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Hello All

Interest is being generated in our WW1 Exhibiton, proposed for November, with offers of artefacts, photos etc coming in. But more will be welcome, so please let us know as soon as possible if you have anything of interest that you would be kind enough to lend for the event. We are not actually taking items yet, just cataloguing those available in readiness.



You will note on the letters page that Ann Hogben and Jon Regan are proposing a Show on the same theme (Centenary of the end of WW1), on the evening of the Exhibition, so a full day and evening of celebration in all to look forward to.

Our Tea Dance on 2nd June aims to be a pleasant afternoon with cream teas and some ballroom and sequence dancing. Just one thing I need your help with ... we are looking for someone to come along with a keyboard and play the music for us. Can you help? Do you know anyone who could do this? Please contact me if you do.

Have a Happy Easter Everyone!

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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

April

Sun 1	EASTER SUNDAY Easter Egg Hunt at Crabble Corn Mill 10am-4pm
Mon 2	BANK HOLIDAY Easter Egg Hunt at Crabble Corn Mill 10am-4pm
Thurs 12	Coffee Morning 10-11.30 in the Village Hall
Thurs 12	W.I. Meeting 7pm in the Village Hall
Tues 17	Annual Parish Meeting 7.15pm in the Baptist Hall
Mon 23	Dover Flower Club Special Event / Demonstration - see page 32
Thurs 26	Coffee Morning 10-11.30 in the Village Hall
Sat 28	Bird Walk 8.30am at Kearsney Abbey - see page 31

May

Mon 7	BANK HOLIDAY
Thurs 10	Coffee Morning 10-11.30 in the Village Hall
Thurs 10	W.I. Meeting 7pm in the Village Hall
13-20	Curtain Up - Players' Spring Show - see page 23
Sat 19	River Bowling Club Open Day - see page 32
Thurs 24	Coffee Morning 10-11.30 in the Village Hall
Mon 28	BANK HOLIDAY
Tues 29	Parish Council AGM 7.15pm in the Baptist Hall

June

Sat 2	Coronation Tea Dance 2.30pm in the Village Hall
Thurs 7	Coffee Morning 10-11.30 in the Village Hall
Thurs 14	W.I. Meeting 7pm in the Village Hall
Thurs 21	Coffee Morning 10-11.30 in the Village Hall
Sat 23	Templeside Celebrations - see page 36
Sat 30	Big Tree Climb at Kearsney Abbey - see page 31

July

Thurs 5	Coffee Morning 10-11.30 in the Village Hall
Thurs 12	W.I. Meeting 7pm in the Village Hall
Sat 14	Produce Association Summer Show
Thurs 19	Coffee Morning 10-11.30 in the Village Hall

August

Tba	W.I. Outing
Thurs 9	Coffee Morning 10-11.30 in the Village Hall
Thurs 16	Coffee Morning 10-11.30 in the Village Hall
Mon 27	BANK HOLIDAY
Thurs 30	Coffee Morning 10-11.30 in the Village Hall

September

Thurs 13	Coffee Morning 10-11.30 in the Village Hall
Thurs 13	W.I. Meeting 7pm in the Village Hall
Sat 15	Produce Association Autumn Show
Thurs 27	Coffee Morning 10-11.30 in the Village Hall

October

Thurs 11	Coffee Morning 10-11.30 in the Village Hall
Thurs 11	W.I. Meeting 7pm in the Village Hall
Thurs 25	Coffee Morning 10-11.30 in the Village Hall

November

Thurs 8	Coffee Morning 10-11.30 in the Village Hall
Thurs 8	W.I. Meeting 7pm in the Village Hall
Sat 10	Newsletter WW1 Exhibition in the Village Hall followed by A Show in the evening
Thurs 22	Coffee Morning 10-11.30 in the Village Hall

December

Thurs 6	Coffee Morning 10-11.30 in the Village Hall
Thurs 13	W.I. Meeting 7pm in the Village Hall



Don't forget to give us
your diary dates as soon
as possible



Tiddlers has had a busy start to the year, we've been busy making Valentine's cards, mothers day cards, arranging flowers for our mums and then there are all the Easter crafts.

The weather hasn't stopped us going up the woods even though we went on a particularly cold day. If you'd like to join us when 'Tiddlers Go Wild' we'll be going to Scotland Common in the Easter holidays.

We have lots of new babies & children recently, it has been quite busy so I'm always looking for extra helpers. If you fancy being part of Tiddlers give me a ring to have a chat. You don't have to commit to every Tuesday.

Happy Easter from Everyone at Tiddlers.
Amanda Lomas



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Friday Club

Two new members joined our club this month, namely Brenda Innes and Moira Mason - a big welcome to you both.

We had another afternoon with Branching out and their popular "Name that Tune" game. We all enjoy this and its a chance to have a sing-a-long as well. They also provided a game of Beetle Drive and his was such fun. Thank you guys and dolls, you certainly know how to entertain us.

During March we have celebrated several birthdays but Peter Wilson's surprise party was a good afternoon.

With Easter around the corner we held a Easter Bonnet parade, (winner to be announced next month.) with guess what - Easter eggs as prizes.

On 13th April we shall be holding our Annual Dinner at The Fox. This is a popular venue for our members and we are always sure to get a scrummy meal.

Lighter nights are now looming and spring is on the way, so at last let's say goodbye to winter and look forward to summer!

Until next time

Bye for now Yvonne



T E Produce Association

We had our Coffee morning on Saturday 10th February, which was well attended by members and friends.

Our coach trip this year is to Penshurst Place in May. For information contact Carol Buttifint 830535 or Daphne Buckland 821640. All seats to be paid in full by April 7th. If paying by cheque make payable to Temple Ewell and District Produce Association.

Our Spring Show is on March 31st. We look forward to seeing you all there. We have new schedules and for those who have not yet joined you can ring Trevor on 824787 if you would like one.

Regards Trevor

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Temple Ewell W.I.

We celebrated our 100th birthday in March with visitors from other WI's in our group and guests from our local WI offices.

"The changing face of Samphire Hoe" was the title of the talk by our speaker, local man Paul Holt. Paul has been employed by White Cliffs Partnership for twenty years and has seen many changes during this time. He accompanied his talk with slides and explained that the site is managed on behalf of Eurotunnel.



During the early 1900's there was a coal mine at the bottom of Samphire Hoe and there had been two previous attempts to construct a tunnel before the third and successful attempt which was completed in 1994. Samphire Hoe was landscaped in 1994 and is now home to many varieties of wild flowers, 12,000 different grasses and numerous insects, the site is also home to 210 species of birds. Sheep and cows also graze there. Paul told us that it is a place for both wildlife and people and they welcome between 80,00 and 100,00 visitors annually. He manages the site with one other member of staff and many volunteers. It was a very informative and interesting talk.



We then had refreshments and our birthday cake was cut - in all a very enjoyable evening.

SAVE THIS DATE.....

Saturday 2nd June at 2.30pm in the Village Hall



A Newsletter event

More details nearer the time

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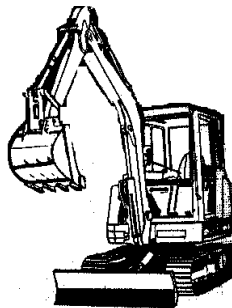
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Parish Church of St Peter & St Paul

April services, to which we warmly welcome you

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

1st	Easter Sunday please note 10.30 at Lydden
8th	Father Derek Mottershead joint at Temple Ewell 10.30
15th	Father Richard Woods 10.30
22nd	Father Michael Morris 10.30
29th	Father Robert Farrell 10.30

Having enjoyed the lovely service on Mothering Sunday, and in anticipation of those services over Easter, it seems that we are now approaching springtime and the nice warm summer months. In these ever changing times it seems that the seasons remain constant, as does our lovely church which seems to have been in our village since the beginning of time. I wonder how many interesting memories it can recall of Easters past.

The 'Media' provide us with all sorts of detailed news stories both on our screens, our I-pads or, for those who prefer, our morning paper. Not many good and sadly mostly stories of violence both in our country and throughout the world. The poisoning of the alleged Russian spy just one example.

That's why it was nice to see and hear all the nice comments and kind things that were expressed regarding the loss of Ken Dodd at the age of 90. He may not have been everyone's favourite, but his main legacy was happiness. How right he was! The greatest gift that we possess to be shared with all those we may meet. A greeting, and a smile cost nothing, neither does a grumble and a scowl. I know which I would rather have.

A very warm summer smile from St. Peter & St. Paul.

Peter Austen




Evenin' All

The Police Officer spoke to me
in quite a stern voice,
“You really do have to tell me your name.
As I’m an officer of the law, you have no choice.”

‘But why?’ I asked in a tremulous voice
considering giving him a wink as well.
But even now at this stage of my recovery,
maybe a step too far,
an elderly criminal, perhaps I’d better tell
him my name, and if he wants it, my address too
but I dare him to question my age.
I’m beginning to realise there’s a few more
questions to come
as I see him turning a page.

I’ve yet to ask what exactly is my crime.
cos ‘I’m not exactly sitting in my car, my seat of power.
‘So, Officer’ I pluck up courage to say ‘What have I done?’
Said Sergeant Plod, “You’re speeding, with crutches,
at 2 miles an hour.”





15 Scientific Reasons why Spring Is the Most Delightful Season

Summer, Winter, and Autumn may have their fans, but spring is clearly the most lovable of the four seasons. Not convinced? Here are 11 scientific reasons why spring is great:

People tend to be most comfortable at temperatures of about 22°C, research shows, so the arrival of spring means you can finally ditch the heavy winter layers and still be comfortable.

Following the spring equinox, days begin lasting longer and nights get shorter. Daylight Saving Time, gives you even more light hours to get things done. Those extra hours of sun can be a major mood-booster, according to some research. A 2016 study of students found that the longer the sun was up during the day, the less mental distress people experienced.

Many animals migrate south during the winter, then head north as temperatures rise. For relatively northern regions, there is no better indicator of spring than birds chirping outside your window. Their northward migration can start as early as mid-February and last into June, meaning that throughout the spring, you can expect to see a major avian influx. In addition to the satisfaction of marking species off your bird-watching checklist, seeing more of our feathered friends can make you happy. In 2017, a study found that the more birds people could see in their neighbourhoods, the better their mental health.

Many animals reproduce in the spring, when temperatures are warmer and food is plentiful. Baby bunnies, ducklings, and other adorable animals abound come spring. Studies have found that seeing cute animals can have positive effects on humans. For instance, one small study in 2012 found that when students looked at cute images of baby animals, they were better at focusing on a task in the lab. Being able to watch fluffy baby squirrels frolic outside your office window might make spring your most productive season of the year.

In 2015 policy researchers discovered a hidden upside to "springing forward" for Daylight Saving Time. It reduced crime. When the sun set later in the evening, the study found, robbery rates fell. After Daylight Saving Time started in the spring, there was a 27 percent drop in robberies during that extra hour of evening sunlight, and a 7 percent drop over the course of the whole day.

Research has found that taking walks in nature slows your heart rate and makes you more relaxed, but some indicates that there is something special about spring's effect on your brain. A 2005 study linked spending 30 minutes or more outside in warm, sunny spring weather to higher mood and better memory. But the effect reverses when spring ends, since being outside in the warmest days of summer is usually pretty uncomfortable.

The same study found that spending time outside in the sunny spring weather isn't just a mood booster, it actually can change the way people think. The researchers found that being outdoors broadened participants' minds, leaving them more open to new information and creative thoughts.

Spring brings green growth back to plants and trees. Depending on where you live, trees may begin sporting new leaves as early as mid-March. That successful spring leaf growth ensures a cool canopy to relax under during the hot summer—a hugely important factor in keeping towns and cities comfortable. According to researchers, vegetation plays a big role in mitigating the urban heat effect. When trees release water back into the air through evapotranspiration, it can cool down the areas around them by up to 3°C.

It's amazing what a little sun can do for plants and grass. Through photosynthesis, plants convert sunlight, carbon dioxide, and water into food, releasing oxygen in the process. That means as plants start to grow in the spring, they pull carbon out of the atmosphere, providing an important environmental service. Plants take in roughly 25 percent of the carbon emissions humans produce, absorbing more than 100 gigatons of carbon through photosynthesis each growing season. Because of this, the amount of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere drops each spring and summer.

Many vegetables and some fruits are harvested in the spring. 'Tis the season to get your local asparagus, greens, peas, rhubarb, and other fresh produce. Getting more fruits and vegetables into your diet isn't just good for the body; it's good for the soul. A 2016 study found that when people increased the amount of fruits and vegetables in their diet, they felt happier and had higher rates of life satisfaction. If they increased their intake by eight portions a day (a tall order, we know) the psychological gains were equivalent to the change in well-being people experience when they go from being unemployed to having a job, the researchers found.

While it's important to keep moving no matter what the weather, research shows that working out can be more beneficial if you do it outside. A 2011 study found that, compared with an indoor workout, exercising outdoors in nature increased energy levels, made people feel revitalized, and decreased tension, among other positive effects. People who worked out in the fresh air also tended to say they enjoyed the experience more and would be likely to repeat it, suggesting that using nature as your gym might help you stick with your exercise regimen. While those benefits probably extend to winter, too, it's a whole lot easier to stomach the idea of a run once the weather warms up.



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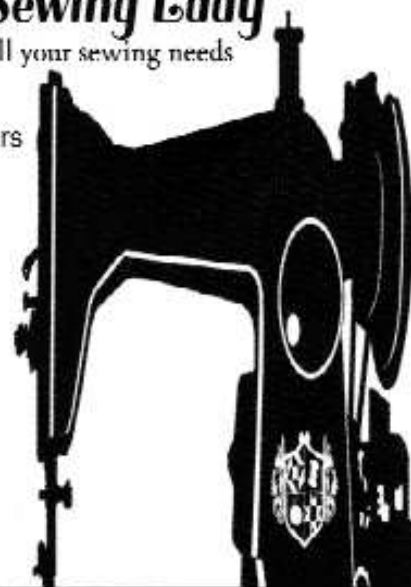
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HOW SAFE ARE WE?

Times have certainly changed and this was brought home, yet again, by our church having to make a safeguarding policy. The result is a 30 page booklet which everyone is expected to read and apply. On a recent visit to one of Dover's Grammar schools, I received a leaflet on the same subject of Safeguarding, even though there was no time to read it before I had left the school. Still, at least I would then know if I had not complied!

Going to Temple Ewell school you are confronted by a locked iron railing gate, and entry phone button for access. Many of us recall very different days at school with no gates, locked doors or security policies. At five years old, I had a solitary walk to school of 1 mile which included crossing the main A2 London Road. My parents must have been very negligent.

Don't get me wrong, children's safety is of paramount importance. My perception of the difference is that the paperwork on safeguarding and locked front gates give the impression of security but not necessarily the reality of security

Safety is, was, and always will be of prime concern, but we need the reality and not just the illusion. Where can real safety be found? God gives us the answer in Psalm 27. "For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling: he will hide me in the shelter of his tabernacle and set me high upon a rock."

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 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. The theme will be "Breakfast on the beach". 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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Temple Ewell Players

Since our last report it has been 'all change'! When the Players put on a show they are often licensed, which means we have to apply for permission to perform them and pay a license fee.

When we approached the licence holders about 'Steel Magnolias' we were advised that performances within 100 miles of London were restricted so we would not be allowed to do it.

Back to the drawing board! Fortunately Cindy then found 'Curtain Up' a fast paced and very funny play with a cast of five females. It is the hilarious story of five women who inherit equal shares in a dilapidated theatre and plan to bring it back to life again. They try various fund-raising schemes but their most ambitious is to hold a concert featuring local talent and a world-famous star who agrees to appear for no fee! However, their plans go awry and it's a race to keep their audience from guessing the truth of the matter.

Performances will be in the village hall from 16th to 19th May at 7:30pm and tickets will be on sale from Tuesday 24th April in the Fox pub. At the moment we don't know the ticket prices but you can be assured they will be very reasonable as always and well worth a fun evening out!

Our autumn production will be a version of Oliver featuring the Junior Players and will be performed from the 20th to 22nd September.

Mike Brodie

GUESS THE SHOW!

The following 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 25.





Temple Ewell Players present
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Curtain Up!

A Comedy

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Brownies

Thinking Day - Impact the World The Sleepover

On The Brownie Sleepover we first made origami birds. They took a long time to make but it was fun. We had dinner, which was spaghetti bolognese and was very nice. Then we had a link up to brownies in Texas, US, followed by making a decorated candle holder by sticking coloured paper onto a jam jar and we put a fake candle inside. Afterwards we made a flower by cutting bottle top into petals and colouring it.



We had a campfire and we sang 'The Curious Brownie' and lots of other songs. At bedtime we slept in long lines next to each other as there were about sixty brownies.

In the morning we had our breakfast and sang more songs. It was really great fun.

Willow

Year of the Dog

We made up a poster about Year of the Dog, with pictures, and writing. We made large dogs which we painted with googly eyes and pinned them up. We also made some origami dogs.



Honey

Brownies Around the World



For the Thinking Day ceremony in the Baptist Hall we all chose two countries each with a Brownie picture in uniform.

We lit a candle and put the picture on the country on a world map and said their Promise and Law. We chose twelve countries from around the world.

Georgie

**Guess the Show - it was Sailor
Beware in 1977**

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Temple Ewell Parish Council

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The Parish Council will gladly support any communities who would like to have street parties associated with the forthcoming Royal Wedding.

This could be in the form of bunting/materials and arranging any necessary road closure orders with Dover District Council.

If you are planning a street party and would like assistance from the Parish Council please contact the Chairman, Colin Smithen on 01304-332139, no later than 30th April 2018.

Please note - The date for the Annual Parish Meeting has changed - it will now take place on Tuesday 17th April - see Diary Pages.

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

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Update on Works

Work to clear the overgrown trees behind the tennis courts in Russell Gardens was due to be finished by the end of February. The tenders for the rest of the landscape and building work are nearing award and this work should start in the summer.

Some ash trees have also been removed from the park as they were suffering from ash dieback. Once a tree is infected, the disease is usually fatal. Removing infected trees can help to slow the spread of the disease. For more information, see www.theashproject.org.uk/

Bird walk

Ahead of International Dawn Chorus Day, come and join our spring morning walk with the birds. On Saturday 28th April, bird expert Paul Holt will lead a walk to explain the sights and sounds of the creatures we encounter in Kearsney Abbey. You don't have to get up before sunrise, as the walk will start at the civilised time of 8am! The walk will last for 1.5 hours. Dogs on leads are welcome.



Big Tree Climb

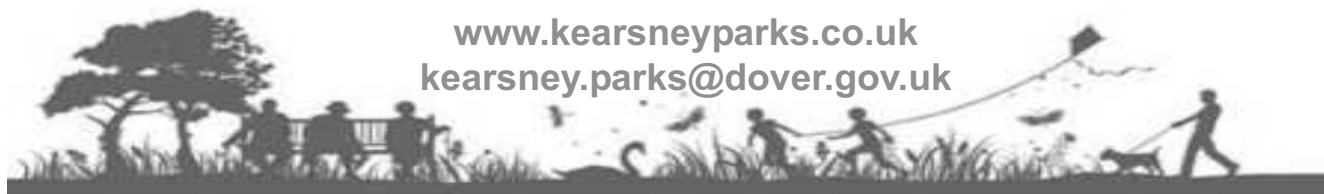
Following the success of last year's visits, the Great Big Tree Climbing Company is coming back to Kearsney Abbey on Saturday 30th June and Saturday 15th September. If you want to climb high into the tree canopy and see the park from a whole new perspective, come along!

Tickets are £20 and each session is an hour long. The activity is suitable for children aged six and over, and adults. You'll be supervised by an instructor, fitted with a harness and helmet, and always securely attached to a safety line. To book a ticket, go to <http://www.bigtreeclimbing.co.uk/contact-us/>

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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Dover Flower Club

The April meeting is a combined meeting with Deal Flower Club at Whitfield Village Hall on Monday 23rd April at 6.30 for 7.30. Nick Grounds is a Horticultural Auctioneer by day and a National Demonstrator afternoons and evenings and is coming from Wisbech. It will be a very special evening of wonderful flower arranging.

There will be a large plant stall, sales table, jewellery table and accessories table and the chance to win one of many prizes in the raffles. There will be a general raffle and a flower raffle with a chance to win one of the many arrangements that you will have seen Nick design.

We anticipate there will be many people from the two clubs plus visitors. The doors will open at 6.30 for a 7.30 start. For this special meeting tickets will be £5 for members of either club and £9 for visitors.

Please come and share this wonderful evening with us and share the pleasure of watching a truly talented person.

For more information please contact::mariantownsley@btinternet.com / tel: 01304 832522.

River Bowling Club

With the start of the new bowls season arriving, our first game will be on April 21st.

If you wish try your hand or join the Club you are welcome to come to our Open Day on May 19th, where members will be there to assist and inform you.

Please come with flat soled shoes if you want to go on the green. For more information please contact our secretary on 01304 822534





County Councillor

KCC drastically reduces bus savings

Proposed reductions to subsidised bus routes in Kent have been drastically scaled back following positive talks with bus companies and the decision by KCC to reduce the required savings from £2.25 million to £455,000 in this coming financial year.

Subsidised bus services represent just 3% of the network in Kent. The remaining 97% of services are run by commercial or community operators.

Following discussions with bus companies Stagecoach and Go Coach, proposals to move a small number of services from public subsidy to commercially-operated routes, are expected to go out to public consultation in April.

These changes are designed to protect school services and ensure communities currently served by a subsidised route will not lose out, while providing necessary budget savings. These services are mirrored by existing commercial services and could be served by them with some slight network changes. There will be full local consultation in April on the proposed changes. The council is clear that no further changes to the subsidised bus network are proposed.

Cabinet Member for Highways, Mike Whiting, said: "I am grateful to both Stagecoach and Go Coach for these innovative proposals which will allow us to make the necessary savings to our budget this year. I was clear at the outset that any changes proposed would not affect school services or leave communities without a service, and I believe these proposals achieve that."

Next month, the council will launch "The Big Conversation" to better understand what communities want from their public transport services and how they could be better organised to meet that need. More than £40 million of bus-related business is commissioned by Kent County Council. KCC's aim in holding the Big Conversation, is to maintain services, potentially improve rural access and deliver this at a lower cost.

Kent County Council Leader Paul Carter, who announced the Big Conversation in January, said: "These big conversations will invite ideas about the possible alternative delivery models for rural bus services. What we envisage is replacing the conventional subsidised bus services and in its place, provide greater access for rural residents. This could include a taxi-bus style service which links rural communities to main-line commercial bus routes or community-led transport services, that's why we need to have these conversations – so we can see the bigger picture affecting rural residents and see what is going to work best for people, and we have set aside £500,000 to invest in new technology and encourage innovation."

Discussions will be held with parish councils, commercial and community transport providers, technology providers and ultimately culminate in a Rural Bus Summit in the Summer which will bring everyone together to discuss the way forward. The proposals are due to be discussed by the Environment and Transport Cabinet Committee on Tuesday, March 20.

In the Dover West area I have arranged presentations which have been given to four parish councils already by the operator of a charity operated community passenger service. This service has the benefit of a door to door service. It is just a matter of booking a call. There is a small annual subscription fee, then you pay for each fare, but the cost of fares are almost a third cheaper to that of Stagecoach.

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Dear Editor

HAPPY 50th BIRTHDAY – TEMPLESIDE

It was 50 years ago that my dad, mum and me moved into Templeside. A lot of families moved into the new homes around the same time. 50 years later, a lot of us are still living in the same road.

It is amazing how many that moved in then and then moved out are still local in the village. **LET'S CELEBRATE!! Tea, cakes and memories**

**Saturday 23rd June
Temple Ewell Village Hall
2 – 4pm**

Please find your old photos of friends, family, neighbours and good times. There must be lots of them. Tickets £2 each to cover the hire of the hall and afternoon tea, available from me on 824152. Look forward to seeing you!

Alison Worton

Hi Jeanette

Jon Regan and I are going to get a show together for the evening of the 10th Nov 2018 and we think it would be a good idea to put something in the Newsletter.

**A show of Remembrance! 1918 - 2018 100 years
10th Nov 2018 at the Village Hall 7pm-10pm**

Hopefully with your help we can make it a show to remember .If you are a soloist, sing or play an instrument or your group would be willing to take part in anyway please let either Jon Regan on 074670643 or Rosemary Hogben (Ann) on 822271 know.

The show will go through the decades of 100 yrs if we can get the people needed.

Thank you, ***Ann Hogben***

That sounds good Ann - it will follow on nicely from the Newsletter's WW1 Exhibition which is on the same day at the Hall.

Remembering the end of World War 1 in November 2018 - Please can you help us?

Our November issue this year will be a special one to commemorate the end of War 1, which happened 100 years ago with the surrender of Germany on 11th November 1918.

We have two things planned that we would your help with:

1. **A special edition of the Newsletter with articles about the war and those who were affected by it.**

Please send in anything that you think will be of interest.

Articles can be emailed to me at templewellnews@gmail.com or posted to me at 13 Chilton Way, River, Dover CT17 0QB.

If you have information of any sort, but do not wish to write an article your self we are more than happy to visit you and take down details instead.

2. **An exhibition of photos and memorabilia from the time of WW1 with soup lunch - a chance to have a look and a chat about the exhibits**

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