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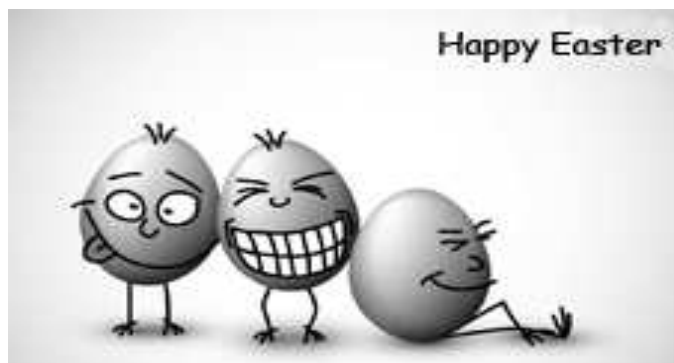
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Hello Everyone

As I write this I'm hoping that not only are we enjoying Easter, but some lovely Spring weather too. What a wonderful thought after all the long dreary days of winter.



Instead of Easter Eggs, I have to eat humble pie this month! I have two apologies to make;

The article about the Parish Plan last month seems to have upset some people. The article asked for readers' retrospective opinions about the Plan and was not meant to be offering any opinion itself. In fact the writer (I confess - it was me!) was one of those that was on the Committee that originally worked on it. Colin Smithen, Parish Council Chairman, writes in response on page 36. Sorry Colin if either you or the Parish Council were offended, it was not meant to be a criticism of either the current or earlier Parish Councils, just a reminder of the anniversary and something to perhaps spark some debate.

Last, but not least, apologies for last month's typo to the new shop owners, Bena and Neal Patel (*not Petal as was printed*). I hope things are going well for you and that villagers are using the shop on a regular basis.

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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.

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PCSO GRETTEL 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 Thursday 2nd April. **Gretel.**





Village Diary 2015

April

Wed 1	Unveiling of the new Play Equipment at King George V Playing Field 3.30pm
Thurs 2	Coffee Morning and PCSO Surgery at the Village Hall
Fri 3	GOOD FRIDAY
Mon 6	EASTER MONDAY
Tues 7	Annual Parish Meeting 7pm in the Baptist Church - all are welcome to attend
Sat 11	Spring Fayre in aid of Church Funds see ad page 16
Thurs 16	Kearsney Abbey Family Activities 10am-4pm see ad page 7 Coffee Morning at the Village Hall
Tues 28	Parish Council Meeting in the Baptist Chapel Hall 7.15pm
Thurs 30	Coffee Morning at the Village Hall

May

Mon 4	BANK HOLIDAY
Fri 8	70th Anniversary of VE Day Tea see ad page 11
Thurs 14	Coffee Morning and PCSO Surgery at the Village Hall
Fri 15 -	Temple Ewell Art Workshop Exhibition see ad page 37
Sun 17	
Thurs 21-	Players' Production of 'Ladies in Retirement' see ad page 28
Sat 23	
Mon 25	BANK HOLIDAY
Tues 26	Parish Council Meeting in the Baptist Chapel Hall 7.15pm
Thurs 28	Coffee Morning at the Village Hall

June

Sat 6	Newsletter Barn Dance in the Village Hall 7.30pm
Thurs 11	Coffee Morning at the Village Hall
Sat 20	Lounge on the Lawn at Woodville Hall see ad page 7
Thurs 25	Coffee Morning and PCSO Surgery at the Village Hall
Tues 30	Parish Council Meeting in the Baptist Chapel Hall 7.15pm

July

Thurs 9	Coffee Morning at the Village Hall
Sat 18	Produce Association Summer Show 2pm in the Village Hall
Thurs 23	Coffee Morning and PCSO Surgery at the Village Hall
Tues 28	Parish Council Meeting in the Baptist Chapel Hall 7.15pm

August

Thurs 6 **Coffee Morning** at the Village Hall
Thurs 20 **Coffee Morning** at the Village Hall
Mon 31 **BANK HOLIDAY**

September

Thurs 3 **Coffee Morning** at the Village Hall
Thurs 17 **Coffee Morning** at the Village Hall
Sat 19 **Produce Association Autumn Show** 2pm in the Village Hall
Wed 23 - **Players' Autumn Production**
Sat 26

October

Thurs 1 **Coffee Morning and PCSO Surgery** at the Village Hall
Thurs 15 **Coffee Morning** at the Village Hall
Mon 26 **Produce Association AGM** 7.30pm in the Village Hall
Tues 27 **Parish Council Meeting** in the Baptist Chapel Hall 7.15pm
Thurs 29 **Coffee Morning and PCSO Surgery** at the Village Hall
Sat 31 **Murder Mystery** - Newsletter event in the Village Hall

November

Thurs 12 **Coffee Morning** at the Village Hall
Tues 24 **Parish Council Meeting** in the Baptist Chapel Hall 7.15pm
Thurs 26 **Coffee Morning** at the Village Hall

December

Thurs 10 **Coffee Morning and PCSO Surgery** at the Village Hall
Fri 25 **CHRISTMAS DAY**
Sat 26 **BOXING DAY**
Mon 27 **BANK HOLIDAY**

January 2016

Weds 27 - **Players' Pantomime**
Sat 30



Official unveiling of the new play equipment
King George V Playing Field
Wednesday 1st April
3.30pm
All welcome
Refreshments will be served



Scottish Country Dancing in Dover

Lifting sagging spirits (and other bits!) with jigs and reels.

You don't have to be Scottish to go Scottish Country Dancing; a quick browse on YouTube will reveal enthusiastic groups all over the globe: the good, the bad and the bumbling... all jigging, reeling and generally having a ball.

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We look forward to seeing you there.

Kearsney Parks Project - Update

Since our last report in the Newsletter we have continued to make good progress with the Kearsney Parks project.

As you've probably seen, there have been lots of people in luminous jackets carrying out a variety of surveys for us. Accessibility and ecological surveys are complete, while tree and structural surveys will be completed shortly. We are also putting together a team of specialists to help develop the project in more detail, including landscape architects, architects, highways and river specialists.

Finally for now, we are organising an event in Kearsney Abbey on Thursday 16 April from 10am to 4pm. There will be activities for children and it will also be an opportunity for adults and children to find out more about the project, tell us which heritage features they value, and what activities they might like to see in the parks.

If you have any questions in the meantime, please get in touch:

community@dover.gov.uk

www.kearsneyparks.co.uk

Twitter @Kearsneyparks

An early notice for your diaries



Lounge on the Lawn at Woodville Hall.

Saturday June 20th, 7pm to dark

Great music with live bands and local performers; bar, BBQ, face painting.

Picnics welcome. Entry £5 adults, £1 children, under 5's free.

More details to follow.

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Drama Workshop Group

I am thinking of starting a Drama Workshop group, a fun session of drama games, experimenting with characters and situations, maybe try some short sketches. Thursday afternoon seems to be vacant at Alkham Village Hall so would be a possibility.

Anybody interested?

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and we'll see if it's worth a try.

Margaret Danstead

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If you went down to the woods you were in for a big surprise.....children outside! We had a walk up Scotland Common where someone had conveniently left us a storytelling den. Men made fire and we toasted marshmallows.

Christmas seems a long time ago but it was busy with a Christmas party and a theatre trip with Reception and Year 1 from Temple Ewell School. We went to see The Snow Play at the Gulbenkian.

The older children start going to Reception class after half term to aid their transition to big school. Any children going to school in September are welcome to join us.

Tiddlers is every Tuesday term time in the Millenium Hall (entry is from the churchyard, not the school) 9-11am.

Amanda 07506 811851





Temple Ewell W.I.

We celebrated our 97th birthday at our March meeting. We invited members from other WIs in our group and other guests. Entertainment was provided by a Barber Shop choir who sang a medley of songs, some of which we were able to join in with. We finished the evening with a cheese buffet and birthday cake which was cut by our area chairman, Marion.

Next meeting will be on April 9th when we will be attempting flower arranging in a basket.



Friday Club

A slow start to March so far, although we have our Annual Dinner at the Fox on 27th. We are all looking forward to this. We normally have it in the Village Hall but thought we would have a change of venue this year.

Birthdays this month are Audrey Stubbs, Margaret Bushell and Joan Watts, so Happy Birthday to you all.

Take care.

Yvonne

On the 8th May it will be 70 Years since the end of WW2 and Friday Club members feel it fitting to remember this day; those that were lost and those who survived.



You are invited to join us for an Afternoon Tea in the Village Hall from 2pm to 4.00pm, entrance just £1, children free. This entitles you to tea/coffee and selection of sandwiches and cakes.

There will be a raffle, tombola stall and some knick-knacks to browse.

This is open to everybody so come and join us where we can swap stories and reminisce on days gone by.



R.C. McDONALD

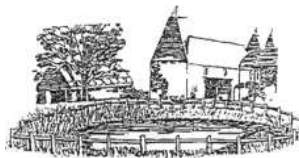
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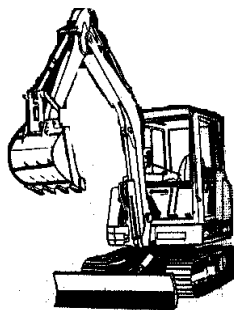
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Parish Church of St Peter & St Paul

**April services – to which we warmly welcome you.
Our Sunday Club meets at 10.30am during term time as advised.**

Holy Week continues....

Wednesday 1st	School 'Veneration of the Cross' (Classes will be coming into Church from 9.30 a.m.)
Maundy Thurs. 2nd	Sung Mass of the Last Supper, Footwashing, and Watch at the Altar of Repose 8.00 p.m.
Good Friday 3rd	Liturgy of the Cross and Ante-Communion 2.00 p.m.
Holy Saturday 4th	Candlelit Easter Vigil Liturgy 8.00 p.m.
Easter Sunday 5th	Parish Eucharist of Easter 10.30 a.m.
Sunday 12th (Low Sunday)	Parish Eucharist (Celebrant- Fr. Anthony SSC) 10.30 a.m.
Saturday 18th	Holy Baptism of Tina & Lewis Jones 3.00p.m.
Sunday 19th	Parish Eucharist 10.30 a.m.
Sunday 26th	Parish Eucharist 10.30 a.m.

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

As our Village Newsletters are published, we shall be mid-way through the holiest week of the Christian calendar, and especially on Good Friday, those who believe Jesus to be the Son of God should deeply ponder his murder. Of the few words spoken by Jesus from the Cross, St. John (19:28) records Christ's cry as his ordeal nears its end 'I thirst!' At the beginning, Jesus had refused a draught of wine mixed with a powerful opiate possibly provided by sympathetic and wealthy women of Jerusalem for every criminal who suffered crucifixion (one of the many aspects of this barbaric suffering being the most appalling thirst). Only when in a moment all would be finished did Jesus seek to quench this thirst and the vinegar-soaked sponge St. John says was put up to Christ's lips was probably a cheap 'wine-vinegar' drunk by the Roman soldiers as they waited for the crucified to die.

In one of her many letters, the founder of Missionaries of Charity, Blessed Teresa of Calcutta, recognising the indifference and hardness of heart of our time said of Christ's thirst;

'For me, Jesus' thirst is something so intimate. Jesus must be the one to say to you "I thirst". Hear your own name. Not just once.

Every day. If you listen with your heart, you will hear, you will understand'.

It is so deep a thing to 'thirst' for someone and is surely even more, though hard to fully comprehend, than an expression of love whilst inextricably linked to it. But this begins to make sense of Blessed (Mother) Teresa's plea 'listen with your heart'. For was not this tiny, wonderful woman who knew many inner struggles in her life, nevertheless just one of so many even in our time who have been living proof of the reality and power of the resurrection, the fulfilment of the pertinent and ageless but 4,000 year old words of the psalmist (Ps. 95:7-8) familiar to Christians through Lent....?

'O that today you would listen to his voice. Harden not your hearts!'

Wishing you the blessings of Easter.

Fr. Paul

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Sunday Club and Bubbles

The children played their part brilliantly during the Mothering Day Sunday service. Now we look forward to Easter and creating many goodies. We sent 20 Easter Eggs to the Co-op appeal for disadvantaged children.

We are delighted to welcome some new friends to Sunday Club.

May we wish everyone a very happy Easter.

***Children are invited to join us on Sunday mornings for a variety of activities. Easter crafts are always exciting.
Phone Margaret or Jenny on 820615 or 824280.***

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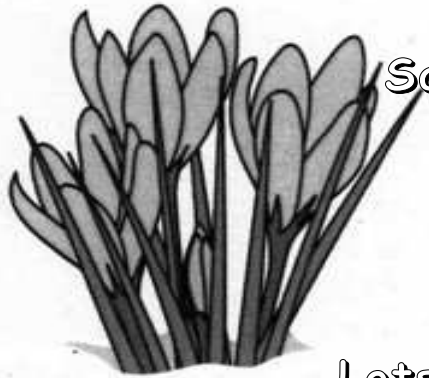
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Spring



Fayre



Saturday 11th April at 2.30pm
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Jenny Miles on 01304 824280

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Willows



The Willows had a great time at The Looking Ahead Valentine Disco at St Margarets. There was lots of dancing and a very tasty buffet.

Everyone is busy making Easter decorations and are looking forward to the Easter Egg Hunt on April 1st.

We are all off to Bugsy's Ten Pin Bowling on March 29th. We'll let you know how we got on next month.

Sophie



PANCAKE TOSSING!!



It was half term and Shrove Tuesday so there was only one thing to do.....toss some pancakes! Fortunately we didn't have to look far as Jenny Miles had organised a 'Pancake' Coffee Morning in the Lower Village Hall in aid of the Children's Society. The Youth Club, as they are with many events, were there eagerly helping to organise proceedings.

Frying pans at the ready, pancakes cooked to perfection, (a la Tesco!!!), the timekeepers in place...tensions were high as the tossing began. First up were the young people. Such varied styles, high, low, fast and furious.....and such concentration! Adults performed intermittently and their tossing was superb, although the pancakes were beginning to feel the strain.....



The 'Tosser' board revealed the talented 'tossers'. For the young people Katie and Emily were the joint winners both scoring 13 tosses. However, the runaway winner for the adults was Jim with a fabulous toss of 64!! (It was his pancake that gave up, not Jim!).

About 25 people attended and enjoyed not only the fresh, bright March morning event that heralds the beginning of Spring, but also the lovely coffee, pancakes, good company and good fun!!



Jenny Olpin



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At the funeral of her brother Lazarus, Martha was the first person to hear the words which are now so frequently heard on such occasions. In the middle of all the grief, confusion and loss, Jesus said to her "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die."

Jesus would have his own agonising death and glorious resurrection, but its application was far greater than just what happened to himself. He becomes the source of resurrection for millions of other people. At Easter we remember the anguish of death but also the wonder of what follows.

Henry Van Dyke, in his famous poem "Gone from My Sight", expressed it like this:

I am standing upon the seashore. A ship at my side, spreads her white sails to the moving breeze and starts for the blue ocean. She is the object of beauty and strength. I stand and watch her until, at length, she hangs like a speck of white cloud just where the sea and sky come to mingle with each other.

Then, someone at my side says, "There, she is gone." Gone where?

Gone from my sight. That is all. She is just as large in mast, hull and spar as she was when she left my side. And, she is just as able to bear her load of living freight to her destined port. Her diminished size is in me - not her.

And, just at the moment when someone says, "There, she is gone," there are other eyes watching her coming, and other voices ready to take up the glad shout, "Here she comes!" And that is dying.....

VERY HAPPY EASTER

Future Events



MESSY CHURCH on Sunday 12th April. 4.00 - 6.00pm. This is for children and adults and comprises about 1 hour of craft activities, 10 minute Bible based talk, a full cooked meal. Please come.

LENT LUNCHES every Wednesday 12-00 - 1-30pm until Easter

Our activities continue as usual:

Sunday Family Service: 10.30am

Monday Keep Fit: 7.30pm

Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer: 7.30pm

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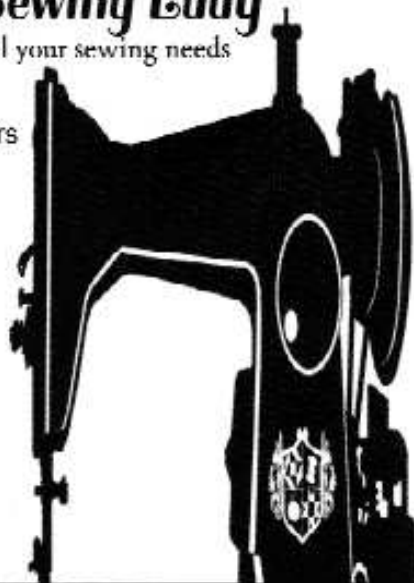
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KCC and DDC Councillor

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Many men aged over 65 who may have worked in the building industry or the shipping industry, regarding their maintenance at the Port of Dover when asbestos was used extensively, are among those most at risk of possibly contracting the disease of Diffuse Mesothelioma (a cancer caused by exposure to asbestos products). The Department of Work and Pensions, who though having paid out £15 million in its first seven months to those affected, states that there may be hundreds more people around the country, but still may be a few in the Dover area who may be eligible for compensation but as yet have not applied. If you are currently undergoing tests or treatment for this disease, then if you look on line at www.mesoscheme.org.uk or telephone 0131 331 9090 for further advice.

As from March 2015 details of non payment of child maintenance can be shared with credit reference agencies. This may well have implications for those who have failed to make payments or want to accept financial responsibility for the upbringing of their child, for they are now at risk of finding problems when attempting to apply for credit cards, loans, mortgages, mobile phone contracts or other applications for any form of credit, such as buying a replacement new or second hand car. On the plus side a parent who can demonstrate that they have maintained a good history of having made maintenance payments can ask for the information to be shared with the various agencies to boost their record, whereas those who chose to assist in producing a child with their partner of the time, then think they can just walk away from any further responsibility as they flit to their next partner for the time being, then life for them is just going to become a lot harder.

Finally, there are many scams around with cold calling on the phone, allegedly by your bank, about a debit/credit cards you possess being fraudulently used or telling you of a great investment opportunity to make unrealistic sums of money. The banks do not cold call they send letters and lawful financial investment companies do not cold call. My advice, do not engage in any conversation hang up immediately. Do not hand over your bank/ credit cards or PINs to anyone at your front door, purporting to be the police or bank officials or couriers acting on their behalf. If you receive an email from someone you appear to know saying they are without money abroad and need your help, do not respond to the email before verifying

its content with their member of family. If someone on the phone purports to be from your bank, allegedly for security, asks you to hang up and phone your bank back using the phone number you know. Just dial 1471. If you find you are talking allegedly to your bank again, then you know you are in a scam, for all you should get is computer generated voice stating last telephone number who called you, or the caller did not leave their number. Nothing more than that and certainly no other conversation. If you can converse with someone again hang up as the criminals, for that is what they are, have kept your line open. In fact do not respond to any cold callers plying for business - hang up then you will not get caught.

Cllr Geoffrey Lymer
Dover District & Kent County Councillor



Youth Club

On February 20th we held a quiz in the Village Hall to raise funds for the Youth Club.

We had 8 tables and approximately 60 people came to join us and, oh, what a night it was! For a nominal fee of £5 a ploughman's supper was supplied and prepared by Marilyn and served up by some of the Youth Club members. We also held a raffle with gifts which were donated by many. A big thank you to all those who gave so generously. Quiz answers were read by Yvonne with John Holness and Roy Parks taking scores. Many thanks to everyone involved in making this evening so special. Beccie and Lucy sold the raffle tickets, Luke called out the raffle numbers and Tiff helped winners to choose their prizes. A good combined effort from the Youth Club Buddies.

Such a big thank you is extended to everyone who was involved in raising this cash. THANK YOU, THANK YOU, from all of us.

The Youth Club

I'd like to add my thanks to everyone who supported our Quiz Night. We raised £309.00 which will go a long way to pay for mini bus costs for our weekend away at Camber on March 20th. Special thanks must go to Yvonne!

More news next month about how our weekend went.

Sophie

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Temple Ewell Players

Hello Everyone!

I start with an update on this year's Spring production; unfortunately due to unforeseen circumstances we are unable to perform 'Waiting in the Wings'.

However, I am pleased to announce in its place, that Ann Hogben will be coming out of retirement to direct 'Ladies in Retirement', written by Reginald Denham and Edward Percy, a thrilling play based on a true murder that takes place on the marshes of the Thames estuary.

Rehearsals are well underway and the cast and crew are working hard on this fantastic play. The show runs from the 21st to the 23rd of May 2015 and tickets go on sale on the 21st April at the Fox Inn, £6.50 in advance and £7 on the door so make sure you get your tickets early as it's sure to be a popular show!

Rachel

We need a few props for the play and wondered if anyone can help by lending any of the following items:

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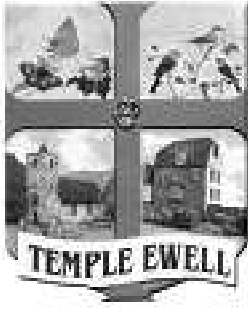


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Temple Ewell Parish Council

The installation of our new play equipment and family picnic benches took four days and was completed on Friday 13th March. The children at Temple Ewell Primary School have been watching the daily progress with great interest, excitement and anticipation.

Whilst planning and designing our children's play area the Parish Council were keen to ensure that it was as inclusive as possible, there were a number of considerations to ensure the best value of play. These included access for the disabled child, risk level, natural environment, safety surfaces and how much the play equipment will challenge and entertain the children.

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We hope that these improvements will promote a good sense of community for our children and families of the village and future generations to come.



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 Southdown Stores and on the Council website.

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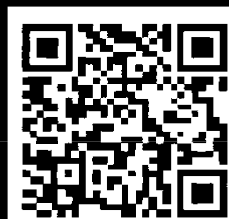
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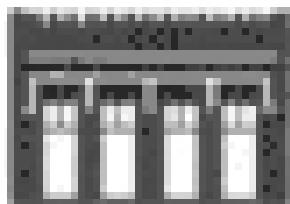
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Letters to the Editor

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Anthony Stuart Cousins
(Tony)

Pat and Stuart would like to say thank you so much to all friends and neighbours for their kind words, support and flowers at this sad time.

Tony was a loving husband, Dad and granddad and is sadly missed.

Dear Editor

We would like to thank our loyal customers for their support, friendship and cheerfulness through both good and difficult times during our twelve and a half years at Southdown Stores.

We wish everyone well and hope that they will continue to support their local shop and post office.

Alan and Jeanette Maddison

(P.S. Jenny Miles has their new address)

Dear Newsletter

Re: 10th Anniversary of the Parish Plan

Without wishing to appear too sensitive, I feel that I cannot allow the item in the March edition of the Newsletter to pass without comment.

The Parish Plan of 2005 drawn up by 'the Parish Council of the time' was a very valuable document and informed

decisions then and into the future.

Indeed, so much so that the current Parish Council reviewed the plan only a couple of years ago. At that time we decided that there were no outstanding matters that needed action or that we were able to influence. The work done back in 2005 was, most certainly, not a waste of time or money and produced a vast amount of invaluable data. All those involved in the production of the Plan are to be thanked and commended for their work on behalf of the Village.

Time marches on, however, and the current Parish Council has not been idle.

Indeed, we have achieved a great deal for the betterment of the village of which I am extremely proud. Thanks to the untiring efforts of our Clerk, we have been able to secure significant grants which have enabled us to:

- secure the future of Dragon Wood as part of the Queen Elizabeth II Challenge and to undertake significant improvements within and around the wood;

- provide new benches for the wood along with a new litter bin and notice board (soon to be erected);

- provide fantastic new play equipment for King George V Playing Field along with two new picnic tables;

- provide a new notice board to be erected next to Southdown Stores (soon to be erected);
- renew the allotment underground water pipes servicing 55 plots;
- sponsor events in the village to mark the Royal Wedding, the Queen's Jubilee, the Centenary of the First World War and the annual Christmas lights switch on.

All of that while still dealing with everyday matters as they arise. Most notably, this has all been achieved while not increasing the amount that we raise through the

Council Tax by more than a couple of pence at a time of significant financial restraint.

In conclusion, I would add that all of the Parish Council meetings are open to (and attended by) the public. If anyone feels that we are missing something, whether from the 2005 Parish Plan or something new, they are very welcome to contact me or to come along to one of our meetings and let us have their views.

Colin Smithen
Chairman of the Parish Council
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The number of pets poisoned by chocolate doubles over the Easter break, according to a survey, which is why owners have been warned to be vigilant.

Research by LV= pet insurance shows that twice as many claims for chocolate poisoning are made around the Easter and Christmas holiday periods, compared to the rest of the year. Thousands of animals are treated each year for reactions to theobromine - a naturally occurring stimulant found in the cocoa bean which affects the central nervous system and heart and can kill a dog.



The danger depends on the animal's size and the type of chocolate. Darker and more expensive chocolate contains more theobromine. While humans have the metabolism to cope with the stimulant, it can cause vomiting, diarrhoea and dehydration in pets.

Pet insurance manager Julie Constable said: "As the Easter weekend approaches and people have more chocolate in the home than usual, we're reminding those with dogs and cats to keep it well out of their reach. If a pet does get hold of some chocolate and eats it, then their owners should contact a vet for advice straight away."

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