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Hello Everyone

**We have a few tickets left for the Barn Dance which we are hosting on 8th October - see advert page 21. Ring now if you would like to come.**

On Wednesday 12th October we are holding our AGM at the Millennium Hall. All readers and delivery persons are very welcome to attend. We hope to see you there - there will be free wine and nibbles.



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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. **Gretel.**





# Village Diary 2016

## October

Sat 1, Sun 2	<b>Cider &amp; Ale Festival at Crabble Corn Mill</b> - Contact the Mill for full details 01304 823292 <a href="http://www.ccmt.org.uk/">http://www.ccmt.org.uk/</a>
Sat 1	<b>Afternoon Tea</b> in aid of Macmillan 2-4pm, hosted by the Youth Club
Thurs 6	<b>Coffee Morning</b> in the Village Hall
Sat 8	<b>Barn Dance</b> at the Village Hall - see ad page 21
Wed 12	<b>TENews AGM</b> 7.30 at the <b>Millennium Hall</b> all are welcome to attend
Thurs 13	<b>WI Meeting</b> in the Village Hall
Sat 15	<b>WI Autumn Evening - Fish &amp; Chip Supper</b> - see ad page 10
Thurs 20	<b>Coffee Morning</b> in the Village Hall
Fri 21	<b>Las Vega Comes to Temple Ewell</b> Fundraiser for Kelly Turner - see ad page 7
Mon 24	<b>Produce Assoc AGM</b> 7-9pm in the Village Hall
Tues 25	<b>Parish Council Meeting</b> 7.15pm in the Baptist Church Hall

## November

Thurs 5	<b>Coffee Morning</b> in the Village Hall
Tues 8	<b>Parish Council Finance Committee Meeting</b> 7.15pm in the Baptist Church Hall
Thurs 10	<b>WI Meeting</b> in the Village Hall
Thurs 17	<b>Coffee Morning</b> in the Village Hall
Sat 19	<b>Church Bazaar</b> 2pm in the Village Hall
Tues 29	<b>Parish Council Meeting</b> 7.15pm in the Baptist Church Hall

## December

Thurs 1	<b>Coffee Morning</b> in the Village Hall
Sat 3	<b>Bingo and Tea Afternoon</b> St Peter & St Paul and St Mary's Lydden
Thurs 8	<b>WI Meeting</b> in the Village Hall
Thurs 15	<b>Coffee Morning</b> in the Village Hall
Sun 25	<b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b>
Mon 26	<b>BOXING DAY</b>
Tues 27	<b>BANK HOLIDAY</b>
Thurs 29	<b>Coffee Morning</b> in the Village Hall

***DON'T FORGET TO LET US HAVE YOUR DIARY DATES FOR 2017!***

# 2017

## January

Mon 2                      **Bank Holiday**  
Tues 31                  **Parish Council Meeting** 7.15pm in the Baptist Church Hall

## February

Tues 28                  **Parish Council Meeting** 7.15pm in the Baptist Church Hall

## March

Tues 28                  **Parish Council Meeting** 7.15pm in the Baptist Church Hall

## April

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**  
Mon 29                  **Bank Holiday**  
Tues 30                  **Parish Council AGM** 7.15pm in the Baptist Church Hall

## June

## July

## August

Mon 28                  **Bank Holiday**

## September

## October

## November

## December



## Temple Ewell Players

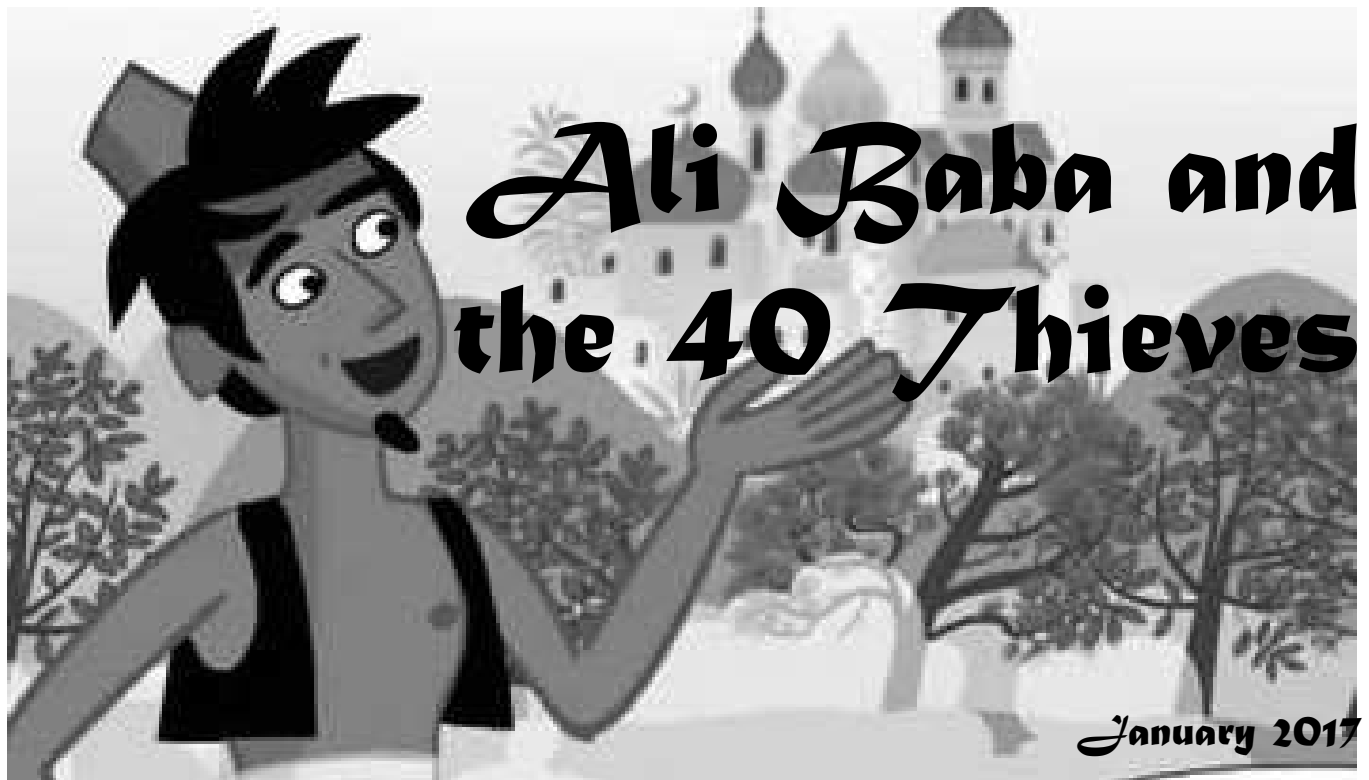
A huge thank you to everyone who came to support our last production which was enjoyed by all both on and off stage.

Our pantomime 'Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves' will run from 25th to 28th January 2017 and will be directed by Cindy Tuson and Tonia Watts.

A read through for the pantomime will be held on Tuesday 11th October at 7.30pm in the Village Hall and auditions on Thursday 13th October, also at 7.30pm.

If you've ever thought about becoming involved in amateur theatre, either on stage or behind the scenes, then you would be more than welcome to join us. We are also looking for a keyboard player to play at rehearsals and the week of the show, a musical director and help with the costumes. Creativity and imagination are key!

*Carol Brodie*





**VEGAS COMES TO TEMPLE EWELL VILLAGE HALL**

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# Produce Association

By the time you read this we will have had our outing to Wisley and our Autumn Show.

The last Meeting of the year is our AGM on Monday 24th October at 7:30pm in Temple Ewell Village Hall. We hope to see as many Members there as possible as we really appreciate your feedback on how we can improve the running of the club.

If you are able to spare some time to get involved why not join the Committee. There are only three meetings a year, before each of the Shows, which is not a huge commitment but it really does benefit the whole community so much.

***Regards Trevor Barlow***

## Temple Ewell W.I.



At our first meeting after our summer break we were pleased to welcome Carol as a new member. Ruth, one of our members, stepped in at very short notice and gave us a very informative talk about Iceland. Ruth spent a year in Iceland and goes back regularly, so she is very knowledgeable about the country.

To take up the challenge of WI sports week (12-16 September) we enjoyed (!! )a session of gentle exercises.

Just a reminder that we are having a fish and chip supper with cabaret - SEE BELOW



### *WI Autumn Evening*

**Fish and Chip Supper  
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**Saturday 15th October in the Village Hall  
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## Branching Out

We enjoyed our trip to Joss Bay. The weather was lovely and we all went into the sea and finished off with a picnic lunch.

We are working hard on our allotment, our sprout plants are growing really well. When our beans and courgettes are finished we will be able to put up our greenhouse. We will be entering our vegetables and cooking in the Gardeners Autumn Show, so fingers crossed!

Richard has got another days work experience and is looking forward to working at the Transport Museum.

We have a trip coming up where we will go to Hythe on the bus and then to Dymchurch on the little railway.

Our holiday to Camber is now only 4 weeks away. We are all looking forward to it even, Marilyn and Yvonne!

We are busy pickling onions and making jam to sell on our stall at the MacMillan Tea Afternoon on Saturday October 1st. Hope to see you there.

***Richard Grayson***



## Willows

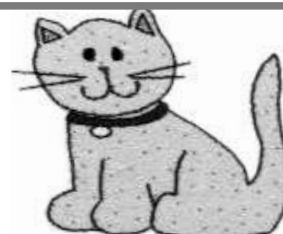
We had a good day out at Chessington World of adventure. We all loved the Bubble Works. It is closing for good at the end of September, so we made the most of it!

We are busy making autumn pictures to enter into the Gardeners Autumn Show and we are looking forward to meeting at The Fox when the Players have their performances.

***Richard Grayson***



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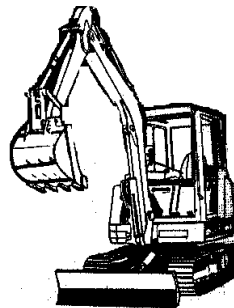
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# Parish Church of St Peter & St Paul

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

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

Sunday 2nd	Harvest Festival Eucharist 10.30 a.m. Special speaker: Dr. Judith Shilling, Trustee of Dover Outreach Centre
Monday 3rd	School Harvest Service 9.15 a.m.
Sunday 9th	Parish Eucharist 10.30 a.m.
Sunday 16th	St. Luke's Family Eucharist 10.30 a.m.
Sunday 23rd	Parish Eucharist (Feast of Dedication) 10.30 a.m.
Sunday 30th	All Saints Sunday – Benefice Eucharist at TE 10.30 a.m.

NB All Souls' Requiem Mass, Wednesday 2nd November 6.30 p.m. at St. Mary's, Lydden

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

As we begin the month of October with our Church and School Harvest Thanksgiving celebrations, how appropriate that this coincides with the feast day (4th) of the most popular saint after the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Francis of Assisi, who died in 1226. Francis grew up as a very fashionable young 'man-about town', but sickness and his experience as a prisoner of war changed all that. Much to his father's disapproval, he gave away all he had and devoted his life to simple living in the service of Christ and in love for others, especially those in need. St. Francis loved God's creation intensely and part of one of his many poems helps earth our thoughts and thanks at Harvestide.

***Fr. Paul***

'Blessed are you, my Lord, for the gift of all your creatures; and especially for our brother the Sun, by whom the day is enlightened. He is radiant and very bright, of great splendour, bearing witness to you  
O my God.

Blessed are you, my Lord, for our sisters the Moon and the Stars;  
you have placed them high in the heavens, fair and clear.  
Blessed are you, my Lord, for our brother the Wind; for the air, for clouds and for calm, for every kind of weather; for by them you sustain all creatures.

Blessed are you, my Lord, for our sister Water, she is so very useful,  
so humble, chaste and precious.

Blessed are you, my Lord, for our Brother Fire, he is gay, noble and  
beautiful, untameable and strong; by him you illuminate the night.  
Blessed are you, my Lord, for our Mother the Earth; she sustains and  
nourishes us, and brings forth all kinds of fruits, herbs, grains and also  
the bright-hued flowers.

**PS. Very special thanks for much generosity and warmth with which many  
responded to our Gift Day.**

St Peter & St Paul

# Church Bazaar

**Saturday 19th November 2pm  
at Temple Ewell Village Hall**

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accessories and  
much more



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!

## **WORD DEFINITIONS BY MUMARURTUTINUN:-**

<b>GENUFLEX</b>	Really bendy
<b>PANTRY</b>	A saucepan bush
<b>GREGARIOUS</b>	Greg has a hairy bum
<b>TRANSITA</b>	comfortable journey by train
<b>FORTUNE</b>	A song before starting
<b>MANIFOLD</b>	He is double jointed





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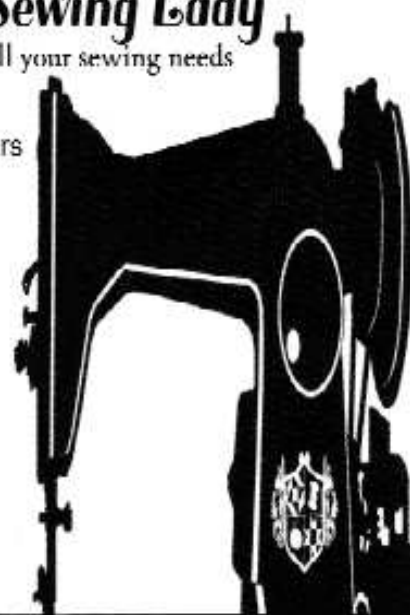
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# Temple Ewell Baptist Church

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## ALWAYS WITH US

Here we are in another season – Autumn. Children have started their new academic year, gardeners are choosing their best crops to show and summer holidays suddenly seem a long time ago. We all go through seasons in life, some of them sunny and others quite dark and bleak; but it is good to remember that things last for just a season and it's not what we go through but how we go through it. At those times of struggle, it is important to reach out for help from those who will encourage us. When Jesus' work on earth of revealing the Father to us was done, he left us with the 'helper' – the Holy Spirit, also known as 'the comforter'. Wherever we are, we can always pray to the Lord in the safe knowledge that He hears our prayers and watches over us and brings us through these troubled times, often stronger as a result of the experience and better equipped to sympathise with others who face the same challenges. If you wish to have someone pray for you, please call us or come to our Sunday morning meeting so that you know that you are not alone.

### Overheard in an Orchard:

Said the Robin to the Sparrow:

'I should really like to know

Why these anxious human beings

Rush about and worry so'.

Said the Sparrow to the Robin:

'Friend, I think that it must be

That they have no Heavenly Father

Such as cares for you and me'. **Elizabeth Cheney**

## Future Events



MESSY CHURCH on on Sunday 9th October 4 - 6pm. This is for children and adults and comprises about one hour of craft activities, 10 minute Bible based talk, a full cooked meal. Our theme will be "God has no favourites."

HARVEST CELEBRATION on Sunday 2nd October at 10.30am.

Our activities continue as usual:

Sunday Family Service: 10.30am

Monday Keep Fit: 7.30pm

Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer: 7pm

***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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A NEWSLETTER EVENT

# **BARN DANCE**

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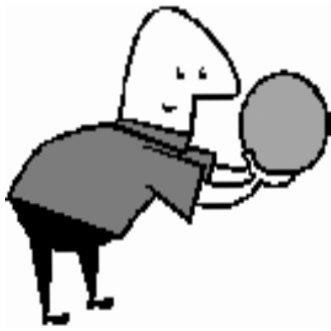
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## Short Mat Bowls Club

We have re-opened after a brief summer break and would heartily welcome new members.



Apart from being excellent exercise, much encouraged nowadays, it is a chance to meet up socially with tea and biscuits included in our £2 fee for 2 hours.

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### In writing:

Councillor Mark Rose

Dover District Council Offices

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I have received an apology from KCC over delays in putting in place parking restrictions following a site meeting I had with them on the Lydden Hill U-turn areas.

I met with two staff officers and completed a site survey months ago and at the same time had several illegally parked EU HGV vehicles moved on as we discussed the ongoing problems. Highways and KCC action was completed last month with follow up correspondence promising further remedial actions after an audit was completed on ownership of areas in June and July on the wider area.

There have been incidents of people trafficking with individuals being dumped in these areas, sometimes as many as eighteen at a time, thus my determination for Lydden to be cleared of this criminal activity and endless abuse of Lydden village areas. The Police have continued to be very helpful with support from the previous and new Police Commissioners and their Area Superintendents.

Please also keep sending me photographs with any incidents of illegal parking, as I am unable to catch all of them before they move on or get reported, although I do my best.

Incidents of fly-tipping have been reported and cleared and the Lydden Hill road-side verges and hedges were finally cut back. The area now looks so much better and is safer.

DDC have now extended their grants deadline for both village environment and your village community groups - good news! Any support or help needed by any groups with DDC grant applications, please contact me and I am happy to support them. Simply email me Cllr-mark.rose@dover.gov.uk

<http://www.dover.gov.uk/Community/Grants-Funding/Community-Grants-Scheme/DDC-Community-Grants.aspx>

After a vote to restore badly needed lighting on Whitfield Hill during the dark nights was approved, I am continuing to chase it up. It is intended that the lights will be replaced with LEDs, although meanwhile they have already been switched off/dismantled with no installation date announced for new LED lighting!



Not a good idea to to continue to keep us all in the dark, so I will be pushing for start dates.

My last letter July/August was submitted but not published due to me missing the deadline, I have therefore put the online copy up here for anyone interested :  
<https://www.hightail.com/download/cUJXcmxha0RubHlybHNUQw?cid=tx-02002207340200000000&s=19102>

***Best wishes from cllr-mark.rose@dover.gov.uk***

***@Lydden&TempleE - report & post pictures of fly-tipping, fly-parking & environmental crime***



New barrier to prevent HGVs  
illegally parking

Tidied verges  
on  
Lydden Hill



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# Youth Club

We have restarted now that the summer holidays are over and have welcomed some new members. We are holding our annual Tea Afternoon in aid of MacMillan Cancer Care and hope to better our last year's total of £346-01. Please support us.

We are off to Thorpe Park on October 2nd and we are all looking forward to the trip.

*Tiffany*



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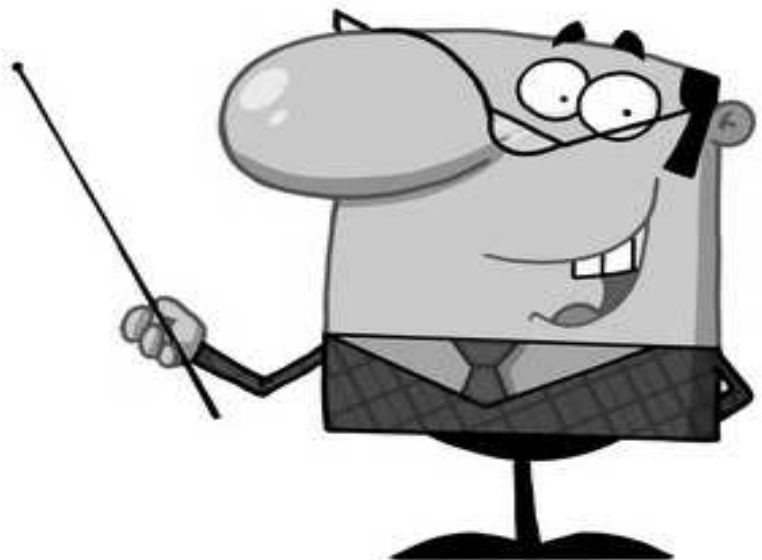
**“ ‘Night ‘night, Ma  
I’ve had my bath, cleaned my teeth and washed my shirt,  
I’ve prayed and asked to be forgiven  
For all I’ve said and done today that has hurt.**

**Others, those I know or those I’ve met ‘cos  
their feelings were just as important as mine.  
Their opinions and ideas counted as much  
Yes, but did I listen or see the signs?**

**No, of course I didn’t. I just rambled on  
thinking they’d listen and hear me out  
when all they really wanted to do  
was to answer back and shout -**

**‘Shut up, do please, just for a while  
our opinions and thoughts are as important too’  
“I should know this really. That it’s about give and take -  
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**ANNE COX**



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# County Councillor

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR WOMEN BORN IN THE 50s (on or after 6/4/51)**

There are over 4000 women born in the 50s in the Dover area affected by severe pension changes imposed by the Pension Acts of 1995 and 2011 with little or no personal notification and who will not be receiving their pensions at 60.

Some women have only had two years notice of a six-year increase to their pension age, plunging them into huge financial hardship, with retirement plans shattered and costing them each in excess of £38k. Many of these women are already out of the labour market, caring for elderly relatives, providing childcare for grandchildren, or suffer discrimination in the workplace so struggle to find employment.

Women born in this decade are suffering financially. These women have worked hard, raised families and paid their tax and national insurance with the expectation that they would be financially secure when reaching 60.

It is not the pension age itself that is in dispute - it is widely accepted that women and men should retire at the same time. The issue is that the rise in the women's state pension age has been too rapid and has happened without sufficient notice being given to the women affected, leaving women with no time to make alternative arrangements.

If you are affected please consider joining WASPI at [www.waspi.co.uk](http://www.waspi.co.uk) or see the local group's Facebook page at East Kent Pension Rebels and please do tell your friends.

I support the wish by these women to have the Government, not only reconsider the 2011 pension alteration which will dramatically affect the income of women who are either spinsters, divorced, separated or widowed, but to reverse the the change to reflect the pre 2011 decision.

Our society is becoming more and more dependent on 'carers' to look after people in their own homes, relieving the high financial costs of entering a care or nursing homes. Most elderly or infirm would rather remain in their own property.

The majority of carers are from the female sector of society, who take up this role once they retire. They look after their elderly members of family as debilitating mental or physical illness encroach on their lives, they also assist their younger members of their family with child care and may care for friends or neighbours.

If these women are having to continue working, who looks after these vulnerable sectors of society whilst these ladies have to work for up to another couple of years.

These ladies will have been fully paid up on their national insurance and should be entitled to draw their pensions pre 2011 change.

I am currently liaising with members of the woman's pension group with a view to taking this to Central Government to attempt to reverse the 2011 decision. The more the eligible woman born in the early 1950s sign up to "waspi" the more strength in numbers we will have to approach the Government.

**Geoffrey Lymer**  
**Kent County Councillor**  
**Dover West Ward**

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What kind of girl does a mummy take on a date?  
Any old girl he can dig up!

How do you make a witch itch?  
Take away her w!

Why didn't the skeleton cross the road?  
Because he had no guts!

Where do ghosts pick up their mail?  
At the ghost office!



A ghost walks into a bar.  
Bartender asks,  
"What'll you have?"  
Ghost says,  
"I'm here for the  
BOOs!"



What do monsters call human beings?  
Breakfast, lunch and dinner!

Why didn't the skeleton go to the party?  
Because he had no body to go with!





## Friday Club

At the time of writing Summer is almost over and the prospect of Autumn looming. We have had a quiet time of late with many members on holiday but we are picking up again now

On 16th September we had our Ploughman's Lunch, which is always very popular, and in October we shall hold a Halloween Tea.

Plans are now in place for our Christmas Party and this year we have a local singer, who comes highly recommended. We are looking forward to it.

Our Mrs Fowler will have undergone an operation and we would all like to wish her well for a speedy recovery.

***Until next time, it's bye for now***  
***Yvonne***



## Temple Ewell 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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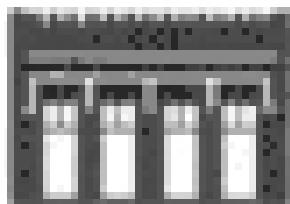
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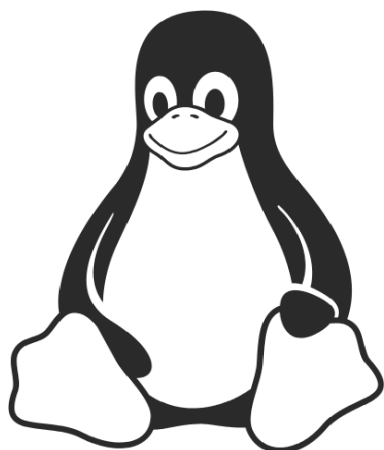
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## Letters to the Editor

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### ***Dear Editor***

Phil Eyden is a researcher for Western Heights Preservation Society and has written two new books on Dover history; Dover's Western Heights in the First World War, and Dover's Forgotten Commando Raid.

During the First World War, three regiments defended Dover, the East Surrey and the East Kent regiments at the Western Heights and the Royal Fusiliers at the Castle. They also trained reinforcements for the Western Front. These will appear in regimental histories. The Dover Anti-Aircraft Corps would not. They were a civilian group hired by the Admiralty and were local men who for twenty months provided searchlight defence against Zeppelins but were useless against aeroplanes so they were disbanded and the defense taken over by the army. All 166 members of the Corps are listed. Since Dover is a highly stable society, descendants of these men are likely to still be here and these lads were obviously local heroes.

After several cancellations the raid on Hardelot finally took place on 21 April 1942. One hundred commandos, under the command of Lord Lovat, and fifty Canadians of the Carleton and York Regiment, under the command of Lt Ensor, set out for France carried there by the Royal Navy. The commandos who landed successfully, but in the wrong place and were under non-directed fire, sent out patrols and returned with only one casualty. The fifty Canadians waited offshore but navy navigation was weak, meaning the locality was uncertain, so they returned when the withdrawal signal was given by the main party.

The objective was to capture a prisoner, and destroy the searchlight and general reconnaissance. The later Dieppe disaster shows that lessons were not learned.

Phil Eyden has researched both military and civilian sources so that both books written by him are well illustrated and are well worth reading.

### ***S S G Hale***

Editor's note: This 96-page book contains many never-before published photographs. Copies are available at Country Brides in Castle Street, Wednesday to Saturday, The Mash Tun Micropub in Biggin Street and at The Lanes Micropub in Worthington Street. Alternatively, contact the Western Heights Preservation Society or Phil Eyden via Facebook. The book costs £15.

## **OFFICIAL OPENING OF KING GEORGE'S FIELD 3rd June 1936 (*part two*)**

The new lay out provided for a capital cost of £1,125, of which the grant given was £775, leaving the Council to raise £350. To the credit of Temple Ewell (population under 1,000), the parishioners made an all-out drive and succeeded in raising this sum in eighteen months. In this connection special mention must be recorded of the generous donations of the following Temple Ewell organisations:- Day Schools, Women's Insitutue, Boy's Club, Church, District Conservative and Unionist Associations, School Managers, Temple Ewell Players, Temple Ewell Carollers, as well as the many private gifts.

Whilst the money was being gathered, estimates by four firms were invited and that by Messrs. Hodsons, Ltd., of Gravesend, was finally adopted and approved.

The provision of seats was not included in the original estimate, as they were considered a luxury, yet to enjoy the amenties of the playing field and the lovely surroundings of Temple Ewell, seats are very essential. It is, therefore, with pleasure that we have to record that of the eight seats required, one was presented by the Chairman and Councillors of Dover Rural District Council, in memory of the late George Hopkins, one by the members of the Women's Institute, one by the parishioners of Temple Ewell in memory of the late Lady of the Manor, Miss M. Watson; and the remaining five by W. Hollis, Esq., J.P., A Stanley, Esq., Major and Mrs. Mills, Mrs. Golden and Mrs. Hopkins.

In additon to the united efforts of the people, let us never forget our gratitude for the co-operation and help given by the Kent County Playing Fields Association and King George's Fields Foundation by their grant of £750.

Concerning the fund for the opening celebrations, grateful thanks are due to the Temple Ewell Labour Party and many other kind friends.

On behalf of all funds one lady has been outstanding in her untiring devotion to the cause and, by example, inspired others to redouble their efforts, despite setbacks and opposition.

Editor's notes:

The lady in the final paragraph was not named in the programme. It goes on to detail the opening Programme of Events and Music. They 'kicked off' at 2.30pm with a reception of guests at the parish hall hosted by the Parish Council, followed by the Unveiling of Heraldic Panels and the Opening of the Gate by The Right Hon. Lord Luke.

The youth organisations were then presented to him, followed by some sports and

an afternoon tea. Interestingly for me, as current Admin Officer for Dover & Deal Sea Cadets, the Dover Sea Cadets then put on a P.T. display and during the course of the day their band played many tunes, including A Life on the Ocean Wave, Men of Harlech, My Bonnie Lies Over the Ocean and, strangely, Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer, finishing with Beating the Retreat at 8pm. I'm sure a good day was had by all.

Some background info:

A King George's Field is a public open space in the United Kingdom dedicated to the memory of King George V (3 June 1865 – 20 January 1936).

In 1936, after the king's death, Sir Percy Vincent, the then Lord Mayor of London, formed a committee to determine a memorial that was not solely based on the idea of a statue. They arrived the same year at the concept of funding and erecting a single statue in London and setting up the King George's Fields Foundation to carry the late king's name forward through future generations.

The aim was to promote and to assist in the establishment throughout the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland of playing fields for the use and enjoyment of the people.

Each of the playing fields would be styled 'King George's Field' and were to be distinguished by heraldic panels or other appropriate tablet medallion or inscription commemorative of His Late Majesty and of a design approved by the Administrative Council.



Money was raised locally to buy the land, with a grant made by the foundation. After purchase the land was passed to the National Playing Fields Association, to "preserve and safeguard the land for the public benefit". Land was still being acquired for the purpose during the 1950s and early 1960s.

When the King George's Fields Foundation was dissolved in 1965 there were 471 King George Playing Fields, all over the country. They are now owned by the National Playing

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