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Hello All

We had great fun on stage as the Suffragettes at the Village Concert on 10th November. This followed a very full day (and evening before) organising and hosting the WW1 Exhibition int the Village Hall. All I can say is WOW! Who would have thought that there was such a treaure trove of

potential exhibits in the village?



'Sister Suffragettes' (Newsletter Committee Members)

overwhelmed by the enthusiasm and generosity of everyone who provided the items on display on the day. Thank you SO much all of you for getting behind us and making it a wonderfully successful day.

We were

As you know, there is no edition of the Newsletter in January, so it leaves me to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Peaceful New Year and we'll be back in February.

Editor: Jeanette Potts Email: templeewellnews@gmail.com Tel: 01304 826386 Address: 13 Chilton Way River CT17 0QB We welcome all contributions to the content of the Newsletter, but please remember that the deadline date for the next issue is 8pm on the 15th of the month. *NOTE:* You should be aware that <u>articles are also published on the website www. tenews.co.uk</u>please inform us if you want any part of your article withheld from that particular medium.

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Village Diary

December

Sat 1	Bazaar, St Peter & St Paul 2pm in the Village Hall
Sun 2	Christmas Lights Switch On 5.30-6.30 at Players' Corner
Thurs 6	Coffee Morning 10-11.30 in the Village Hall
Thurs 13	W.I. Meeting 7pm in the Village Hall
Sun 16	St Peter & St Paul Church 6.30pm 9 Lessons and Carols

2019

January

Tues 29Parish Council Meeting in The Baptist Hall

February

Sat 9Produce Association Coffee Morning 10-12 in the Village HallTues 26Parish Council Meeting in The Baptist Hall

March

Tues 26Parish Council Meeting in The Baptist HallSat 30Produce Association Spring Show 2-4pm in the Village Hall

April

Tues 30 Annual Parish Meeting in The Baptist Hall

May

Tues 289 Parish Council AGM in The Baptist Hall

June

July

Sat 20Produce Association Summer Show 2-4pm in the Village Hall

August

Sat 7 Produce Association Autumn Show 2-4pm in the Village Hall October Tues 29 Produce Association AGM 7.30-9pm in the Lower Village Hall November

December

Temple Ewell Art Workshop

Meets in the Village Hall every Wednesday during term time 2-4pm. New members are welcome.



Temple Ewell Players



The panto is fast approaching which can only mean one thing! It's time to buy your tickets! Tickets will be on sale in the village hall on Tuesday the 11th of December from 6pm. If you cannot make that

date, don't despair! Tickets will be available after that date from the village shop – Southdown Stores! Opening hours are as follows:

Monday: 9am - 5.30pm. Tuesday: 9am - 5.30pm. Wednesday: 9am - 1pm. Thursday: 9am - 5.30pm. Friday: 9am - 5.30pm. Saturday: 9am -12.30pm. Sunday: Closed.

Prices are as follows:

Children: £3 all week. Adults: £6.50 Wednesday and Thursday and £7.50 Friday and Saturday Matinee and evening.

We look forward to seeing you!



GUESS THE SHOW!

These 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 38.



Hubby hue and cry!

I'm excited. I've got plans, but Hubby is rolling his eyes again. I've seen it on the (paint) cards. The Plasterer and Painter are standing by, 'cos Annee wants to decorate a room, that's why!

> The preparation is not my favourite time. Where does one put the clutter? Patience not being a virtue of mine, says Hubby, I hear him mutter

> > time and time again.

Now hold on a sec, on colour we don't always agree. But for this room we did both like this shade, now for the curtains. Oh, the eye rolling starts again

so do I tell him I've seen the light and lampshades too, better not bombard him too much.

Oh, and the bedspread is ordered but not delivered. I've been told no more subscriptions to these house and home magazines,

'cos they give me too many ideas as such.

As if my eyes starting to roll!



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Parish Church of St Peter & St Paul

December Services, to which we warmly welcome you At Temple Ewell our Sunday Club meets at 10.30am during term time – please contact Jenny Miles for details.

Priests for December

December 2nd, Fr Robert Farrell, joint service at Lydden (9am) December 9th, Fr Michael Morris December 16th, Bishop of Dover + Fr Richard 9 Lessons and Carols December 23rd, Fr Peter Sherred December 24th, Fr Robert Farrell (11.30pm) December 25th, joint service at Lydden (9am)

"Advent" is a rather odd word; you don't often hear it in everyday conversation. Some may use it to mean "onset," as in the advent of a holiday. Others know it only as an adjective before the word "calendar" during in the lead up to Christmas. But for Christians, Advent means much more. The English word "advent" comes from the Latin word adventus, which means "coming" or "visit." The season of Advent is a time when Christians focus on the coming of Christ, whose birth we celebrate in December.

There is no hard-and-fast prescription for how to observe the Advent season correctly, but some traditions do exist. One of these is the Advent wreath. Many churches begin the Advent season by displaying a wreath with five candles. Each of the four candles, typically placed around the circumference of the wreath, commemorates themes of Advent related to expectation, hope, love, or joy. The fifth candle represents Christ and is usually placed in the centre of the wreath. Every Sunday of Advent, the church lights one of the smaller candles before lighting the final candle—the Christ candle—on Christmas Day.

Advent is the season when you will hear its themes echoed in the music of the season, perhaps through hymns like "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel", "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus," or "Joy to the World", and during Advent we hold our beautiful service of 9 Lessons and Carols, with the choir singing lovely Christmas music.

Advent is meant to help us remember our need and longing for the Light of the World, the Saviour who is Christ the Lord. For "the people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned."

From Mary's sweet silence, come, Word mutely spoken!

Pledge of our real life, come, Bread yet unbroken!

Seed of the Golden Wheat, in us be sown.

Fullness of true Light, through us be known.

Secret held tenderly, guarded with Love,

Cradled in purity, child of the Dove,

COME!

Sr. M. Charlita, I.H.M.

More detail on our Advent and Christmas services is below, and we hope that you will be able to join us for some of them, so celebrating the true roots and meaning of Christmas.

Sunday 16th December

10.30am: joint service (Preparing for Christmas) with the Bishop of Dover 6:30pm: Nine Lessons and Carols Tuesday 18th December 2.00pm Temple Ewell School Carol Service

Christmas Eve

2:00pm: making Christingles, the Millennium hall 4.00pm: making of the Holy Crib in Church 11.30pm: joint service, Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

9.00am Lydden: joint Family Christmas Celebration

Judith Shilling

Thanks to those of you who joined us for our Remembrance Sunday service on November 11th. We would also like to thank Neil and Ben Scrivener for the work that they have done to expand the base of the war memorial in the churchyard – it not only allows the wreaths that we have laid to stand properly but has improved and unified the memorial.



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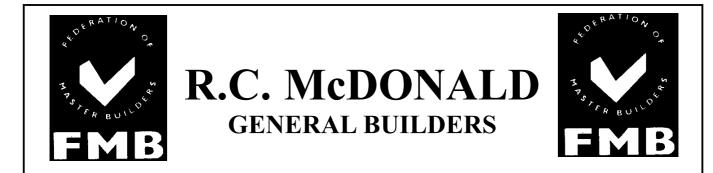
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The annual Toy Service will take place during a family friendly service on December 16th. Any toy for a disadvantaged child will be gratefully received and we will also collect toiletries for young people venturing to live independently.

This year the Christmas Tree Festival will not be taking place but any group wishing to display a tree (and I know there are some!!) will be very welcome to place the tree in Church to enhance the interior of the Church during the Advent season.

The Christingle Service on Christmas Eve raises money for the valuable work done by the Children's Society. This year Temple Ewell's service takes place at St Peter & Paul at 4 p.m. Christmas Eve. Any child wishing to make a Christingle can join us at 2.p.m. in the Millennium Hall for an afternoon of fun. You may wish to make your Christingle at home and join us at 4 p.m. for the services and Blessing of the Crib. Www.bbc.co.uk>tees>christingle_feature

For any further information on these services then please contact Jenny Miles 824280.

Jenny Miles



Friday Club



As this is the last newsletter until 2019, I want to take this opportunity to thank a few people who have helped the Friday Club during 2018. Firstly Barry who volunteered to take our tables down for us and has done this for us every Friday afternoon. Thank you Barry for

your continued help it is much appreciated.

Secondly, a big thank you to Branching Out who regularly put the tables up for us but not only this they have also come up to the club and entertained us a couple of times with their Name That Tune and Horse Racing games. A big thank you from us all, it is so appreciated.

As we are coming to the close of 2018, we shall be holding our Christmas Lunch down The Fox on 14th December, this is always enjoyed and ends our season with a nice lunch.

It only leaves me to wish a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you one and all. **Yvonne**



T E Produce Association

As the year comes to a close the Gardeners' committee would like to wish all our members and friends a very Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

Our first event for 2019 will be the free coffee morning on Saturday the 9th February 10-12noon, so come along and

meet the committee and other like minded people for tea/coffee and a chat. We will have the new schedule for the coming year shows and you can become a member, it's still only £1 to join. For the non-gardeners we have a photography section, where the subjects for the Spring Show on Saturday 30th March are:

A Misty Morning, Animals, Close up of something in your garden Steam up.

Good luck to all entries. Other dates for 2019 are the Summer Show on Saturday July 20th, Autumn Show Saturday 7th September and AGM in the Lower Hall on Tuesday 29th October. All these dates are in the Newsletter diary.

We are looking for a Minutes Secretary to take notes at our pre-show meetings, we only have four meetings a year which each last about an hour. If there is anyone who could help please contact me on 824787.

Regards Trevor

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ON.....FOOT, CAMEL, BACKSIDE OR HORSE?

No this is not a version of "Only Connect" but a reflection that response to Christmas has changed little over the years. The most incredibly brilliant gift was given, but unlike Santa Claus it was not delivered to the foot of the bed. It had to be located. On Christmas Day the shepherds were nearby and travelled excitedly to find a saviour in the form of a baby. The wise men would have travelled several hundred miles over many months, seeking a king who had just been born and whose glory they had seen in the heavens. Most of the population sat on their backsides and made no move at all. They missed the greatest treasure that could have been theirs. Herod had his soldiers seek for the baby on horseback, the baby who was a threat to his rule and way of life.

What difference is there in 2018? The same gift of a Saviour and King is offered, and travelling on our part is still needed. A geographical journey may not be involved, but a spiritual quest will be. A few fortunate people are nearby and have a short walk to find salvation. Others are seeking for a long time, travel a long distance and eventually find the great prize. Most of the population sadly can't be bothered and remain seated, not realising what they have missed. Lastly, there are a few who see the gift as a poisoned chalice. The reaction is a vehement determination to destroy what is being given.

The options offered today by Jesus Christ are the same as they have ever been, and we choose our response.

VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS

COME CAROLLING ON 23RD DECEMBER AT 6.00PM CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS ON CHRISTMAS DAY AT 9.30AM.

CHURCH REOPENING

After months of work the church has been extensively renovated and modernised. Please come and see the transformation. There are also Displays about the development and history of the church.

> **Open Day Saturday 12th January 11.00am to 3.00pm** followed by Re-Opening Service and Refreshments at 3.00pm - 3.45pm. All Welcome

Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer at 10.00am at 60 Lyndhurst Road, River

Our activities continue as usual:

Sunday Family Service: 10.30am

Monday Keep Fit: 7.30pm (when building work is finished)

Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer at 10.00am at 60 Lyndhurst Road, River 9th December at 4.00pm. All ages, craft activities, Bible story and a meal, all free of charge, all 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



The Lydden Bell Christmas Menu 2018

Aperitifs

Cranberry Margarita -Tequila, triple sec, cranberry and lime £7.95 Sloe Sparkler - Sloe gin, pomegranate and prosecco £7.95 Passion Fruit Martini -Vanilla vodka,passoa,lime juice and prosecco £7.95

Curried Parsnip Canapé

Sweet Potato and Squash Soup Toasted caraway croutons and chestnut cream

Camembert Baked with Honey, Walnuts and Thyme Spiced onion chutney and grapes

Ham Hock and Goose Terrine Celeriac coleslaw, red onion marmalade and Fresh Fig

Gin and Tonic cured and Smoked Salmon Pate With minted pea puree horseradish and lime

Kentish Turkey Breast & Confit Leg Stuffing Spring Roll Pigs in blanket, goose fat roast potatoes and stock gravy

Shin of Beef Wellington Mushroom duxelle, Goose fat roast potatoes, stuffed mushroom, red wine and thyme jus

Baked Haddock Wrapped in Streaky Bacon Creamed potato, squash puree, samphire, smoked bacon and wild mushrooms

> **Roasted Butternut Squash and Wild Mushroom Risotto** With toasted sage, applewood smoked cheddar and sage oil

All served with - Honey, cumin carrots, spiced red cabbage and sprouts with sage and chestnuts

Christmas Pudding Satsuma spiced custard & praline cream

After Eight Chocolate Mousse Cup

Mint choc chip ice cream

Trio of Brulee Cranberry, Cobnut and Mocca

Festive Cheese Board

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TIDDLERS WENT WILD!

It was half term, which meant that Tiddlers could go Wild and that's just what they did! Invited by their holiday friends Branching Out to join them up on their Allotment, Tiddlers marched up the hill towards Temple Down smartly dressed in their wellies and armed with colourful spades. Warmly welcomed by the Branching Out team they quickly began working on digging potatoes and carrots despite their average age of 2 years!!

There being above average Autumn weather the children also found themselves enjoying the late fruiting raspberries and blackberries that were abundant on the Allotment plot. This was for many of them, and their parents and carers, their first experience of being on an Allotment and sampling its benefits of fresh air, physical exercise and healthy food and, in addition, the most wonderful views of the Village! Branching Out were, as usual, excellent hosts providing hot and cold drinks and delicious barbecued hot dogs! Time passed quickly and soon it was time to return home. Duly thanking Branching Out,



demonstrated with an enthusiastic applause, the children wandered home armed with their bags full of carrots and potatoes. A different Tiddlers going wild...... and a very memorable one too! Many thanks Branching Out!

Jenny Olpin



Christmas Carol Cryptogram

Here is a list of 18 Christmas Carols whose titles have all been written in the same secret code. Can you figure out what the titles are? (Hint: replace the letter P with a C.)

1. Q PQOR WYY VR JWFNSJBY

2. AFYRUN UFTSN, SQYV UFTSN

3. IRPZ NSR SWYYA DENS MQBTSA QJ SQYYV

4. SWXZ! NSR WUTRYA AFUT

5. NSR JFXAN UQRY

6. DR DFAS VQB W ORXXV PSXFANOWA

7. FN PWOR BLQU NSR OFIUFTSN PYRWX

8. F'O IXRWOFUT QJ W DSFNR PSXFANOWA

9. WDWV FU NSR OWUTRX

10.AWUNW PYWBA FA PQOFUT NQ NQDU

11. AFYERX MRYYA

12.YFNNYR IXBOORX MQV

Answers on page 29



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Temple Ewell W.I.



Our November meeting was our Annual Meeting when we elected our committee and officers. We welcomed two new members to our committee and we were happy that Jan has been re-elected as our president. After refreshments one of our members kept us amused with some poems and a very funny handbag game. We will be enjoying Christmas entertainment at our December meeting and a buffet provided by the committee. We will also be receiving our secret Santa presents.

We start the new year on January 10th, we meet in the Village Hall at 7pm and visitors will be very welcome.

WI Autumn Supper

On Saturday 20th October we were invited to join Temple Ewell WI for their annual Autumn Supper. We enjoyed a very pleasant evening filled with good company and excellent entertainment. On arrival we sat chatting and were soon served with a delicious fish 'n chip supper followed by a fabulous choice of sumptuous puddings that included tiramisu, fresh fruit salad, waffle surprise, trifle, jellies and cheese and biscuits!

Once repleat we relaxed and settled back to be entertained by Rob Thomsett, known as 'Rob T', and his electric Ukulele! Rob sang and played brilliantly and resulted in everyone enthusiastically singing along to songs by an eclectic mix of vocalists such as Cliff Richard, Elvin Presley, Lonnie Donegan, Beatles and Neil Diamond. A very enjoyable evening to share with Temple Ewell Women's Institute!

Jenny Miles





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Temple Ewell Parish Council

I could not let the occasion pass without saying a massive 'thank you' to everyone who organised and took part in events over the recent Armistice weekend. The exhibition at the village hall on Saturday was quite magnificent. Who would ever have thought

that this amount of treasure was held within the village? The display of artifacts would have done many a museum proud.

The concert on Saturday evening showcased lots of village talent from all age ranges and was a pleasing mix of music and drama. Well done all - many stars in the making. The Remembrance Service at S Peter and S Paul's on Sunday morning was very well attended and everyone was pleased with the work that had been undertaken to improve the monument.

Events went on with the high tea at the Village Hall on Sunday afternoon. I think that everyone who came had a thoroughly enjoyable time and that no-one went home hungry. In fact, I believe that doggy bags were the order of the day!

The finale was the Battles O'er event on the playing field on Sunday evening which worked well despite the appalling weather which made the lighting of the beacon little short of miraculous! The piper, bugler and poetry readings rounded off the events of the weekend very appropriately and even the beacon burned brightly.

So, thank you so much to all who took part in the events of the weekend. It all made me feel again what a privilege it is to be part of the community of Temple Ewell.

Colin Smithen Chairman of the Parish Council

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

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

Contact details for councillors are on the website:

www.templeewellpc.kentparishes.gov.co.uk Mrs. Jane Coulson-Wright, Temple Ewell Parish Council, 5 Dour Side, River, Dover, CT17 0UX coulsonwright@aol.com

THANK YOU

Following an idea to commemorate the end of WW1 with a Special Edition we went a step further and agreed to hold an Exhibition of artefacts relating to that exceptionally memorable time. Planning, promoting, contacting and collecting were fruitful with the shared involvement of Parish Council, St Peter & Paul Church, Baptist Church and Players to organise and advertise a whole weekend of activities. Hopefully everyone enjoyed the weekend as much as we all did!

On behalf of the Newsletter I would like to sincerely thank everyone who helped support the Exhibition. Firstly the Churches and Branching Out for their excellent provisions during the day; the Women's Institute for their resources; the Village Hall for their forbearance; the British Legion for their presence despite being a very busy weekend; Liliana, Thomas and Ruby for their excellent readings; the Army Benevolent Fund Charity for donating the Hessian; the many who loaned flags; DODS, Lydden and Christchurch Schools for the loan of their display boards and Brownies and, of course, the Newsletter team!

Finally and significantly, (and I'm sure those of you who attended agree), I can only say a big THANK YOU to the contributors. Interestingly only 3 out of 21 came from outside of Temple Ewell. Who'd have guessed! Thank you for your commitment to the event and giving us what one can only say was an excellent Exhibition. Oh! but there was more.....we had a WW1 'Tommy' re-enactor amongst us too! Thanks Billy!

Jenny Olpin, Chairman TENews

QUIZ ANSWERS:

- 1. Oh come all ye faithful
- 2. Silent night, Holy night
- 3. Deck the halls with boughs of holly
- 4. Hark! The Angels sing
- 5. The first Noel
- 6. We wish you a merry Christmas
- 7. It came upon the midnight clear
- 8. I'm dreaming of a white Christmas
- 9. Away in a manger
- 10. Santa Claus is coming to town
- 11. Silver bells
- 12. Little Drummer Boy



Village Hall WW1 Exhibition

What a comprehensive and impressive exhibition everybody in the village contributed to. Despite heavy downpours those who attended were often heard to say what a shame the exhibition couldn't have been held over a few days as it was so full and varied. From original uniforms, artillery, photos and documents to paintings, children's displays, excellent poetry readings, war footage dvds to the opportunity to sample trench cake, folk enjoying a chat over the table with their luncheon soup – a truly impacting event that was buzzing with stories of the history of our village.

Thank you Newsletter Committee and all who participated. A good donation was collected for the British Legion. A quick turnaround and then a delightful village concert directed by RA Hogben with contributions from villagers took us through the past 100yrs culminating in the rousing song 'There'll Always be an England'. A well pulled off event that will no doubt be talked about for some time. Well done Temple Ewell.







More photos from the Exhibition are on the website at :http://www.tenews.co.uk/ww1-exhibition-10th-november-2018/

CHRISTMAS CARDS 'FREE' DELIVERY!!!!!

Our friends at Branching Out will once again this year be 'out and about' delivering for FREE any of your Christmas Cards destined for your friends, neighbours and family in Temple Ewell. There will be a collection box in The Fox and cards can also be posted into the Village Hall postbox, which is secure. Please ensure that there is both a name and address on each card and the last day for collection will be 20th December. Lets all support Branching Out in their ongoing enthusiasm to help and be of service to our community!



A "Public Information Announcement" from the Dover Scottish Country Dance Group! Dancing- the Health Benefits

Don't take our word for it- here is the verdict from the NHS website: "Regular dancing is great for losing weight, maintaining

strong bones, improving posture and muscle strength, increasing balance and co-ordination, and beating stress. One of the best things about dancing is that while you're having fun moving to music and meeting new people, you're getting all the health benefits of a good workout."

It's not just about physical well-being- joining a dance club is a great way to beat the blues and socialise. Why not put the theory to the test by joining our Dover Scottish Country Dance Group for a taster session. You'll find us most Mondays 7:30 to 9:30 in Temple Ewell Village Hall, jigging and reeling and sharing a giggle. Beginners are always welcome- we'll soon have you joining in with the best of them!



No fancy kit required- just soft shoes and a fairly spry constitution. A taster session is absolutely free and if you decide to join, the fee for regular dancers is a modest £2 with a complimentary tea or coffee at half-time. For the more seasoned dancers there is a world of fun out there: balls and dances put on by the Scottish Country Dance Groups all over Kent and further afield, dancing holidays and dancing cruises.

In the words of the famous song from the film Cabaret: "What good is sitting alone in your room- come hear the music play!" We're waiting to see you: ring or text for more info: Phyllis 07704 112953 or Vanessa 0776 991 2832.

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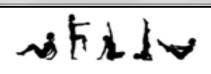
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Kent County Councillor

KCC responds to government consultation into non-hydraulic fracturing

Plans to remove the need for planning permission to explore for shale gas and to make production proposals, for the government

to determine, have been rejected by KCC.

KCC has recently responded to two government consultations as to whether to allow non-hydraulic fracturing exploration under Permitted Development rights and to allow plans for the production phase to become nationally significant infrastructure projects. This means decisions on whether to grant or refuse permission is taken away from local councils and allowed under a blanket government agreement or a government appointed Inspector.

Both types of development would currently be for the County Council to determine. KCC, in its response, described the plans as "frustrating for local communities" and "contrary to local democracy KCC cabinet member for planning Mike Whiting said: "Local decision making is fundamental to our planning system. Whilst recognising that shale gas development may have the potential to assist in securing energy supplies and delivering economic benefits, it is a contentious form of development that does not lend itself to a permitted development process.

Such development requires decision making at the local level, where the community voice can be considered properly, in shaping these proposals and ultimately in determining whether development should go ahead or not."

Despite the consultation stating the government remains committed to ensuring local communities are fully involved in planning decisions that affect them, KCC said it was not clear how that would be delivered if non-hydraulic fracturing is considered 'permitted development.' KCC has also highlighted that areas including green belt, ancient woodland, Special Protection Areas, Special Areas of Conservation, Ramsar – wetland – sites and areas affecting listed buildings should not be included for permitted development.

Cabinet member, Mr Whiting continued: "There is no clear rôle for the community voice to be properly considered in a permitted development proposal." The proposed regime is likely to be confusing and frustrating for local communities which rightly expects full community involvement for this type of development.

In the past, Kent has received applications for exploratory boreholes, none of which involved fracking, so would be development that would fall within the remit of this consultation.

From that experience, Kent County Council is aware of the considerable environmental concerns that were raised, including the detailed information that was sought by the Environment Agency and others in order for it to be able to form a view on the acceptability or otherwise of development for exploratory work.

As a result of the additional information that was required, the three applications in Kent were withdrawn. The experience in Kent demonstrated there is not a simple list that can be ticked to evidence compliance and that the issues raised require a bespoke solution that is tested at planning application stage. This is very reassuring for the residents of Kent.

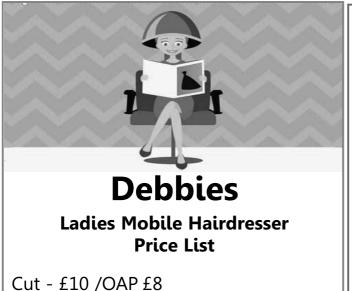
Finally, this year, for me, appears to have flown by and we are heading towards the festive season again. Whilst many of us will be enjoying a few days away from work, spare a thought for those who will have to work over the festive period, the Police Officers, the Ambulance and medical staff, the Fire and Rescue teams, members of the armed services engaged on active duty and many others who keep services operative for us on that special day.

This time of the year will be a hard time for those who have lost loved ones recently or live all alone. If you are aware of someone living nearby under such circumstances, please consider them. They may wish to stay home alone in their thoughts, but it is important they do not feel isolated . Just pop round to show they are not forgotten, could make all the difference for them.

I wish you all a peaceful festive period and a trouble free, healthy New Year for 2019.

Geoffrey Lymer

Kent County Councillor Dover West Ward



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