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Hello Everyone

First of all - apologies for telling you to put your clocks back at the end of March in last month's diary pagesoops! Hopefully you all put them forward instead.

Last month's Cheese event for the Newsletter was a big success. The evening was thoroughly enjoyable and we raised over £460 towards keeping your Newsletter going. We'll most likely repeat this event at the same time next year. We're planning something else for the Autumn, but at the time of writing we're still trying to decide what to do. It may be another of our 'themed' evenings which have proved very successful in the past - the last one we put on was the 'Oscars', but that was nearly 5 years ago. Will let you know as soon as we decide; hopefully someone on the committee will have a flash of inspiration and we can do something a bit different from the usual. We're open to suggestions if anyone out there has any ideas.



St George's Day 23rd April

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Say 'cheese' everyone





Village Diary 2013

April

Mon 1	EASTER MONDAY - BANK HOLIDAY
Weds 3	Annual Parish Meeting in the Baptist Chapel Hall 7.15pm
Thurs 11	Community Coffee Morning at the Village Hall 10am
Sat 13	Spring Fayre & Afternoon Tea 2.30pm in the Village Hall in aid of Church funds.
Tues 23	St George's Day
Thurs 25	Community Coffee Morning at the Village Hall 10am
Thurs 25	Friday Club trip to a show at Margate - details / booking call Yvonne on 01304 330017
Tues 30	Parish Council Meeting in the Baptist Chapel Hall 7.15pm

May

Mon 6	BANK HOLIDAY
Thurs 9	Community Coffee Morning at the Village Hall 10am
Thurs 16- Sat 18	Players' Spring Production - details later
Thurs 23	Community Coffee Morning at the Village Hall 10am
Mon 27	BANK HOLIDAY
Tues 28	Parish Council Meeting in the Baptist Chapel Hall 7.15pm

June

Thurs 6	Community Coffee Morning at the Village Hall 10am
Thurs 20	Community Coffee Morning at the Village Hall 10am
Sat 22	School Fete in the King George V Playing Field
Tues 25	Parish Council Meeting in the Baptist Chapel Hall 7.15pm
Sat 29	Cool Ewell Mid-Summer Music Festival 6-10pm on the lawn at Woodville Hall

July

Thurs 4	Community Coffee Morning at the Village Hall 10am
Sat 20	Gardeners Summer Show in the Village Hall 2-4pm
Thurs 18	Community Coffee Morning at the Village Hall 10am
Tues 30	Parish Council Meeting in the Baptist Chapel Hall 7.15pm

August

Thurs 1	Community Coffee Morning at the Village Hall 10am
Sat 10	Medieval Merriment at King George V Playing Field from 3pm
Thurs 15	Community Coffee Morning at the Village Hall 10am
Mon 26	BANK HOLIDAY

September

Sat 7	Visit to Notre Dame Church Calais - for details Pat Castleton. 01304 330371 patricia.castleton@ntlworld.com
Thurs 12	Community Coffee Morning at the Village Hall 10am
Sat 21	Gardeners Autumn Show at the Village Hall 2-4pm
Tues 24	Parish Council Meeting in the Baptist Chapel Hall 7.15pm
Thurs 26	Community Coffee Morning at the Village Hall 10am
Thur26-Sat28	Players' Autumn Production - details later

October

Thurs 10	Community Coffee Morning at the Village Hall 10am
Thurs 24	Community Coffee Morning at the Village Hall 10am
Mon 28	Gardeners AGM in the Lower Village Hall 7.30pm
Tues 29	Parish Council Meeting in the Baptist Chapel Hall 7.15pm

November

Thurs 7	Community Coffee Morning at the Village Hall 10am
Tues 26	Parish Council Meeting in the Baptist Chapel Hall 7.15pm
Thurs 21	Community Coffee Morning at the Village Hall 10am

December

Thurs 5	Community Coffee Morning at the Village Hall 10am
Weds 25	Christmas Day - BANK HOLIDAY
Thurs 26	Boxing Day - BANK HOLIDAY

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PCSO GRETTEL MAY

I can be contacted on **07772 226209** for any issues that you'd like to discuss with me. **Gretel.**





W.I.

We celebrated our 95th birthday with our speaker Judy Knight, whose hobby is World War II.

She gave a very humorous and interesting talk about fashion at a time when ration coupons and money had to be exchanged for clothes. We were all enthralled and it took a few of us down Memory Lane.

We rounded off the evening with refreshments and a birthday cake, which was made by one of our very talented members. The next meeting is 11th April at 7pm and visitors are welcome.

Sunday Club

Thank you to everyone who supported our appeal for Easter eggs for disadvantaged older children. We were able to send 20 eggs.

Our Sunday Club children made some beautiful items at our craft morning and were given a lovely egg with the Easter story enclosed. It was also made of Fair Trade chocolate so hopefully they will enjoy those over Easter.

We will resume for our summer term on April 14th. New children are always welcome to join us at 10.30am in the Millennium Hall.

Friday Club

Hi everyone. Just when we thought spring was here, as I write this we are having another snow shower. Let's hope it will be the last.

A very quiet month at the Friday club with some of our members still suffering from the long winter colds. Get well soon.

We are now preparing for our AGM and the election of new Officers. I would like to say a big thank you to Jean Fowler for her continued support as our Chair Person. Sadly she has now decided to step down, but she will continue to be a committee member and take part in the activities.

We are looking forward to our Easter Party and Easter Bonnet Parade. This is a very popular time. I shall inform you of our winners in the next Newsletter.

I still have a couple of tickets for the show in Margate on 25th April, if anyone is interested. Please give me a ring on 330017 - tickets only £8.50 and free coach transfer.

One of our members is selling a sturdy disabled walker,. The cost new was £95.00, it was used only once and the seller is asking £50.00 ono. Please telephone 01304 822031. The reason for a second entry in the Newsletter is because the 1 was missing from the telephone number last month.

That's all from me for now, take care.

Yvonne

Shop at the Mill



Last year a few volunteers opened up a small shop at Crabble Corn Mill at weekends, selling crafts, gifts and local produce. We raise funds for the Crabble Corn Mill Trust through commission sales and selling the Mill's flour. The shop stocks free range eggs, honey, jams and preserves, handmade chocolate, plants and many beautiful craft items, all produced locally. We are presently busy getting ready to reopen for 2013; we have lots of new stock and we are planning to hold craft workshop and demonstrations throughout the year. **Shop at the Mill opens again on 30th March and will be open 10am till 4pm every weekend.**

Produce Association

The coach trip to Pashley Manor Saturday 27th April - cost £20.00. All who have booked should have paid by 30 March.

Pick ups:

1. Shepherdswell co-op 08-45
2. Lydden Hope 08-55
3. Temple Ewell bus stop 09-00
4. Railway Bell 09-05
5. Maxton Orange Tree 09-15

The coach is fully booked.



Visit to Notre Dame Church Calais

A further update concerning Day trip to Calais to visit the church of Notre Dame and Museum of Lace:

The date of Saturday, 7th September is now confirmed. The cost per person is £30 to cover the cost of the Bayliss of Deal coach journey to Calais via Eurotunnel. A voluntary donation at the church would, I am sure, be appreciated. A visit to the Musee de Dentelle - Lace Museum - after lunch, and time permitting, is optional and the cost of entry there is 5 euros.

Payment by cheque payable to P A Castleton please by the end of July. There will be free time for lunch and a little shopping if required.

Further updates with more detailed itinerary and pick up times and points in Dover, River and Temple Ewell to be published in later newsletters - or for a chat phone or e-mail me.

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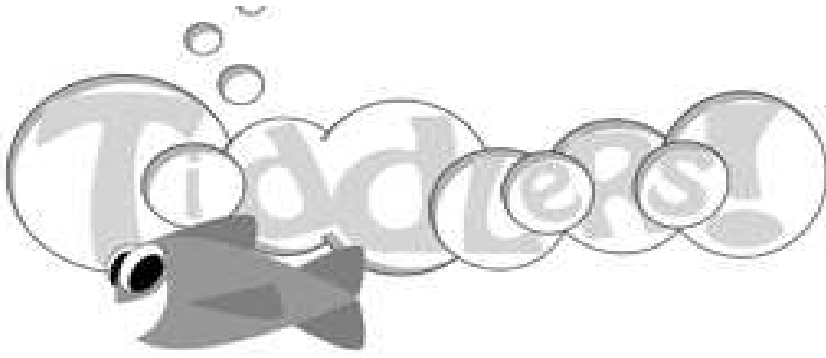
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Just as the weather seemed to get warmer and we actually got to play outside the very

next week we were cancelled for the first time in nearly four years because of the weather. Apologies to anyone who turned up, I did text everyone whose number I have but if the school is closed then Tiddlers isn't on.

We have planted our containers in the garden with spring flowers, the narcissi have just started poking their heads through the soil but the plants we got from Manor View Nursery are providing some lovely colour. It was such hard work we had to have little lie down!



We made some lovely flower displays for our Mummies for Mothering Sunday, thank you to Kirsty for supplying us with flowers.

Tiddlers is open every Tuesday 9-11am in the millennium hall.



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Following the successes of the Village Olympics and Jubilee celebrations

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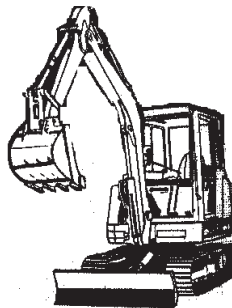
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**April Services - to which we warmly
welcome you. Our Sunday Club meets every Sunday during
term time at 10.30am**

- Sunday 7th** Parish Eucharist 10.30am (Celebrant & Preacher: Fr. Anthony Fletcher SSC)
- Sunday 14th** Parish Eucharist 10.30am (Celebrant & Preacher: Fr. Roger Marsh SSC)
- Sunday 21st** Parish Eucharist 10.30am
- Sunday 28th** Parish Eucharist 10.30am

For the times of the Daily Offices and midweek service, please refer to the Church Notice Board.

Somehow there always feels a relevance when Holy Week and Easter falls near April Fool's Day, the day of Christ's glorious resurrection this year being celebrated just the day before. For is the account of the resurrection of Jesus from the dead just a pitiful hoax? Many still hope and trust not and that rather the resurrection was the greatest event in the history of the world, changing the world forever through this revelation of the sheer depth and power of God's love. Such hope and trust – that faith – is neither easy nor logical and for many of us it can be a real challenge. But it is nevertheless that faith in Jesus Christ, and not a code of values and practise, that alone makes a country and society Christian and for all our struggles there is that love revealed through the resurrection and, yes, there are times when we feel it and hold onto it, and it is precious.

According to Radio Kent recently, pub quizzes are now more popular than ever, as are the fund-raising 'Nosh and Knowledge' evenings. So here is a question to ponder. Who said to many, many, super and cheering young people among thousands who had come to see and hear him and referring to the destructive and divisive temptations that society manages to place before them every day, 'There is only one thing that lasts; the love of Jesus Christ for each one of you. Search for him – know him – and love him, and he will set you free!?' A big clue... red slippers exchanged for carpet slippers!

Happy Easter.

Fr. Paul

PS. Congratulations to our school on an excellent Section 48 (Church School) Inspection!

Village Folk

Did you know that the shop where Lorna's hairdressers is, used to be a butcher shop? Well, the person who supplied top quality meat to the village for nearly 34 years there is this month's guest - Roy Parks.



Roy has lived in the village for nearly 50 years and if you were not around to shop with him, you may know him as a previous Temple Ewell Village Hall chairman.

Roy's father was born and bred in Lydden where Roy's grandfather owned the Hope Inn (which was just an ale house in those days). Roy recalls stories his father told him of how he would collect empty drinks bottles from Doctor Coleman, the then owner of Woodville Hall, in order to return them to the George & Dragon pub to claim the deposit monies back on them. Clearly a bright lad, his father was in fact the first pupil to earn a scholarship from Temple Ewell Primary School.

He met Roy's mother while working for the Metropolitan Police Force in London and as a result, Roy was born in 1937 in Willesden, West London. After the outbreak of the second world war in 1939, Roy's mother was moved to the safety of her parents' home in Lydden where subsequently, both his sister and brother were born. Roy remained in London with his father and other set of grandparents, visiting the family in Kent whenever they could. His grandfather, tired of running an ale house, moved to Temple Ewell to run the George & Dragon public house, now converted into houses.

At the end of the war, Roy and his family reunited in London and then subsequently moved to Swingfield where they lived for a while with his aunt who ran a farm. Having spent the war years in London, the young Roy was totally smitten with life in the country and made it his ambition to make his living in farming when he grew up. His first job was as a farm labourer in Sussex with a gentleman farmer, and he recalls his first weekly wage was the princely sum of £2.50. His lodgings cost him £2.00 a week, so he had to work overtime on a Sunday to make some additional pocket money.

Roy was exempted from his National Service because he worked in an agricultural environment, however, his sense of adventure won over and he signed up to join the Army for three years, assigned to the Royal Veterinary Corps. After a few months training, was posted to Malaysia as a dog handler.

By the time he left the Corps, he had decided on a change of career and joined Sainsbury's in Kensington where he was given a position in the meat department. His training involved spending one day a week at Smithfield meat market. As his interest in the subject grew Roy decided to continue his training at evening classes.

At this time, his parents bought the butcher's shop which included a residential house above, a slaughterhouse at the rear and a small paddock. Young Roy was given the reigns of the butcher shop while his parents moved into the house above. His father gave Roy a helping hand "for the first year" in the shop, but somehow it stretched to 20 years!!

In the early 1960s, Roy met and married his beloved wife Maureen and they started out married life in a small flat in St Margaret's Bay.

Two years after buying the shop, the Council made a compulsory purchase order on it in order to widen the entrance down to the High Street. So, Roy's father bought a property in London Road - just opposite the Village Hall.

Not to be daunted by losing the shop, his father built a replacement shop at the side, where Lorna's hairdresser shop now stands, and a bungalow in the paddock behind. Roy and Maureen bought the London Road property from him, where Roy still lives. The butcher's shop ran successfully until 1998 when Roy and Maureen decided to retire.

Roy has always been interested in sports - particularly football and never misses attending Dover Athletic matches. In the 1960s, he and the landlord at that time of the Fox pub (who generously purchased the football shirts) organised a local football team. The Temple Ewell Youth Team was born. Having nowhere to practice or play, they used the football pitch at the Duke of York, whilst the then owner of the Post Office kindly paid for the public liability insurance. A real team effort!

There was a time when the Village Hall was hardly used and became very run down. An open meeting was called and as a result, several members of the village collaborated by "lending" £100 each in order that vital repairs be carried out. A committee was formed and Roy eventually took over the role as chairman. He started taking bookings for children's parties, comedy evenings and rehearsal times for young and aspiring musicians. Roy remained Chairman until he achieved his personal target for Hall funds - £20,000.

Roy and his parents were involved with the Temple Ewell Players - his mother being the piano player. He recounts how they thought it would be a good idea to sell ice cream at the performances as a fundraiser, but very few people in those days had a fridge. Not to be defeated, they purchased ice creams and stored them in Roy's butcher fridges. Someone was elected to run out before each interval to collect them, and then return the unsold ices back to the fridge after the break.

As well as the Village Hall Committee and the Temple Ewell Players, Roy has been involved in a number of charitable works. He remains a popular and active figure in the village with a large circle of family and friends to keep him busy.

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The George and Dragon

Whilst editing the Newsletter this month Jeanette and I were fascinated by Roy Parks' story in the Village Folks section. I was particularly intrigued by Roy's mention of the High Street widening and the loss of his first butcher's shop. I wondered what the High Street looked like before that project was completed... And lo and behold, searching the interweb, I found an old photograph showing the butcher's on the corner. You might notice that what we now refer to as London Road is captioned as Canterbury Road, Temple Ewell.



Also pictured, on the right hand side of the road, is a familiar Temple Ewell landmark, the jolly old George and Dragon. The presence of this building in its recognisable current form dates the photograph after 1904, as the original Pub building was demolished around the turn of the century.

According to the author of the Dover Kent Archives, Paul Skelton, there has been a public house on this site for over two hundred and fifty years. He quotes a reference to re-licencing "The George", Ewell in 1740, in the Wingham Division Ale Licence list, for the princely sum of 8 shillings.

The old building (pictured right) had its fair share of gruesome incidents. Among the more lurid reports in the local press was the suicide of a young woman aged about eighteen years.



The Dover Telegraph reported that Sarah Rose, a servant at the George Inn at Ewell 'terminated her existence by hanging herself with a handkerchief and towel in the outhouse' on 8th March, 1839.

One of the things I find interesting about the George and Dragon's history is the fact that inquests were held there. Mr Skelton cites four such occurrences reported in the Dover Express and East Kent News between 1870 and 1926.

The first, in 1870, was held to look into the tragic death a child of four who fell into the fire in the house of a William Friend. His mother, who had left her daughter of six years old to care for the deceased and her two other young children, was working in the home of a Mrs Goldsack, who lived nearby. She had been home several times on the morning of the terrible accident to check on the children.

The next, in 1877, concerned a Mr Green who was found decapitated on the Kearsney Station railway line. He was staying with a barrister friend in the village and was thought to have fallen onto the track by accident. It was reported that his head was lying on the 4ft way, whilst his body was in the 6ft way. His feet were facing Canterbury.

The third Inquest was in 1902 when the County Coroner heard of the circumstances surrounding the death of Miss Mary Elizabeth Johncock 'burnt to a cinder' in the butcher's shop, as result of her oil lamp exploding.

Finally, the newspaper reported on the case of a postman who committed suicide by hanging himself in the woods between Creek Lane and Singledge Lane. He had been missing since June 30th 1926 and his skeletal remains were found on Tuesday, 16th August. Apparently, the man had been suspended from his Post Office duties the day before he disappeared. A poignant letter found in the home of the deceased said that he could not stand the disgrace. The verdict was "Suicide during temporary insanity."

By 1926 Mr and Mrs Percy Parks (Roy Parks' grandparents) had been licencees of the pub for thirteen years, so they would have played host to these formal proceedings. I find it quite hard to picture a 'courtroom' in a Public House. Maybe one of our readers might know something about the historical context and procedure of these things.

To bring us up to date rather abruptly, the photograph to the right shows the London Road/High Street corner at a similar angle to the first picture on page 20. this time with Lorna's barber shop on the corner. The facade of the George and Dragon remains intact opposite.



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Parents respond to the child in the context of a continuous relationship. Jesus indicates that Our Heavenly Father desires such a relationship with us when he promises "Seek and you will find". (St. Matthew ch.7 v7). The thrust of this implies a continuous seeking.

Our activities continue as usual:

Sunday Family Service: 10.30am

Sunday Evening Prayer and Video: 4.30pm

Monday Keep Fit: 7.30pm

Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer: 7.30pm

Friday Kids Club: 3.30-5.00pm

We are here to serve you and if there is anything you wish to ask do not hesitate to contact Pat on 827341, Jack on 825150 or our minister Ewart Graham on 375823.

Quotes for St George's Day

Lord Byron (1788-1824) - "The English winter - ending in July, to recommence in August".

George Orwell (1903-1950) - "The gentleness of the English civilisation is perhaps its most marked characteristic. You notice it the moment you set foot on English soil. It is a land where conductors are good tempered and policemen carry no revolvers".

William Pitt (1805)

"England has saved herself by her exertions, and will, as I trust, save Europe by her example."



Brownies

Six girls took part in the Annual Swimming Gala at Dover on Saturday 16th March.

In every race they took part the girls did very well, taking a 1st, 2nd or 3rd place.

As it was the first time racing for some girls, including one who had broken her arm twice in the last year, that was quite an achievement. Well done to them all!

Abbie, Chloe, Emily C, Emily L, Erin and Jessie.



T E Players

Brrrr where are you spring?

Whilst we wait for the daffodils to lift their heads up and the birds to start tweeting, the cast and crew of our spring production are hard at work rehearsing like mad March hares!

Our new production is 'Free and Easy' by Bill Cronshaw, a musical set in a pub in the 1960's. We are enjoying the music, the fashion and even the decor of the era! We are currently constructing our set and creating our costumes, it's all areas action stations in the run up to the show!

We'll announce the show dates and where you can get tickets in next month's newsletter so keep your eyes peeled!

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Rachel

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The East Kent Morris men came to Temple Ewell village hall and it was such fun.

It wasn't just for men either. Children, teenagers and even us women had a go. Forget Zumba if you want to get fit morris dancing is the way to go, I was puffed out after one dance.

The exercise soon warmed us up, especially those wearing their winter undergarments.

If you want to try it then go to Hawkinge school on a Wednesday evening from 8-10pm.



Contact David Webb on 01227 709 557 for more information or view their website <http://www.ekmm.org.uk> to see the programme and other items.



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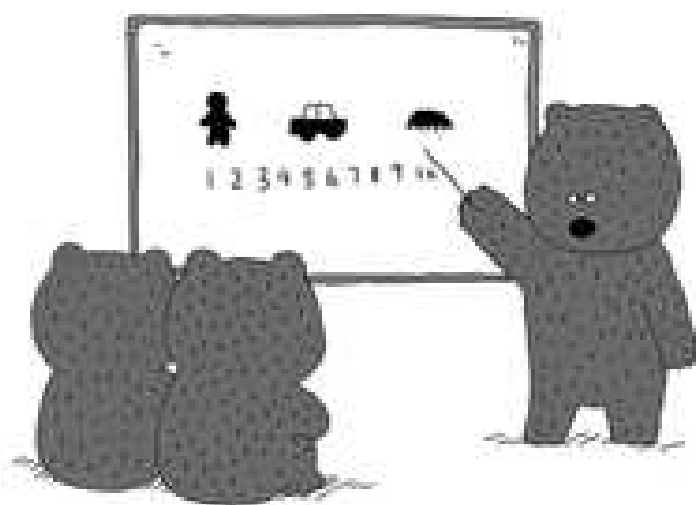
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The Bear Who Liked to Add Up

Once upon a time far, far away there was a magical land called Bear Land. It was the home of many clever bears. Now, there was a particular bear called Bertina who was very clever because she could add up like no other bear. Bertina loved to add things up and practised every day.

Every day Bertina and her friends went to school. The head bear, called Mr Boffin Brain, was very strict. He didn't like the bears to mess around in class. "Time for maths" said Mr Boffin Brain. All the bears sat down except Bertina who was busy adding up the number of chairs in the classroom. At last Bertina sat down and the lesson began. First they had to add up ten digit numbers, but Bertina added up one

hundred digit numbers which made Mr Boffin Brain cross because she didn't listen. He gave her detention, which Bertina was not happy about.



At break-time all the bears went out to play except Bertina who was in detention getting amazingly bored for a bear of good brain. She decided to count the tables - one, two, three, four, then Rosetta entered the class-

room. "Come on Bertina you will be late for English". Bertina picked up her bag and followed Rosetta out of the classroom.

During the English lesson Bertina started to daydream and began counting the books that were on the brightly coloured tables. The English teacher was called Miss Catterpillar. Now listen, "I want you to write a story about a bear called Rapunzel and the adventures that she had."

At lunch time Bertina opened her lunch box and started to count the things inside it. In Bertina's lunch box were six oranges, two cereal bars and two bright red apples.

After lunch, it was time for topic work. They had to write facts about the Tudors. Bertina got picked to tell the class how many wives



Henry VIII had. She counted on her paws one to six. "Well done Bertina" said Mrs Hedgehog the class teacher.

At break-time Bertina played bear-scotch (hop-scotch) with Rosetta. "I'll go first" exclaimed Bertina. "First you throw any old stone onto one of the squares with numbers on. Then you hop twice, jump once, hop again then jump and a final hop."

After break-time it was time for P.E. Mr Potter was the P.E. teacher. He was a funny sort of bear who wore strange and peculiar glasses that sat on the end of his pink nose. In P.E. they had to run around obstacles blindfolded, which Bertina was very good at. As the other bears ran around, Bertina counted how many times they crashed into things. Mr Potter began to think that maybe being blindfolded was not such a good idea after all.

Finally home time arrived. All the bears put on their hats, scarves and coats. Bertina counted the shiny buttons on her woolly coat as she did them up. At last, tired but happy, Bertina bear was ready to go home.

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Dear Newslettter

I thought I would take the time to say thank you for the great work of our PCSO, Gretel, and her team.

I live in the George and Dragon and have really noticed the improvement in noise and nuisance caused by, I am sad to say, some of the village young people 'hanging out' at the bus stop and around the back of our houses. At times these groups of teenagers could be very noisy and a little intimidating to residents and passers by.

I'm sure that the positive change cannot solely be due to particular generations growing up and moving on.

So, thank you Gretel for your continuing efforts to make our community a safe and pleasant place to live.

Dave Eglin

Dear Editor

I recently decided that I would like to try a Zumba class in the Village Hall.

I had difficulty finding out the time of the class, as the events list was posted inside the Hall. As the Hall is locked when not in use I had to keep popping by to try to catch someone inside.

I wondered if the Village Hall Committee could post public events in the outside noticeboard?

Even better, could they be printed in the Newsletter?

Many thanks,

Mrs J Brankley

Thank you for pointing this out. We shall endeavour to obtain a list of groups and contact details to publish in future Newsletters. Editor

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Stray Dogs: with effect from 1 April 2008 the responsibility for stray dogs found out of hours rests with the Local Authority. If you witness a dog roaming unattended or find a stray dog you can report it to the Dog Warden, telephone 01304 872289 or 01304 82119 out of hours.

If the dog is seized but the owner cannot be located, the dog will be taken to the kennels used by the Local Authority, where it will be kept for 7 days. If the dog is not claimed, the kennels will endeavour to re-home it. However, dogs found to be regularly straying will automatically be taken to kennels and the owner, if known, will be informed. When a dog is claimed the owner is required to contact the Local Authority to pay a statutory fine (currently £25) plus the kennelling costs whereupon arrangements will be made to return the dog to its owner. Please note the Council do not provide a stray collection service outside of office hours.

Lost Dogs: if you have lost a dog you can report this to the Dog Warden, telephone 01304 872289, with your name, address and telephone number, a description of your dog and the date, time and location of the loss.

Dog Control: every dog must wear a collar and tag with its owner's name and address when in a public place. It is an offence for a dog to be in a field with livestock without being on a lead or some other form of control.

Barking: constant barking or howling can cause considerable annoyance to neighbours particularly if it occurs at unsociable hours and may lead to enforcement action by the Council.

School Talks: school talks are given by the Dog Wardens when requested by local schools. It is considered important to educate children on responsible dog ownership as they will be the dog owners of tomorrow.

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