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## JASPER HAGGER

It is with great sadness that we have heard of the death of our dear friend Jasper. He did of late join our committee, but for many years was a dedicated and loyal distributor of the Newsletter. He will be greatly missed. Our condolences go to Jasper's family and friends.

Jasper's funeral will take place on Tuesday 11th July, 10.40am at Barham Crematorium, then afterwards at the Jackdaw pub in Denton.

**TEMPLE EWELL NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE**

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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.

**NOTE:** You should be aware that articles are also published on the website [www.tenews.co.uk](http://www.tenews.co.uk) - please inform us if you want any part of your article withheld from that particular medium.

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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

## July

Sat 1	<b>Summer Fete</b> T E School, in the playing field see page 16
Thurs 6	<b>Coffee Morning</b> in the Village Hall
Fri 7	<b>The Dover Festival Prom Concert in the Town Hall</b> - see page 11
Sat 8	<b>Lounge on the Lawn at Woodville</b> - see page 15
Sun 9	<b>River Summer Fayre</b> - see page 33
Thurs 13	<b>W.I. Meeting</b> in the Village Hall
Sat 15	<b>Gardeners Summer Show</b> 2-4pm in the Village Hall
Thurs 20	<b>Coffee Morning</b> in the Village Hall
Sat 22	<b>Summer Event</b> - see page 28
Tues 25	<b>Parish Council Meeting</b> 7.15pm in the Baptist Church Hall

## August

Tues 1	<b>W.I. Outing</b>
Sun 6	<b>Strawberry Tea</b> at 113 London Road - see page 10
Thurs 10	<b>Coffee Morning</b> in the Village Hall
Thurs 24	<b>Coffee Morning</b> in the Village Hall
Mon 28	<b>Bank Holiday</b>

## September

Thurs 7	<b>Coffee Morning</b> in the Village Hall
Sat 9	<b>Gardeners Autumn Show</b> 2-4pm in the Village Hall
Thurs 14	<b>W.I. Meeting</b> in the Village Hall
Thurs 21	<b>Coffee Morning</b> in the Village Hall
Fri 22 & Sat 23	<b>Junior Players present Buggy Malone</b>
Tues 26	<b>Parish Council Meeting</b> 7.15pm in the Baptist Church Hall

## October

Thurs 5	<b>Coffee Morning</b> in the Village Hall
Thurs 12	<b>W.I. Meeting</b> in the Village Hall
Thurs 19	<b>Coffee Morning</b> in the Village Hall
Mon 23	<b>Gardeners AGM</b> 7.30pm in the Village Hall
Tues 31	<b>Parish Council Meeting</b> 7.15pm in the Baptist Church Hall

## November

Thurs 2	<b>Coffee Morning</b> in the Village Hall
Tues 7	<b>Parish Council Finance Committee Meeting</b>
Thurs 9	<b>W.I. Meeting</b> in the Village Hall
Thurs 16	<b>Coffee Morning</b> in the Village Hall
Thurs 30	<b>Coffee Morning</b> in the Village Hall
Tues 28	<b>Parish Council Meeting</b> 7.15pm in the Baptist Church Hall

## December

Thurs 14

**Coffee Morning** in the Village Hall

Thurs 14

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

## Looking ahead to 2018 .....

### April

Tues 24

**Annual Parish Meeting**

### May

Tues 29

**Parish Council AGM**

I heard a beautiful song today  
but all I wanted to do was shout –  
was it about love, general day-to-day?  
I just didn't know what it was all about!

Was it, my initial thought, a ballad  
or a gripe against the composer's world?  
What prompted someone to write those words  
to sing about?

But all I know is, I found it a peaceful song,  
whatever it was all about.  
The composer obviously needed to get their feelings out  
THAT'S what it's all about!

Queen, The Clash, The Beatles, The Stones.  
We all have our favourite group.  
Perhaps its not one of the above four, but  
we all have our one special group, or more.

Each one of us has our favourite song  
to hum or sing it each and every day,  
to dance to, to singalong,  
sssh now, its on the CD to play.

My favourite group of the moment,  
is The Sixteen – medieval chants, madrigals all.  
Their voices bring me a greater sense of peace,  
I hear them whilst working at my desk - listening  
remaining quiet but wanting more .....



**Anne Cox**



# Temple Ewell Players

Bugsy Malone rehearsals have started and we have a talented cast of over 20 youngsters ready to act, sing, dance and do battle with splurge guns! By the time the next newsletter comes out in September it will be show month and tickets will be on sale. Watch local press or the village 'grapevine' for details.

Whilst we are enjoying an influx of members eager to go on stage sadly our back stage helpers diminish. As reported previously our lovely costume lady Jean stepped down after the pantomime and now the very talented Debbie is hanging up her paint brush after 13 years producing a huge variety of stunning backdrops and scenery. It is also very likely we shall be losing Paul our lighting engineer, possibly before September.

So, if anyone out there fancies dabbling in any of those areas, or helping out generally, please get in touch with our chairman Mike.

Finally, a reminder that if you'd like to know more about the Players (particularly the various back stage roles!) our Annual General Meeting is on Tuesday July 11th in the village hall at 7:30pm. We'd love to see you.

**Carol Brodie**

## **GUESS THE SHOW!**

These three pictures are from one of our old shows - did you see it? Do you remember when and what it was? The answers are on page 32.





# Temple Ewell Parish Council

Temple Ewell Parish Council is delighted to announce the launch of it's new look website.

This updated version is far easier to manage than the previous and is able to store more information such as agendas, minutes of meetings, village history, useful links and other informative material and information. The website also contains details of your councillors.

If any parishioners have taken wonderful photographs of the village/village life, and would be willing to share them with the Parish Council, we would be delighted to upload them onto the new website, although we cannot guarantee the use of all photos received.

We hope that you will use this improved service. Why not take a minute to browse around and get to know us a little more. If you have any feedback on the new website, the Clerk would love to hear it.



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:

**[www.templeewellpc.kentparishes.gov.co.uk](http://www.templeewellpc.kentparishes.gov.co.uk)**  
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**Our programme of events continues as summer gets underway! Details of all our events are regularly updated at [www.kearsneyparks.co.uk/events](http://www.kearsneyparks.co.uk/events)**

### **Love Parks Week**

This year's national Love Parks Week is taking place from 14th-23rd July. Keep an eye on social media for national events! We're also organising some events, outlined below, to take place during this time.

### **Plants, ponds and promenading**

If you'd like to find out more about historic parks and gardens, come along to a free talk in Kearsney Abbey café on Wednesday 19th July, 6.30-7.30pm. Dr Karen Jones from the University of Kent will be explaining how Kearsney Abbey and Russell Gardens sit within a distinguished history of designed spaces that include the Hanging Gardens of Babylon and Palace of Versailles! Places are free, but numbers are limited, so to book a place please email [kearsney.parks@dover.gov.uk](mailto:kearsney.parks@dover.gov.uk)

### **Big Wildlife Survey**

On Saturday 22nd July, 1pm – 5pm, we'll be recording all the plants and animals that are living in the parks. Join our experts on free guided walks starting at 1pm, 2.15pm and 3.30pm to see what you can find! There'll also be pond dipping. For more information, please go to [www.kearsneyparks.co.uk/events](http://www.kearsneyparks.co.uk/events)

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## **Strawberry Tea**

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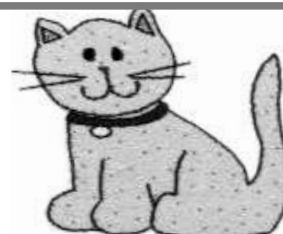
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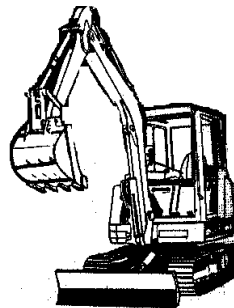
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## Parish Church of St Peter & St Paul

**July and August services, to which we warmly welcome you.**

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

Sunday 2nd July	PATRONAL FESTIVAL EUCHARIST 10.30 a.m. (Festival Cake and wine to follow)
Saturday 8th July	Holy Baptism of Kailani Marchant 11.00 a.m.
Sunday 9th July	Sea Sunday Parish Eucharist 10.30 a.m.
Saturday 15th July	Holy Baptism of Alexis Miles 5.00 p.m.
Sunday 16th July	Parish Eucharist 10.30 a.m.
Monday 17th July	School Leavers' Service 2.00 p.m.
Sunday 23rd July	Keeping the feast day of St. Mary Magdalene Fr. Paul's final Mass. (Joint service at TE) 10.30 a.m.
Sunday 30th July	Benefice Eucharist at St. Mary's, Lydden 10.30 a.m.

**August Services - It is hoped that our normal services will be maintained throughout August at 10.30 a.m. Celebrating the Transfiguration of Our Lord on 6th and the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on 13th.**

**<https://www.facebook.com/templewellpepaul>**

In such a tough and rough inner-city parish a retired priest won the hearts of everyone as he helped the good people of a congregation by taking services through a long and difficult interregnum (vacancy with no priest). But at last an appointment was made and it was the final Sunday of 'helping out' for the retired reverend gentleman. An emotional churchwarden, looking up at some broken windows of the church boarded up with cardboard, said 'To us you have not been temporary like that cardboard at the window up there – no, to us you have been a real pane!'

We shall never forget our village communities and all we have been privileged to share with you. As in my ministry I think of the many joys and some of the heart-breaks too, so I think very much of our own family celebrations here and of the unique joy of conducting the marriages of my own children and of baptising my grandchildren. Over twenty six years there have been made some very dear friends and I cannot help but also remember those of them who I have had to commend to God's love. How often I have said to others that 'letting go' is the hardest part of loving there is and now I have to accept that experience with faith.

My 'Farewell Mass' is on 23rd July at 10.30 a.m. but there are 'three beautiful reasons' still at our super Church School to keep us returning often! I hope I haven't been a 'real pain' to too many, but Hilary and I thank you for every kindness and

and every expression of warmth and affection that has blessed us.

So now may God bless and keep you all.

With love and prayers

***Fr. Paul***



## **LOUNGE ON THE LAWN**

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# Summer Fete

**Saturday 1st July 11am-3pm**

**Please put it on your calendar!**  
**YOUR VILLAGE SCHOOL NEEDS YOU!**

The PTFA are busy arranging the Annual Summer Fete, and we are desperate for you all to get involved...

- \* Could you spare some time either before the event or on the day perhaps to man a stall or help with the preparations?
- \* Do you attend a club or have an amazing talent you want to show off in the arena?
- \* Would you or your employer like to sponsor a stall in exchange for advertising space in our programme?
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Thanks for your support  
Bev x

On behalf of The PTFA Summer Fete Committee!



# Friday Club



Firstly I would like to welcome Les and Beryl to our Club, it took them a while to give us a chance but now they are enjoying our company and we are certainly enjoying theirs. Welcome to you both.

A couple of weeks ago we welcomed Patricia Poole and her dog Zebadee who gave us a very interesting and in depth talk on the background of training dogs for the blind. Patricia herself, due to illness, became blind and now has a wonderful dog who has become her eyes. It was a very touching story and now the remarkable Zebadee has become one of the family. We shall certainly invite Patricia and Zebadee back as her talk was very interesting and entertaining.

On 17th June it was the 70th Birthday of Gina Pearson, who has been a member for several years, this meant another party and more food. Oh dear, we need some one to show us how to get rid of these extra inches. Happy Birthday Gina.

The Friday Club will be closing down from 28 July to 1st September for annual holidays, but we shall finish this season with a fish and chip lunch. This is always enjoyed by our members and a fitting end to this half of the year.

OH NO ..... more food.

Until September enjoy your summer and stay safe.

**Yvonne**



## Temple Ewell W.I.

We were invited to have "Afternoon Tea with Mrs Read" at our meeting in June. Prue, our speaker, recalled many happy childhood memories of her summer holidays which were spent in Essex with her father and stepmother. Prue related many amusing stories of times spent with her friends during the long summer holidays, some of which many of us could relate to.

She concluded her talk with the funny incidents which happened when she, along with her brother and their friends, was invited to afternoon tea with Mrs Read.

We are having an outing to Great Dixter on 1st August, if anyone is interested in joining us please contact Gloria 01304825732/ 07876403690

We are having a garden party in Jan's garden on 10th August and if you would like to join us please contact Jan 01304331051/07773476563.



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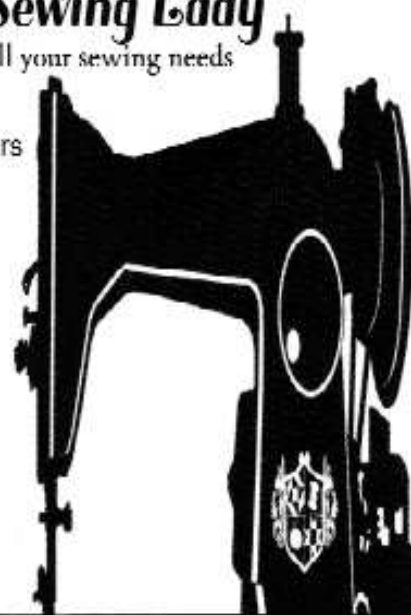
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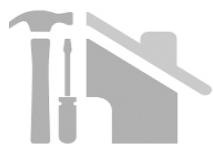
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# Temple Ewell Baptist Church

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## CONSIDER?

CONSIDER; THINK ABOUT IT; STOP AND PONDER.

How often do we wish we had taken this advice?

It may be that we wish we had given more thought before we voted or set off on a journey only to have to go back to where we started from!. There was a case of a burglar who got stuck going through a small window and had to wait for the police to come and get him out. He may have wished he had given a bit more thought before he acted. The saying goes "Sometimes I sits and thinks and sometimes I just sits." Modern life seems to gravitate against giving time for thought. Each moment is filled with necessary activity, TV or internet.

We can so often set ourselves on a particular course without first giving the thought which was required. Jesus gave good advice when he said "CONSIDER the lilies; how beautifully they are clothed; God has provided for them; He will also provide for YOU. ( Matthew ch. 6)

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 July 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 "Saying Thank You" 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.***

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

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# County Councillor

## **Kent County Council launches drink-driving campaign**

Kent County Council's recent new figures reveals around one in six of all road deaths involve drink drivers. A new study shows that over the last three years there have been 654 crashes and 951 casualties as a result of a driver being impaired by alcohol. Of the 951 casualties, 161 people were seriously injured while 18 people died as a result of drink-driving. Maidstone had the highest casualties with 109 followed by Thanet with 105 and Canterbury with 100.

You don't have to be drunk to be dangerous on the roads. Just one drink can increase the chances of having a crash, sometimes with tragic consequences for you, the victims involved and their families. Small amounts of alcohol will affect your ability to drive safely and it will affect your reaction times and ability to drive. The message is simple - if you're driving, is having a drink worth it?

August saw the most drink related collisions over the three year study period and the most collisions involving alcohol were recorded between 10pm and 11pm. Half of all alcohol related collisions occurred at the weekend and a quarter of all collisions occurred on a Saturday. More than half of all collisions happened on roads with a 30mph speed limit. The penalties on drink drivers can be far-reaching. Driving bans and prison sentences can lead to drink drivers losing their jobs, while fines and increased insurance premiums can have a long-lasting financial effect.

Throughout the next few months, Kent Police will be carrying out road checks at all times of the day across the county and officers will focus on high risk locations. Chief Inspector Peter Steenhuis from Kent Police's Roads Policing Unit said: "Drivers should never get behind the wheel if they have had alcohol or are under the influence of controlled drugs as they significantly increase the chances of harming themselves and others."

Kent Fire and Rescue Service Director of Operations Sean Bone-Knell said: "Unfortunately, our firefighters are frequently called out to deal with serious devastation on our roads caused by drivers under the influence of alcohol. It is simply not worth risking your life and the lives of others by drinking alcohol at all if you intend to drive."

**Finally, the Stagecoach route 15b** busses have created quite a mayhem along Lower Road and the High Street, Tempe Ewell, over the past few years. After several constructive meetings with Stagecoach, we have agreed that they will reduce the service number 15B bus to just two every hour. I have also got Stagecoach to consider using smaller buses. This they have agreed to do, so hopefully we will not see a repetition of traffic chaos as we saw over the past year along Lower Road.

**Geoffrey Lymer**

**Kent County Councillor Dover West Ward**

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# Produce Association

Temple Ewell and District Produce Association Summer Show is on the 15th July at 2-4pm in the Village Hall.

We are hoping for a fine day and look forward to seeing you all during the afternoon. There are a few new people on the allotments so we are hoping to see some new faces at the show. For the coach trip to Hyde Hall on the 5th August there are a few seats still available so if you would like to come ring John Philpott 822954, also payment is due for those who have booked and not paid.

Things to do in the garden:

- Check brassicas for butterfly eggs and caterpillars
- Lift onions, shallots and garlic and dry in the sun
- Plant out leeks

***Regards, Trevor***



## Brownies

In May and June we potted up our sunflower and runner bean plants and took home some of them. Nicole then planted some more runner beans and a sunflower in pots and we will be growing them. We tidied up our craft boxes and made owl pictures.

We are doing our Summer badge and Brown Owl brought some flowers and leaves for us to put into our flower presses. We arranged them onto cards first and the presses will squish them down so we can make a summer collage with them.

We finished our Cook's badge by tasting some fruit, vegetables or salad while blindfolded. Some things we didn't like, such as radish, onion, apricot, but we loved cherries, apple, cucumber, carrot and lemon.

Next week we are going up the hills to look at flowers and make a windmill.

***Daisy, Fleur, Nicole and Willow***



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## Le'arna at the London Palladium!

(An Interview with Le'arna and Dominic Castle)

Saturday 18th March 2017 will forever be etched in the memory of Le'arna and Dominic Castle. It was the culmination of an idea developed by Annie Riley, Le'arna's Swingtime Sweethearts partner, to celebrate the Hundredth birthday of Dame Vera Lynn,

known during the Second World War as 'The Forces Sweetheart'. As personal friends of Dame Vera Annie was able to liaise and plan with her family the details of what was to be an amazing evening of tribute for a life of song, dance and friendship.

Sadly, Dame Vera herself was too frail to attend the Tribute but gave a lovely message in the stunning Black and Silver souvenir programme. Proceeds for the evening were donated to Dame Vera Lynn's Children's Charity and the Sponsors for the evening, which was a sell out, were Sir Donald Gosling of NCP Car Parks and Mrs Barbara Ward (for whom Le'arna and Annie flew to Barbados to perform for her 80th birthday!). Half of those attending the evening were veterans and even a chap who was very poorly and now in a Hospice had to be there. He had served in Bomber Command during WW11 commenting afterwards that 'I can go now'! The Palace was approached as to whether a 'Royal' may wish to attend. The surprising response was that an 'Elizabeth Windsor' would like to come but in a 'private capacity'. Once the audience was seated The Palladium became what is termed 'in lock down'. Suddenly there was a 'gasp' and then a 'ripple' of applause that transcended into cheering and with everyone standing Her Majesty appeared in the Royal Box. All was in place for a wonderful, magical evening!

The line-up included singers, dancers, comedians, actors and presenters, all giving their performance fees to the Charity thereby raising £72.000 to date. Although, as Le'arna said, such productions bring out the 'best and worst of people' and there were some surprise refusals from the great and the good who sought remuneration! (No names!!) The famous 60's Tiller Girls, who have performed for charity since the 1980's, were among the line up as were Una Stubbs, Su Pollard, Wayne Sleep. Alexander Armstrong, Russell Watson, Esther Rantzen, Bonnie Langford and Simon Callow to name but a few. A Pearlle King and Queen, Bradley Walsh and Aled Jones added to the performance and The Royal Air Force Squadronaires provided musical excellence. Onto this iconic stage stepped the Chelsea Pensioners accompanied by Le'arna and Annie, the Swingtime Sweethearts. As they marched smartly onto this historical venue there was a 'tsunami' of applause and, as Dominic said, 'the show just kept giving!' And so the evening continued....'full of love' and 'a very humbling experience!'

Then came the 'after party' and a champagne reception! Dominic found himself unbelievably discussing 'allotments' with Sir Tim Rice and Alan Titchmarsh but also was amazed to observe Le'arna being hugged by Anita Dobson and Hayley Westenra! The Swingtime Sweethearts have certainly come a long way! .....and for Le'arna the magic was that Judy Garland had appeared at the Palladium!

Back at the White Cliffs of Dover, on Dame Vera's actual birthday, 20th March, the weather was atrocious! The Swingtime Sweethearts sang her most famous songs to veterans inside the South Foreland lighthouse but light projections and Fly pasts were abandoned. However, the next day most of the events were able to proceed. Thus ending for Le'arna and Dominic an unforgettable experience.

Rumour has it that Her Majesty mentioned, at the after show line up, that She and Princess Margaret would run through the corridors of Buckingham Palace pretending to be airplanes singing 'Coming in on a Wing and a Prayer'! One can only imagine!

Footnote – The Swingtime Sweethearts were initially formed in 2005 when Le'arna and Annie met at a Wedding Fair. They have continued to go from strength to strength professionally, regularly appearing at Dover Castle, Pensioner events, Not Forgotten Association, Veterans Garden Party at Buckingham Palace and for the past three years the Normandy Veterans D Day Commemorations. They wear the uniform of the Royal Air Force as both of their Grandparents were in the Service. Our Le'arna and Dominic Castle are often seen in the village walking their beloved rescued Westies, Hilly and Bertie (not forgetting Harry), over Temple Down looking out over the village and sitting amongst the lovely cowslips and dithering-grass on 'Castle Mound'. 'We are so lucky!' Says Le'arna..... a sentiment, no doubt, shared by us all!

A very special occasion Le'arna and Dominic and thank you for sharing the memory!

(A DVD of the Tribute is due out soon – we will keep you posted!)

***Jenny Olpin***



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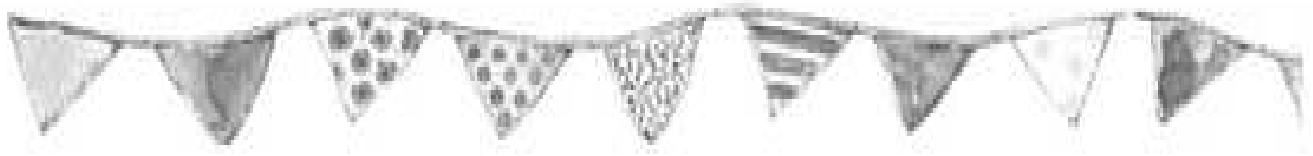
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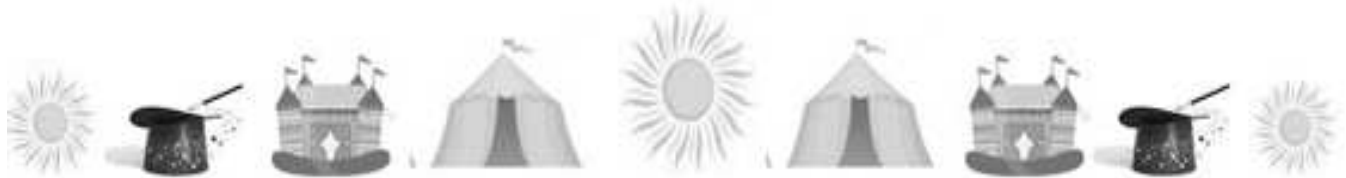
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### **Update ..... Lydden Temple Ewell Nature Reserve**

Kent Wildlife Trust would like to thank everyone who has helped support us by attending our roadshows and other local events; it has been great to see so many people getting behind our plans to extend Lydden Temple Ewell Nature Reserve.

We now need to raise £78,000 to help purchase this crucial extension to your magnificent local reserve; please find out more about the site and our plans, or donate at <http://www.kentwildlifetrust.org.uk/lydden-temple-ewell-appeal>

### **Dear Residents of Temple Ewell**

I do hope you are all well and thanks for your calls regarding recent DDC issues which are being dealt with.

In light of both the brutal and cowardly terrorist attacks in South East London and the very harrowing Grenfell Tower fire in Latimer Road this week, I am withdrawing my letter this month to ask we all reflect, as we shall do so in DDC meetings, on the tragic and brutal loss of so many innocent lives.

I have friends and family whom are all impacted by Latimer Road, a few families

I know have been lucky to escape, but others from many other floors are still missing. This area is a major epicentre of creativity in West London, adjacent to Ladbroke Grove, with a very strong community spirit now being vividly reflected on the TV news worldwide.

We should reflect on their immense suffering right now. It is very hard to put into words what they are all going through, it is very upsetting to digest the loss of so many people there.

**Best wishes  
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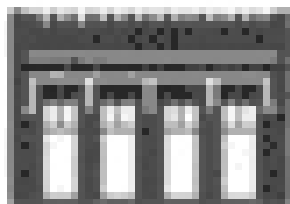
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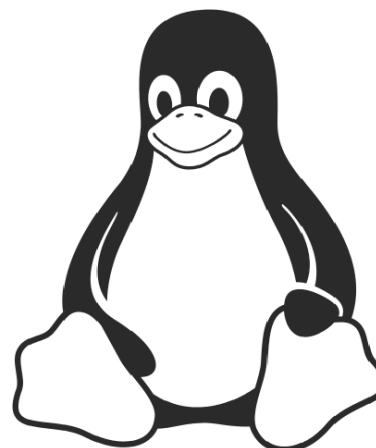


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## Douai to Gouda the hard way

The idea came from the President of the RC of Bexhill on Sea, Geoff Longmire who earlier this year suggested that a team from the club should cycle the 200 miles from

Douai in France to Gouda in the Netherlands, both towns having Rotary clubs who are also contact clubs for Bexhill. Over the years, a close bond has developed with Gouda, slightly less so with Douai where exchange weekend visits have been less frequent. However both clubs were enthusiastic and supported Bexhill in the venture. Team members sought sponsorship for the End Polio Now campaign and a target of £5k was set.

I got to hear of the event by chance when the Club invited me to one of their meetings to give a Foundation presentation and I mentioned that I do a bit of road cycling. Next I knew, I had accepted their invitation to join them. Detailed planning took place and tasks assigned to Members of the ten strong team. One member organised ferry bookings, another hotel arrangements, three took a first aid course and two a bike maintenance course courtesy of a local bike shop. Geoff, with the aid of Stravva, a cycle route planner, sorted out the routes and was our navigator on the rides.

Commercial sponsorship was obtained for start-up costs like ferry crossings, team shirts, fuel, loan of a van for transporting some bikes as well as water, food and tools. Our team shirts were covered in logos! The company made the shirts at cost and also offered prices at cost if we wanted additional clothing. Thanks to this sponsorship, all of the money donated from friends, relatives and colleagues is going to polio eradication. With Gift Aid and the two for one

top up from the Gates Foundation every pound donated will turn into almost four pounds. We paid our own accommodation and food costs.



The route was relatively flat using cycle routes which avoided, in the main, major roads. In Belgium and Holland in particular we followed canal and river tow paths with well-maintained hard surfaces. Holland showed its bike friendliness and where we came away from canals there were clearly marked cycle lanes alongside roads through towns and villages as well as fairly major roads and long bridges. We always felt safe and not at all intimidated. Sadly, one member of the team had to withdraw as he was admitted to hospital days before the start of

the event so we ended up with ten riders, one back up driver in the van and some of the partners who either met us at the end of each day or at lunch stops. Gloria followed the van and assisted with shopping for lunch breaks or topping up drinks along the way.

**25th May 17** Travel from Bexhill to Douai via Dover. We all assembled at our hotel early evening and then met members of the RC of Douai at a local restaurant for a pleasant dinner with the club generously picking up the bill!

**26th May 17** Day one of the ride and everyone keen to get organised for a 0900 start from the ornate Hotel de Ville; weather bright and sunny with maximum temperatures peaking in the upper 20s. In no time, we left the cobbled streets of Douai and picked up the river tow path. A picturesque route, bumpy at times but plenty going on both on land and water. Our lunch stop was at Tournai and our first night's stop in Oudenaarde.

**27th May 17** Day two, and tonight we would be in Antwerp. Now firmly in Belgium, we set off for a couple of hours ride to our lunch stop in Ghent. Fairly long break here in the bustling city teeming with locals and tourists enjoying the sunshine. A longer ride to Antwerp was ahead so I rested my knee, which was troubling me, and joined the van trying to rendezvous with the cyclists. It was particularly hot this afternoon (32 degrees) so we agreed two additional water stops.

**28th May 17** We woke up to torrential rain but by the time we checked out of our hotel the skies had cleared and the warm sun had quickly dried the roads. In less than two miles one of the team, James suffered two punctures at the same time. A pleasant ride along the canal through the industrial outskirts of Antwerp was interrupted by yet another puncture! Our route then took us through forests but, amazingly, the well maintained surface cycle way continued. Emerging from the welcome forest shade, we continued to Turnout. We had crossed the border that morning into Holland. We now headed for our overnight stop in Breda. This was the final day of Breda's International Jazz Festival so there was a great friendly atmosphere without a hint of trouble.

**29th May 17** Hard to believe this was our last day and in 50 miles our adventure would be over. Three local Dutch Rotarians became our new cycling companions, they came with a variety of bikes and wound up the speed to 20kph - on occasions touching 25kph. Our new team mates clearly were fit and experienced cyclists! We stopped on the outskirts of town for a team photo in front of a sign for Gouda and then the final 4km into the town square. We were greeted by our partners, Gouda Rotarians and friends and a tray of thirteen glasses of cool beer!

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Lydden Surgery	832160
NHS Out of hours medical service	111
Dover Health Centre	865500
Buckland Hospital	222510
Canterbury Hospital	01227 766877
William Harvey Hospital	01233 633331
Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother Hospital	01843 225544
Dover District Council	821199
KCC Highways to report faults with roads/streetlights etc	03000 418181
Citizens Advice Bureau	03448 487978
Dover Library	204241
Dover Leisure Centre	201145
Stagecoach Dover	08456 00 22 99
Tourist Information	205108
Late Night Chemist Tesco Whitfield (open till 8pm)	867547
PCSO May	07772 226209
Dover Community Safety Unit	872220
Police Fire Ambulance - Emergencies	999
Police - to report a suspicious event	101
Police - to report a crime where the offenders have left	101
Social Services	03000 414141
Crimestoppers	0800 555111
Gas Emergency	0800 111999
Electricity Emergency and Power Failure	0800 783 8866
Water Supply Emergency	0845 888 5 888
Waste Water Emergency	0845 278 0845
Childline	0800 1111
The Samaritans	116 123
Post Office Customer Services	0845 7740 740
Dover Community Radio	744177

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