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Hello Everyone

The big thing this month is of course the General Election. I won't court controversy here by expressing any opinions, but when researching for some pithy political comments, I was pleasantly surprised to find the following ones made by Ronald Reagan when he was President of the US. I hadn't realised what a wit he was:



'The government's view of the economy could be summed up in a few short phrases: If it moves, tax it. If it keeps moving, regulate it. And if it stops moving, subsidize it'.

'Politics is supposed to be the second oldest profession. I have come to realise that it bears a very close resemblance to the first.'

'The most terrifying words in the English language are: I'm from the government and I'm here to help.'

'I have left orders to be awakened at any time in case of national emergency, even if I'm in a cabinet meeting'.

Happy voting!!

Jeanette Potts

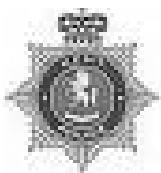
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## **PCSO GRETTEL MAY**

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 14th May. **Gretel.**





# Village Diary 2015

## May

<b>Mon 4</b>	<b>BANK HOLIDAY</b>
<b>Thurs 7</b>	<b>GENERAL ELECTION - Polling at the Village Hall</b>
<b>Fri 8</b>	<b>70th Anniversary of VE Day Tea</b> see ad page 11
<b>Thurs 14</b>	<b>Coffee Morning and PCSO Surgery</b> at the Village Hall
<b>Fri 15-Sun 17</b>	<b>Temple Ewell Art Workshop Exhibition</b> see ad page 15
<b>Thur 21- Sat 23</b>	<b>Players' Production of 'Ladies in Retirement'</b> see ad page 10
<b>Mon 25</b>	<b>BANK HOLIDAY</b>
<b>Tues 26</b>	<b>Parish Council Meeting</b> in the Baptist Chapel Hall 7.15pm
<b>Thurs 28</b>	<b>Coffee Morning</b> at the Village Hall

## June

<b>Sat 6</b>	<b>Newsletter Barn Dance</b> in Village Hall 7.30pm see ad page 6
<b>Sat 6</b>	<b>Cream Tea with home made scones</b> at River Village Hall 2.30-3.30 £3.50 River WI
<b>Thurs 11</b>	<b>Coffee Morning</b> at the Village Hall
<b>Sat 20</b>	<b>Lounge on the Lawn</b> at Woodville Hall see ad page 17
<b>Thurs 25</b>	<b>Coffee Morning and PCSO Surgery</b> at the Village Hall
<b>Tues 30</b>	<b>Parish Council Meeting</b> in the Baptist Chapel Hall 7.15pm

## July

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

## August

<b>Thurs 6</b>	<b>Coffee Morning</b> at the Village Hall
<b>Thurs 20</b>	<b>Coffee Morning</b> at the Village Hall
<b>Mon 31</b>	<b>BANK HOLIDAY</b>

## September

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

## October

<b>Thurs 1</b>	<b>Coffee Morning and PCSO Surgery</b> at the Village Hall
<b>Thurs 15</b>	<b>Coffee Morning</b> at the Village Hall
<b>Sat 17</b>	<b>Autumn Fair</b> River Village Hall
<b>Mon 26</b>	<b>Produce Association AGM</b> 7.30pm in the Village Hall
<b>Tues 27</b>	<b>Parish Council Meeting</b> in the Baptist Chapel Hall 7.15pm
<b>Thurs 29</b>	<b>Coffee Morning and PCSO Surgery</b> at the Village Hall
<b>Sat 31</b>	<b>Murder Mystery</b> - Newsletter event in the Village Hall

## November

<b>Thurs 12</b>	<b>Coffee Morning</b> at the Village Hall
<b>Sat 14</b>	<b>Fashion Tea Party</b> with the Jacques Vert Group from De Baradelei - River WI
<b>Tues 24</b>	<b>Parish Council Meeting</b> in the Baptist Chapel Hall 7.15pm
<b>Thurs 26</b>	<b>Coffee Morning</b> at the Village Hall

## December

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

## January 2016

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

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Hello!

Thanks to everyone who came along to the activity day today to tell us what you love about the Kearsney Parks - it was great to meet you all and to chat about the project and the parks.



The comments we received at the activity day will be combined with the results of the online survey and will then help to inform our conservation and activity plans. The deadline for online comments was 30 April.

Thanks again for your support and if you have any questions please let me know.

***Jon Winder***

**Kearsney Parks Project Manager  
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## T E Produce Association

At the Spring Show on Saturday 28th March there was a good display of daffodils and spring flowers with a small amount of vegetables. The cookery was well up to standard as was the floral art and some splendid artwork around the hall from Temple Ewell School children. We had to increase the number of prize cards to each class because the standard was so high.

The Committee would like to thank all our exhibitors for putting on such a good show and also all our friends for supporting us, as without all of you there would be no Show.

Our coach outing on Sunday the 12th of April included two gardens, firstly we visited Broadview Gardens in Hadlow and then went on to Great Comp. We had nice weather all day and a good time was had by all. The members would all like to thank John Philpott for organising the day out.

Our next event is the Summer Show in the Village Hall on Saturday the 18th July at 2pm.

Hope to see you all there.

**Trevor Barlow**



## Youth Club

Our weekend trip to camber was really good. We swam, rode the bikes and go karts and played golf - lots of fun and late nights.

We are all off to Thorpe Park on Sunday April 26th and are looking forward to it. More news next month. **Sophie**



## Willows

The Willows had a great time bowling at Buggy's. The winners were Cynthia, Megan and Ross.

We held an Easter Egg Hunt in the Village Hall. Everyone took part and went home with lots of chocolate!

Our next trip out will be during May when we are going to visit the Museum of Kent Life in Maidstone. **Sophie**

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## Friday Club

Well, we have sailed through Easter and in Temple Ewell we did not see the sunshine that was predicted for this area. We were covered in murky clouds and at times it was quite cold. Roll on summer.

We are now getting ready to celebrate VE Day on May 8th. If anyone has any memorabilia we can borrow we shall be grateful and promise to look after it. We would like to make a display for all to view. There will be songs and music of a long ago era, so please come and join in the celebrations.

Bye for now

**Yvonne**



### **On the 8th May it will be 70 Years since the end of WW2**

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 2 to 4pm, 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 knickknacks 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**

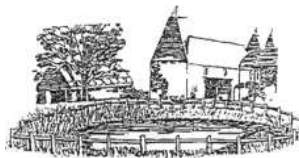
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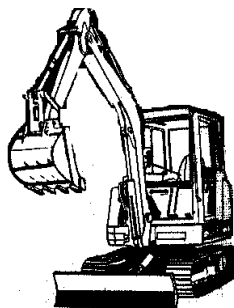
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## Parish Church of St Peter & St Paul

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

Friday 1st	Marriage of Ian Marchant and Stacey Mills 1.15pm
Saturday 2nd	Blessing of Marriage Simon and Charlotte Johnson 5.00pm
Sunday 3rd	Parish Eucharist 11.00 a.m. (this Sunday only)
Sunday 10th	Parish Eucharist with Holy Baptism of Millie Carpenter-Jago 10.30 am
Sunday 17th	(Ascension Sunday) Parish Eucharist 10.30 a.m.
Sunday 24th	Pentecost Family Eucharist 10.30 a.m.
Friday 29th	Marriage of Anthony Sheehan and Olivia Allen 1.00 p.m.
Sunday 31st	The Most Holy Trinity – Parish Eucharist 10.30 a.m. (as we look to the future life of our Church we shall have a special address from the Diocesan Stewardship Advisor, Mrs. Liz Mullins)

Father Paul is having a well deserved break following the very busy period of Holy Week and Easter. That means it is my chance to put a few thoughts together.

At our church we are always thinking of ways to be of service within our community, and to present our church in positive way to counteract the negative way it is often shown in the press.

We have a very good relationship with our school, and services for special occasions are held throughout the year.

This year we are having a stewardship campaign for our members to confirm their commitment to the work that we do and the support that we give to local charities. There will be an art festival with work by our local art groups. Details to be announced later. We shall be looking at our community, to see how we can be involved in events that take place during the year, and to try to understand what is expected of us. One thing is certain the Church will always be there for those who need it. It will remain in the very centre of our village as it has for well over 800 years.

We support the events organised by Christians Together in Dover, and some of us will maybe look forward to the Holiday Club for children later in the year. Although this can be manic at times it is a very rewarding experience. We are here to serve where there is need. If you have any questions please ring the Rectory, myself or Liz Waller.

On a personal note could I add my thanks for all the support and help given to me during my lengthy recovery period.

***Peter Austen***

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# Church News

Thanks to everyone who supported the Spring Fayre in aid of the Church. Every little helps to keep the church alive in the village.

## Christian Aid Week

Envelopes will be delivered during the week beginning 10th May. Thanks in advance to all our deliverers and collectors especially to the Youth Club who do so much leg work.

The money collected goes directly to reliable charities in the countries with the greatest need, Money is also ready to go collectively to any disaster zones. We are so lucky to live in a peaceful village with no fire, famine or flood risks so let us give our thanks.

### **SUNDAY 31st MAY Sung Eucharist at 10.30am**

This is an important day for your Church!  
The service will include a presentation on how we can support the future resourcing of our Church.

Please come!!

Coffee will be served after the service.

**We look forward to welcoming you.**



## Temple Ewell Art Workshop Exhibition

in the Parish Church on 15th, 16th and 17th May  
10 am to 4.30 pm

Refreshments served in the Millennium Hall  
Saturday 10am – 4.30pm  
Sunday 12 noon – 4.30pm

Children's art will displayed in the hall with a train display  
and there will be a sale of plants and bric-a-brac.

*All proceeds to St Peter & St Paul Church*

## The Shop in the Church

The shop is closed for a short while but will be reinstated in time for the forthcoming Art Workshop Exhibition and Flower festival.

# Temple Ewell W.I.



We welcomed three visitors to our April meeting. Our speaker, Edie Barlow, showed us how to display flowers in a basket and then we all attempted to emulate her. The result was a lovely display of colourful spring flowers.

We then discussed the resolution to be put forward at our AGM later in the year.

Our next meeting will be May 14th Lower Hall.

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## DEBT

As the General Election approaches, we have had weeks of discussion on the national economy. Some points appear to be obvious: What is spent by a Government has to be paid by taxes. Taxes can only be paid by those who have resources. The more people you have with resources then the greater amount of tax can be raised. If you borrow money then at some point it will need to be repaid and it will cost you interest until repayment is made. The Greek Government appears to be a slow learner. It is tempting to go into politics when it is so easy!

In his play Hamlet, William Shakespeare wrote the lines "Neither a borrower nor a lender be." This may be good advice but it is difficult to put into practice in our personal finances, particularly if you wish to purchase a house and obtaining a mortgage is the only option. The real horror is in having a loan which we know we can never repay.

We not only have financial debt but also spiritual debt. Wrongs which we have done which time does not erase. No matter how hard we try to balance the books by doing something positive we are not able to make amends. The good news in John's Gospel is that there is a debt payer available in God's only begotten son, Jesus Christ.



## Future Events

MESSY CHURCH on Sunday 10th May. 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.

Our activities continue as usual:

Sunday Family Service: 10.30am

Monday Keep Fit: 7.30pm

Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer: 7.30pm

***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](http://www.temple-ewell-baptist.co.uk)***

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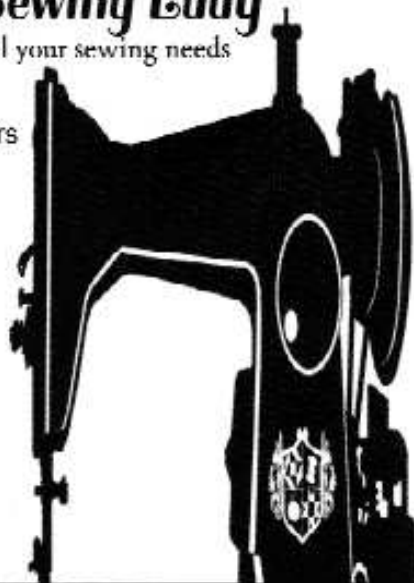
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Those of you who live in Mill Street will have been aware of work taking place at DODS Mill over the last two years, with skips and containers appearing and disappearing and frequent deliveries of timber and building materials. Finally on Friday 27th March DODS Mill was officially re-opened by Councillor Sue Nicholas, DDC Chairman following almost two years of hard work to bring it up to the required safety standards along with major internal refurbishment. The extent of the work required gave us no option but to completely close the Mill for use, the only area able to continue, albeit in a very limited way, was the costume department.

Following various bequests over the years we were fortunate to be able to start with a reasonably healthy bank balance which was added to with donations from a few of our current members. In addition we put on a concert version 'Hear the People Sing' which raised £500 and received another £500 from the Sergeant's Mess Pantomime in Deal. We also applied to the Roger De Haan Charitable Trust and were delighted when they granted us £15,000. We are extremely grateful to them for their most generous donation as it has enabled us to take the refurbishment a little further than we might have been able to. We are now starting a second round of fundraising to complete the refurbishment by paying attention to the outside of the Mill, particularly the roof.

And so to the nitty gritty, the work itself. Our building team was led by Dave Smith one of our members who was the driving force, designer, and project manager as well as an integral part of the work force with his professional carpentry skills amongst others. Dave drew up the original plans and specifications, liaised with Building Control and planned the order of works for what was technically a building site. Once all the plans were drawn, permissions granted and work started the use of trade professionals was kept to a minimum to help keep costs down but we are very grateful to Mark Groombridge, of Bridgemark Services for completing the huge amount of electrical work in a truly professional manner and John and Martin of John's Property Maintenance for their superb plaster work.

Over the twenty two months there were several days when teams of people were needed either to destroy, lift and shift, clean or paint and these were supported by some of our members. Literally everything else you see before you though has been done by a small nucleus of committed and dedicated people. Our wardrobe manager Trish Hadley spent countless hours sorting out the wardrobe department, de-cluttering, recycling and then putting everything that survived the cull back into place in a regimented and organised manner. Another member who not only gave great support but drove a 44 mile round trip to do so is our Technical Director Mark Goldsack.

The bulk of the work however was carried out by three retired DODS members Dave Smith, Mike Wadey and Ken Mennie who spent virtually every Monday and Tuesday over the 22 months working at the Mill. The staggering amount of



work that has been done is not immediately obvious such as replaced joists and making good in several areas. Every floor level has had new or replacement ceilings and every internal wall which isn't brick has been replaced, involving over 3500 plasterboard screws alone. On the top floor the whole layout was changed by moving both wardrobe department and kitchen. Add to the amount of work the fantastic quality of the finished product that has been achieved and we have very good reason to be extremely grateful to Dave, Mike and Ken. Altogether over 4400 man hours, the majority by them, have been spent on the work saving us well over £70,000 in labour costs.

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***Mike Brodie***



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"Oh, George, you say the most beautiful things  
I'm sorry I nag you at times and more.  
But if you don't put that blessed paper down right now  
I will, I will, I swear I'll show you the door!"

**ANNE COX**



## Temple Ewell Players

Spring Greetings!

We are currently putting the finishing touches to our Spring Production, 'Ladies in Retirement' directed by Ann Hogban and written by Reginald Denham and Edward Percy. It is a thrilling play based on a true murder that takes place on the marshes of the Thames estuary.

Tickets have now gone on sale 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! The show runs from the 21st to the 23rd of May 2015 and we look forward to entertaining you with this fantastic play!

**Rachel**



# 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 Editor

My rear garden backs onto the playing field and I'd just like to report that children of all ages are enjoying the new play equipment, especially the raft style swing. I can't see them because of ivy on the high fence, but I can hear their delight.

Well done and thank you to everyone involved.

**Maggie Smith**

Editor's note:

I received a lovely poem from John Brooks. It was all about early spring and Easter, but it was received too late to be included in the April Newsletter and was not really suitable for this one. I will keep the poem for next year though, and thank you John for your submission.

All items to be included need to be with me by 8pm on 15th of the month before the publication month, i.e. for this May issue submissions were needed by 15th April.

Please keep sending things in - all are welcome.

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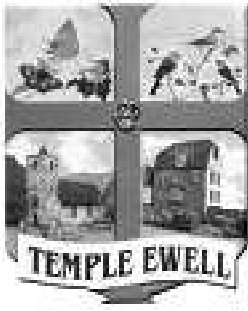


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# Temple Ewell Parish Council

## Meet Our New Village Handyman

We are delighted to announce that Mr Barrie Robinson has been appointed as our new Village Handyman, having started on Monday 6th April. Barrie has recently retired from St Edmund's Catholic School in Dover after serving more than 18 years. Previously he worked 28 years at a local builder's.

Barrie has an extensive skill base and will be an asset to the village. He has been married for 40 years and has two daughters and two grandchildren.

If you see Barrie around the village in his high visibility jacket, please take the time to say hello.



## Official Unveiling of the new Play Equipment

### 'Youngsters swing into action at the King George V Playing Field'

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 watched the daily progress with great interest, excitement and anticipation. Of course, the facilities are accessible to all children and are not solely for school use.

An official unveiling took place on the afternoon of 1st April to celebrate the new play equipment and thank sponsors for their donations and support. The Parish Councillors organised a children's entertainer 'Joshing Around' and balloons, Easter eggs, music and refreshments were laid on for families to enjoy. Colin

Smithen, Parish Council Chairman, officiated at the unveiling, thanking Councillors for their involvement and support.

It is hoped that these improvements will help promote a good sense of community for all the 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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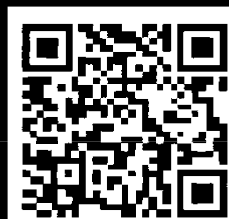
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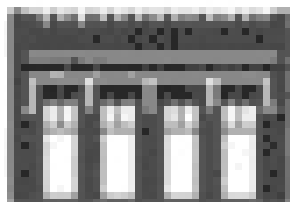
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## KCC and DDC Councillor

I have made a précis of what I believe the Care Act may mean to you now or at some possible stage in the future of your life.

The Care Act, which comes into being as from April 2015, means lots of different things for different people. It depends on your needs, but can include things like help to get out of bed, get dressed or washed, help with eating or cooking meals or caring for others. Care and support comes from many different people, family and friends or members of the community. Central and County Government HELP to pay for SOME care and support, DEPENDING on your financial situation. The guidance states that Councils must give information and advice to everyone who wants it. This concerns the services that supply "well being" and what is important to people who use them.

Key changes expected in 2016 will be a cap on care costs being £72,000 for those who develop needs above 25 years, but free lifetime care if needs develop from early years to 25 years.

Change to Capital thresholds, extended means tests. £27,000 for people living at home and those in residential care whose home is disregarded. £118,000 for people in residential care (unless former home disregarded). The lower threshold is expected to be £17,000 (ie totally ignored).

From 2016 if a person wants to take advantage of the Care Cost Cap, they must have an assessment to determine WHAT AMOUNT should be used towards the cap. This will apply to new self funders AFTER this date AND ALSO existing funders -but the clock will only start ticking from April 2016. (IT WILL NOT BE RETROSPECTIVE).

Not all self funders will meet the national minimum eligibility criteria. Those in residential care, perhaps 10%, will not meet the criteria, HOWEVER, they may have been in care for a long time so a LIGHT TOUCH assessment will apply a proportionate response. For those in the community, a more in depth assessment is needed to test their eligibility and which emphasises (if realistic in the individual circumstances) what can be done to maximise independence, such as equipment and other aides to improve quality of life.

What is the eligibility criteria?

- 1) Needs arise from or related to a physical or mental impairment or illness.
- 2) Unable to achieve two or more specified outcomes.
- 3) Significant impact on well being as a consequence.

This actual piece of legislation extends to just over 1000 pages, so there will be many important areas to address specific issues in caring for an individual and equally important, for people like me, who also perform a role as a carer, to look after either the terminally ill, the severely disabled or frail ageing population, there can be assistance for the carer too.

The purpose of this article is to inform you of this new piece of legislation, because whilst reading it you may think "I'm aged 20,30,40 it does not affect me, I don't need to know about this," take it from me, it will impact upon everyone, at some stage in their life, from the healthy young motorcyclist who has a serious injury accident and losses a limb, to the person aged 30 who abuses drugs or alcohol and suffers mental illness or liver disease, to the person aged 40 who may be struck down with a stroke resulting in life long brain damage, to the 50 year old who may have early dementia or terminal cancer. May be you are the lucky one who evades such health issues, but then they may be a member of your family for whom you become the carer.

For further information if you visit the web site [www.gov.uk//care-act-2014](http://www.gov.uk//care-act-2014) there is also a "frequently asked questions for carers" [www.carersuk.org](http://www.carersuk.org) which you may find useful.

Finally, I have been the District Councillor for Temple Ewell and Lydden since 2010 and, due to my heavy workloads as a County Councillor and performing a role as carer too I have decided to not stand for re-election on the 7 May 2015 elections. But I wish my successor well, from which ever political persuasion they may be aligned to, and, if only to say that at this level of politics, my view is that the politics should be consigned way into the background for it is all about the community and how we can maintain or improve the quality of life for the community. The role has been "interesting" to say the least and I shall continue in my role as a County Councillor in assisting and supporting which ever candidate is chosen by the majority of the community.

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