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Hello All

Spring is on the way - hoorah!

At the end of this month the clocks go forward and we start looking forward to those lovely long evenings where you can potter in the garden or just sit and enjoy looking at the results of your hard work with a glass of wine, or maybe a G & T, in your hand. Here's hoping for some sunshine soon.



We've got our **Newsletter QUIZ** this month, on 24th, so please come along - it should be a fun-filled evening. Call me (number below) if you'd like to book a table of 6 or 8 people - or join another one to make up numbers. See page 7 for full details. We look forward to seeing you.

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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

## March

<b>Thurs 8</b>	<b>Coffee Morning</b> 10-11.30 in the Village Hall <b>W.I. Meeting</b> 7pm in the Village Hall
<b>Thurs 22</b>	<b>Coffee Morning</b> 10-11.30 in the Village Hall
<b>Sat 24</b>	<b>Newsletter QUIZ</b> in the Village Hall 7.15pm
<b>Tues 27</b>	<b>Parish Council Meeting</b> 7.15pm in the Baptist Hall
<b>Fri 30</b>	<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>
<b>Sat 31</b>	<b>Produce Association Spring Show</b>

## April

<b>Sun 1</b>	<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>
<b>Mon 2</b>	<b>BANK HOLIDAY</b>
<b>Thurs 5</b>	<b>Coffee Morning</b> 10-11.30 in the Village Hall
<b>Thurs 12</b>	<b>W.I. Meeting</b> 7pm in the Village Hall
<b>Thurs 19</b>	<b>Coffee Morning</b> 10-11.30 in the Village Hall
<b>Tues 24</b>	<b>Annual Parish Meeting 7.15pm</b> in the Baptist Hall

## May

<b>Thurs 3</b>	<b>Coffee Morning</b> 10-11.30 in the Village Hall
<b>Mon 7</b>	<b>BANK HOLIDAY</b>
<b>Thurs 10</b>	<b>W.I. Meeting</b> 7pm in the Village Hall
<b>13-20</b>	<b>Players' Spring Show</b>
<b>Thurs 17</b>	<b>Coffee Morning</b> 10-11.30 in the Village Hall
<b>Mon 28</b>	<b>BANK HOLIDAY</b>
<b>Tues 29</b>	<b>Parish Council AGM</b> 7.15pm in the Baptist Hall
<b>Thurs 31</b>	<b>Coffee Morning</b> 10-11.30 in the Village Hall

## June

<b>Sat 2</b>	<b>Coronation Tea Dance</b> 2.30pm in the Village Hall
<b>Thurs 14</b>	<b>Coffee Morning</b> 10-11.30 in the Village Hall <b>W.I. Meeting</b> 7pm in the Village Hall
<b>Thurs 28</b>	<b>Coffee Morning</b> 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 welcomed Dick Bolton to our February meeting. His talk was entitled 'The Story of Kent told through Apples, Ale, Art and Achitecture'. He told us that many years ago Kent was known as the county of apples, cherries, hops and women! Dick accompanied his talk with many colourful slides, showing us examples of architecture and art, also some paintings of notable men and women of Kent.

We were also shown some lovely gardens of Kent, some we were familiar with and others tucked away in hamlets and villages we had never heard of. It was a most informative and enjoyable presentation.

At our next meeting on 8th March we will be celebrating our 100th birthday and our speaker will be talking about Samphire Hoe.



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## Friday Club

A very quiet couple of months for us but we are now in the throes of organising something for Easter.

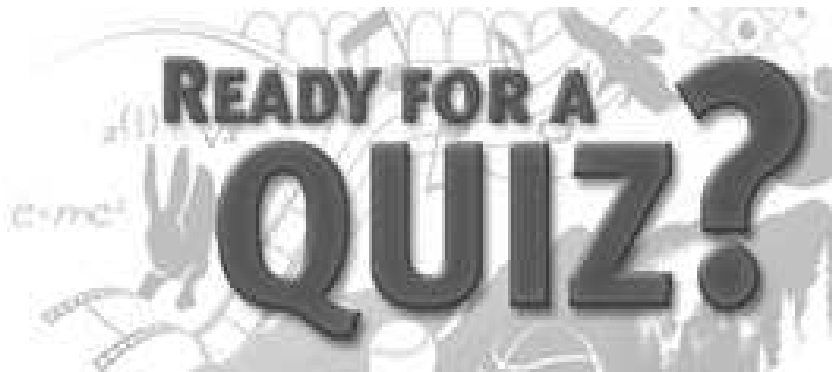
Earlier in the month Branching Out members treated us to a 'Name that Tune' game which was fun and we are hoping for a return of this game very soon.

I would like to thank Branching Out for this and for continuing to put the tables up for us as well as Barry for giving up his time to take the tables down again, you don't realise how helpful this is to us at the Club.

A personal thank you to Jean Matcham who retired recently from our committee after many years supporting us. Thanks Jean and enjoy the rest.

***Until next time***

***Bye for now Yvonne***



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# Dover Flower Club

We meet on the 4th Monday every month, except August and December, at Whitfield Village Hall, Manley Close, Whitfield CT16 3LS at 7.15pm - except August and December.

During the course of the year we usually have five Demonstrations, four Workshops and an Outing.

The next meeting of Dover Flower Club is Monday 26th March at Whitfield Village Hall at 7.15pm.

This meeting is a Workshop led by National Demonstrator Trish Bashford. She is calling the Workshop 'Lets Get Crafting'. Trish demonstrates the arrangement, or part of it, and then you do a similar arrangement with her guidance.

The list of items to bring with you to participate in the Workshop is available from: [Marian Townsley@btinternet.com](mailto:Marian.Townsley@btinternet.com) or phone: 01304 832522.





# Brownies

This term we are doing our Art Badge. We first made a booklet and wrote what we had to do, like knowing the primary colours and mixing them. We made potato prints by cutting a potato into shapes and painting them and pressing them onto sheets of paper, which we then hung up. We also did a tile print. We lit a candle and put the flame to the tile and it made a pattern.

We are also doing pictures for the Chinese Year of the Dog, which starts in February, and we are colouring Girl pictures for Thinking Day.

Our next adventure is a Sleepover on Friday 23rd - Saturday 24th February, where about 100 girls will be sleeping together at Dover. This event will be happening all over Kent, with some sleeping at Dover Castle!

***Honey and Georgie***

## **ANYONE FOR TENNIS?**



### **RIVER ORIGINALS TENNIS CLUB**

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We are currently looking for new Members for the Coming Season to join our already established, informal and friendly Tennis Club

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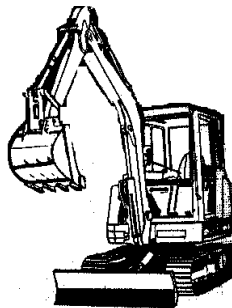
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## Parish Church of St Peter & St Paul

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

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

March 4th Father Robert Farrell Joint Service at T/Ewell when we are joined by the Baptists 10.30am

March 11th Mothering Sunday Farther Michael Morris 10.30am

March 18th Joint Service at Lydden Father Richard Woods please note 9am

March 25th Palm Sunday Father Richard Woods 10.15am from bottom of Templeside for procession to Church.

March 29th Maundy Thursday Father Richard Woods 8p.m.

March 30th Good Friday Father Michael Woods 2pm

March 31st Easter Eve Father Michael Morris 8pm

Having enjoyed those lovely pancakes on Shrove Tuesday, we are now well into Lent. Which means we have an opportunity to meet with people and reflect on how we can perhaps look at things that are maybe not quite as they should be. Either with ourselves, or the world in general. My friend calls it, putting the world right with a nice cup of coffee.

At our Church we are reminded of just how important Easter is in the year of our Church, and how we should celebrate at this special time. We shall be arranging for special services on Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Eve. Should you feel that you may wish to join us, a very warm welcome awaits you. We are extremely grateful to all those who help us with our services in this time of interregnum.

May I wish everyone a blessed and joyful Easter from St. Peter & St. Paul Temple Ewell.

***Peter Austen***



## **Sunday Club**

We would like to invite all mothers and families to our Mothering Sunday service on March 11th. Again we hope to enjoy a service appropriate and understandable to children and of course every lady will receive flowers. There will be an opportunity to light a candle to celebrate the love of mothers no longer with us.

Palm Sunday will give us a chance to work with the pony and work on all our Easter crafts.

**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*



## Prehistoric Folk archaeology dig

Did our Bronze Age ancestors live in Kearsney Abbey? Join this Canterbury Archaeological Trust dig to find out! We'll be excavating the site of a potential round barrow on Coxhill Mount to see if we can find evidence of early settlers. There'll also be the chance to walk the area looking for prehistoric flints.

The dig will take place from Friday 13th – Sunday 15th April, and Friday 20th – Sunday 22nd April. It's open to people aged 16 and over and beginners are very welcome! There'll be a free training day at Dover Discovery Centre on Saturday 7th April.

More information is at [www.kearsneyparks.co.uk/events](http://www.kearsneyparks.co.uk/events). If you would like to get involved in the dig, or attend the training day, please email [kearsney.parks@dover.gov.uk](mailto:kearsney.parks@dover.gov.uk)

## Yoga in the park

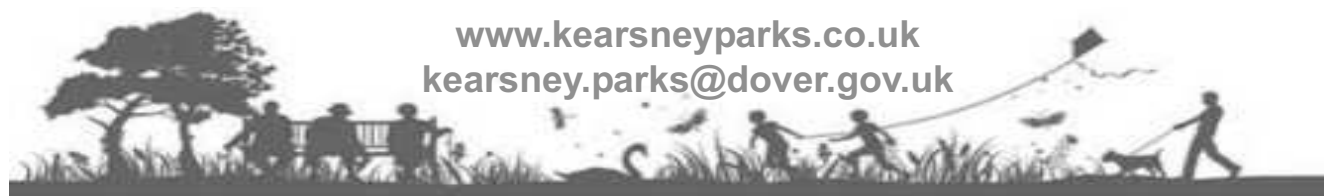
Improve your mobility and calm your mind in the beautiful outdoors at Kearsney Abbey! Join local teacher Hilary Horton on a Tuesday morning for 90 minutes of gentle Hatha Yoga. The sessions will run from 17th April until 22nd May. Each session costs £8, which is payable on the day and is open to adults only.

The meeting point will be outside the café at Kearsney Abbey. All levels are welcome. You'll be asked to complete a health questionnaire before you start.

To book a place, please contact Hilary directly by emailing [hilaryhorton001@gmail.com](mailto:hilaryhorton001@gmail.com). The sessions are weather dependent.

## 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





# Ouch!

When you're about to go on stage  
you're told to "break a leg"  
Well, last month I broke my hip  
I won't repeat what I said to that!

All I remember is flying through the air  
not entirely without a care.  
Care and faultless attention is what I have had  
from all the guys and gals in Ashford -  
a brand new hip, they could afford!!

I'm home now receiving care from Nurse Michael.  
Run off his feet he is, poor lad.  
But his cooking and general care - and everything  
is not at all bad.

Crutches and medicine are the order of the day,  
not least watching where I place me feet - so bold  
'cos at the top of my leg is a metal hip  
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I'm told.



**An old hippy - Anne Cox**



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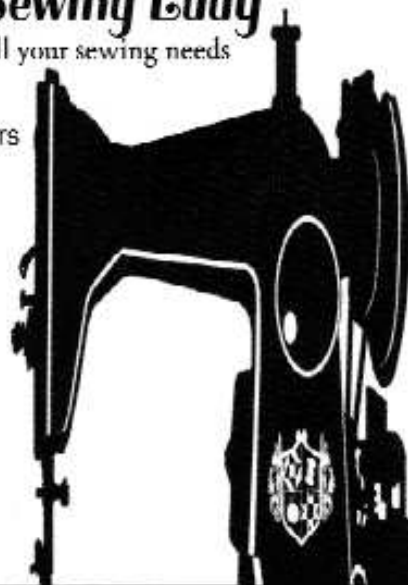
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## THE GIFT OF LIFE

It is a sobering experience to travel around the notorious concentration camp of Auschwitz. Among all the many horrors is a cell where Maximilian Kolbe was starved to death. Incredibly, he had volunteered to be in this position. It was doubly strange because Maximilian could have claimed citizenship, as his father was German.

Maximilian was a Franciscan friar in a monastery, where a large number of Jews were hidden during the Second World War. It also produced anti-Nazi publications. This resulted in Maximilian being a prisoner in Auschwitz concentration camp. In July 1941 ten prisoners escaped from the camp. The camp commandant ordered that ten other prisoners should be taken and starved to death as a deterrent against future escape attempts. Ten people were chosen at random and one, named Francis, called out "What about my wife and children?"

Maximilian volunteered to take the place of Francis. This offer was accepted and resulted in his awful death.

This event is a reflection and reminder of the death of Jesus Christ on Good Friday. He died so that we can live. (John chapter 10 verse 10)

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 March 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 "John the Baptist" All are welcome.

***If we can help in any way please do not hesitate to contact June on 822982 Jack on 825150 or our minister Ewart Graham on 375823.***

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



# Temple Ewell Players

We hope you all enjoyed our pantomime Dick Whittington. We certainly did and were delighted with the number of people who came to see it, we had to put extra seats out at both Saturday performances! We continued our charity bucket collections at the end of each performance and were very pleased that over £200 was raised which will be split between the Motor Neurone Association (East Kent) and the Brain Tumour Charity Trust. Thank you for your generous donations.

After a well earned rest we have now started rehearsing our May production which is a play, 'Steel Magnolias' directed by Cindy Tuson. The play is set in Truvy's beauty salon in Louisiana, where all the ladies who are "anybody" come to have their hair done. Helped by her eager new assistant, Annelle (who is not sure whether or not she is still married), the outspoken, wise-cracking Truvy dispenses shampoos and free advice to the town's rich curmudgeon, Ouiser, ("I'm not crazy, I've just been in a bad mood for forty years"); an eccentric millionaire, Miss Clairee, who has a raging sweet tooth; and the local social leader, M'Lynn, whose daughter, Shelby (the prettiest girl in town), is about to marry a "good ole boy." Filled with hilarious repartee and many acerbic but humorously revealing verbal collisions, the play moves toward tragedy when, in the second act, Shelby who is a diabetic risks pregnancy and forfeits her life. The sudden realization of their mortality affects the others, but also draws on the underlying strength and love which give the play and its characters the special quality to make them truly touching, funny and amiable company in good times and bad. You may remember the 1989 film version featuring Sally Field, Dolly Parton, Shirley MacLaine, Julia Roberts, and Daryl Hannah.

Tickets will go on sale in April and performances will be in the village hall from May 17th to 19th. We hope to see you there.

## ***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 36.





# 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**

If you have any of these that you would be prepared to lend us (we promise to take VERY good care of them) please let me know.

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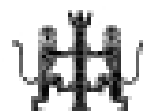
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The agenda and minutes are displayed on the Parish Council notice board by Southdown Stores and on the Council website. Should you wish to put anything on the notice board please contact either the Clerk or the Chairman.

Contact details for councillors are on the website:

[www.templeewellpc.kentparishes.gov.co.uk](http://www.templeewellpc.kentparishes.gov.co.uk)

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## The Opening of King George V Playing Field, Brookside

On 30th January 1936 upon the death of King George V, the then Lord Mayor of the City of London set up a committee to consider what form a national memorial to the King should take. In March 1936, the committee decided that there should be a statue in London and a philanthropic scheme of specific character that would benefit the whole country and be associated with King George V's name. In the November of that year, the King George's Fields Foundation was constituted by a Trust Deed to give effect to the scheme. The urbanisation of the twentieth century in Great Britain was bringing home to many public-spirited people the fact that lack of open spaces must restrict the rising generation physically.

The aim of the Foundation was "to promote and to assist in the establishment throughout the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland of playing fields for the use and enjoyment of the people every such playing field to be styled 'King George's Field' and to be distinguished by heraldic panels or other appropriate tablet medallion or inscription commemorative of His Late Majesty and of a design approved by the Administrative Council." (*Wikipedia*)

The trust deed defined a 'Playing Field' as 'any open space used for the purpose of outdoor games, sports and pastimes.' Each of the playing fields would be styled 'King George's Field' and to be distinguished by heraldic panels or other appropriate tablet medallion or inscription commemorative of His Late Majesty and of a design approved by the Administrative Council.



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In Temple Ewell it was agreed that 'Sale Meadow', where local sheep and cattle were sold, consisting of 0.88 hectares, would become a King George V Playing Field and the opening was destined to become a grand event. In 1952 Lord Luke led the grand procession to the new gated entrance to the field to unveil the plaque commemorating the event. Dignitaries were led by Mr Bradbeer, who lived at Ivy Bank, and Mr Cecil Lines and his wife Olive, who lived at Wooton and was the then Chairman of Dover Rural District Council. The local Girl Guides and Boy Scouts provided a 'guard of honour' which included village children such as Budge Adams (of Adams Printers) daughters, Marie and Linda, who lived up at Swerford on Green Lane; Tim Dyer, who lived opposite The Donkey on Brookside; Maureen Moody from Templar Road; Linda Wright from Church Hill and our interviewee, Jean Matcham and Mrs White, her Granny and Margaret McAnea, her cousin all from The Cottage on London Road where the Dover Bus Stop now stands.



### **The Official Opening**

The Field is protected by FIT (Fields in Trust) [www.fieldsintrust.org](http://www.fieldsintrust.org) an organisation set up in 1935 for 2,732 sites, and is managed locally by the Parish Council. Her Majesty The Queen is Patron and HRH the Duke of Cambridge is its President. Fields in Trust are a national charity that operates throughout the UK to safeguard recreational spaces and campaign for better statutory protection for all kinds of outdoor sites. Founded back in 1925 as the National Playing Fields Association by King George V, their mission is the same now as it was then: to ensure that everyone – young or old, able or disabled and wherever they live – should have access to free, local outdoor space for sport, play and recreation. These spaces are vital to building happy and healthy communities and sadly continue to be threatened by all kinds of development.

***Jenny Olpin***

***(P.S. for interest – The Dover Historian Web Site <https://doverhistorian.com>  
River Dour Part 11 Walk Section 1 – Temple Ewell to Buckland)***

## Digging Shelters in King George V Playing Fields WWII

Following night-time blackout orders in British Cities from 1st September 1939 mass evacuation began. British people were instructed by the Ministry of Information on how to dig trenches; place sandbags to shield windows; douse fires with a stirrup pump and how to dispose of incendiary bombs. For months no bombs fell and this was known as the Phoney War but in September 1940 air raids began on British Cities.

In Temple Ewell the men of village took action and began to dig a shelter on the King George V Playing Field. However, this proved too big a venture and eventually a shelter was built on the field behind the properties on Lower Road. Steps led down into the shelter and this quickly became a play area for local children. A second Shelter was built into the bank at the bottom left hand side of Templeside.

It is pleasing to note that neither of the shelters were put to serious use during the duration of the war.

***Jenny Olpin***







## County Councillor

Public Health England (PHE) will be working with dental teams in the South East to give sugar the brush off and help parents change the snacks they give their children.

PHE's Change4Life campaign advises families to look for 100 calorie snacks, 2 a day max, after research showed children were eating nearly three times the recommended amount of sugar; with half coming from snacks and sugary drinks.

Too much sugar not only leads to weight gain and obesity but also dental decay. In East Sussex, 20.3% of five-year-olds have decayed, missing or filled teeth. In West Sussex this figure is 17.5%, in Surrey 18.7%, in Medway 18.4% and in Kent 16.2%. This works out to be an average of 17.9% in the South East area.

To help fill in the gaps of people's sugar-busting knowledge, PHE is working with dental teams from the region to promote the Change4Life public health campaign, particularly around reducing sugar. PHE has developed the Top Tips for Teeth dental toolkit to support dental teams with their advice to parents who come into their surgeries about the best ways to prevent tooth decay in children.

The most important advice is:

- reduce sugar
- Brush twice a day with a fluoride toothpaste
- get regular dental checks from an early age

Being sugar smart – swapping sugar based food and drinks for healthier food and drink choices – is a vital step in the fight against cavities. Another is to visit the dentist regularly and recommend parents bring their children in from the moment their teeth start coming through – so around six months. Regular visits after that will help dental teams to work with parents to maintain their children's teeth healthy.

Much of what has been stated may seem like common sense – but by brushing up on these messages hopefully this will get parents and kids thinking about how to improve their dental health. It is important to make it a priority and introduce good teeth brushing and eating habits early – after which they will hopefully last a lifetime.

Kent County Council's Public Health department uses surveys by Public Health England, alongside mapping of current dental health promotion activity and dental outcomes, to examine what works in terms of best practice and interventions to improve dental and oral health.

KCC Deputy Director of Public Health, Allison Duggal said: "Improving oral and dental health continues to be important for Kent as it is nationally. We support Public Health England campaigns to tackle healthy lifestyles among children such

as Change4Life, Sugar Swaps and the 10 Minute shake up. We would encourage parents to consider how much sugar is in their children's diet and cutback where necessary. We also support and advise regular dental check-ups, these should start as soon as first milk teeth appear."

More information about Kent's Change4Life campaign can be found at <http://www.kent.gov.uk/social-care-and-health/health/change4life>

## FINALLY

If you encounter pot holes in the road in the area where you live or in fact anywhere in Kent don't wait to report it to your parish councillor the next time you meet them, or just ignore it, operating on the prospect some one else will do it, for KCC Highways Department needs "the finder " to report it, just incase they need to contact the informant for additional information, which a third party may not be able to provide. It also eliminates the risk of information being passed on by a third party being misunderstood regarding location, size, depth of pot hole etc. To report a highways defect is straight forward, just go to [www.kent.gov.uk](http://www.kent.gov.uk)>roads>potholes. you will find contact phone numbers on the same web page. Once reported you will have a tracking reference number.

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### Dear Editor

For over a year now poo bags have been made freely available for any dog walkers 'caught short' to use and then dispose of in the designated bins both in the village car park and the public footpath leading up through the allotments from London Road - a roadside nature reserve in an AONB. The village display board has a light-hearted reminder for dog owners exercising their dogs to also do a little yoga when they bend down to pick up.

So.... is the object of those who haven't heeded the kind offer of free bags or exercise to create a game of eyes down and dodge the mounds? I own 2 dogs, find 200 nappy sacks for under £1.50 not an unsurmountable expense, and took on the social responsibility of removing and disposing of my dogs' toileting as part and parcel of being a pet owner.

I am appalled and saddened that quite evidently MANY dog walkers do not consider it anti-social and unpleasant to leave their dog's mess on the pathways and verges. If you know you are one of the people I am talking about and your reasoning is that it's the countryside and not a pavement, I would respond by saying that at dusk/night time when many have to walk their dogs after work, nothing is more unpleasant than having to remove faeces from shoe tread. It is nonetheless a public right of way that should be enjoyed and your thoughtless lack of concern and sense of responsibility has spoilt our lovely village for many of us. On the path down through George & Dragon Wood a whole pile of animal muck has been dumped, possibly out of a garden.

My heart just sinks.  
Please change your ways.  
Thank you.

***A Temple Ewell Resident***



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## Dear Editor

I did my First Aid at Work certificate last week and St. John Ambulance were very impressed that our little village had an AED, or defibrillator.

The advice has changed slightly in so much as they now recommend a few simple steps before the pads are placed:

- cut away clothing, including removing the back of a bra and removing necklaces etc
- shaving the area, including on females: the only hairless bits on our bodies are the soles of feet and palms of hands
- drying away sweat / moisture

All these maximise the amount of electricity that will get to the heart.....

The Chairman of the Parish Council, Mr Smithen, has been advised of the new advice and quickly checked that the AED is booked in for an annual service where, if not already in the box, a disposal razor, pair of scissors and cloth will be popped in.

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**Cara Dalton**



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