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Hello all

Time once more to celebrate the harvest of all our wonderful produce; the lovely English apples, pears, plums etc. I recently had the opportunity of doing an 'Orchard walk' with a group around Pluckley. It was wonderful to see the trees dripping with rosy red apples and delicious dark magenta plums. Needless to say, a few were sampled (and indeed 'scrumped' and brought home!). We then had a delicious lunch at supposedly the most haunted pub in the country - The Black Horse, Pluckley. I can definitely recommend the fare there - I had a scrummy fish pie with fresh vegetables and although there were about 15 of us everyone's food came out at the same time and all thoroughly enjoyed what they had ordered.



I hope lots of you will come to our HALLOWEEN PARTY being held on 28th October (see page 6). Some of you may know Johnny B, who is coming to entertain us, so will know what great fun he is. Funds raised from events such as this help us keep the Newsletter going, so not only will you have a great evening, but you will also be supporting your Newsletter. There's a prize for the best male and female Halloween costume.

Of course the main income of the Newsletter comes from advertising and this month is the first in the new advertising year, so I would like to thank all of the businesses that renewed their adverts with us and welcome the new ones. I know from personal experience that these adverts work and are very cost effective, so the arrangement is mutually beneficial. We still have a few spaces for anyone interested.

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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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Village Diary 2017

October

Mon 2	Newsletter AGM 7pm in the Lower Village Hall - all are welcome
Thurs 5	Coffee Morning in the Village Hall
Thurs 12	W.I. Meeting 7pm in the Village Hall
	Coffee Morning in the Village Hall
Sat 21	W I Quiz - see page 17
Mon 23	Gardeners AGM 7.30pm in the Village Hall
Thurs 26	Coffee Morning in the Village Hall
Sat 28	Halloween Party in the Village Hall - see page 6
Tues 31	Parish Council Meeting 7.15pm in the Baptist Church Hall

November

Thurs 7	Coffee Morning in the Village Hall
	Parish Council Finance Committee Meeting
Thurs 9	W.I. Meeting 7pm in the Village Hall
Sun 12	Afternoon Tea in the Millennium Hall for Operation Christmas Child - p16
Thurs 23	Coffee Morning in the Village Hall
Sat 25	Bazaar in the Village Hall 2pm - St Peter & St Paul Church
Tues 28	Parish Council Meeting 7.15pm in the Baptist Church Hall

December

Thurs 7	Coffee Morning in the Village Hall
Thurs 14	W.I. Meeting 7pm in the Village Hall
Thurs 21	Coffee Morning in the Village Hall

Looking ahead to 2018

January

Thurs 11	W.I. Meeting 7pm in the Village Hall
21-28	Players' Panto - Dick Whittington

Feburary

Thurs 8	W.I. Meeting 7pm in the Village Hall
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March

Thurs 8	W.I. Meeting 7pm in the Village Hall
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April

Thurs 12 **W.I. Meeting** 7pm in the Village Hall
Tues 24 **Annual Parish Meeting**

May

Thurs 10 **W.I. Meeting** 7pm in the Village Hall
13-20 **Players' Spring Show**
Tues 29 **Parish Council AGM**

June

Thurs 14 **W.I. Meeting** 7pm in the Village Hall

July

Thurs 12 **W.I. Meeting** 7pm in the Village Hall

August

Tba **W.I. Outing**

September

Thurs 13 **W.I. Meeting** 7pm in the Village Hall

October

Thurs 11 **W.I. Meeting** 7pm in the Village Hall

November

Thurs 8 **W.I. Meeting** 7pm in the Village Hall

December

Thurs 13 **W.I. Meeting** 7pm in the Village Hall



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Temple Ewell Players

Thank you to all those who came along to support our Junior Players in their production of Bugsy Malone. We hope if you were sat near the front you didn't get hit with too much 'splurge' by the gangsters.

The old adage 'no rest for the wicked' seems particularly apt as we have 'shot' straight into rehearsals for our next show, the pantomime Dick Whittington. It's still not too late if you'd like to be involved, just pop along to the Village Hall on a Tuesday or Thursday from 7:30pm. This will be performed in January and we'll keep you updated with how rehearsals are going. In the meantime we have a General Meeting on October 17th in the Lower Hall, if you'd like to find out more about us this would be an ideal opportunity to do so. You'll be made very welcome.

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.



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Working with schools

We're working with a number of local schools to use the parks for outdoors learning. Seven primary schools in Dover are having free Forest School lessons in the parks between now and November. We're also developing free teaching resources, which should be available on our website early next year.

The Big Draw

Throughout October, across the country, everyone is being encouraged to get drawing as part of the national BIG DRAW Festival. This year, we're teaming up with Dover Arts Development, Dover Big Local ART31 and Astor College. The theme is Living Lines and you'll be able to experiment with animation, inspired by imagery and stories relating to Kearsney Parks.

The first event will take place on Sunday 22nd October, 11am-1pm, meeting outside the café in Kearsney Abbey. The second event will be a drop-in session on Wednesday 25th October, 11am-4pm, in the Dover Big Local Hub, Unit 18 Charlton Centre. The sessions are free and for all ages and abilities. More information is at <http://www.thebigdraw.org/about-the-big-draw-festival>

Your memories and stories

If you have any stories about Kearsney Abbey or Russell Gardens that you'd like to share, please come and see us on Tuesday 24th October. Weather permitting, we'll be outside the café in Kearsney Abbey from 2pm – 3.30pm (and inside if it rains) to record your tales and memories.

River Tales

River Tales will be in Kearsney Abbey on Sunday 29th October from 2pm-4pm. Come along to the boating lake to meet the River Spirit, take part in a drumming workshop, hear some river tales and songs, and end up parading through the park!

Photography workshop in November

Our next photography workshop will take place in Kearsney Abbey and Russell Gardens on Saturday 4th November, from 1.30pm – 3pm. The theme will be 'Autumn in the park; using the colour wheel as a reference to photograph the autumn landscape'. The workshop will take a creative, rather than a technical, approach. Places are free but need to be booked by emailing kearsney.parks@dover.gov.uk

Save the date

The next Kearsney Parks Forum meeting will take place on Wednesday 22nd November, from 6pm until 7.30pm. If you would like to get involved and help shape our plans for the project, please come along. Please email kearsney.parks@dover.gov.uk by Thursday 16th November if you'd like to attend.

Update on Russell Gardens' ornamental pond

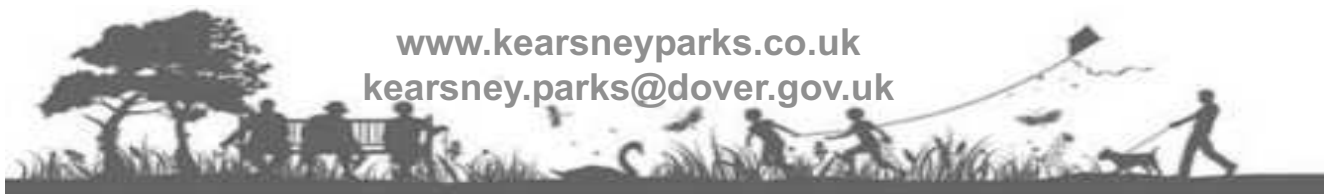
Works to the ornamental pond in Russell Gardens are progressing. There is controlled access to pathways at Russell Gardens during the de-silting work. The pond will be empty of water while this takes place. Please be aware of the works and the movement of equipment and please take care while on site.

Keep in touch

If you have any comments or questions, please email us on kearsney.parks@dover.gov.uk or follow us on Twitter @Kearsneyparks



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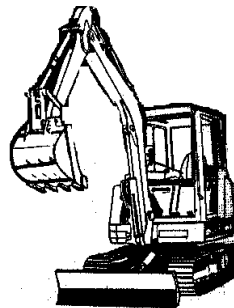
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Parish Church of St Peter & St Paul

October services, to which we warmly welcome you.

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

- 1st Harvest - Joint family service with Lydden at Temple Ewell
- 8th Normal service 10.30 with Fr. Peter Sherred as Priest
- 15th Joint service at Lydden at 10.30 led by Fr. Michael Morris
- 22nd Normal service led by Fr. Michael Morris
- 29th Joint service at Temple Ewell 10.30 led by Fr. Robert Farrell.

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Our PCC have been thinking of the Autumn and what that means for our Church and our Parish of Temple Ewell.

We are of course missing Father Paul. I spoke to a resident a few days ago who said "they missed his smiling face riding around the village on his bicycle."

A while ago I was at a concert at the Albert Hall in London when the gentleman next to me started to talk to me. He said he had been a Church Warden at a church in Devon for 45 years. He said "In all that time there had not been any changes, and he wasn't going to start now"!!. Of course being without our Rector we are in a state of change, not major changes but necessary adjustments to our worship in the way that we are used to. We are very much indebted to all those clergy and others who have been helping us.

We do eventually expect to devise a plan/vision for the future of our Church. In the meantime items to look for in the Newsletter are Remembrance Sunday, Toy Service and Christmas services. Harvest complete with a lunch will have been enjoyed and gone when this Newsletter is received.

Please respond as usual in your generous way to our Gift Day on 7th October.
Peter Austen

As we settle into a new era of being without a parish priest, we hope Father Paul and Hilary are enjoying their retirement.

We are not yet sure when we will have a replacement for Father Paul. To keep the Church a vital part of our community, many jobs will have to be shared.

For practical reasons enquiries for:

- o Weddings – contact Peter Austen on 01304 208727
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These numbers will henceforth also be listed on the inside cover of the Newsletter each month as a reminder.

Jobs, which help to enhance our village Church both for worshippers and our many visitors who call, are flower arranging, brass cleaning and clearing outside gullies. We are fortunate to have a regular cleaner. If anyone feels they can give their time to fulfil these roles they may like to join our rota. Neither is arduous and guidance will be given. Please contact:

- o Flowers – Cath Commey
- o Brass and gullies – Jenny Miles

Our Garden of Remembrance is the only part of the churchyard that the Church is responsible for, but it can always do with some t.l.c.

Our services may be varied in their structure in the future and we hope to publicise the variations in the Newsletter. More services will be jointly with Lydden. This is all dependant on the availability of who we can ask to lead our worship. In time we hope to produce a questionnaire for interested people to share their opinions as to what they would like from our village C of E Church.

To maintain the building of our Church in good shape we shall be holding our Annual Gift Day on October 7th outside Lorna's when the Church Wardens will be happy to receive your gifts.

We hope to maintain the luxury of a church open during the day and a book for prayer requests will be on the reception table.

A warm welcome is extended to all who wish to join our worship.

Jenny Miles





Operation Christmas Child

It's nearly shoebox time of year. The absolute last day for collection is 12th November. Coincidentally there will be an Afternoon Tea in the Millennium Hall - details to follow in next month's Newsletter. All monies raised will be for the postage. Unfortunately the postage for each box is now £5 so if you can pop a fiver in your box it would be most

appreciated.

Here are a list of items to go in the box and don't forget to wrap your box (lid separate for checking).

Toys - dolls or stuffed toys (with CE label), toy trucks, harmonica, yo-yo, skipping rope, ball, small puzzles etc.

School Supplies - Pens, pencils & sharpeners, crayons or felt pens, stamps & ink pad sets, writing pads or notebooks & paper, solar calculators, colouring & picture books etc.

Hygiene Items - Toothbrush and toothpaste, bars of wrapped soap, comb or hairbrush, flannel.

Other Items – Hat and gloves or scarf, sunglasses, hair accessories, jewellery set, wind up torch, wrapped sweets (best-before-date must be at least March of the following year).

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Any queries or you need your box picking up ring Amanda 07506811851 or Jenny 824280.



Temple Ewell W.I.

At our first meeting after our summer break we were pleased to welcome Edie who demonstrated how to create a beautiful basket of flowers and foliage. The hall looked very colourful after we had all attempted to replicate Edie's lovely creation. At our next meeting on October 12th our speaker will be a member of the Blood Runner charity team who transport blood wherever it is needed across Southern England at night and Bank holidays throughout the year.

If any ladies would like to join us you will be made very welcome, we meet at 7pm. The dates are all listed in the Village Diary.

PS - Don't forget our Quiz - see below

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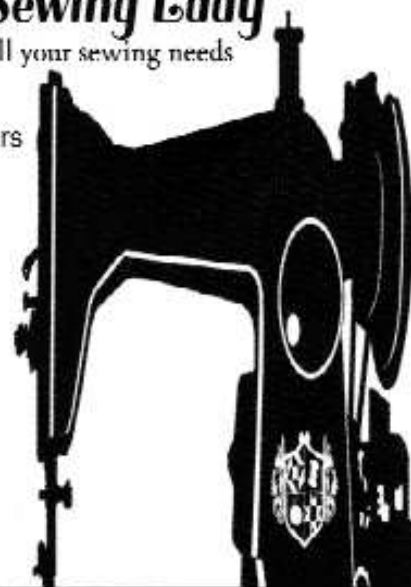
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WHAT DO WE PRAY FOR?

The dreadful events in the world over the last few weeks have been completely overwhelming and it is difficult to know how to respond. The horror of what is happening is great and our ability to have any effect is minute. How do we react?

One positive thing we can do is pray for Almighty God to intervene. Prayer is more than a wish list, but it has to be set in motion. Jesus, when asked how to pray, said we start with "OUR FATHER". This is personal and a relational. The area we do control in the world is ourselves. Is this relationship central to the decisions we make and the way we lead our life?

The prayer that Jesus taught is well known, from Matthew's Gospel chapter 6:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our debts as we have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from the evil one.

Our activities continue as usual:

Sunday Family Service: 10.30am

Monday Keep Fit: 7.30pm

Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer: 7pm

Future Events



Sunday 8th October 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 "Listening to God's voice" 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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Friday Club



A slow start to September but warming up for Christmas.

I had quite a few positive comments about my last news letter in support of our plight, with many showing concerns for our welfare. I had an in-depth conversation with the Hall Chairman who told me that the hall funds would not stretch to employing a caretaker and, like other groups who use to hall, we would have to manage the best we can - but we are always told how well and busy the hall is doing.

BUT I had a call from a very nice local lady (name withheld) who said that she and her husband were appalled that we may have to close due to the lack of help in dismantling the tables and lifting them back into the rack. She has kindly offered her husband to call in on a Friday to help (I like to point out that she asked him first).

So to that couple, on behalf of the Friday Club, I wish to extend a very big thank you from all of us to you for your kindness, and with the continued help of Branching out we can move forward. Thank you to you all.

Don't forget end of October clocks go back and the darker evenings get darker so keep safe.

Until next time

Bye for now Yvonne





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Christian Aid Ride & Stride

On Saturday 9th September we set out on our cycles to visit as many churches as possible from 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. to raise funds for our Church.

Here we are setting off from St. Peter & Paul with lots of encouragement from Betty Pilcher, who used to share the ride with Jenny many years ago, and this year, undaunted, was walking through to some of the Dover churches.

Amanda and I left Temple Ewell and set off towards Lydden then, deep breaths, up Amanda's favourite hill to Coldred. From there we sauntered on to Shepherds Well and to the ancient church at Barfreestone. Going quite well at this stage we followed the undulating contours of the very late summer countryside, relishing the views across the harvested fields towards Thanet. Here we pedalled



gently on towards Elvington and Eythorne enthralled at the wonderfully decorated Baptist Chapel where a wedding was planned later in the day. We carried on to the secluded church at Waldershare.....walking the bikes up the old pathway into the overgrown churchyard.....we didn't linger here...creepy! Quickly out beside the old 'High & Dry' we turned towards Whitfield then onto West and East Langdon with beautiful isolated country churches and still in use!

Beginning to feel hungry we decided that after Guston, our next stop, we would amble down Castle Hill into Dover and the historical White Horse Inn. Refreshed with 'cheesy chips', and a glass (!!), we negotiated our way back through the many Dover churches before heading home via Buckland, River and ending our journey at Temple Ewell Baptist Church. We had a lovely ride visiting 24, (yes 24!) of the most beautiful historical Churches in our District and meeting lots of friendly people with some very delicious refreshments! Should you wish to contribute to our fundraising page for St Peter & Paul Temple Ewell then please visit our Justgiving page - <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/amanda-lomas9>

Thankyou!

Jenny Olpin & Amanda Lomas

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Temple Ewell Newsletter, in it's quest to commemorate the 100 years Anniversary of end of The Great War, is planning to issue a 'Special Edition' for November 2018.

We will be seeking any contributions that relate to this period and would also like to encourage our Village Organisations to report as to their role during and/or after this distressing conflict in our Nations history.

The Newsletter would like everyone to begin to think what they may wish to contribute to our Editor for consideration - poems, stories, local research, photos, anecdotes and anything you may consider of interest for this WW1 Temple Ewell Newsletter Special Edition.

We will continue to intermittently repeat this request during the coming months. We look forward to hearing from you and do email or ring if you wish to discuss further.

Jenny Olpin



Produce Association

Our Autumn Show was held in Temple Ewell Village hall on Saturday the 9th September. The weather was really kind to us and brought out lots of visitors, so much so the kitchen staff were rushed off their feet serving teas, coffees and home made cakes. We had a record number of flower arrangements - so a big thank you to all the ladies who entered. The Judge commented on the very high standard of the fruit, flowers and vegetables.

There were a nice lot of entries including those by Branching Out, Willows, Temple Ewell School and the Brownies. It seems we have so many cooks that the tables were laden with malt loaves, macaroons, mincemeat tarts, rolls and preserves. Thanks to all who entered and to all who support us at each show as this was the last for this year.

Our A.G.M. is Monday the 23rd October 2017 at 7.30 pm in the Lower Hall. Hope to see you there.

Regards, Trevor

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Temple Ewell Parish Council

At the start of the centenary commemorations for the Great War, the Parish Council felt that it would be appropriate to have some form of memorial in the centre of the village where it would be seen by more people on a regular basis than the memorial in the churchyard. Indeed, it is quite possible that a good number of residents of the village have never seen the memorial at the Church which is sad in view of the sacrifice that it marks.

Thus it was that the Parish Council decided to construct the Memorial Garden at Players Corner which was dedicated on 23 August 2014, the centenary of the start of the War. The Parish Council was pleased that the ceremony was attended by a large number of residents and that Remembrance crosses have regularly been planted in the Memorial Garden since it was established.

Encouraged by the public's reaction to the Memorial Garden, the Parish Council has decided to formalize it by adding a large piece of sandstone with a plaque bearing the names of the men of the village who gave their lives in the two World Wars. A large piece of stone has been donated to us by Ovenden who are based near Canterbury and is a family-run business with over 45 years experience in haulage, plant hire, demolition and aggregate supply, and arrangements are currently in hand for production of the memorial plaque.

We cannot yet be certain as to when the stone will be ready for dedication but our hope is that it will be in time for Remembrance Sunday at the beginning of November. We will keep everyone informed by means of the Newsletter, if publication dates permit, otherwise we will ensure that word is circulated widely around the village by some other means.

Those of you who know me are aware my determination to ensure that the sacrifices of so many (including 24 from our own village) are never forgotten. Indeed, how could we ever forget that, ON THE FIRST DAY of the Battle of the Somme in 1916, Britain lost 60,000 men killed, injured or missing and that during the Third Battle of Ypres between July and November 1917 more than one million souls were lost. It is only by remembering and marking such horrors that we can, hopefully, ensure that they are never repeated. For all of these reasons, it is my fervent hope that when the Memorial stone is dedicated, a great number of residents will come along and representatives of village organisations will lay wreaths in remembrance of all those who have lost their lives in conflict and especially the 24 young men of Temple Ewell who died in order that we might live in peace.

I always find that standing in the Tyne Cott Cemetery – the largest Commonwealth War Graves Commission cemetery that there is – with its rows of 12,000 headstones and the names of upward of 40,000 men with no known graves engraved on the walls - to be a humbling and very moving experience. I go regularly and

would be only too pleased to arrange a group visit if anyone from the village would be interested in coming along.

The parish council would like to thank everyone who came to the village Summer Event held on Saturday 22nd July. The day was a rip-roaring success with over 150 family & friends attending which truly brought the community together in a way that few villages could hope to match.

The undoubted success was entirely due to the hard work of the events working party and those who supported the event, giving up their time to ensure that everyone had a summer's day to remember. Our Chairman presented Father Paul and Mrs. Christian with gifts and cards from the village marking the end of his long and distinguished ministry in the village. Father Paul merrily initiated a dance around the playing field to 'Is This The Way To Amarillo' which his parishioners' were only too keen to join him, a moment that shall never be forgotten. The community spirit was in abundance and thankfully the sun shone. The Parish Council has received lots of lovely feedback and discussions have already started to plan another quintessentially English Summer occasion for families and friends to enjoy in 2018

Colin Smithen - Chairman of the Parish Council



The full Parish Council meets on the last Tuesday of the month (excluding August and December) at 7.15pm at the Temple Ewell Baptist Church Hall on the corner of the High Street and London Road. Parishioners are most welcome to attend and contribute to meetings.

The agenda and minutes are displayed on the Parish Council notice board by Southdown Stores and on the Council website. Should you wish to put anything on the notice board please contact either the Clerk or the Chairman.

Contact details for councillors are on the website:

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Letters to the Editor

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Dear Newsletter

For a whole week during August there was an excellent solo Art Exhibition, called Rivers of Colour, in the Crabble Corn Mill by the local artist Caroline Fox Betts.

Advertised as being 'child friendly' I took the opportunity to visit with our 3 year old granddaughter who immediately recognised paintings of Kearsney Abbey and Dover Castle. This captured her attention and being in such an interesting location she wandered through this wonderfully eclectic exhibition quickly identifying her 'favourite' painting.

The vibrant colours and subjects, ranging from portraits to still life, animals to landscapes, didn't disappoint and one can only hope that we can look forward to another display of contemporary art by this talented artist.

Jenny Olpin

Guess the Show - it was The Beat Goes On in 2006





Tiddlers went WILD!

As the end of term approached and Tiddlers were set to close for the summer plans were afoot for Tiddlers to go Wild! On the first Tuesday of the holidays word spread that Jon Reagan and other helpers would be meeting those Tiddlers keen to 'go native' and develop their forest skills up in the woods above Church Hill.

Once located the children set to work to build a camp, finding suitable wood, leaves and a carpet of ferns to make a cosy den fit for 'storytime'. Others helped to collect dry wood for a camp fire that became the base for refreshment and more excitingly roasting yummy marshmallows! At the end of this first 'Wild' session everyone was in agreement that they would meet again the following week..... and so it continued every Tuesday, come rain or shine, through the long summer holidays.

This was great fun and the children learnt about making bows and arrows, tracking, searching for bugs, the joy of rope swings and discovering archeological wonders! The most exciting find was a well established Badger sette with over 20 entrances. There was no doubt that 'going Wild' had been a huge success creating a lot of lovely memories of Summer 2017!

Thank you Jon et al!

Team Tiddlers



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A Guide to English Apples - just a few of those available now !

Cox - Widely regarded as the finest of all eating apples, the variety was raised by Richard Cox, a retired brewer, in 1825 in Colnbrook near Slough. Originally named Cox's Orange Pippin, improved strains combining greater colour and size with the variety's unique taste have been planted in modern orchards. The flavour is a superb balance of sugars with tartness together with a wonderfully honeyed aroma. Texture is firm but not hard with good levels of juice. English Cox's are available from late September until early April.

Bramley - Regarded as the finest apple for cooking due to its unrivalled taste and texture after cooking, Bramley has a unique ability to retain its tangy taste during cooking and when cooked its texture becomes wonderfully light, airy and moist. First grown from an apple pip planted by a young girl, Mary Ann Brailsford in Southwell, Nottinghamshire in 1809, Bramley is only produced commercially in UK and is available throughout the year. Bramley represents more than 95% of the apples sold in UK for cooking in the home.

Egremont Russet - Russets are very distinctive apples both in terms of appearance and taste. This variety is by far the most important russet grown commercially in UK and it is available from late September until early February. The variety represents about 6% of the total volume of the commercial production of eating apples grown in UK.

Rubens - Rubens is a cross between Gala and Elstar which was raised in Italy in 1988. Trial plantings were established in England in the early 2000s and the first commercial volumes became available all a few years later. The variety has a bright red skin colour over a green gold/ background. But the flesh is crispy, juicy and firm with a crunchy eating quality. It has a sweet taste similar to Gala but with more aroma. supplies of English Rubens are available from October to March.

Red Dessert - This identification number is used for a number of different varieties many of which are imported. Therefore, it is important to look for the Union Jack logo or the country of origin on the packaging or shelf labels.

Spartan - First raised in Canada in 1926, English Spartan is available in October and November. The skin colour is dark purple and develops a bloom which does not affect taste. The flesh is clean white in colour with a crisp texture and good levels of juice. The taste is sweet with a good balance of acidity and a strong apple flavour.

Discovery - The earliest English commercial variety which becomes available from the end of July until the end of August. An attractive red skinned apple, Discovery was first raised in Essex in 1949 and has a distinctive flavour. The texture is fairly crisp with good levels of juice. However, the apple does not store well and it should be eaten within days of having been picked.

Worcester Pearmain - This is an early English apple with a distinctive taste. It is available from late August until the end of September. The variety was raised near Worcester and introduced in 1874. It has a smooth skin with a green/yellow background colour with a bright red top colour. The flesh is white and relatively coarse texture but is firm and crisp with good levels of juice. The variety has a sweet taste and a unique strawberry-like flavour with a strong aromatic aroma.

Gala - The variety was first raised in New Zealand in 1934 by J. H. Kidd. Considerable selective breeding took place in the 1950s to improve the variety. Trial plantings took place in England in the 1980s but it was not until ten years later that commercial planting began to develop in UK. Today, Gala is the largest single variety of eating apple produced in England. The apple has an attractive red striped skin and the flavour is predominantly sweet. Texture is crisp but not hard and is juicy. First English supplies become available in late September and last until early May.

Braeburn - Braeburn was first raised in New Zealand in the 1950s and has been developed since then through selective breeding. It was first grown in UK in the 1990s in limited volumes but it was not until the early 2000s that production began to increase following the planting of selections suited to English conditions. The texture is very crisp and juicy. The overall flavour is tangy with a good balance of sweetness and a hint of pear-drops. Braeburn requires a long growing season and English Braeburn is not available until December. The variety stores extremely well and English supplies are available until May.

Kanzi - Kanzi, which means 'hidden treasure' in Swahili is a cross between Braeburn and Gala which was raised in Belgium and introduced in 2004. The skin colour is a shiny orange red over a golden background. The flesh is cream-coloured, crisp and juicy with outstanding crunch when eaten but not too hard. The taste is a delicate balance of sugars and tartness with a pleasant apple flavour. Supplies of English Kanzi are available from November to April and maintains its quality extremely well in the fruit bowl.

Golden Delicious - Most Golden Delicious sold in Britain is imported as the variety requires higher temperatures and greater levels of light than are usually found in UK. English production is restricted to very small volumes that are normally sold from November to January. The variety was found as a chance seedling in the USA in 1890. Flavour is rather weak with mild sweetness balanced with slight acidity. Texture is reasonably firm and juicy.





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