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Temple Ewell Newsletter



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Rev Ewart Graham on 375823 or John Woodland on 822982

Hello All

Spring has sprung, lighter evenings are here too, yippee!

I wish I could have put this photo on the page in full colour, it's stunning with the light pink blossoms, against the pale blue sky and the little blue-tit.



**Talking of photos, we are this month launching a Photo Competition, the subject being 'Your Pet' . See PAGE 25 For details of how to enter.**

We're looking forward to seeing all your pictures and the best 12 will be made into a 2022 Calendar which will be available to buy later in the year.

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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 preceding month. However, please note, there is no August or January issue of the Newsletter.

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## Village Diary

*Provisional dates only  
please check before attending*

### Apr

Thurs 8 W.I. Meeting 7pm in the Village Hall  
Tues 27 Annual Parish Meeting 7.15pm in the Baptist Hall

### May

Thurs 13 W.I. Meeting 7pm in the Village Hall  
Tues 25 Parish Council Meeting 7.15pm in the Baptist Hall

### June

Thurs 10 W.I. Meeting 7pm in the Village Hall

### July

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

### August

### September

23—25 Players' Production—to be announced sometime soon

## RIVER ART GROUP

We currently have **vacancies** in our Class that meets on  
Tuesday mornings 9.30-11.30am term times  
in River Village Hall (cost is £50 per term)  
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## The Opening of King George V Playing Field 1950

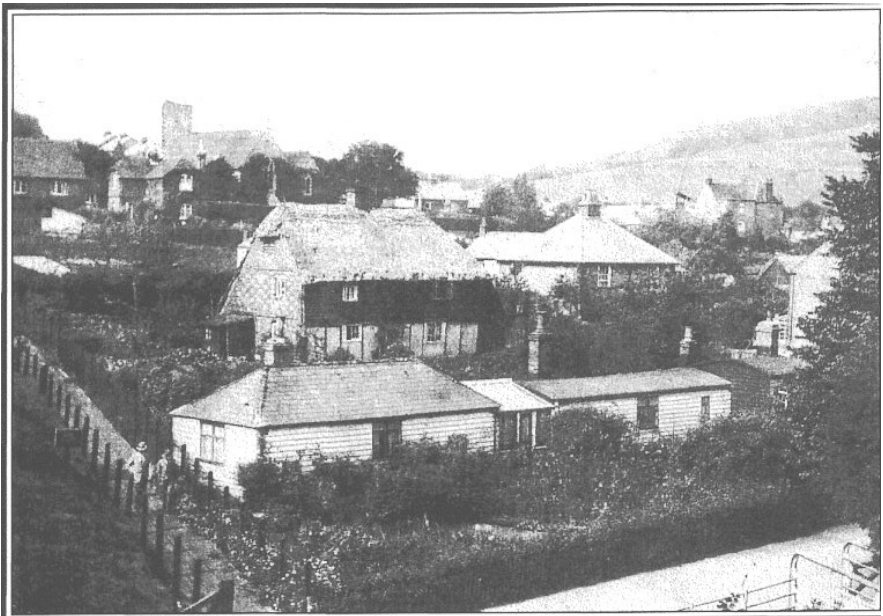


Photos kindly sent by Richard Mosely who says that he was born in 1 Garden Cottage 1943 and lived at 2 Mill Cottages then Target Firs. He left the village in 1962 but had contact with family there for many more years. Do any of our readers recognise themselves in the photos?

Richard says that Garden cottage, where he was born, was then in The Back Street it did not become Templar Road until about 1950.

His great -grandfather is on the 1881 census as living at 15 Ewell Street and he would be curious to know where that is. He says, was it Main Road or could that have been Back Street?

From the 1881 census of Temple Ewell 'The Street' seemed to encompass High Street, Mill Street and Back Street (Templar Road)



This picture, also sent by Richard, shows houses next to the viaduct.

Richard says, that the nearest bungalow was bombed with loss of life. Possibly the same raid that caused the bomb craters that were in the playing field.



## FRIDAY CLUB

A whole year has gone by but happy to say that Friday Club members have been keeping safe and well.

There is now light at the end of the tunnel and all being well we should be able to meet up again mid-June. Hopefully weather will be brighter and a game of skittles is looming, with of course sausage & chips. And we may also be able to have our "Christmas Dinner" in July so, with that in mind, bring out the baubles and tinsel to decorate your tables.

In the meantime, enjoy your Easter stay well and keep safe.

**Yvonne**

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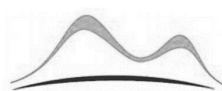
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## REFLECTION ON EASTER

Some things we soon forget but there are a few incidents which seem to be seared in our memory. One such visit for me was to the notorious wartime concentration camp at Auschwitz in Poland. The full horrors behind what can now be seen can only be imagined. Part of the gas chamber where thousands were murdered remain intact. Amid all these appalling sites was a simple underground cell which stands out. It too was a place of murder, and the location where Maximilian Kolbe was killed.

This brave man was a Franciscan friar who opposed the Nazi regime and was imprisoned by the Gestapo in the camp at Auschwitz. An inmate in the prison escaped, and to discourage further escape attempts, the camp commandant ordered that ten prisoners were to be killed by starvation. On being chosen as one of the ten, one man called out in desperation "My wife and children". Maximilian Kolbe went to the Commandant and volunteered to take the place of this man, a request that was granted. Needless to say, this was very gratefully received by the condemned man. Without food or water for two weeks, nine of the ten people died but Maximilian still lived. He was then given a lethal injection.

The Easter story has many similarities with this event. Jesus Christ volunteered to give his life in place of others. He was cruelly tortured to death. The condemned were set free to have life. Do we gratefully accept this offer which is made to each one of us? The Bible puts it like this " He (Jesus Christ) died that we might live".

## HAPPY EASTER

We are sorry that our church is closed at present due to Government Restrictions and we will re-open as soon as it is permissible. If you would like us to pray for a particular need or require assistance in the mean time the please telephone one of the numbers below.

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.templeewellbaptistchurch.com](http://www.templeewellbaptistchurch.com)



## Temple Ewell Parish Council

We have light at the end of the tunnel! The government have instigated a road-map for the return from the Coronavirus lockdown and by the time you read this, the first 2 stages will have been passed. The main points are:-

1. 8<sup>th</sup> March – Return of schools and colleges
2. 29<sup>th</sup> March – Resumption of outdoor sport, meetings with up to 6 (or 2 households) in an outdoor environment, stay at home rule will end but people should still work from home if possible and minimise journeys.
3. 12<sup>th</sup> April – Re-opening of non-essential retail, indoor leisure facilities, outdoor attractions, self-contained accommodation, plus hospitality venues (pubs/restaurants etc.) will be able to serve outdoors with table service).
4. 17<sup>th</sup> May – Meeting outdoors allowed, in groups of up to 30, and indoors for up to 6 or 2 households. Social distancing should continue where possible although all businesses should be able to re-open and indoor venues can re-open. Indoor performances and sports events can start with limits placed on numbers of spectators. Weddings of up to 30 persons will be allowed.
5. 21<sup>st</sup> June all further restrictions will be removed. All dates may be adjusted later and final removal of restrictions may have certain conditions applied.

This road-map is dependent on how infections and the vaccination programme proceed but so far so good! However, I do impress on all of you that are approached to have the vaccine, to take advantage of this and help to minimise the risks of Coronavirus.

Regarding forthcoming Parish Meetings, the Annual Parish Meeting (27<sup>th</sup> April) will need to be conducted via Zoom and the Clerk will be requesting reports from local organisations in the near future. Anyone in the parish will be able to request attendance of this meeting. The Parish Council meeting at the end of May should be face to face in an outdoor setting and then resuming with an indoor meeting in June.

The gas main work in London Road which has caused a great inconvenience

over the past several months is drawing to a close and should be finished during March. We have been lobbying the gas company to speed the work as much as possible so that the roads, buses etc. can go back to normal.

As you may have read previously or have personally witnessed, we have had continuing anti-social behaviour on Scotland Common from motorbikes, quad bikes and 4x4's. We have also had instances of drug taking and illegal gatherings. We lobbied our District Councillors who helped get the police to organise weekend raids in March and managed to arrest 6 people and hand out several fines of £ 500.00 each for various motoring and off-road trespass offences. These operations will continue and If anyone has any photographs or evidence about examples of anti-social behaviour, please send them to the Parish Clerk.

We are making progress with our work on the Highways Improvement Plan (HIP) and plans for the proposed works have now been drawn up. We have also added Double Yellow Lines on the Kearsney Manor side of Lower Road from the Alkham Valley Road junction to the viaduct. This is partly in response to an increased level of irresponsible parking by users of Kearsney Abbey.

We have now commissioned the work on resurfacing the path by St. Michaels leading up to the allotments which should be carried out later in April. We also hope to improve surface of the George and Dragon Car Park in the next few months.

We have experienced some good spring like weather recently, which should improve further as we move into April. The ground has dried quite markedly in the past few weeks and once again I am enjoying walking the various off-road footpaths that surround our village. I would like to wish all parishioners a "Happy Easter" and hopefully a chance to look forward to the forthcoming return to some normality in the near future.

***Glenn Mousley – Chairman of the Parish Council***

**Parish Clerk: Andy Howard-Grigg**

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## Letters to the Editor

We would like to hear from you. What do you want information on? Need help with something? Want to comment on a local issue? This is the place to do it!

Send to the Editor — details on page 3.

I was pleased to receive the photos and information about the opening of the Playing Field, on pages 5 & 6 and trust that readers find it interesting.

I'm always happy to get photos and stories from our readers — are there any special village events from the past that you have these from?

Send them to our email address [templeewellnews@gmail.com](mailto:templeewellnews@gmail.com), or if hard copies they can be posted through my door—address on page 3.

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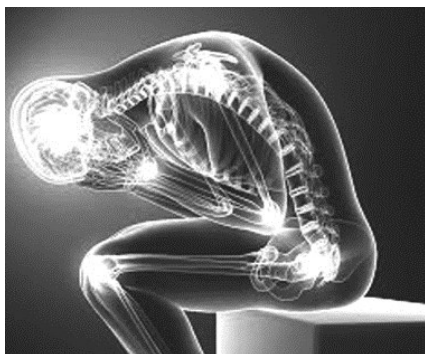
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1<sup>st</sup> Maundy Thursday, with the stripping of the altar. 6pm at Lydden

2<sup>nd</sup> Good Friday, with Devotional liturgy & Meditation,  
2pm at Temple Ewell

3<sup>rd</sup> Easter Eve Service of Light, 7pm at Temple Ewell

4<sup>th</sup> Easter Sunday 9.00am at Lydden

11<sup>th</sup> Parish Eucharist 10.30am Temple Ewell

Memories of the winter lockdown will hopefully soon be behind us. You may be grieving at the loss of someone special to Covid or have had to work extra hard to keep your family functioning and happy. The vaccination programme has certainly provided huge relief and brought hope. Yet there are countries across the world who haven't been able to offer any vaccinations and hopefully the richer countries will make it a priority to remember and support them.

At the time of writing this the Government Roadmap is moving cautiously forward to opening up areas of our lives when you may be able to make that appointment with a hairdresser, but with restrictions for families meeting still in place. It has been a long time in which we have had to be patient. I wonder how you have coped with so many limitations? It can seem a bit like an imprisonment in our own homes, although many have found new interests and ways of using time.

Recently I heard a Russian Proverb: It is never winter in the land of hope. There was a study of Prisoners of War after World War 2. It found that those people who had hope, had something to look forward to, perhaps a child being born, or meeting their family, could survive long years in prison, those

without hope could not. Hope has a strength which leads to positivity and stops us giving up.

However days are getting longer and you may have noticed daylight has a different quality almost of translucence. Life is awakening, snowdrops survived the falls of snow, primroses are in full bloom with violets pushing up through dead leaves. Hope is growing all around us.

Easter Eve is celebrated in the evening before Easter Day. When it's dark, we gather around a fire outside the church. Our large Easter candle is lit from the fire and is followed into the darkened church with light spreading through the church from small candles. This depiction of new life and light represents Jesus' resurrection on the first Easter morning.

After realising Jesus had risen from the dead the disciples were renewed with an inner strength and the passion to share their beliefs with the world.

Easter Day is a time of joy and celebration, as well as enjoying eggs of all colours and sizes! It is a time of renewal for us, a time for re-awakening, and a very special time for hope. May your Easter be one of joy, love and a strengthening of hope for the future.

***Liz Waller***  
***Church Warden***





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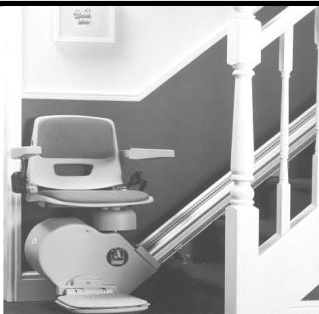
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## **The Uxbridge Dictionary has issued some more new word definitions.**



1. Puny...the religious equivalent of house-maid knee.
2. Lackadaisical...A bicycle made for one.
3. Waggle...Collective noun for footballers' Wives and Girlfriends.
4. Lactose...frostbite.
5. Propagander...a good look.
6. Liability...Political skill.
7. Buttercup...face down.
8. Pre-Raphaelite...One who leaves before the raffle.
9. Satire...Seated in a more elevated position.
10. Pandemonium...A musical instrument that won't breed in captivity.

You might be interested to know that a number of specialist film clubs have started up in the local area. Over the next few months we will be publishing a list of the films being shown. This month it is the Builders Club.

The films being shown are:-

All About Eaves.

Grout Expectations.

One Cuckoo's Nest Over the Flue.

The Turn of the Screw. (This is a Hammer film starring Christopher Plumber).

Rebel Without a Damp Course.

Flush Gordon.

Schindlers loft Conversion.

Nine to Five (Yeah - right!).

Grouching Builder, Hidden Charges.

Bum-Crackatoa, East of Java.

Plasterer and Commander.

*(As broadcast on the Radio 4 programme "I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue").*

**Pete Olpin**

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‘cos they try to swipe it

just as you would on a mobile phone.

Has it really gone so far?

You see teenagers walking around texting or talking into their phones,  
oblivious to others, seemingly unwilling or unable to chat and laugh.

Such a great shame.

Aaah, the pleasure of a tactile cover of a book.

The mystery of turning another page.

Aaah, the pleasure of passing the time with another person,  
sitting next to you.

With the mystery of what they  
may say.

How did we ever manage  
without these intrusive things?  
I only got one to let those I love  
know I'd safely arrived  
somewhere.



Where I was, when I'd get home, or to let clients know  
I'm slightly delayed because of traffic etc  
to arrive when I'm able, with added apology.

Now they even lay on restaurant tables  
vibrating and interrupting everyone's meal.  
Just hold on a minute please. I just need to answer this ..... sigh.

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## Temple Ewell W.I.

During March we would have celebrated our 103rd birthday but, as we were unable to meet, we marked the occasion by giving all our members a yellow primula, yellow being the colour of friendship.

The majority of our members are due to receive their 2nd “jab” shortly so, depending on guidelines, we are hopeful that we may be able to meet outside in small groups. In the meantime we are still keeping in touch with each other.



**Temple Ewell**  
Church of England Primary School

As we return to school after another very unusual start to term I just wanted to write and thank you all for your support and good wishes. We are blessed to be part of such a loving community.

Gradually the staff are falling into the age brackets to have their first vaccination and whilst the children will still keep to their class bubbles for the foreseeable future, I hope this is a step back to some sort of normality.

Learning starts on 8<sup>th</sup> March with Science week and then activities for Mother's Day so the children will have a lovely return back into school life.

We have been asked again how people can help and we still have the Amazon wish list open for those of you able to contribute. Please follow the link <https://amzn.eu/bxrZc0K>

As we move towards to Spring, Easter and the season of new beginnings I wish you all well and look forward to the warmer weather.

Kind Regards

***Mrs Matthews, Headteacher***



## Temple Ewell Players

Over the past few months we continued with our online 'The Show Must Go On' evenings with both Christmas and Valentine's themed events. More recently we have also started drama readings, so far we have enjoyed reading through episodes of Dinner Ladies and Blackadder.

At last it seems we can start considering the future and we hope that we may be able to bring you something 'live' in our traditional autumn slot which would be 23rd to 25th September. We're considering continuing with a play version of The Vicar of Dibley which was in rehearsal prior to the first lockdown. There will no doubt be several hoops to jump through before we reach that point but remain hopeful.

This is a particularly important year for us as autumn will see the start of the Players' 50th year. It was back in the autumn of 1972 that a small group of people first met to consider reforming a drama group in the village, culminating with the first pantomime in January 1973. So whatever happens we definitely aim to be back with a pantomime in January 2022, sadly due to the events of the past year it will now be our 49th pantomime albeit in our fiftieth year!

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We are hoping all goes well for the end of June and everything will be getting back to some sort of normality, maybe too late to arrange a

Summer Show but, if all goes well, getting excited about something in September . Watch this space!

Reece has done another virtual Spring Show - did you enter? Have you been able to visit our website and see the exhibits? We do hope so.

Regards

***Edie and Trevor***

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## District Councillor

### **SYMPTOM FREE TESTING TO CONTINUE AS RESTRICTIONS EASE**

The symptom free testing programme across Kent will remain in place until at least the end of June 2021 as a vital part of the restrictions easing across the county.

Around one in three people who have COVID-19 have no symptoms and will be spreading the virus without realising it. Rapid testing detects cases quickly, meaning positive cases can isolate immediately and we can break the chain of transmission. The symptom free tests sites in Kent have now carried out more than 420,000 tests and identified over 2500 positive cases.

Kent's Director for Public Health, Andrew Scott-Clark has also advised that, from next week, everyone who lives and works in Kent should be tested for COVID-19 twice a week. He stated "From Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March we want people to take a lateral flow test twice a week, particularly those people who have to leave home to work. A one-off test is of limited benefit as it can only provide information about the likelihood of being infectious at that point in time. Twice-weekly testing will give us more accurate results and help us to continue to drive down case rates down in Kent and save lives.

"COVID-19 is still a very real threat and I cannot stress strongly enough how important it is that everyone who is eligible is tested regularly to minimise the spread of the virus, especially as the national restrictions are gradually eased from 29<sup>th</sup> March. Let's keep Kent going and reduce the impact of this deadly virus by working together to keep each other safe."

Over the coming weeks there will be some changes to the sites and operating hours, so KCC is urging people to check all details carefully before booking a symptom free test.

- **All sites will be closed on Good Friday, Easter Day and Easter Monday but will be open on Easter Saturday.**
- **As explained above, the Director for Public Health has recommended a change in the frequency of testing. From 15<sup>th</sup> March residents who live or work in Kent should take a symptom free test twice a week.**

If you are experiencing any of the COVID-19 symptoms – high temperature, a new or continuous cough, a loss or change in taste or smell – you should

NOT visit a symptom free testing site and continue to self-isolate. You can book a test by visiting the [gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test) website <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> or by calling 119

Finally I wish to clarify some points made by one of the District Councillors where in his report for February's parish council he makes mention of "lots of recent misinformation and spectacular rumours re Border Force Holding Park" he continues stating "scaremongering rumours scripted by ill informed older data and plans. No SDO (Special Development Order used by central government to over ride local planning applications) is ever used for lorry park. Real lorry park already built in Sevington."

I had to read the report several times to try to understand his statement. So, by the use of bullet points , I will try to clarify what I believe he is attempting to say.

- Neither Cllr Mark Rose nor many of the Dover District Councillors have been personally invited to the number of one to one meetings that some Chairs, Parish Clerks and I have attended on invitation by the Department for Transport (DfT) so when it comes to the most recent accurate information, I can state the Parish Clerks will be far more knowledgeable on the subject of and not as incorrectly described by Cllr Rose, the "Border Force Holding Park," but the correct term used by the DfT and the Parish Clerk in her accurate briefings to the Parish Council is based on the Inland Border Facility (IBF). In the numerous meetings which I have been invited to by the DfT in which Cllr Mark Rose has not been invited, we never use the term "holding Park" because it means just that a lorry park.
- I would also like to correct his inaccurate statement that Sevington is the "real lorry park" and lorry parks do not require an SDO ( Special Development Order) The Sevington site was constructed once an SDO had been obtained, issued by the Home Secretary for the site to be used as a Customs facility.
- However, since the DfT will not be renewing their contract with Manston Airport as an HGV holding park, there are now discussions ( a word it would appear the Cllr interprets as "scaremongering, or spectacular rumours.") to share the site use as a lorry park, though the local MP Damian Green is playing this down at the moment for clearly the DfT made no mention of such a use in the original design plans which would also not have featured in the Special Development Order, which is a big concern of mine because we are unable to question, challenge or object to something via a Planning Committee, hence Central Government use SDOs to skirt around public concerns.

- So this brings us back to the very similar proposed site at the White Cliffs Business Park Whitfield and the information we managed to obtain first hand from the DfT so let me tell you, not scaremongering, not spectacular rumours as the Cllr would love to have you believe based on little more than his lack of full accurate knowledge of what is actually occurring. Following discussions with the Parish Clerk and the DfT I can reveal by bullet points the information we obtained to date and is certainly not the panglossian report that the Cllr is trying to portray.

- The DfT stated in a letter dated the 27 October 2020 that they intended to have work started on the site at Whitfield by early 2021 to be up and running by 1 July 2021. This is no longer correct. The DfT has no start date in mind now stating it could be 2022.

- Originally the DfT stated the facility would be for 1200 HGVs. Well if the maximum length of time for checks is not even two hours per HGV, the DfT was challenged isn't 1200 HGV holding an inordinate number over a short time frame and questions were posed as to alternative reasons for such high numbers. As a result that number on later meetings was cut to 550 HGVs and what Cllr Rose appears not to know is at an even more recent meeting which he was not invited to by the DfT in which the Parish Clerk was, that number has been reduced yet again to between 350-375 HGVs.

- Originally the site plans showed HGV parking close to a residential area being possibly no more than 25 metres away. Thanks to the local community in private discussions with the DfT in which Cllr Rose was not an attendee, we managed to secure a greater distance buffer zone than originally specified.

- Concerns were raised regarding the proposed "green route" known as the government vanity project under Homes England similar to the Dover Parklets for cycles where the Dover Fast Track electric bus route is supposed to run on a specially designated road for electric buses, cyclists and pedestrians. We then learned that the very same road would be used by left hand drive diesel fumed belching engines. Once more the community was very pro active in supporting your County Councillor in fighting to put a stop to this attempt once more by the DfT, to slip things in under the radar with no help from the majority of the local Dover District Councillors who under their leader Cllr Trevor Bartlett voted to approve the DfT construct an Inland Border Freight Facility at Whitfield when they and none of us still have not an idea of the final plan for the facility, so effectively they are approving something where they have not seen the final plans. This I find very worrying indeed.

- The DfT stated the Inland Border Facility would be at Whitfield for five years then would be totally dismantled so the site could be returned for its original intended purpose. When I challenged the inordinate waste of money to the tax payer for such a short term investment, they then let slip that Customs would more than likely not be moving out after five years but would relocate there from their administration buildings at St Johns Road, Dover.

- When a question was posed to the DfT in a meeting Cllr Rose had not attended, it was requested at times of severe disruption caused by adverse weather or French labour disputes would the Inland Border Facility just lie empty or could it be used to park up lorries, we were given the reply the use of the facility as a lorry park has already be considered.

So Cllr Rose, uncorroborated remarks of scare mongering and spectacular rumours ? No, just hard facts, which are all documented and open to public scrutiny with the DfT.

***Geoffrey Lymer***  
***Kent County Councillor***  
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