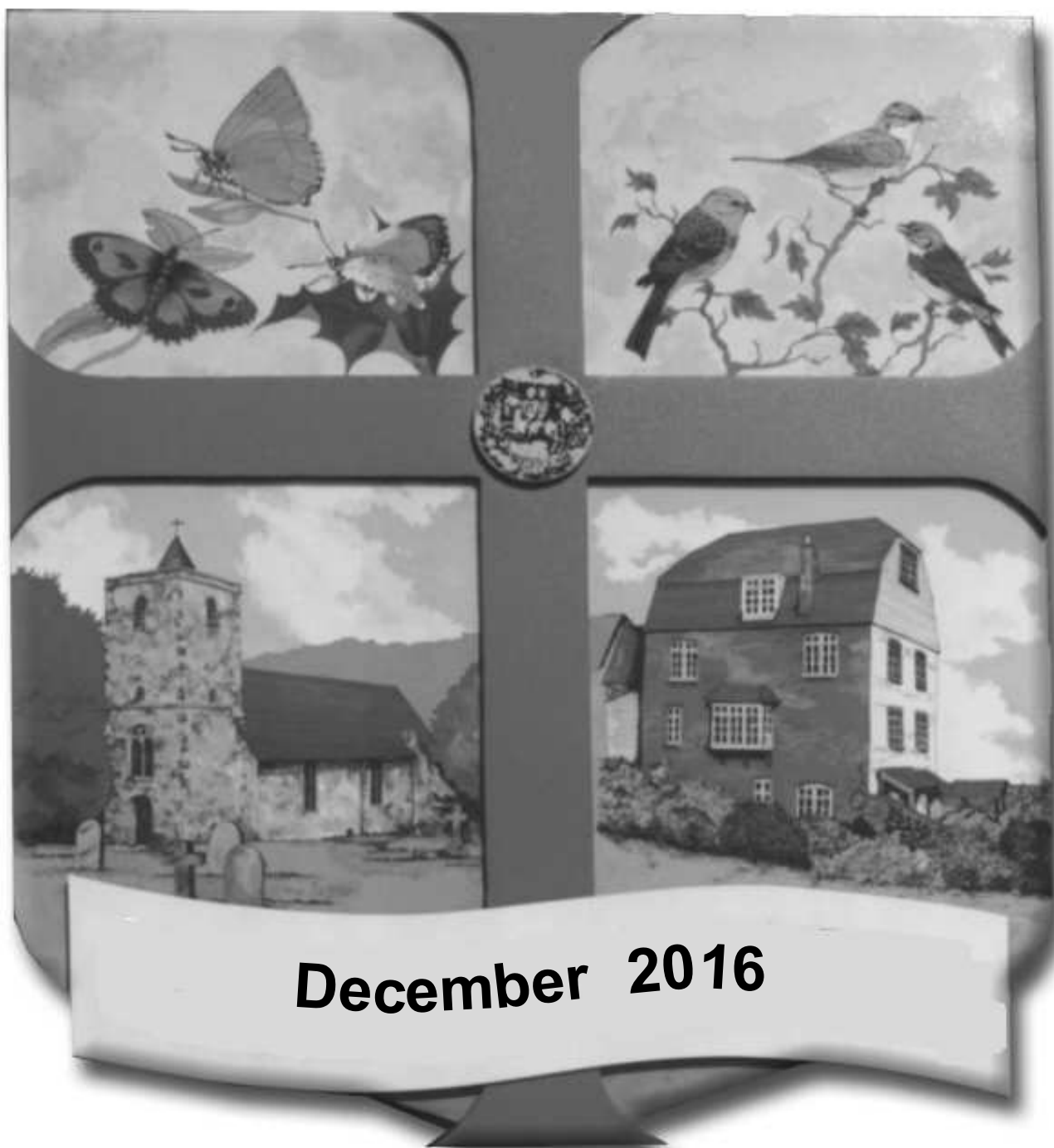


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Hello Everyone

Following my note last month about the lack of articles received, we appear to have solved the mystery. For some reason, after years of working perfectly, all the emails were not getting through to the TENews email address. For this reason I have created a new email address which should prevent the same problem happening in future. Please note the new email address for all submissions and any other correspondence to the Newsletter is now as follows:



**templeewellnews@gmail.com**

I will continue to monitor the old email address for a month or two, but will then take it down completely. Apologies for any inconvenience caused to anyone by the issue last month.

**Wishing you a very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.**

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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 GRETEL MAY**

I can be contacted on **07772 226209** for any issues that you'd like to discuss with me. **Gretel.**





# Village Diary

## December 2016

Thurs 1	Coffee Morning in the Village Hall
Sat 3	Bingo and Tea Afternoon St Peter & St Paul and St Mary's Lydden
Sun 4	Christmas Lights switch-on 5.30pm at Players' Corner
Tues 6	Pantomime tickets go on sale - 6pm in Village Hall
Thurs 8	WI Meeting in the Village Hall
Thurs 15	Coffee Morning in the Village Hall
Sun 25	CHRISTMAS DAY
Mon 26	BOXING DAY
Tues 27	BANK HOLIDAY
Thurs 29	Coffee Morning in the Village Hall

## January 2017

Mon 2	Bank Holiday
Thurs 12	W.I. Meeting in the Village Hall
Wed 25 - Sat 28	T E Players' Pantomime - Ali Baba and the 40 Thieves - SEE AD PAGE 6
Tues 31	Parish Council Meeting 7.15pm in the Baptist Church Hall

## February

Thurs 9	W.I. Meeting in the Village Hall
Tues 28	Parish Council Meeting 7.15pm in the Baptist Church Hall

## March

Thurs 9	W.I. Meeting in the Village Hall
Tues 28	Parish Council Meeting 7.15pm in the Baptist Church Hall

## April

Thurs 13	W.I. Meeting in the Village Hall
Fri 14	Bank Holiday
Mon 17	Bank Holiday
Tues 25	Annual Parish Meeting 7.15pm in the Baptist Church Hall

## May

Mon 1	Bank Holiday
Thurs 11	W.I. Meeting in the Village Hall
Wed 17 - Sat 20	T E Players' Spring Production
Mon 29	Bank Holiday
Tues 30	Parish Council AGM 7.15pm in the Baptist Church Hall

## June

Thurs 8      **W.I. Meeting** in the Village Hall

## July

Thurs 13      **W.I. Meeting** in the Village Hall

## August

Thurs 10      **W.I. Outing**  
Mon 28      **Bank Holiday**

## September

Thurs 14      **W.I. Meeting** in the Village Hall  
Wed 20-Sat 23      **T E Players' Autumn Production**

## October

Thurs 12      **W.I. Meeting** in the Village Hall

## November

Thurs 9      **W.I. Meeting** in the Village Hall

## December

Thurs 14      **W.I. Meeting** in the Village Hall



**Sunday 4th December**  
Come along and see the  
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# ALI BABA and the Forty Thieves

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# Temple Ewell Players

The Pantomime is nearly here and everyone is getting really excited. Rehearsals are going well.

Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves will be showing from 25th till 28th January 2017 and performances start at 7.30pm.

Tickets go on sale on Tuesday 6th December at 6pm in the Village Hall. Prices are £6.50 for adults on Wednesday and Thursday evenings and £7.50 on Friday evening and both Saturday performances. Children's tickets are £3 all week.

Will Ali Baba be able to raise funds?

Will Cassim get himself back together?

Will Ali and Safiya be reunited or will Sheikh Mustafa Leikh finally win the day?

Come along and join in the fun! We look forward to seeing you there.

**Carol Brodie**



# Temple Ewell W.I.

In October we welcomed David, a volunteer working with Shelterbox charity delivering humanitarian aid where help is needed following natural disasters or conflict worldwide. David accompanied his talk with slides and video. Shelterbox was started in 2000 in Cornwall and has grown since then. A shelterbox contains tent, sleeping gear and many life saving supplies to enable their recipients to start rebuilding their lives and looking to the future. It was a very touching and thought-provoking presentation .

We held our Annual Meeting in November, where we elected the committee and officers and were delighted that Jan was re-elected President.

Whilst the committee held a short meeting the rest of the members played a very noisy game of Beetle. We meet again on December 8th, when our speaker Rosemary will be celebrating the festive theme with her talk entitled 'Tis the season to be jolly!' We start the new year on January 12th.

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# Brownies

In October we painted Divali candle tealight holders, which was a lot of fun. We also made a collage poster of three candles with golden flames and lamps and a lamp/candle mobile.

Daisy and Fleur were enrolled this month and we lit the candles for their ceremony. Also we lit them on our Brownie Evening on 11th November for Remembrance Day and had a few sparklers at the end of the meeting.

We made up three shoe boxes with presents, toys etc. in them for children not as lucky as us, who don't have anything.

## *Nicole and Delphi*

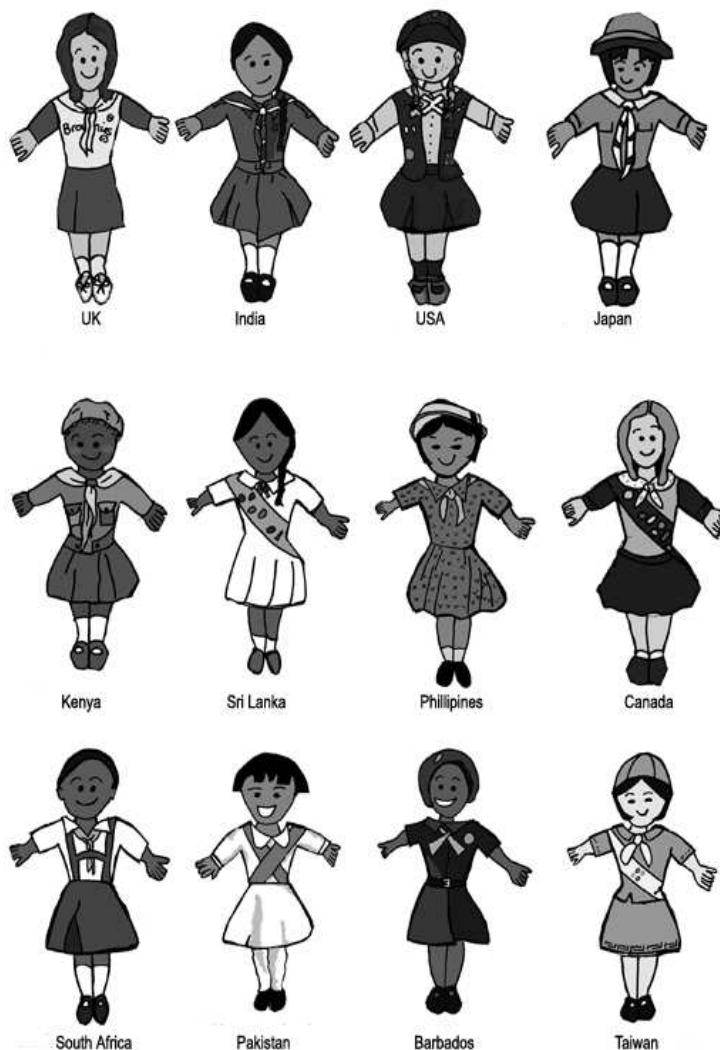
### Brownies Around the World

The girls have now finished their Autumn Paws Badge by clearing leaves at the Baptist Church. Our next Paws badge will be Hop, Skip and Jump. Also we will be taking part in the Dover Brownie Guide Swimming Gala on 17th November.

We are currently colouring in pictures of Brownie uniforms from around the world for the Christmas Tree Exhibition at the Church. From A - Z there are no Brownie Uniforms starting with W or X.

We restart Brownies on 7th January 6-7.30pm at the Baptist Church. Any girls aged 7+ who would like to come along will be welcomed or ring Brown Owl on 827138.

## *Anne Newington, Brown Owl*



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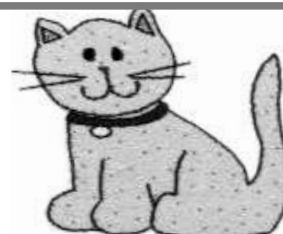
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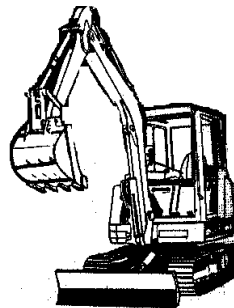
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# Parish Church of St Peter & St Paul

December & January services,  
to which we warmly welcome you.

**At Temple Ewell our Sunday Club meets at 10.30am during term time as advised.**

## December

Sunday 4th	(Shortened) Family Eucharist with gifts received for needy children, young adults & newborn babies, plus Mark & his puppet! 10.30 a.m.
Sunday 11th	Parish Eucharist 10.30 a.m.
Tuesday 13th	School Christmas Service 2.00p.m.
Saturday 17th	Blessing of Christmas Tree & decorations in memory of loved ones. 5.00 p.m.
Sunday 18th	Parish Eucharist 10.30 a.m. Service of Nine Lessons & Carols 6.30 p.m. (TE)
Christmas	Making & Blessing of the Holy Crib 4.00 p.m.
Eve	Midnight Mass of the Angels 11.30p.m.
Christmas	Sung Mass 10.30a.m.
Day	

## January 2017

Sunday 1st	First Sunday of Christmas – Parish Eucharist 10.30 a.m.
Sunday 8th	Parish Eucharist (of the Epiphany of Our Lord) 10.30 a.m.
Sunday 15th	Parish Eucharist 10.30 a.m.
Sunday 22nd	Worship in the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity with our friends at our Baptist Church 10.30 a.m.
Sunday 29th	Parish Eucharist 10.30 a.m.

**For times of midweek services, please refer to the Church Notice Board  
<https://www.facebook.com/templewellpepaul>**

On the night Jesus Christ was born to a peasant girl in the overcrowded town of Bethlehem, few comprehended the potential that God had released in the world, bound tightly in swaddling clothes. It would be thirty years before that potential was fully released. A few were privileged to be given an insight into the hope and promise embodied in that child. The ageing Simeon was one such man. He counted it the greatest blessing in his life to hold the Saviour of the world in his arms and was then happy to die having seen hope and salvation for mankind. The ageing Herod was also granted the same foreknowledge. He, like the shepherds, the wise men, and Simeon had news of Christ's birth. He too saw the potential, but rather than look forward with hope and expectation, he was fearful of losing his power

and privilege, and we know the dreadful steps he took to protect those things as he ordered the slaughter of innocent children.

If we believe the events of over 2000 years ago to be true, then Christmas offers us two responses. Like Simeon we are offered the greatest blessing of spiritually embracing the Christchild – of holding him in our hearts – of accepting God's gift to us and to the world, and releasing that potential in our lives – of finally knowing and accepting the depth of love for us which some thirty or so years later involved incredible sacrifice upon the Cross before such love's resurrection victory.

Our response, though, of course not involving his awful actions, nevertheless involves something of Herod's response. Rather than accepting God's gift and looking forward once more with the hope of an open heart, we are almost fearful of that and keep the Christchild's potential tightly bound within the trappings of the coming season when there is so much in God's gift to party about!

With every blessing for the coming Christmas and especially remembering those experiencing their first Christmas without a loved one.

***Fr. Paul***

## **Christmas Tree Festival 9th – 11th December**

This year the Church in Temple Ewell will host a Festival of Trees provided by the many organisations in the village. All the trees will be different and you can come and vote for your favourite one.

The Church will be open:

Friday 9th Dec 10am	4pm Warm drinks will be served in church
Saturday 10th Dec 10am	4pm Refreshments available in Millennium Hall
Sunday 11th Dec 12 noon	4pm Refreshments available in Millennium Hall

Do come and admire the trees and support a different type of Church Festival in the season of advent.



## Christingle Service and Blessing of the Crib

Our popular Christingle and Blessing of the Crib service will be held this year at **4pm on Christmas Eve** supporting the Children's Society.

Prior to the service, children can meet in the Millennium Hall between 2pm and 3.30pm to make their Christingles and have fun. Please bring an orange! We look forward to seeing you.



## Loved Ones Remembered on the Church Christmas Tree

Baubles and memory tags will be available in Church or during the Christmas Tree Festival. Please add your loved one's name and leave in the basket in Church. We would be delighted if you could join us at a short dedication service at **5pm on December 17th** and small donation would be lovely to help keep St Peter & St Paul as a viable community.

Mince pies and mulled wine will complete the evening.  
Please phone Jenny Miles on 824280 for any other information.

## Toy Service Sunday 4th December 10.30am



This year we welcome Marc from Dover Baptist Church to bring a Christian message with his puppets. It should be good fun and we hope the school 'After School Club' choir will join us. Toys will be collected for under-privileged children as well as toiletries for teenagers living alone in supported housing. Gifts for newborn babies will go in a Moses basket for a charity in Dover called 'Baby Basics' supporting vulnerable new mums.

So many people are requiring practical help in practical ways. If you can't make it to the service but have a gift, please contact Jenny on 824280.





## Willows

We went bowling on Sunday 16th October; we all had a good time and Luke and Richard were the winners. We have been given £100 by the Masons, which is brilliant as this will help towards the cost of our Christmas Dinner and Disco. We are looking forward to our evening out at The Fox next week for chips, cards and lemonade! ***Richard Grayson***



## Branching Out

Our week at Camber Sands was great and included lots of swimming and messing around. Luke and Tiff got engaged with a Haribo ring! Ross won the go kart trophy, Rebecca won the hole-in-one trophy, Richard won the trophy for pool and Luke for golf.

Richard attended the Allotment Association and is now the Branching Out representative on their committee. We went ten pin bowling, which was fun, and Ross won. We then went shopping to Hobbycraft for our Christmas things. We have all joined the library and had a fun visit to the museum. We are holding a Quiz Night soon to fund raise for our holiday in May next year when we hope to go to the Isle of Wight.

We are now open four days a week and we will be offering a free Christmas card delivery service within the village. If you would like us to do this for you please leave your cards at the village hall or The Fox.

***Richard Grayson***



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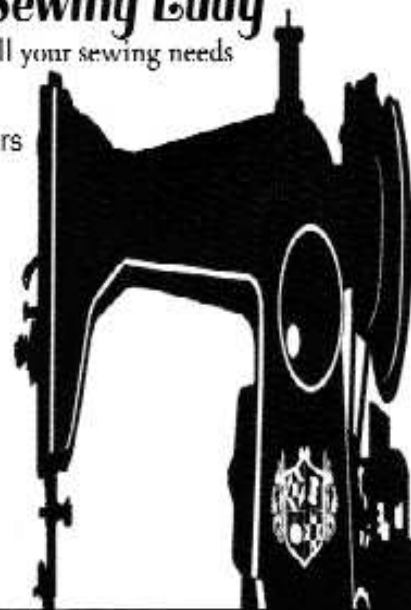
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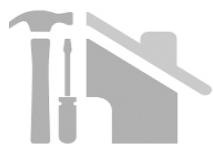
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# Temple Ewell Baptist Church

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## CHRISTMAS REFLECTION

It's no coincidence that at the darkest time of the year we can celebrate God sending us 'The Light of the World' – His Son, Jesus. Christmas - a gift to each one of us from our Father. The gift of a relationship with our creator as demonstrated by Jesus. Imagine a life where you don't know your purpose, surrounded by darkness and you cannot see the way forward. Then your eyes are drawn to a flickering candle. Because of this light the darkness is no longer overwhelming. You reach for the candle, and it guides you to the way out. Jesus shows us the way to a purpose filled life and offers us so many gifts: His peace, His joy and His ever present help in times of trouble. That is why we celebrate Christmas time with gratitude and joy. Be blessed this Christmas, and share God's love with your friends, family and neighbours.

Christmas has traditionally become a time of dressing up, preparing special lovely food, meeting with the ones we love and exchanging presents. It's a time to be grateful.

Even when things are not easy for us, it's a good exercise at the end of each day to look back and list three positive things from the day, to develop an 'attitude of gratitude' so that we focus on the good things instead of just the difficulties. No matter how small or insignificant, we will always find things to be grateful for. And as we approach a new year and reflect on the events of this one, it is good to take stock and repurpose for the coming year with optimism and gratitude in our hearts.

Our activities continue as usual:

Sunday Family Service: 10.30am

Monday Keep Fit: 7.30pm

Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer: 7pm

## Future Events



Sunday 11th December, 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. We will be seasonally considering "The gift that transforms".

**CANDLELIGHT CAROL SERVICE** Sunday 18th Dec at 4.30pm. All are welcome.

**CHRISTMAS DAY** Family celebration at 9.30am.

***If we can help in any way please do not hesitate to contact June on 822982  
Jack on 825150 or our minister Ewart Graham on 375823.***

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St Peter & St Paul and St Mary's Lydden

**Bingo and Tea Afternoon**  
**Saturday 3rd December 2pm**  
**at the Millennium Hall**

Leave the Christmas shopping until later  
and come and enjoy a fun afternoon!



**Sheer Innocence**

It's 4 o'clock in the morning  
All quiet on the bedroom front  
I can hear our four year old a'snoring  
From my better half, a grunt.

Hold on a moment, shouldn't he be coming  
down the chimney stack?  
Shouldn't he be dressed in red?  
Our four year old will catch him out before very long  
Returning to our room, getting back

Into our nice warm bed, innocent as ever  
How many more years can we keep up this fib?  
So if he is there, who is standing at the foot of the bed?  
It's Father Christmas, looking rather glib.

"Sssh" he says, "go and fetch your son  
I've got all his presents here"  
"Hello Robert, I'm Santa Claus, to see you tonight"  
He looked at Santa, looked at his sleeping Daddy,  
his face...hat a beautiful sight.

**Anne Cox**



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# Produce Association



Our AGM on 24th October was well attended - thanks to everyone who came.

We had one retirement from the committee and we are now down to the bare bones as no persons present were willing to join the committee.

## Dates for Shows in 2017 and for the Diary:

Coffee morning Sat 4th February 10 -12am - All welcome.

Spring Show Sat 1st April 2- 4 pm.

Summer Show Sat 15th July 2-4 pm.

Autumn Show Sat 9th September 2-4pm

A.G.M. Mon 23rd October 7.30-9 pm

Don't forget you can follow us now on Facebook and on our website.

Some other news that might be of interest is a Floral Art Demonstration on March 23rd in the lower hall 7 30 -9.30 pm and 'How to Show' by Roy Well on July 4th 7.30-9.30 in the Lower Hall.



**The subjects for the Photography competition in the Spring show are:**

**Class 6** Dover Castle

**Class 7** A moody sky (b&w or colour)

**Class 8** A local waterfall

**Class 9** A close up of a flower

.....So get snapping.

***Regards, Trevor***



## County Councillor

With nursery and school terms well underway, parents and guardians of children aged two to seven are being encouraged to get the free flu vaccination for their children.

This year children aged two, three and four, or in school years one, two and three, are all eligible for the flu vaccination on the NHS. The child-friendly nasal spray means children can avoid having an injection and instead have a quick, painless, squirt into each nostril. Children aged two to four years old can visit their GP for the nasal spray vaccination; while school nurses are running clinics for children in years one, two and three. Children of all ages with a health condition that puts them at greater risk of flu are also eligible for the flu vaccine.

Flu can be a very unpleasant illness in children causing fever, stuffy nose dry cough, sore throat, aching muscles and joints and extreme tiredness. This can often last several days. Some children can get a very high fever, sometimes without the usual flu symptoms, and may need to go to hospital for treatment. Serious complications of flu include a painful ear infection, acute bronchitis and pneumonia. Children can become very poorly if they catch flu and are good at spreading it to others too. We know an ill child affects the wider family, as parents or carers may have to take time off work to look after them. The nasal spray is safe and tailored each year to specific flu viruses – so please do take up this free NHS offer.”

KCC Director of Public Health, Andrew Scott-Clark said: “It is particularly important that we reach parents and make sure children are protected as they can easily spread the illness among their friends and family. In the worst cases, seasonal flu can result in a stay in hospital, and it can even be fatal. Younger girls and boys can get the vaccine as a nasal spray rather than a jab but having one can make a huge difference.” It is important to get children vaccinated even if they had the flu vaccination last year. The flu vaccine provides protection against the strains of flu that are likely to circulate this year and which may be different from last year. So make sure you visit your GP when offered the nasal spray vaccine (for pre-school children) or complete the consent form so your child can have the vaccine at school (for four to seven year olds).

This year the flu vaccine is being offered to:

- children aged two, three and four years ie born between 1 September 2011 and 31 August 2014
- children in school years 1,2 and 3 ie born between 1 September 2008 and 31 August 2011
- children with a health condition that puts them at greater risk.

I wish you all a peaceful, pleasant festive season.

**Geoffrey Lymer**

**Kent County Councillor Dover West Ward**





Tiddlers have been enjoying the autumn sunshine, planting spring bulbs and finding conkers. Look out for our guerilla gardening in the Spring!

Before you know it Christmas will be here and we're going on our Annual Christmas Theatre Trip. We're going with Acorns class from Temple Ewell school to see Hansel & Gretel. There's only a few tickets left if you'd like to join us.

The church are having a Christmas Tree Festival - come and see Tiddlers' tree, it's sure to be epic.

We lost quite a few to school this September so would love to see some new faces. It's on every Tuesday 9-1am in the Millenium Hall for babies and pre-schoolers with their grown up - £2.



Dover & Deal Sea Cadets meet at their headquarters, TS LYNX, in Upper Road, Dover (behind the castle) Monday and Thursday evenings from 6.45 - 9pm.

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### In writing:

Councillor Mark Rose

Dover District Council Offices

White Cliffs Business Park, Dover CT16 3PJ

I hope this update finds you all well. Do be careful on the roads, as there have been shock ice and frost spells in the early morning with no gritting on the roads.

As part of my Dover District Councillor communication reaching out to all local residents I will also be putting the full version of this newsletter online.

You can download my update report for the month in full via the below link. Many people have requested the online link as they can keep updated whilst away from home. <https://www.yousendit.com/download/cUJVSU5JQTZ5UkdFQk1UQw>

It can also be read or downloaded on twitter @Lydden&TempleE as from 15th of each month – when it is submitted for print in the local newsletters

I am delighted that so many residents have submitted their broadband readings to me over this last period – it clearly shows a huge drift in services with no reflection in the monthly costs being charged to each resident. It is shameful that so many people are suffering awfully poor network connectivity, not worth using or no connectivity at all, and are still being charged the same rates as those who have 10-25mbps speeds!

Children and parents all need to access online services 24/7 for e-homework and basic utilities and banking every day, but sadly many of you are reporting you cannot do this once a week with the lowest village speeds recorded being 0.09mbps, 0.027 and 0.34mbps. I think that poor services are unacceptable and am sad to hear of others telling me

they wish to move away as a result of historically poor network services. It is not acceptable to have residents wait another two years for everyone to access what will be very below average broadband offers. Dover has 220mbps for the last three years.



Please do continue to send in your household readings, so we can use these in a campaign with support from others who are equally concerned about the slow connectivity. Residents for both (Archers Court PCP10T) and Sheperdswell cabinet PCP7 should send in their readings. With thanks!

Send your internet speed info to [cllr-mark.rose@dover.gov.uk](mailto:cllr-mark.rose@dover.gov.uk) or text me your speed and name and address/postcode to 07733 080861 - thank you!

You can log onto these FREE SPEEDTEST services to check YOUR household speeds – you might be shocked to see the results!



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### Crime Figures

I thought residents would be interested to see what crimes had been reported locally – so I looked at the online Police crime maps. This shows 2 crimes in Lydden and 13 in Temple Ewell for the month of September. You may want to check yourself at <https://www.police.uk/kent/116/crime/>

### Illegal parking on Lydden Hill Junction

The temporary bollards on Lydden hill which KCC were provided after site visits there – ceasing the endless illegal parking and activity which will soon end for good, as I promised last year.

It has finally been agreed that the traffic will be managed and prevented by top soiling the area and returning it back to being a natural space to prevent trucks from their endless unlit illegal parking overnight and using the area to dump their waste products and non-biodegradable litter and junk, some being toxic mechanical waste. I have requested this is all removed before the final top soil earth is deposited.

**Best wishes from [cllr-mark.rose@dover.gov.uk](mailto:cllr-mark.rose@dover.gov.uk)**

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## Reflecting on Christmases Past After a Dream

At the first Epiphany, the last day of Christmas, the three wise men or Magi were led by a star to Bethlehem bringing their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh in homage to the baby Jesus lying in a manger.

On 5th January or '12th night', traditionally, most of us would take down our Christmas decorations, celebrations over for another year.....

The single bell rang out in the church of St.Peter & St.Paul summoning us to worship on this Epiphany 2013. Inside, the church was still aglow with many candles and the lights on the Christmas tree, and evergreen and floral decorations still looked as fresh as when they were lovingly arranged on the day before Christmas Eve. Many of the pews were filled and the singing of the opening hymn 'The First Noel' rang out with feeling.....

.....I had a dream in which I attended the church on a Christmas morning to find the pews filled with folk whose faces I did not recognise and wearing clothes of much earlier times. Stranger still, outside, the notice board bore the name, not of St Peter & St Paul but that of a St.Bernard! Yes, I had clearly been dreaming but the dream lead me to reflect on all the past Christmases celebrated in this little church.....

..... On a Christmas morning in the time of Queen Victoria there came the clip-clop of hooves and a rumble of wheels as a carriage laboured up Church Hill and, stopping at the gate of the church, the horses' breath steaming in the cold December air, the driver jumped down to open the door of the carriage from which descended a gentleman in a long great-coat and holding a tall beaver felt hat, with the other hand assisting a lady dressed in a crinoline gown with a velvet mantle. Her bonnet and muff were lined with fur. She was followed by a small boy dressed in fur from head to toe, wearing a be-ribboned hat and carrying a large sprig of holly! The carriage moved on, and gentleman replacing his hat, the couple proceeded towards the church where other similarly dressed personages, and villagers in more simple winter garb, were about to enter.



There followed much doffing of hats, half curtsies and tugging of forelocks as all exchanged Christmas greetings before the assemblage entered the church, the long skirts of the ladies swishing and rustling as they made their way to their pews.

The church glowed with candlelight and everywhere was holly, ivy and other evergreens with a gaily dressed fir tree. Already seated in two pews towards the front was a family, comprising an elderly lady and a younger couple, with two small boys in the pew ahead. The boys were scuffling and giggling, excited in child-like anticipation of new toys and the feast to come, this provoked a poke from the stick of the elderly lady behind, surely their grandmother!

The organ was playing softly as the rector, the Revd. Turnbull, a tall, rather severe looking priest with side whiskers, approached the lectern to welcome his parishioners this Christmas morn, giving the boys a rather stern look though his eyes held a certain twinkle!

Then, the strains of the first hymn 'Oh Come all ye Faithful' rang out joyously, the faces of the congregation lit by the glow of many candles.....

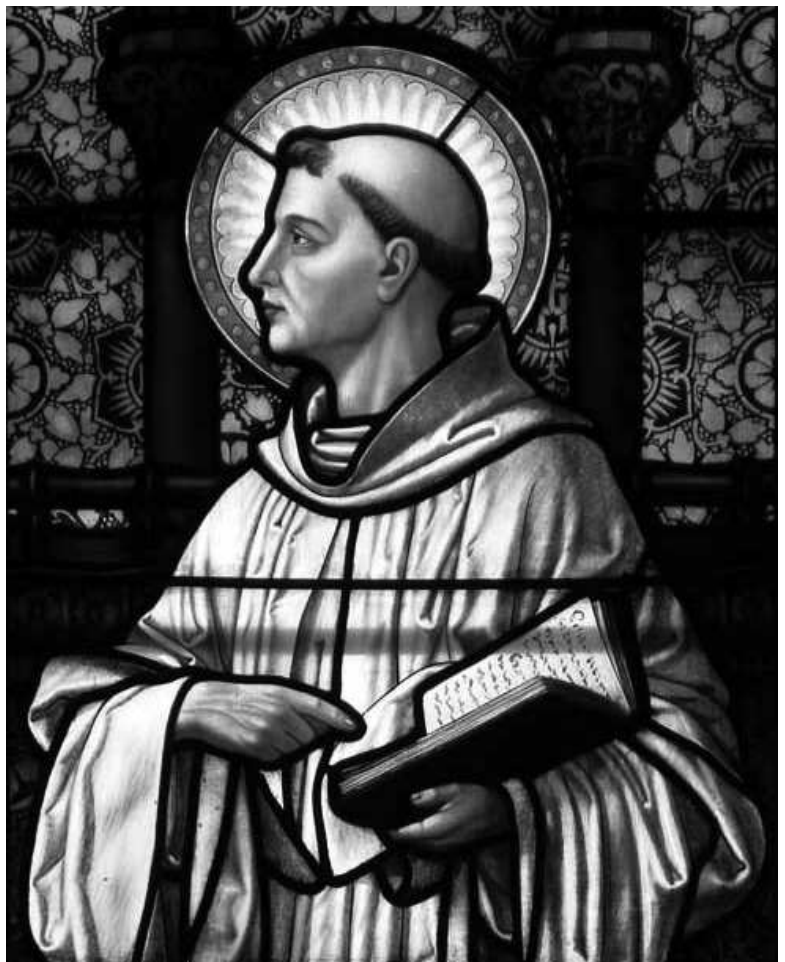
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Saint Bernard of Clairvaux  
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In 1128 Bernard assisted at the council of Troyes at which he traced the outlines of the Rule of the Knights Templar who soon became the ideal of Christian nobility.

He is also the patron saint of candle-makers.

The Revd. John Turnbull was vicar of St.Peter & St.Paul Church from 1871- 1901 (See 'A Guide to Temple Ewell Church').



**Pat Castleton**





# Temple Ewell Parish Council



**Many Congratulations to Ms Lambourne - Mr & Mrs Doble - Mrs Davis - Mr Polden**

The Parish Council and Allotment Committee are working together to promote the benefits of allotment gardening and healthy lifestyles. Both parties recognise the amount of hard work and dedication that is required to maintain a plot.

This year the Allotment Committee introduced a competition focusing on 'Best Newcomers' and gave the Parish Councillors their nominations. Judging took place in August and the following winners were chosen and presented with a twenty pound Wyevale Garden Centre voucher by the Chairman of the Parish Council.

The full Parish Council meets on the last Tuesday of the month (excluding August and 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. Should you wish to put anything on the notice board please contact either the Clerk or the Chairman.

Contact details for councillors are on the website:

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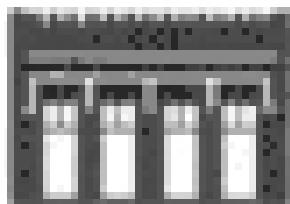
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## Friday Club

We at the Friday Club are getting ready for our close down and Christmas Party which will be on the 16th December . We have a local celebrity coming to sing for us and it's his first time in the Village Hall so we are all excited. During the celebrations we shall have a visit from Father Christmas; this always livens up the proceedings and is done with the help of Branching Out.

I would like to take this opportunity of wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from me and all at the Friday Club, and hope that all of you who have been poorly have a speedy recovery.

***Bye for now and see you in 2017***  
***Yvonne***





### **Find out more about the project**

Would you like to know more about the restoration work, events and activities that will be happening over the next few years? There will be an exhibition of the plans outside the café in Kearsney Abbey from 8 December. Our team will be on hand to answer questions on Thursday 8 December from 10am to 1 pm and then again on Monday 12 December from 12 noon until 3pm. The exhibition will then stay up for a few weeks after that and will also be available on our website – more details nearer the time.

### **Junior parkrun**

Kearsney Abbey is now home to junior parkrun. It's a 2 km run for juniors (aged 4 to 14) and takes place every Sunday at 9am. Thanks to Your Leisure and River Parish Council for supporting the event. You can find out more here <http://www.parkrun.org.uk/dover-juniors/>

### **Keep in touch**

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