillness and reflection in people's lives, for how else will we recognise and address any pride, arrogance or self-centredness which may be within us? But there is, of course, a tendency these days to obliterate any opportunities we have for stillness which is very sad, especially as I have found an amazing and favourable response from young school children when given the rare opportunity for silent reflection.

As I approached the entrance of 'Homebase' the other day, I was aware of a late middle-aged couple just behind me and, remembering my manners, said 'After you'. 'Thank you' said the man as he promptly walked in first. 'It was the lady I stopped for!', I replied as she sighed and raised her eyes despairingly to heaven, her husband carrying on obliviously. The incident reinforced my thoughts about Lent. Far more important than even dear Christopher's thoughts about sausages is the need to recognise and address, with God's help and love, those things of which we may have become truly, or conveniently, oblivious.

Fr. Paul

Sunday Club



We are a little reduced in numbers at the moment but still have fun every Sunday when we meet.

Any new members of preschool or primary age would be very welcome to join us.

The Mothering Sunday will be celebrated on March 30th. Flowers will be distributed and everyone is invited to join us.

For those whose mothers are no longer with us, we invite you to remember them by lighting a candle in the church.

Boxes update

I received an email today that confirmed the boxes The Sunday Club sent went to Romania. In total the UK sent 136,000 boxes to the children of Romania.





Temple Ewell Baptist Church

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You are invited as a family to a 'Messy Church' experience. It is a fun time for everyone, Mums and Dads, children of all ages, Grans and Grandads etc. It meets on the second Sunday of every month from 4- 6pm in Temple Ewell Baptist Church Hall. It begins with an hour of exciting craft activities, where all material is provided, and is linked to the theme of the day and suitable for all ages. This is followed by fifteen minutes discovering more about the theme from the Bible. The afternoon closes with a family sit down meal before we leave at 6pm for home. All are welcome and we start on Sunday March 9th.

Our activities continue as usual:

Sunday Family Service: 10.30am

Sunday Evening Prayer and DVD: 5.30pm

Monday Keep Fit: 7.30pm

Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer: 7.30pm

Friday Kids Club: 3.30-5.00pm

We are here to serve you and if there is anything you wish to ask do not hesitate to contact Pat on 827341, Jack on 825150 or our minister Ewart Graham on 375823.
www.temple-ewell-baptist.co.uk



PCSO GRETEL MAY

I can be contacted on **07772 226209** for any issues that you'd like to discuss with me. My next surgery at the Coffee Morning is on 13th March. **Gretel.**





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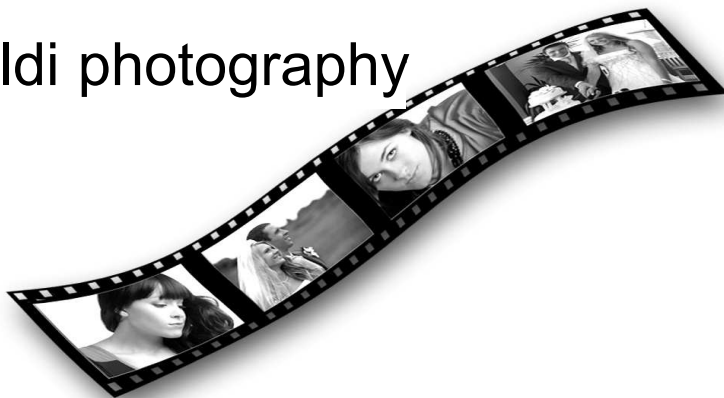
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Temple Ewell Bike Club

The Club had the pleasure of hosting a social ride on behalf of the Pilgrims Hospices. It was a surprisingly dry morning on 1st February and 11 riders headed off from the Dover District Council car park at Whitfield to cycle the 22 miles to Sandwich and back. It was particularly heavy going along the Tilmanstone bike path due to the mud, leaves and deluge from the heavy rain. However, we incurred only one puncture as we pushed on to Sandwich where we received a warm welcome at The Piece of Cake cafeteria who provided us with some very welcome refreshments. Heading back through Eastry, Tilmanstone and Whitfield was particularly hard as we encountered a strong head wind but there were some very fit riders and encouragingly we all managed to arrive back at the car park together having raised £55 for the Hospice.

If you're interested in these rides please look on the Hospice Website www.pilgrimscyclechallenge.org where there is information regarding the rides available. Temple Ewell Bike Club is also looking forward to joining the Pilgrims Hospice Cycle challenge on Sunday 4th May 2014 where there is a choice of 100 mile (new!), 78, 48 or 45 mile rides. Other rides planned this year are with the Rotary Club particularly the one planned for Romney Marsh which is suitable for all abilities. Again do look at the websites.

Jenny Olpin





We enjoyed meeting up with some of the people from the Wednesday Group at the disco. We are going bowling on the 16th of February and we are excited for our trip to Camber Sands in March.

Sophie



Wednesday Willows

We are still meeting every week and last week members all enjoyed their Valentine's Disco and also really enjoyed watching the Players' Panto.

Sophie



W.I.

Although our numbers at our February meeting were very much depleted, those of us who did attend enjoyed a fun evening of short mat bowls (maybe some budding bowlers amongst us!!) and table games.

We will be celebrating our birthday at our next meeting March 13th.

W.I. QUIZ EVENING



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Temple Ewell C of E Primary School

Winter Haiku* by Year 3

Like silver stars
Snowflakes twirling in the air
Sparkling and white
Niamh

Beautiful snowflakes dance
Shooting fast like a speeding bullet
Twirling in the wind
Jack L

Beautiful snowflakes
Falling snowflakes from the light
White snowflakes I love!
Amelia

Snow sparkling in the moonlight
Beautiful like a diamond
Dark ice
Jaiden

Gentle snowflakes fall
Freezing winds blow everyday
People wrap up warm
Ryan

Glistening snowflakes fall
Wintery icicles drop
White snow falls in sheets
Sam

* *Haiku (現代俳句) – A Japanese poem of seventeen syllables, in three lines of five, seven, and five, traditionally evoking images of the natural world.*

Stories from Sycamore Class Year 4

Pickles Pineapple

One early morning in the village Snot Bottom Magnum, Pickles Pineapple, awoke to find his calendar saying "SCHOOL STARTS!" I could tell you he was not happy! He was crying like a baby. So he found his clothes, and threw them on. The clothes that hadn't been washed in TWO CENTURIES!!!! He went downstairs yawning louder than an earthquake, which shook the house from top to bottom, then he ate his Snot Bottom cereal and muddled toast. His Mum, Poey Pineapple, just awoke the second his out of control hands slammed the door in her face. But obviously, Pickles Pineapple was so late as well, he could have been in a bad mood. Next he caught a red, beaming, shiny bus and asked for it to be driven to his own school. The driver replied, "Ok but I need the name, "so Pickles Pineapple answered, "it's Snot Magnum." The driver drove to the location and stopped. Pickles Pineapple got out and went into the school late! You wouldn't have wanted to have seen Mrs Trunchball's face when she saw PP's face (PP means Pickles Pineapple) because PP was in love! Mrs Trunchball was MAD! 1, 2,3,4,5 and the war began kicking, pinching and punching DON'T LOOK IT'S HORRIBLE! PP left the corridor with bruises and cuts and scars. He went into Science with Mrs

Williams (Mrs Honey). They were learning about evolution when PP realized that the next day was the prom. PP span around the room for someone to go with. Matilda was free, the most beautiful girl in his grade. He could go with Matilda. He thought and thought until finally he thought maybe he could ask her at lunch, his brain agreed, so that's what he did. At lunch he went up to Matilda and asked, "Will you go with me?" "No," replied Matilda unhappily. Loudly, they fought, just over love. Kicking, it was madder than the other fight. Sadly PP walked away even though he thought he knew that was going to happen, so he just let the hours go by...Is he going to go, or what...?

By Francesca

Micro Millie

Micro Millie was unusually late for school and having small legs did not help. Micro Millie's hair was all messy because she never brushes it, and it really annoys the Trunchball [which isn't good].

She made it past the Trunchball's office but soon heard thumping footsteps behind her, her bags swinging back and forth; suddenly her most precious project skidded out a metre away from her as she was turning a corner! If she went back now the Trunchball would soon see her. She hesitated for a moment and zoomed off in reach of the book, she grabbed it and suddenly skidded to a halt. When she had picked up the book she had taken a quick glance down the passage, and surprisingly no one was there at all. So she tiptoed round to see if anyone was there... "Millie!!! " The Trunchball roared and in such fright she jumped and her most secret diary flew out. Her heart thumped like a rabbit there was no escape now."I know i am going to get so told off for this ."RINGGGGGGGG! She rung the fire bell - it would give her a chance to get the diary ...Quickly screams and shouts soon came from the classrooms and people rushing out.

Soon, when everyone was in the playground, people started to realise that there was no fire and no one knew how it had happened. Suddenly, Millie raced out through the great oak doors and down the grey stone steps ."It was you!" barked the Trunchball. "Five weeks of no playtime or no food! " "I have to get revenge on that dirty little rat!" whispered Millie. The next day Millie planed to get revenge. She rounded up ten of her friends and planned it out. They were going to get mud and slugs put them in a bucket and get some stretchy string tie, it to the bucket and door handle and who would have guessed it was themand they carried on!

Erin



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Village Folk

Cindy Tuson is this month's guest and may well be known to many of you out there - even if just her name is familiar - because she and husband Reg are such prolific participants in many of our local community activities.



Best, I think, if I start at the very beginning and give you a rare insight into this popular lady. This is always "the bit" where my victims (oops - sorry, slip of the pen...) come back to me after these articles are published and tell me they have been overwhelmed with the number of friends in the village who comment "I never knew that about you". Read on.....

Cindy was born in Walsall, West Midlands in 1942, the only girl and eldest of 3 children. Her mother was also Walsall born and bred and this is where she met Cindy's Ashford born father while he was serving in the war. After marriage, her parents settled in Walsall but her father became increasingly homesick for Kent and as a result, the family moved to Dover in 1957 when Cindy was 15 years of age.

Cindy had been educated in Bluecoat Church of England school, Walsall, then subsequent to the family's arrival in Kent, spent one year at Dover Grammar School which she tells me she hated. As a result, the 17 year old Cindy decided scholastic life was not necessarily for her so found an administrative position with the Co-op in Biggin Street where she worked for about 2 years. She then joined the Civil Service in the Customs & Excise Department, starting her career calculating duty payable on imports etc. Promotion followed quickly and as a result, she graduated up through the ranks.

Valentine's Day 1964 would prove to be a pivotal point in Cindy's life, having just emerged from an engagement to a local chap which she had broken off, she attended a Valentine's Day dance at Dover Town Hall. This is where she met the dashing Reg. He took all evening to pluck up the courage to ask her for a dance which just happened to be the last dance. After which, they were virtually inseparable and married in 1967 when they bought their first home together at the newly built Temple Close for the princely sum of £3,250. Cindy recalls how horrified her father was at the size of their mortgage (jings!!).

We fast forward to 1972 where Cindy - who had always been interested in the theatre, joined forces with several local residents in order to resurrect the Temple Ewell Players. She recalls fondly their first official meeting as she was heavily pregnant at the time with their son Lee who was born later that year.

By 1991, the family moved to "Lorien" in Temple Ewell, which nestles cosily in the hillside overlooking the village and Nature Reserve, and where Cindy and Reg still live.

After their son was born, Cindy and Reg decided that she should temporarily leave the Civil Service and concentrate on the family. After some temporary jobs in the interim, Cindy rejoined Customs and Excise in 1982 as part of their Investigation Team. This team's duties investigated and prosecuted drug smugglers who had been arrested by uniformed staff at the Port of Dover. Cindy would escort and sit in on any interviews with female suspects and also assist investigation officers when any case which went to Court.

She recalls with a chuckle the time her department had a training exercise which involved role playing exercises for trainee investigation officers. One particular exercise in which Cindy was involved, clearly distressed a member of the public so much that a 999 call was made stating "someone had been dragged into a car!". Lesson learned - call the local bobbies to let them know what play-acting Customs & Excise are doing!!

Promotion followed in 1997 when Cindy became an Executive Officer with the VAT team in Canterbury. Although she enjoyed meeting and working with small business owners, it was a rather lonely job - especially the time she was checking the books for a builder whose home office was in a building in his garden. He had showed her his papers and left her to check them over while he went to a business meeting. Clearly, his head had been elsewhere because he inadvertently locked the door behind him when he left - leaving poor Cindy "prisoner" until his wife brought her coffee some hours later.

By the time Cindy retired in 2004, she had transferred to the Fiscal Intelligence Team where the variety of work was more suited to her. Back then, they were mainly involved in searching out tobacco smugglers who were fairly prolific at the Port of Dover in those days - not so much now.

Apart from a member of the Temple Ewell Church choir, she also served for several years as a councillor on the Parish Council. Both of which she regretfully had to withdraw from due to the pattern of her shift work with Customs & Excise.

She recounted to me her time as a scout cub leader (an Akela) with the Dover 4th cub pack on Buckland Estate. They used to have such fun playing games, teaching the young lads knots, flags, saints etc. all the things little boys love (or at least used to before the introduction of lap tops and computer games ...)

Retirement has been just as busy for Cindy - especially with her involvement in the Newsletter you are reading and the Temple Ewell Players where apart from acting and singing, she has now started directing and producing with several plays under her belt. Next on the agenda will be as producer for next Players production of Half a Sixpence, due to be performed at the Village Hall during the last week in June - one to definitely watch out for.

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Butterflies are in abundance and these include the Brown Argus, the Common Blue and the aptly-named and unmistakable Marbled White, a very distinctive medium-sized butterfly with black-chequered markings, which can be found on grasslands across Southern England and Wales.

During the Summer months the Reserve is a picture to behold as this is when the grassy banks are dressed in a wonderful display of wild flowers, including two species of orchid - the Fragrant Orchid and Common Spotted Orchid, along with Milkwort and Autumn Gentian.



Grasslands in decline

As agriculture has intensified and grasslands have been developed, the traditional management techniques of ploughing, reseeding, cutting and grazing have declined. Coupled with the increased use of herbicides and fertilisers, our traditional grasslands are now under threat. For instance, it's estimated that we've lost 80% of our chalk grassland over the last 60 years, and only 1,600 hectares of precious floodplain meadows are left in the whole of the UK.



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Temple Ewell Parish Council

Dragon Wood – The Clerk has been successful in obtaining two grants amounting to a total of £4690. The Chairman and Clerk met Mr Newington and Mr Wyborne to discuss recommendations on how to improve the wood, which will be presented to the full parish Council at their next meeting for discussion.

Lower Road Buses – Mr Robert Hutchins, Assistant Operations Manager Stagecoach, attended the meeting on behalf of Mr David Barrie, Operations Managers. It was reported that although a review of Temple Ewell's buses has started, attention has been taken away due to other business commitments. It was suggested that if the Alkham Valley/London Road Railway Bell junction could be improved then Stagecoach would consider looking at alternative routes for the 15b. The Chairman agreed that this would be a good long-term option, but enquired if there were any short-term solutions. Stagecoach had established that three buses met during the day, their commercial team overlooked this, but this is being addressed. After much debate it was agreed that the scheduling issues could be looked into and possibly changed and reflected in the New Years timetables. The Chairman thanked Mr Hutchins for his time and reiterated that whatever can be done to improve the situation would be greatly appreciated. Members of the public praised Stagecoach for the excellent service they provide. Parking was raised as an issue on Lower Road especially during school times. PCSO May patrols the area but is unable to be present all of the time. The school regularly reminds parents about responsible parking in the village via the newsletter.

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

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

Contact details for councilors are on the website:

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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.

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Mothering Sunday

In the times before Bank Holidays
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Going home for the day
On Mothering Sunday
Though home was miles away,
With flowers for their mother's present
Gathered as they went.
It's different these days:
All you have to do is stop
At the flower shop
With the pocket money you've saved
And the daffodils there
Came by train or even by plane;
But the present still means the same
For the language of flowers doesn't
change.

Stanley Cook

A Mother's Prayer

Help me dear Lord, as a mother, I pray
And bless these hands folded in prayer today;
May they be ever strong as they guide, as they teach,
Being never too far for a child to reach.
May they never, with selfishness, try to dissuade,
Nor too quickly punish, nor too slowly aid.
May they point out the pleasures in laughter and song,
And may they show, wisely, the right from the wrong,
So that one day I'll know that I've helped all I can
To make her a woman, to make him a man.

Mary A. Loberg



Mother, I love you so.

Said the child, I love you more than I know.

She laid her head on her mother's arm,

And the love between them kept them warm.

Stevie Smith



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 3

Dear Newsletter

Can I use the magazine letters page to thank all our local friends and neighbours who have been so kind with help, wishes, cards and flowers during my wife's illness. She is making progress and hopes to be out and about with Josh by the time this is printed.

Chris Phasey, Church Hill

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Dear Editor

I am now discharged from hospital and
am at home permanently. I shall be out
of action for a fair while yet.

I would like to formally thank everyone
for all the thoughts and prayers that
have been expressed during my illness
and specifically for the help and kind-
ness shown to Margaret during my stay
in hospital both in London and
Canterbury.

It really was a comfort to know that so
many people were thinking of me and I
hope to make a full recovery in due
course.

Thank you all once again.

Peter Austen

*On behalf of the Newsletter committee
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