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Hello Everyone

I thought you may want to bear the following dates in mind:

April 2017 Some Special and Wacky Days:

- 1st International Fun at Work Day.
- 2nd Reconciliation Day
- 3rd World Party Day - *My particular favourite!*
- 4th Tell a Lie Day
- 6th National Tartan Day
- 8th Draw a Picture of a Bird Day
- 14th International Moment of Laughter Day
- 23rd Take a Chance Day
- 27th Take Your Daughter to Work Day



Happy Easter

How lovely that the evenings are now lighter and Spring is here. Happy Easter to you all. Have fun.

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We welcome all contributions to the content of the Newsletter, but please remember that the deadline date for the next issue is 8pm on the 15th of the month.

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PCSO GRETTEL MAY

I can be contacted on **07966 299006** for any issues that you'd like to discuss with me. **Gretel.**





Village Diary 2017

April

Sat 1	Gardeners Spring Show 2-4pm in the Village Hall
Fri 7	W.I. Quiz 7.30pm in the Village Hall - see ad page 21
Thurs 13	Coffee Morning in the Village Hall
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
Thurs 27	Coffee Morning in the Village Hall

May

Mon 1	Bank Holiday
Thurs 11	Coffee Morning in the Village Hall
Thurs 11	W.I. Meeting in the Village Hall
Wed17 - Sat 20	T E Players' Spring Production - The Wizard of Oz
Thurs 25	Coffee Morning in the Village Hall
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
Thurs 8	Coffee Morning in the Village Hall
Sat 10	Newsletter Quiz in the Village Hall - details to follow next month
Thurs 22	Coffee Morning in the Village Hall
Sat 24	Pharos Choir Concert in the Church 7 for 7.30pm

July

Thurs 6	Coffee Morning in the Village Hall
Thurs 13	W.I. Meeting in the Village Hall
Sat 15	Gardeners Summer Show 2-4pm in the Village Hall
Thurs 20	Coffee Morning in the Village Hall

August

Thurs 10	Coffee Morning in the Village Hall
Thurs 10	W.I. Outing
Thurs 24	Coffee Morning in the Village Hall
Mon 28	Bank Holiday

September

Thurs 7	Coffee Morning in the Village Hall
Sat 9	Gardeners Autumn Show 2-4pm in the Village Hall
Thurs 14	W.I. Meeting in the Village Hall
Thurs 21	Coffee Morning in the Village Hall
Wed 20-Sat 23	T E Players' Autumn Production

October

Thurs 5	Coffee Morning in the Village Hall
Thurs 12	W.I. Meeting in the Village Hall
Thurs 19	Coffee Morning in the Village Hall
Mon 23	Gardeners AGM 7.30pm in the Village Hall

November

Thurs 2	Coffee Morning in the Village Hall
Thurs 9	W.I. Meeting in the Village Hall
Thurs 16	Coffee Morning in the Village Hall
Thurs 30	Coffee Morning in the Village Hall

December

Thurs 14	Coffee Morning in the Village Hall
Thurs 14	W.I. Meeting in the Village Hall



Temple Ewell Players

Anticipation is mounting as we dance towards the Emerald City along the Yellow Brick Road! Yes, that's right, our new production is *The Wizard of Oz*. It's a fun filled family favourite with many well known songs and loveable characters.



Please come along and join in the singing and dancing in Temple Ewell Village Hall from 17th - 20th May. Tickets will be on sale in The Fox from early April. Watch this space for details.

We have long enjoyed considerable support from our wonderful and enthusiastic audiences. This has been particularly evident during our past two shows, when we have been raising money for two charities close to our hearts - the Motor Neurone Disease Association and the Brain Tumour Charity. So far we have collected over £400 from the bucket collections at the end of each performance.

Many thanks to you all.

Carol Brodie

Jill and Michael Kennedy are arranging a

Pharos Choir Concert

in the Church on 24th June at 7 for 7.30pm

with light refreshments in the Millennium Hall afterwards

Tickets £5 from Jill Kennedy 29 Templeside

Raising funds for the Church and the Village Hall



Temple Ewell Church of England Primary School

We are delighted to report that Temple Ewell Church of England Primary School was graded OUTSTANDING during our recent Ofsted inspection.

Staff, pupils and governors have worked exceptionally hard to achieve this amazing result. Their commitment and dedication to our school has been fundamental to our continued improvement and success. The report highly praises so many aspects of the school and this reflects the wonderful team we have at Temple Ewell.

We are particularly proud of our fantastic pupils who were identified as 'brimming with confidence and pride; resourceful and resilient, play and learn well together and are rightly proud of their school'.

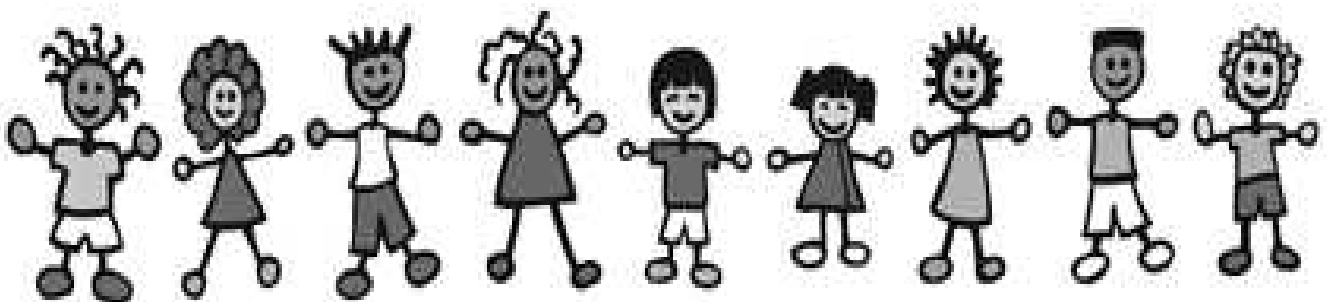
Thank you to all our parents and families, as well as to the wider Temple Ewell community, for your continued support. Without this the Outstanding grading would not be possible.

Our staff and pupils are looking forward to a day of celebration for all their hard work towards the end of this term!

The full report can be read on our website www.temple-ewell.kent.sch.uk or on the Ofsted website.

Angela Matthews
(Head of School)

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Brownies

On Friday 27th January we went Bowling at Canterbury with Brownies from our area. It was lots of fun. Millie got a strike on her first try by knocking down all the pins. We had lots of goes and at the end of our time Willow had knocked down 51 pins, Nicole 50, Millie 47 and Delphi 46.

Next we went to the Play Area, with slides, ropes and lots of things to do.

After that we went into the Lazer place where we had a pad on our back and front. There was a red and a blue team. If your pad got hit you could not shoot. It was great fun!

Before going home we had a drink and a biscuit. ***Delphi***

Kent Association for the Blind Box - On Friday 1st February we to visited Whitfield Brownies to learn something about being blind. There were about ten activity tables, all very good fun! Some of them were

Braille - Brown Owl lead that one and we had a piece of paper with a letter of the alphabet and the braille for it underneath. We had to try to spell out our names using it and just feel for the braille blindfolded.

Pouring Water - we were blindfolded and picked up a jug and felt for the cup. It was very messy but once you started pouring only the bleeper attached can tell you when to stop! After we had perfected that we moved onto the next table.

Counting Money - Once blindfolded counting and recognising the money from a purse is a great challenge. Even when you have other coins to match against it, no one got 100% correct. Sometimes we counted the money other times we matched it into groups - all was fun.

Calendar Placing - We found a calendar and, with glasses that had distracting black and white spots on, we had to write our birth date on it.

Feel Bag - there was a black bag with red tie that we put our hand in and had to feel and recognise the objects it contained. Among the items were an i-phone, a t.v. remote control, a clothes peg and a flannel.

Address writing - with the spotty glasses on we wrote our names and addresses on some paper and then took off the glasses, then we tried to read them with a blindfold on! Not possible! We then talked about braille and how it helps people.

At the end everyone got cake and we went home really enlightened about what it's like to be blind. ***Nicole***



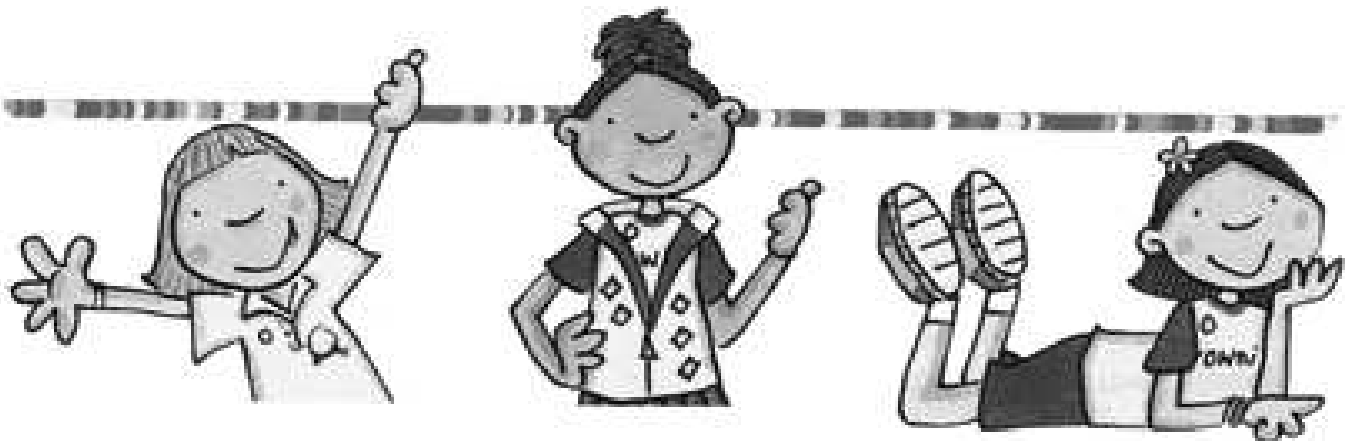
Thinking Day February 22nd - We went to Shepherdswell Guide Hut with about 60 girls in all. We sat around tables and did different things on each one. We cut out a picture, put it on a tile and coloured it in. We tried to eat food from Poland and had a quiz on Guiding. We also had a tattoo put on our hands. We cut out a parrot from card and glued feathers on and we also put some Iris bulbs into pots. Iris means message so we wrote a message on the pot. Each table was a country from around the world. We all had a great time. **Willow**

Swimming Gala Saturday 12th March - Delphi, Millie and Nicole took part in this, each doing three races. During our time there Rainbows, other Brownies (60) and Guides took part in the races and at the end of the evening the girls were placed in six of the nine races with two firsts and two second and one third place. They did ever so well and we came fourth out of seven teams.

Cooks Badge - for part of our Cooks badge we made beans on toast. I put the beans in a pan and stirred them till they were ready, and put toast in the toaster.



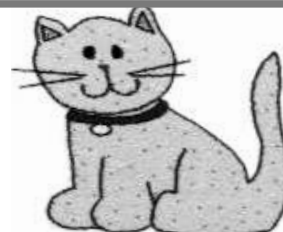
The other girls laid the table with a cloth, knives, forks and plates. We also grated cheese, cut cucumber and lettuce. We buttered our toast and had beans on it with grated cheese, then sat around a table to eat. Then we made a sandwich by each buttering bread and putting the salad and cheese in them. We made a cup of tea to drink. At the end we all washed and dried up and put away the tables. **Millie**



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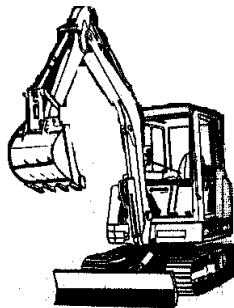
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Parish Church of St Peter & St Paul

April services, to which we warmly welcome you.

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

Sunday 2nd	Fifth Sunday of Lent (Passion Sunday) Parish Eucharist 10.30am
Wednesday 5th	2nd Meditation on The Way of the Cross 6pm (Lady Chapel)
Sunday 9th	Palm Sunday (Holy Week begins) Blessing of Palms and Procession from George & Dragon 10.15am Parish Eucharist 10.30am
Tuesday 11th	Chrism Mass at the Cathedral 12 noon
Maundy	
Thursday 13th	Sung Mass of the Last Supper, Footwashing & Watch at the Altar of Repose 8pm
Good Friday	Liturgy of the Cross & Communion of the Pre-Sanctified 2pm
Holy Saturday	Candlelit Easter Vigil Liturgy 8pm
Easter Day	Sung Eucharist of Easter 10.30am
Sunday 23rd	Parish Eucharist 10.30am
Sunday 30th	(5th Sunday) Benefice Eucharist at TE 10.30am

The death of Jesus, without the Resurrection could be described simply as 'just the end of a beautiful dream.' Indeed, how often in history do we find that the lives of good people have ended through the blindness, foolishness and cruelty of the powerful? Certainly it could be said that the first disciples were unwilling to let go of their dream and that the Resurrection story was a natural consequence of that unwillingness – in other words, an invention.

However, if we study the scriptural accounts of the Resurrection, we find an element which I doubt would have appeared had the faith many cling to been founded on no more than a dream, and that is the element of 'surprise.'

The Resurrection took everyone, including the apostles, by complete surprise. Rather than returning, as they began to do, to their old occupations with their broken dreams, most of the first apostles willingly sacrificed their lives through cruel martyrdom (and here can we not think of the fate and great faith of so many in our broken world today).

The disciples were willing to make their sacrifice because the risen Jesus had appeared to them and because, as they came to understand, their continued love and devotion to him called them to make known the redeeming love and transforming power of God, signified by the cross of Jesus and by his empty tomb – that same love and power seeking and longing to reach out today, to heal and transform his children and his world.

Fr. Paul



Sunday Club

We now have our sponsored donkey. His name is Gareth and we hear from his profile that he is the leader of the pack which suits our children beautifully.

Mothering Sunday was a lovely service and we managed our contribution. Easter is coming and we are joining the Baptist children in Dover for a Craft Morning and also on Psalm Sunday we will spoil our pony who pretends to be a donkey! Do join us, we learn so much in a morning.



Produce Association

By the time you read this we will have had the first Show of the season, The Spring Show. We will report this in the next issue.

Our next show will be in July (see diary for details) so there's lots of time to get things growing in time for this.

The trip to RHS Garden Hyde Hall in Essex is almost full - lots of interest in this garden as lots of new investment has been put in with new flower beds and buildings to make it more attractive to visitors. I haven't been for a few years, so looking forward to seeing it again.

Things to do in the garden/allotment:

Time for sowing leeks, peas, beetroot, lettuces and spinach etc.
Planting out onion sets, potatoes second earlies and main crop.

I have started my onions, shallots and garlic in modules this year for an early start and will be putting them in this month, in the green.

Regards, Trevor

Restaurant Review

ASPENDOS Turkish Restaurant
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Our family, six adults and four children, often visit this lovely Turkish Restaurant. The staff are very friendly and are great with the children. They have good children's meals, such as chicken and chips, as well as all the Kebabs, Rices and all the Flat Breads you can think of!



The kitchen is behind a glass wall so as you can view the cooking, staff and cleanliness. The location is superb, looking out over the sea.....and as you leave you can help yourself to a gorgeous bite of Turkish Delight. Highly recommended!

The Taylor Family

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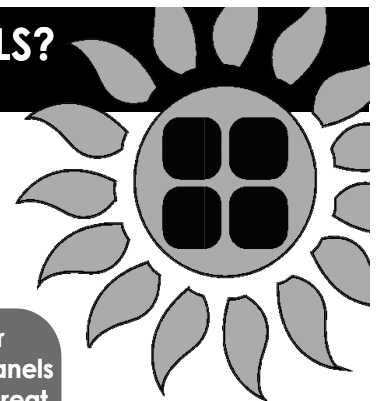
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Friday Club

Still a quiet time here at the Club, although we have plans in progress for the coming months.

We celebrated the 80th Birthday of Margaret Bushell with a party which was enjoyed by us all. Happy birthday Margaret. Coming up in April Percy Cox will turn 80, so another party for us to enjoy. All this cake and we are all

trying to watch our waistlines - ha ha! You know the phase "see food and eat it" well that's us.

April the 7th we shall be holding our Annual Dinner down the Fox with Steve Tozer doing us proud again with his singing. We all enjoy the carvery - Steve and Alyson always do us proud.

Well that's all from me this month. Easter will soon be here and spring is in the air, so have a great month.

Best wishes from myself Yvonne and the Friday Club



Temple Ewell W.I.

We were entertained by 'Royalty' when John and Peggy, the Pearly King and Queen of Mile End, visited us for our 99th birthday celebrations in March. John told us the origins of pearly kings and queens. They began in north London and were called Costa Kings, eventually changing their name because of their pearl adorned costumes. John explained the reasons behind the beautiful designs on their costumes and told us how cockney rhyming slang was invented to confuse police and those in authority. He proceeded to give us a very amusing lesson on cockney slang, some words not suitable for this magazine!! Peggy and John finished their presentation with a medley of cockney songs which we all joined in with.

We then enjoyed a buffet and Queen Peggy cut our birthday cake. In all, a very informative and amusing talk and a very enjoyable evening.

Our next meeting is on 13th April when our speaker will be telling us of her experiences in Camp Bastion.

A quick reminder - our Quiz is on April 7th 7 for 7.30pm.





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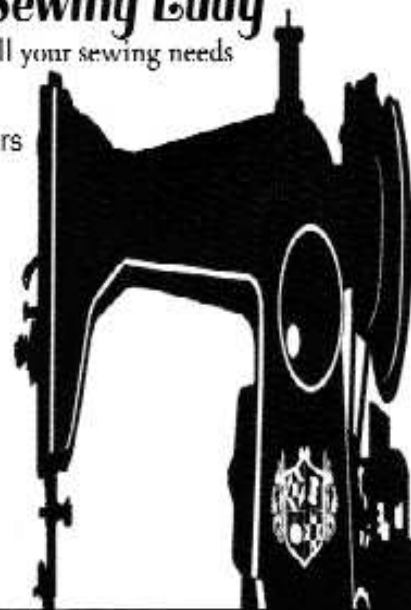
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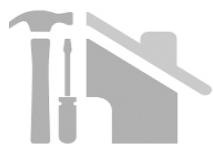
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THE DAY THAT CHANGED EVERYTHING?

This must surely be Easter Day. The day on which Jesus Christ rose from the dead. What is the evidence for this seemingly incredible claim? Jesus was crucified by the Roman authorities. The Roman soldiers usually broke the legs of the victims to speed their death (they were all heart). Jesus's legs were not broken because they could see that he was already dead. He was placed in a tomb sealed by a large stone, which could only be moved by people outside.

Not only had Jesus predicted that he would rise again, but the Roman authorities were smart enough to realise that the body could be stolen and absurd claims made. They therefore posted a guard of soldiers at the entrance to the tomb. If anyone gained access the soldiers would know that their own lives would be forfeit. In spite of all these precautions the tomb became open and empty on the third day after burial. Some say that the disciples took his body. Many disciples later were killed for believing in Jesus's resurrection, which would not support this contention.

Not only is the historical evidence of the resurrection very strong, but also then contemporary subjective evidence of people who claim they know him today. The promise of Jesus was that if he lived, the we would also live and EVERYTHING is therefore changed!

VERY HAPPY EASTER

Our activities continue as usual:

Sunday Family Service: 10.30am

Monday Keep Fit: 7.30pm

Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer: 7pm



Future Events

Sunday 9th April 4-6pm. 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 thinking about "New Life at Easter." All are welcome.

***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.***

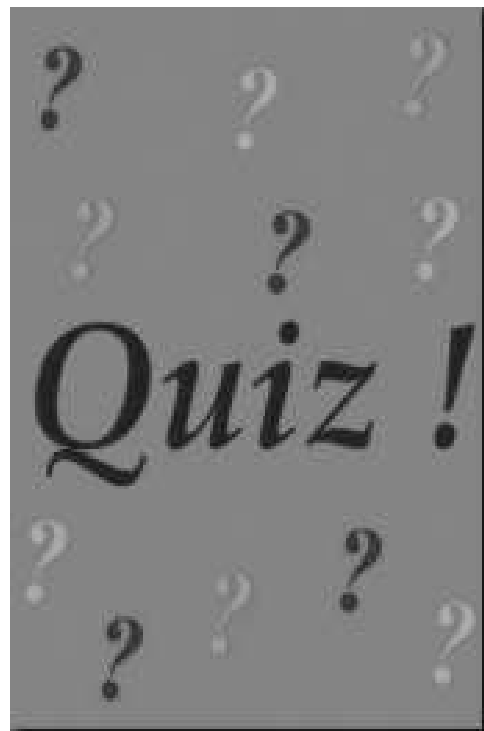
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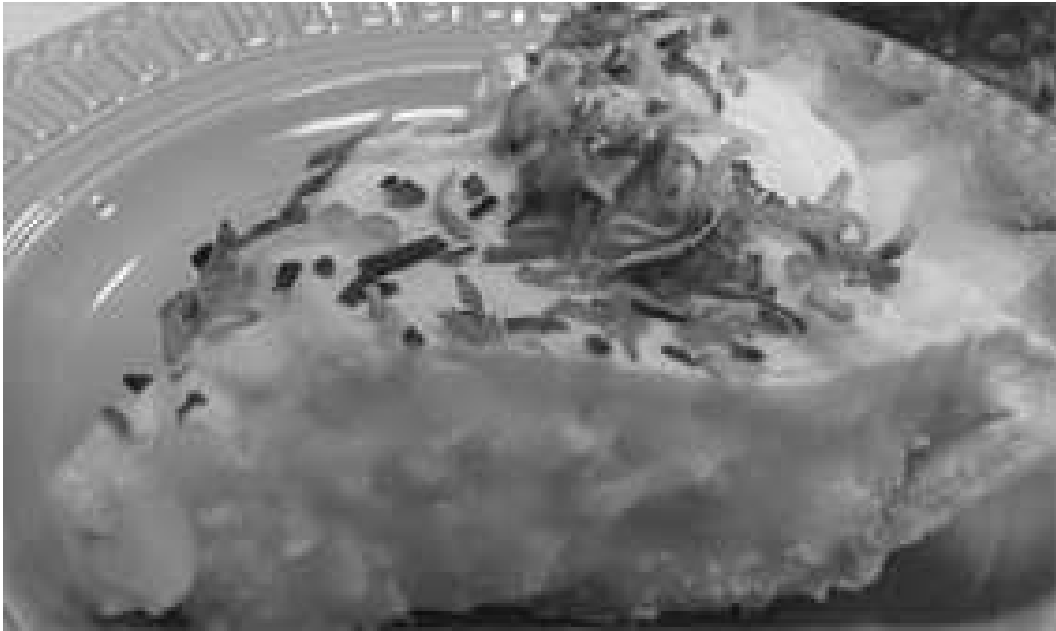
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- 4 eggs
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- 2 cups milk
- 1 cup coconut
- 1 teaspoon vanilla essence

Method:

Place all ingredients in a blender.
Blend until all mixed together.
Pour into buttered 10" pie dish.
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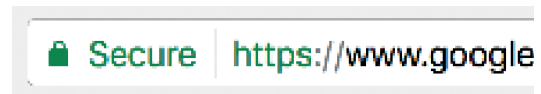
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Temple Ewell Parish Council

NEW CCTV EQUIPMENT

The Parish Council has spent a number of years raising funds for new play equipment. The first phase of the equipment was installed in 2015, but sadly a few pieces had to be taken out of use very soon after because of structural damage.

The damage was not as a result of normal use, but was caused by a group of youths in their late teens that appeared recklessly determined on damaging the basket swing and the other parts of the play equipment.

Witnesses have seen up to six youths at a time swinging on the basket swing, and jumping on the cargo nets with the intent to break them, which was extremely intimidating for families and young children.

The police were informed and agreed to keep a close watch on the situation, however our PCSO now covers seven parishes and is rarely seen. An article was placed in the local newsletter asking for the co-operation of residents in reporting any incidents of misuse, damage or vandalism.

The Parish Council felt that it was time to update their old CCTV equipment, improve public safety and assist in the prevention and detection of crime and disorder and deter anti-social behaviour. Four new cameras and recording equipment were successfully fitted during February half term, covering the King George V Playing Field, the Church and the Millennium Hall.

Temple Ewell Church has also endured anti-social behaviour over the last few years. Empty drug pouches and alcohol bottles are regularly found around the churchyard. Father Paul goes out of his way to be as welcoming as possible and opens the Church daily for all to visit. Unfortunately this too has resulted in the Church being susceptible to acts vandalism and theft. The Parish Council gave a grant to the Church covering fifty percent of their equipment.

Day-to-day operational responsibility of the new CCTV will rest with the Clerk to the Council. In addition, the Parish Council will make publically available a 'CCTV Code of Practice' covering important topics such as the positioning of cameras, safe storage of images, who can access images and how access to images would be restricted. There are plans for additional cameras to eventually be installed in the George and Dragon Car Park, as this is another hotspot for anti-social behaviour.

The Parish Council would like to thank County Councillor Geoff Lymer for his contribution of £2,000 towards the equipment, out of his Members Community Grant budget.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
Will be held on TUESDAY 25TH APRIL 2017
Baptist Church Hall 7pm

AGENDA

1. To confirm the minutes of the Parish Meeting held on 26th April 2016
2. Apologies for absence

ANNUAL SPEAKER SAM CAMPBELL KENT WILDLIFE TRUST.
Kent Wildlife Trust is fundraising to purchase vital extensions to its National Nature Reserve at Lydden, Temple Ewell and will provide a presentation to talk about their plans for the site, its importance and future management.

3. To receive reports: -
 - a. Parish Council Chairman – Mr Smithen
 - b. Environment – Mr Mousley
 - c. Allotments – Mr Upton
 - d. Newsletter – Chairman
 - e. School – Headteacher
 - f. Village Hall – Mr Roberts
 - g. Dragon Wood – Mr Newington
4. To adopt Audited Accounts of the Parish Council for the year ended 31st March 2016 and a Financial Report, including a summary of the unaudited accounts to March 2017.

An address by Kent County Councillor for Temple Ewell, Geoff Lymer, and District Councillor Mark Rose followed by questions from the floor on matters concerning Education, Social Services, Police, Fire, Highways and Footpaths.

5. Discussion and question time.
6. Any other business concerned with Parish Affairs.

ALL RESIDENTS OF TEMPLE EWELL ARE INVITED TO ATTEND
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 Grey wings slap sharply as doves take to flight,
 Then swooping and gliding they bank to the right.
 Our walk in the country s always a pleasure
 And natures productions are moments to treasure
 Life's ample pleasures , simply enjoyed
 But today
 With myself
 I'm extremely annoyed.
 We've come to a lane that is one of our tracks,
 And the concrete it's made of is covered with cracks.
 'So what' you might say
 The stile was no problem I've just had to mount
 But now
 On this concrete
 I've started to count
 The cracks.
 It's one of my foibles , I'll make this confession
 I openly admit to this crazy obsession.
 I cannot ignore those spaces and gaps
 Is their distance the same, or different, perhaps
 If I make all my paces exactly the same
 I'll discover a rule to this stupid game.
 No.
 Some gaps are small while others at bigger
 I'm dancing about
 My wife starts to snigger.
 Trying to look normal , I start to relax
 Then notice my feet are avoiding the cracks
 OK I'll play this game for a bit
 If I tread on a crack I'm a silly old git !
 Whoh , that's really childish, must act more grown up
 If I tread on a crack I'll have awful bad luck.
 So I jump them,
 Avoid them,
 Just playing along
 Then hit one on purpose to prove myself wrong.
 We have just passed a wonderful view, a real treat,
 And I missed it by looking down at my feet.
 So I quickly resolve to abandon this game.
 And just enjoy Mother Nature again.
 Here's some more hikers following our tracks
 I wonder if they are avoiding the cracks.



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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

The school's governors and Headteacher are aware of concerns about the state of the road leading to the school alongside the playing field.

We have been unable to establish who owns the road and who is responsible for maintaining it.

It does not appear to be the responsibility of the school. Nevertheless, we suggest that anyone using the road to access the school takes care when doing so.

T E School

Dear Editor

I know this is Temple Ewell but I wondered if, through your letter page, I can let people know about the 17th Dover (River) Scout Group?

There are lots of youngsters here in Temple Ewell and there are places available for all sections.

We have Beavers on Friday afternoon, Cubs Tuesday and Scouts on Mondays.

Contact me for more details.

Yours in Scouting.

Bob Hill, Group Scout Leader

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Guess What It's Doing Today?

It's raining! Well, there's a surprise!
Just when I wanted to do some washing,
gardening, clean the windows etcetera ...
So now I can't, well, there you are!

Mother Nature is trying to tell me
something, I guess.

Perhaps its for me to have a rest!

Aaah, but there's ironing, vacuuming, clean INSIDE the windows
etcetera ...

A rest? Ha Ha!

I laugh ~ but the rain really
is there for a reason.
To clean the patio and make
the flowers grow,
to sluice down whatever
coats the windows.
So I will have THAT rest
and do as I'm told ~
Mother Nature is as good
as gold!!

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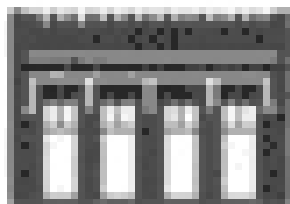
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*‘Ooh, that’s a miserable thought’
said the second calf to the first.
‘We’ve plenty of time before we go to market,
to become a family’s veal time’.*

*“Where’s our Mums?”
said the third calf to the second and the first.
“All this talking’s given me a thirst.
‘We’re over the gate’ shouted the Mums!*

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Events

We're organising lots of events in Kearsney Abbey and Russell Gardens. Our website pages will be updated regularly with information about upcoming events.

Wednesday 3 May: Free photography workshop

Local artist Sara Madgwick will be leading a workshop on the theme of 'Reflections and abstract images'.

Sunday 11 June: Free photography workshop

Local artist Sara Madgwick will be leading a workshop on the theme of 'Growth and decay'.

Saturday 17 June: Shakespeare Rewired

We'll be recreating the role that Kearsney Abbey played in the 1951 Festival of Britain, when Shakespeare's play *A Midsummer Night's Dream* was performed.

Wednesday 19 July: Plants, ponds and promenading - a brief history of parks and gardens in time

Karen Jones, a specialist in parks and garden history from the University of Kent, will give a free talk about how Kearsney Abbey and Russell Gardens sit within a distinguished history of designed spaces.

Saturday 22 July: Big Wildlife Survey

We'll be doing a big wildlife survey, known as a Bioblitz! We want to record all the plants and animals that we can find.

Saturday 22 July: Evening bat walk

We'll be searching for bats which should start flying at around 9.30pm.

Get Involved

There are plenty of opportunities to get involved with the Kearsney Parks project! We're looking for volunteers to take part in a variety of roles. There will also be jobs and apprenticeships coming up.

Work experience

We'll be offering work experience placements for secondary school pupils and other young people. If you are interested in a work experience placement, please email kearsney.parks@dover.gov.uk

Volunteering

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