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Hello all

As we go into another year of producing the Newsletter, I just want to say one thing:

**To all the Newsletter deliverers - our silent heroes**



**We couldn't do it without you!**

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# Village Diary

## February

- Thurs 8**      **Coffee Morning** 10-11.30 in the Village Hall  
**W.I. Meeting** 7pm in the Village Hall
- Sat 10**      **Produce Association** Coffee Morning 10-12 in the Village Hall
- Thurs 22**      **Coffee Morning** 10-11.30 in the Village Hall

## March

- Thurs 8**      **Coffee Morning** 10-11.30 in the Village Hall  
**W.I. Meeting** 7pm in the Village Hall
- Thurs 22**      **Coffee Morning** 10-11.30 in the Village Hall
- Sat 24**      **Newsletter QUIZ** in the Village Hall 7.15pm
- Fri 30**      **GOOD FRIDAY**
- Sat 31**      **Produce Association** Spring Show

## April

- Sun 1**      **EASTER SUNDAY**
- Mon 2**      **BANK HOLIDAY**
- Thurs 5**      **Coffee Morning** 10-11.30 in the Village Hall
- Thurs 12**      **W.I. Meeting** 7pm in the Village Hall
- Thurs 19**      **Coffee Morning** 10-11.30 in the Village Hall
- Tues 24**      **Annual Parish Meeting**

## May

- Thurs 3**      **Coffee Morning** 10-11.30 in the Village Hall
- Mon 7**      **BANK HOLIDAY**
- Thurs 10**      **W.I. Meeting** 7pm in the Village Hall
- 13-20**      **Players' Spring Show**
- Thurs 17**      **Coffee Morning** 10-11.30 in the Village Hall
- Mon 28**      **BANK HOLIDAY**
- Tues 29**      **Parish Council AGM**
- Thurs 31**      **Coffee Morning** 10-11.30 in the Village Hall

## June

- Sat 2**      **Coronation Tea Dance** 2.30pm in the Village Hall
- Thurs 14**      **Coffee Morning** 10-11.30 in the Village Hall  
**W.I. Meeting** 7pm in the Village Hall
- Thurs 28**      **Coffee Morning** 10-11.30 in the Village Hall

## July

Thurs 12      **Coffee Morning** 10-11.30 in the Village Hall  
                 **W.I. Meeting** 7pm in the Village Hall  
Sat 14        **Produce Association** Summer Show  
Thurs 26      **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 23      **Coffee Morning** 10-11.30 in the Village Hall  
Mon 27       **BANK HOLIDAY**

## September

Thurs 6       **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 20      **Coffee Morning** 10-11.30 in the Village Hall

## October

Thurs 4       **Coffee Morning** 10-11.30 in the Village Hall  
Thurs 11      **W.I. Meeting** 7pm in the Village Hall  
Thurs 18      **Coffee Morning** 10-11.30 in the Village Hall

## November

Thurs 1       **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  
Thurs 15      **Coffee Morning** 10-11.30 in the Village Hall  
Thurs 29      **Coffee Morning** 10-11.30 in the Village Hall

## December

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



Don't forget to give us  
your diary dates for  
2018  
as soon as possible

# Temple Ewell W.I.



We started the new year in January with a somewhat depleted attendance due to illness, but we were able to welcome a visitor. We were transported back to the fashions of the swinging 60's by our speaker Linda, who accompanied her talk with slides. Linda had an illustrious career in 'The Rag Trade' as she described it. She started her fashion and design life at Medway College of Art, her course lasting four years. During her working life Linda met and designed clothes for many celebrities and leading fashion designers. Linda brought some of her vintage clothes with her - many of us could remember wearing similar outfits when we were young!!

We enjoyed our refreshments which included some luxurious biscuits that were our reward for winning the Christmas Tree Exhibition at the church.

Our next meeting will be on February 8th when we will be learning about life in 1960's theatre. Visitors are welcome.



## Produce Association



We would like to wish all our members and friends a very Happy New Year.

Our first meeting in 2018 is our Coffee Morning on the 10th February in the Village Hall 10am to 12 noon, where we will have the details of the coach trip and the new schedules for the three shows. Members and friends are all welcome and looking forward to seeing you.

***Regards, Trevor***



# Friday Club

HAPPY NEW YEAR

We ended our year with a Christmas lunch down The Fox, and as usual Steve and Alyson did us proud and not forgetting Bev who served us. There were 40 of us and we all enjoyed our seasonal lunch. Thank you once again for dishing us up a tasty meal.

We started our new year on 12th January and are now preparing to celebrate two milestone birthdays on 26th January with a fish and chip lunch. That of Janet Cribben who was 80 on 16th December (and was in hospital at the time) and Jean Brown who was 90 on 6th January. A belated birthday celebration for them both.

To all those who have suffered the dreaded flu I wish you all well, keep warm and safe until next time.

***Until next time***

***Bye for now Yvonne***

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I fall in.  
I am lost ..... I am hopeless,  
It isn't my fault.  
It takes forever to find a way out.
- 2) I walk down the same street.  
There is a deep hole in the sidewalk  
I pretend I don't see it.  
I fall in again.  
I can't believe I'm in the same place.  
But it isn't my fault.  
It still takes a long time to get out.
- 3) I walk down the same street.  
There is a deep hole in the sidewalk.  
I see it is there.  
I fall in ..... It's a habit.  
My eyes are open  
I know where I am.  
It is my fault.  
I get out immediately.
- 4) I walk down the same street.  
There is a deep hole in the sidewalk.  
I walk round it.
- 5) I walk down another street.

**Portia Nelson**



# Brownies

News about some of our events:

## **Tobogganing**

It was great fun and really amazing! We were all given a doughnut ring (rubber ring) to go up and down at least fifteen times, sometimes holding hands in a line. Ashlea lost her hat so we tried to pick it up when we went down again. At the end we had a drink and delicious biscuits.



## **Ice Skating**

A couple of weeks ago with other Brownies we had an hour on the ice. We went back again a bit later and we still kept falling down and getting back up - it was great!

## **Party**

Party time is the last Brownies of the term. We watched the Emoji movie and we all got to wear our onesies and had blankets and sleeping bags. At the end Brown Owl gave us our Ice Skating Badges and others we had done during the term.

## **Christmas Tree Competition**

We made circles and stuck them together and put a hole in them. We cut out new badges for one side and put old badges, which Brown Owl had, on the other side with sticky tape, then we put string on them. We made about forty of these. We also made a list of all the badges.

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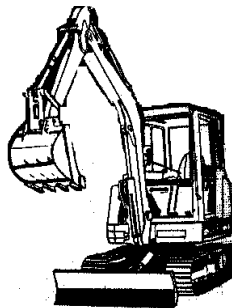
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# Parish Church of St Peter & St Paul

**February services, to which we warmly welcome you.**

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

## Priests for February

4th	Father Richard Woods
11th	Father Michael Morris
18th	Father Robert Farrell (please note Joint at Lydden 9a.m.)
25th	Father Michael Morris

Christmas is now over, or is it? We have just begun a New Year, and resolutions have been made! What happens next? Some people would say now we can get back to normal (whatever that is). One of the projects I recently had to explore was how people felt about Christmas - below are some the "Bah-Humbug" comments I received:

- 1) I worry about the cost and why should I spend my hard earned cash for other people's enjoyment.
- 2) I do not celebrate it because it is religious, and I will only be at Church when I'm carried there.
- 3) I welcome the time off work, and the excuse for a party drinking and eating, and because it's tradition I may go to the midnight service.

Here are some different view points received when asked what it all means to them:

- 1) Santa Claus is linked to St. Nicholas who used to deliver hand made gifts to children in the winter.
- 2) It all comes from the story that in a small town of Bethlehem a great person would be born.
- 3) It is when you find the time to think of those who are sad at this time for whatever reason, and visit them with a gift.

One thing I do know is we are now in the year 2018 and we must continue with our daily life. Perhaps it might be a nice New Year resolution to share some of the good times that Christmas can bring, talk to people, be nice to those who you meet. You never know it might catch on (at least until Summer comes).

A very healthy and peaceful New Year from St. Peter and St. Paul Parish Church.

***Peter Austen***

## Christingle

Thank you to everyone for supporting our Christingle Service. We were able to send over £200 to the Children Society who do all the good work with under-privileged children.

## Christmas Tree Festival

We welcomed over twenty trees to the festival and many Nativity scenes. The W.I. tree was a worthy winner of votes for the amount of work that was put into the decorations. The Coffee Morning tree came second mostly because the children thought it looked like candy floss! Two classes won from the School and all received prizes.

## Coffee Morning

We had our Christmas lunch at The Fox and welcomed some guests. At our only raffle of the year, before Christmas, we were able to make donations to the Night Shelter, the Hospices and Alzheimers Society.

All are welcome to join us on alternate Thursdays between 10 and 11.30am for coffee and a chat. We are mines of information!

## Candlemas Service - 4th February

All are welcome to join our Candlemas service, a concise service, beautifully lit by candlelight. Our celebrant will be Rev. Richard Wood. Coffee afterwards.

***Jenny Miles***

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

**SAVE THIS DATE.....**

**Saturday 2nd June at 2.30pm in the Village Hall**



*A Newsletter event*

*More details nearer the time*



## **Main works update**

Tree works have progressed well in Kearsney Abbey and Russell Gardens. The tree works to the western car park are now complete. Work will continue in Russell Gardens in the New Year, to remove overgrown trees behind the tennis courts.

We have now had the results of ecological reports across the parks. We will need to do some mitigation works to comply with the reports' recommendations. The programme of works will take into account nesting and breeding seasons for a number of species. This means that further landscape works are likely to start during spring/summer 2018, and other works later in the year.

We are working in partnership with the Bay Trust to use some of the wood salvaged from the tree removals. This will be used in projects across the district

## **Duck food on sale**

This summer, we started to encourage people not to feed bread to the ducks and other wild birds in the parks. While feeding the birds is a fun thing to do, bread can make them very ill and it can also pollute the water. The café in Kearsney Abbey is selling duck food, so you can now enjoy feeding the birds while knowing that they are also getting a healthy treat!

## **Russell Gardens ornamental pond update**

Once desilting works were completed, DDC commissioned a survey to review the condition of the ornamental pond base. The report from this survey is now with a structural and marine engineer to decide on the best way to maintain the base of the pond. This will ensure that the pond, the main feature of Thomas Mawson's garden design, can be refilled and is once again the focal point in Russell Gardens.

## **River water levels**

The Environment Agency has issued an update on the status of river water levels in Kent. The full report is available at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/water-situation-local-area-reports>

October was a month of low rainfall with just 31% of the long term average over Kent and South London. Although summer rainfall was near normal, totals over the past 12 months were below normal, and effective rainfall over the same period was less than half the average. River flows ranged from below normal to exceptionally low. Winter rainfall (between October and February) is needed to recharge



aquifers. We will need an exceptionally wet winter to restore aquifers to near normal levels but to date there has been no sign of this.

## **Forest School success**

More than 400 children across the district have taken part in Forest School sessions in Kearsney Abbey this year. These were funded by the Kearsney Parks project. We're busy planning more lessons for the next academic year.

## **End of year round-up**

Thank you for all your interest and support over the last year. We've held many events and activities, such as photography workshops, a yoga session in the park, wildlife surveys and bat walks, and of course the outdoor cinema where hundreds of people watched the Lion King on a beautiful late spring evening. We've created a page where you can see more about what we've been up to at

<http://kearsneyparks.co.uk/pastevents>,

hear some of the music from our Spring celebration in March, and watch the Big Draw animation based on a news story from Kearsney Abbey in 1841.

Lots more events and activities are planned for 2018, and we are hoping to get more people involved as volunteers in the New Year. If you would like to make your New Year's resolution to do some volunteering, please email [kearsney.parks@dover.gov.uk](mailto:kearsney.parks@dover.gov.uk)

## **Save the date - Kearsney Parks Forum**

The next meeting of the Kearsney Parks Forum will take place on Tuesday 6th February, 6pm – 7.30pm. If you'd like to come along and help shape future plans for the Kearsney Parks project, please email [kearsney.parks@dover.gov.uk](mailto:kearsney.parks@dover.gov.uk). Further details will follow nearer the time.

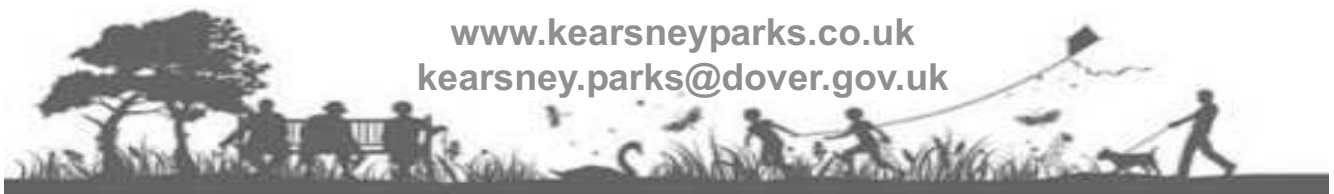
## **East Kent Parks Forum**

The East Kent Parks Forum will meet on Thursday 1st February, 4pm-7pm at Westgate Parks in Canterbury. There will be a tour of Westgate Parks to hear how they achieved Green Flag status. A Keep Britain Tidy speaker will then talk about the requirements needed for Green Flag status, and give an update

## **Keep in touch**

If you have any comments or questions, please email us on [kearsney.parks@dover.gov.uk](mailto:kearsney.parks@dover.gov.uk) or follow us on Twitter @Kearsneyparks

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## HISTORY

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Students at Oxford University have recently been trying to rename the Codrington Library. The library was named after a benefactor Christopher Codrington who paid for it to be built. The students object to his name still being used, as Codrington had acquired his wealth by using slave labour. The sad fact is that history has already been written and cannot now be changed, however much we regret the past.

The consequences of our past do however affect our present and future life. It is with immense gratitude that we accept the release from things in our past which is offered by Jesus, the Son of God. The prophet Isaiah put it like this. " Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland." (Isaiah chapter 43).

Our activities continue as usual:

Sunday Family Service: 10.30am

Monday Keep Fit: 7.30pm

Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer: 7pm

## Future Events



Sunday 11th February 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 " How do you know when God speaks?" 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 School

**Winter is here!**

Toes and fingers as blue as the sky,  
My nose as cold as the snow,  
Looking through our windows we see silver,  
Shining frost on the grass,  
Frost making patterns on windscreens.



Starlings fly making patterns like clouds  
and diamonds,  
Snow fall onto windows and gusts through  
the house,  
Light snow as soft as fur,  
Waking to see silver frost shimmering on  
our windows.

Feathers falling on the ground as birds  
migrate,  
Your breath is so cold it turns white,  
Slippery playgrounds so icy that you can  
easily slip or trip,  
People start to chop trees down because  
winter is here.

## **Winter**

Snow is as light as a baby chick and as soft  
as fur,

The Sky with diamond patterns in the  
evening blue sky

Icy ice and ice skating keeping safe and  
having fun

Looking through our windows we see silver,  
shining frost on the glass.

Snow starts to fall onto windows and when  
they open you feel a gust of wind,  
Toes and fingers as blue as the sky,  
Feathers falling as birds migrate,  
Waking to see silver frost shimmering.

***By Amelie, Year 2***

***By Charlotte, Year 2***



## **Winter is here!**

Waking to see silver,  
Looking through the window  
Rock hard,  
Freezing,  
Crackling ice,  
Making me slip like I am ice  
skating!

My breath is so cold it turns  
white,  
Snow as comfy as clouds,  
Like pillows,  
Soft as a baby chick,  
Falling.  
As you open your windows you feel  
the soft flakes.

Flashing stars' glitter over your  
house  
Black diamonds floating on the  
morning horizon.  
Flashing lights on brick houses.  
Sitting in front of the hot fire,  
Being cosy and warm on the sofa.

***By Harry, Year 2***



## **Winter is coming**

Frost making memory patterns,  
Hexagons of frost,  
People chopping trees down,  
My breath that you can see,  
Snow as cold as the Antarctic.

***By George, Year 2***

## **Winter is coming**

Frosty garden paths tripping me up,  
People skidding across the icy playground,  
Spotting thorny Christmas trees on my windy evening walk,  
Looking out for colourful lights on my way to dancing.

Watching deer as they make their way to the cosy woods,  
Rock hard ice like titanium ,  
Toes and fingers turn red and grey,  
Finding out who we are in the Christmas nativity.



***By Eleanor, Year 2***

# 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](mailto: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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- Residents without internet access can call 01304 872428 (you will receive a callback)
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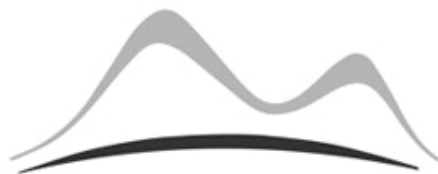
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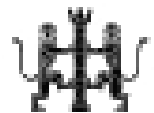
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# Temple Ewell Parish Council

## **Environment**

### **Water levels Kearsney Abbey/Bushy Ruff**

Residents have been making inquiries regarding the low levels at Kearsney Abbey, Russell Gardens and through the village from Watersend/Brookside. Information has been received from Affinity Water and the Environment Agency explaining the current situation.

The Russell Gardens and the Lake at Brookside are both fed naturally by spring water, which, in an ordinary year, keeps the levels topped up and flowing through to Kearsney Abbey. This year, the groundwater is much lower than average due to low yearly rainfall which means that the springs are not flowing to keep these lakes topped up. This is a very natural reaction to an extended dry period and both will recover when the ground water is recharged by rainfall.

Due to the low rainfall this year, the abstraction in the Dover area to supply drinking water has been reduced in accordance with a Memorandum of Understanding with the Environment Agency. This Memorandum looks to switch abstraction from the upper sections of the river, which are the first areas impacted by the natural dry period, to downstream sources where the river is more resilient. Affinity Water are currently abstracting 6.5 million litres per day less than if the groundwater levels were normal for this time of year. In addition to this reduction, they are also supplementing the River Dour at Buckland Mill with an additional 1 million litres a day, to maintain flows in this area.

The Environment Agency will be monitoring any effects on the fish population but where possible the trout will have migrated downstream as the flows began to decrease over the summer.

## **Chairman's Jottings**

The village lights were lit on Sunday 3 December and I have to say that this event just keeps on getting better and better. Father Christmas again managed to fit in a visit as a part of his busy schedule and distributed gifts to all of the children who had come along. This aspect of the evening was very special this year as it snowed heavily in the area where Father Christmas was sitting adding to the magic of the occasion.

Also this year the atmosphere was enhanced by the presence of the Betteshanger Brass Band who played Christmas music for us. We had printed song sheets and so all of those present were able to sing along to the excellent music - this was a superb addition to the evening and one, which is likely to be repeated in future years.

Refreshments were available and the logistical problems of previous years were overcome so that there was plenty of mulled wine, hot chocolate and mince pies for everyone.

We had a much larger Christmas tree this year and added to the lights at Players Corner so that the whole area was looking very festive. The children clearly had a thoroughly good time judging by the smiles on their faces and everyone appeared happy with the enhanced format of the evening.

The Parish Council relies on so many to help ensure the success of the evening but thanks are, most certainly, due to the Players who help us out with putting up the lights (well done again Reg), providing the electricity and the 'Star of the Panto' to turn on the lights.

It is always difficult to single out people who helped but I feel that I must mention Bev Doble who sorted out all of the refreshments, Steve and Kirsty Price who arranged the gifts for Father Christmas and decorated the tree, John Wright who put it up again when it blew over in the gales a week after our event and disposed of the tree following Twelfth Night and the Committee and everyone else who assisted in so many other ways to make the evening a rip roaring success – I'm almost looking forward to next Christmas already!!



**Colin Smithen**

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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# County Councillor

I wish everyone a peaceful and healthy 2018.

Over the recent festive holiday many may have over indulged in the consumption of alcohol for just a few days and then be back in control until their next celebration.

Others, either will find it more difficult to stop, or this festive period may be the start of a downward spiral leading to the start of alcoholism and all the alcohol related illnesses it will attract eventually over the next fifteen to twenty years, then there is the additional costs such as the grief alcoholism gives to families, marriages, relationships, employment not to mention the phenomenal costs to the NHS and the Local Authority.

To combat this problem Kent rolled out a Dry January campaign.

As Dry January got underway, special training is helping Kent's frontline staff to identify and support people who may have an alcohol dependency.

The sessions for professional workers, including probation officers, job centre staff, careers advisors and social workers, are just one of the many support services available from Kent County Council-commissioned drugs and alcohol charity 'change, grow, live' (CGL).

Felicity Rudman, West Kent Housing Association Tenancy Support Officer, explained why she took part in the training: "We go into all sorts of issues in our jobs, from rent arrears to property neglect, and some of the times alcohol does play a part. After doing the training, I can now look back and I know I've experienced this with a few cases. It helps to be able to relate to the things that people are dealing with as well as knowing there's somewhere we can refer them to for specialist help so it can be nipped in the bud before it gets to the point that we can't deal with it."

In Kent, it is believed that more than 327,000 people are drinking at dangerous levels. Kent hospitals treat approximately 20,000 cases\* of alcohol related illness and injury a year while there is also a huge impact on emergency and health services due to accidents on the road, in the workplace and the home. Alcohol-related issues cost the NHS in Kent an estimated £108million a year.

Mike Trace, CEO of The Forward Trust, the charity which runs the East Kent Community Drug and Alcohol Service, said: "We know from experience that issues with alcohol can have a significant impact on people from all walks of life, as well

as their families, particularly during and directly after the festive season. That's why our East Kent Drug and Alcohol Service hubs are running a series of informal coffee mornings throughout January for people who are worried about the amount of alcohol they drink. People can drop in without an appointment and talk in confidence to a member of our team about their concerns.

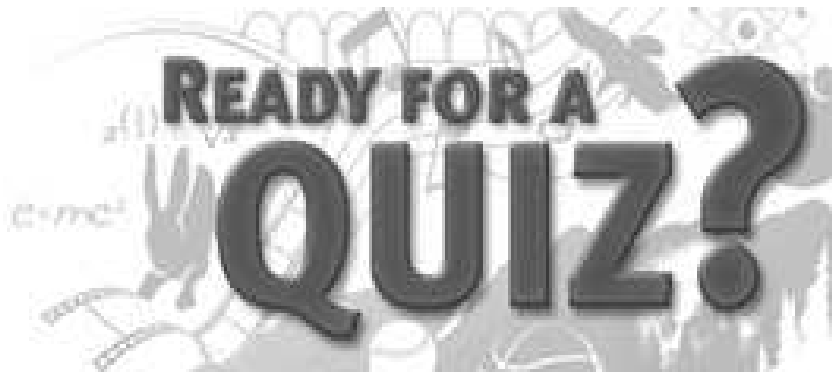
"Forward supports people throughout East Kent who have issues with drugs and alcohol, no matter what those issues are. If you need help, do get in touch or drop into any of our five Hubs." Location details can be found at:

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For more information on the treatment, support and recovery services available across Kent, go to:

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***When Nana's asked to look after her poorly grandson, she knows something that might just make him feel better - her 'magic' soup. Somehow it seems to do the trick, even though she sneaks in a few ingredients that he doesn't strictly like. But if he ever finds out, he won't kick up a fuss because it tastes so good. It's win-win for Nana: not only does the soup cheer her grandson up, she also knows he's getting a nutritious meal.***

## Ingredients

1 tbsp olive oil  
1 red onion, roughly chopped  
1 vegetable stock cube  
1 medium sweet potato, peeled and roughly chopped  
2 carrots, roughly chopped  
2 red peppers, sliced  
1 x 400g tin chopped tomatoes  
2 slices brown bread  
60g Cheddar, grated  
200ml light coconut milk (or regular if you prefer)



Heat the oil in a pan over a medium heat and fry the onion until soft. In a jug, make 750ml (1 1/4 pints) stock using the stock cube and boiling water. Pour into the pan, add the sweet potato, carrots, peppers, stock and tomatoes, then season with pepper. Put a lid on the pan and leave to simmer for 20 minutes.

Meanwhile, preheat the grill to medium-high. Toast the bread on both sides. Sprinkle the cheese on one side of each slice and grill until melted. Cut 3 star shapes from each piece of toast using a cookie cutter or snip out star shapes with scissors. (If you are serving anyone who is extra hungry, use extra bread and cut a large star from a single slice.)

Blend the soup until smooth, add the coconut milk, and season with pepper. Stir well to combine then ladle into 6 bowls and top each one with a cheesy star.

Little help - To deseed a pepper, press your thumb down on the stalk – it will break away from the sides and fall inside. Just scoop out, with the seeds, into the bin.

Leftovers - Use leftover coconut milk on your morning cereal, in smoothies, or freeze in an ice cube tray until you make this recipe again.

*(Recipe taken from Tesco website)*

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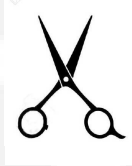
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## A CHAT WITH JEAN MATCHAM

I took the opportunity during December to catch up with long time Temple Ewell resident Jean Matcham who, armed with a plethora of photos, began to share some memories of her life in the Village. Born in Waldershare Park, which was the local maternity hospital during WWII, her parents then moved to Lancashire. However, suffering from Pneumonia aged 5 she returned to live with her grandmother at 1 Downhill Cottages, known to us as Players Corner. Bensteds the Cobblers and Woods the Ironmongers, which eventually became Mrs Bushells shop, neighboured the cottage. Interestingly Woods moved from Temple Ewell to Worthington Street and then to Pencester Road which is where many of us remember the shop. Between these shops was a Council Yard where vehicles were garaged. Milestone House was also a neighbour and during those years housed four different families but eventually a Mr Ross Anderson who was the Choir Master at Riverdale, Dover College's Junior school. A young Geoffrey Archer, who in his early career was Physical

Education teacher at Dover College, came to lodge at Milestone.



*(Photo looking up London Road with Downhill Cottages on left)*



Street Farm was on the Canterbury side of the Jean's Cottage and here there was the Farm House with Dragon Lane to its left.

*(Sketch of Street Farm House, Dragon Lane to the left)*

Opposite Downhill Cottages was the local Post Office with Mr and Mrs Foxall in situ, followed by the Hughes', Dansons' Sinnats'

and finally Major Bowles before the Post Office moved to its current location at Southdown Stores.

Jean started school at Temple Ewell Primary School in 1946. The children from Whitfield attended Temple Ewell transported by Mr Reynolds' bus. Reynolds had the Garage in Temple Ewell which became the Forge Garage and is now being redeveloped for housing. Mrs Dare was the Headmistress at this time and Mrs Wright was caretaker who, in those days, lived in the School House. Jean recalls a teacher named Miss Middleton who was very strict and would tap on children's fingers with a ruler if they lent on her desk .....

Jean attended two Sunday Schools, as did many children in the village. St Peter and Paul in the morning and the Baptist Church in the afternoon. Once a week they would also attend a Knitting and Sewing class at the Baptist and then would enjoy playing on the vault horse in the gym at the back of the Church, now the hall.



*(Photo of Children of Temple Ewell Schoolchildren – Miss Taylor (later Mrs Stanley), Cambria Butterfield, Moya Semple, Eileen-Trixie White, Chris Austen, Winnie Biggs,, Mabel Groves, Lily Hadlow, Miss Bertha Rogers, Donald Stubbs, Nellie Reid, George Porter, Chris Butterfield, Bob Gambrill, Bobby Saunders, Edith Hibbert and Betty Austen)*

(More of Jean's recollection next month)

**Jenny Olpin**

## *Because of Shakespeare's Love*

*A country without trees  
is to leave life bare.  
Have I composed this,  
or have I read it somewhere?*

*We take them for granted,  
because we, perhaps, see them day by day.  
When grown up, we use them for decoration,  
as children, we use them for play.*

*Trees inspired William Shakespeare,  
because of the Forest of Arden.  
Trees helped me to fall in love with the house in which we live,  
because of two willow trees at the bottom of our garden.*

*Willows endow in me a sense of tranquillity.  
The Oak graces many a sign over a Pub.  
All trees house many an animal.  
It becomes their home or hub.*

*"Shall I compare thee to a Summer's day"?  
Shakespeare loved woods of trees.  
Messages left engraved over periods of time.  
History left to grow – sheltered by all colours of leaves  
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