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Hello All

The Newsletter AGM took place in October and it was a time to reflect on how we had managed during lockdown. We concluded that although going online while printing and deliveries were not possible was the best option, the vast majority of our readers still prefer to have a physical copy of the Newsletter rather than digital and we were happy to resume this way.



To this end, we are very grateful to the Parish Council who helped us make up for lack of funds, due to not being able to have our usual two fund raisers this year, by increasing the annual grant they provide to £650. We were very lucky too in that most of our advertisers have stuck with us and we have sourced some new ones to replace those that didn't. This means that we are in a stable financial position for the coming year. 'Thank you' Parish Council and all our advertisers!

Well, as we're nearing the end of 2020 - not the best year for any of us - here's to feeling optimistic that the New Year will, with the help of the new vaccines and increasing knowledge of our scientists, bring us closer to 'normal' than we've been for months.

We wish you and yours a very happy and healthy Christmas and New 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

Dec

Thurs 3	Coffee Morning 10am in the Village Hall
Thurs 10	W.I. Meeting 7pm the Village Hall
Sun 13	10.30am Toy Service at the Church
Thurs 17	Coffee Morning 10am in the Village Hall
Fri 18	Newsletter Prize Draw takes place
Thurs 24	4pm Christingle Service at the Church
Fri 25	CHRISTMAS DAY 10am Family Eucharist at the Church

Jan 2021

Thurs 14	W.I. Meeting 7pm in the Village Hall
Tues 26	Parish Council Meeting 7.15pm in the Baptist Hall

Feb

Thurs 11	W.I. Meeting 7pm in the Village Hall
Tues 23	Parish Council Meeting 7.15pm in the Baptist Hall

Mar

Thurs 11	W.I. Meeting 7pm in the Village Hall
Tues 30	Parish Council Meeting 7.15pm in the Baptist Hall

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
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Thurs 8	W.I. Meeting 7pm in the Village Hall
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The Government **Green Home Grant** offers funding primarily for low carbon heating and insulation is also open for applications. More information can be found on the Simple Energy Advice Website,

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The above funding streams are time limited, therefore early application is encouraged.

The Council also operates a collective energy switching scheme, **Energy Deal** – an easy, supported and no obligation way of checking whether you can obtain a cheaper energy tariff. Auctions are held 3 times a year - February, May and October. Registration opens again on 1 December 2020. Register online at <https://www.dover.gov.uk/Environment/Energy-Advice/Cut-Energy-Bills.aspx>, or leave your contact details on 01304 872428 to receive a call-back.





FRIDAY CLUB

Like most groups we have been unable to open up the club since last March due to the virus.

We are trying to stay positive in our hope that early next year we shall be able to commence proceedings, but it is in the lap of the Gods. I can confirm all our members are safe and well, staying indoors as best they can and coping.

On behalf of the Friday Club I would like to wish everyone a good Christmas and best wishes for a safe 2021.

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Yvonne

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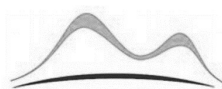
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Tsutomu Yamaguchi was on a business trip to Hiroshima on August 6th 1945, when the atomic bomb was detonated less than 3 kilometres away. The impossible happened, he survived but the explosion ruptured his eardrums, temporarily blinded him and burned his body. Three days later he decided to go back to his home town of Nagasaki and was less than 2 kilometres from where the second atomic bomb exploded. He survived. I am not sure if you would describe him as the luckiest or least lucky of men? The seemingly impossible did actually happen.

As we approach Christmas we are celebrating the impossible which actually happened. A village girl had a baby although she was a virgin. God brought his son into this world by a miracle.

The message of Christmas goes considerably further. Each one of us can experience the impossible happening in our own life, as Jesus Christ gives us a new life.

THE IMPOSSIBLE REALLY CAN HAPPEN!

VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS whatever our circumstances turn out to be.

We hope you will be able to celebrate Christmas with us. Our intention is to hold a special Christmas Service on Sunday 20th December at 10.30am., and also a short time to remember the birth of Jesus on Christmas Day at 9.30am. (These services will only take place as permitted by the Government.)

All are welcome but face masks must be worn in accordance with our Government directions. The chairs are socially distanced and hand sanitisers are provided. We do have some music although we do not sing.

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



Temple Ewell Parish Council

Coping with the current Coronavirus lockdown seems to be different than back in March. I think people are generally more organised and able to cope. Also, most of those working are able to continue although I do feel sorry for those working in the hospitality industry which has once again been hit. We must however try to obey the rules as the number of infections in the Dover area has risen steadily and is approaching the national average. At least our children's education has continued with the school staying open and I would like to thank all of the staff for their diligence and organisation for keeping the children in the classroom while protecting their welfare. The village shop also is operating as normally as possible and is doing an excellent job, providing a service for villagers. I think many people are developing a collection of various types of face mask, which have become the norm for any shopping trip.

By the time you read this the regulations may have changed again as we approach the Christmas period. However, by following the guidelines we will hopefully have some relaxation of the rules over the festive season which will allow us to enjoy it with friends and family.

Our last Parish Council meeting was once again held online on Zoom. We discussed the Christmas lights turn on event which unfortunately cannot be held this year. However, we have ordered the village Christmas tree which will be decorated and lights turned on early in December to brighten up the village and Players Corner.

We also agreed to provide a grant for the village newsletter which as we know provides a valuable village service; and for the church towards a new shed to keep equipment that used to be kept in the Millennium Hall. We also spoke about the new village website which is on www.templeewellpc.world. This is still being tweaked but is a vast improvement on the previous site. Please also look out for our Facebook and Twitter posts.

Our main topic of conversation however, related to the traffic survey that was recently carried out in both London Road and Lower Road. This was the first stage in our Highways Improvement Plan (HIP). We have since had a zoom meeting with Kent Highways and various proposals have been made.

- For London Road we are essentially planning a crossing at the junction of Templeside and High Street, plus other measures to control speeding traffic.

- For Lower Road, the options are more complex and residents are being consulted relating to road closure, speed humps, parking restrictions etc. before we make final plans.

What will actually happen depends largely on available budgets and grants that may be obtained.

I recently attended a very different Remembrance Service at the village war memorial on the 11th November. Face masks were worn, everyone was socially distanced and only official village organisations were invited to pay their respects and lay wreaths. There was however a very touching short service conducted by our new vicar Rev. Ian Parrish and the last post was played by Sam Mousley. A few villagers did stand in the distance and some of the school children listened from the village field. Separately I then quietly laid another wreath on behalf of Parish Council at the memorial stone on Players Corner.

Our recent Annual Finance Meeting took place on zoom where we discussed the precept, which is the Parish Council funding from Council Tax. This allows the Parish Council to function and you will be pleased that for the next year it is not expected that the precept will increase.

I am still going for my frequent walks around the village, but am having to adjust my timings to get home before it is dark. Before we know it, we will be in the dead of winter and it will be dark before 4.00pm. In a normal year the whole preparation for Christmas helps us to forget about the cold, wet and dark days. Let us hope some celebrations can take place. I wish all of you and your families an early "Happy Christmas"

Glenn Mousley – Chairman of the Parish Council

We have a new PCSO - Megan Keehner has moved on and we now have PCSO Richard Bradley covering Temple Ewell and also 11 other rural parishes! He can be contacted via email using Richard.Bradley@kent.police.uk

Secondly, after many years loyal service to the Parish Council, Robert Hamer has decided that the time is right to step down and enjoy more time with grand children and great grand children. This means that we now have 5 vacancies on the Parish Council and would welcome parishioners to come forward to join the current 7 Councillors. If anybody is interested, then all they need to do is to contact me.

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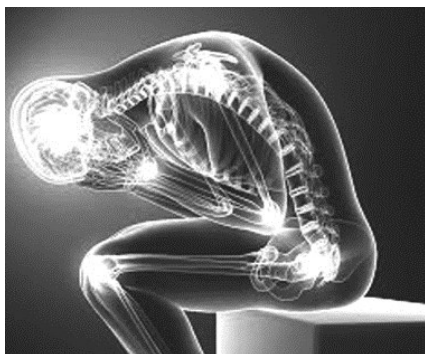
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What can I give him, poor as I am?

Much as we like receiving gifts at Christmas time, there's often just as much, if not more, enjoyment at giving them to our loved ones. Even young people experience that happiness as they watch their carefully chosen gifts or hand-crafted presents being unwrapped, and hear the delight in the receivers thank you, even if they don't appreciate the big kiss or hug that follows! But there will be many this Christmas who won't be in a position to either receive or give presents, both adults and children, and the words above are a timely reminder, that in the midst of our celebrations there are always those who need our help.

What can I give him, poor as I am, are the opening words of the last verse of that well known Christmas carol by Christina Rossetti, ***In the bleak mid-winter***. She writes as a poor person, pondering over the greatness of our God, who chose to come to earth and live as one of us, leaving behind the glories of heaven to be born into a messy stable. She writes as one who literally has nothing to give in the material sense, either God or anyone else.

That reminded me of a story that Frank O'Conner once wrote. He said, "One Christmas, Santa Claus brought me a toy engine. I took it with me to the church and at the end of the service my mum showed me the crib. When I saw the baby in the manger I was upset because he had nothing at all. I asked politely if the baby didn't like toys, and she replied, "Oh yes, but his mother was too poor to afford them." My mother was very poor too, but at least she managed to buy me something. I placed my toy in the babies outstretched arms and remember feeling a sense of reckless generosity with which I left him there in the nightly darkness of the chapel, clutching my toy engine to his chest."

One man's memories of what a poor childhood is like, and how even so, that spirit of generosity and wanting to give and share with others is still there.

The verse ends with the words, ***Yet what I can I give Him: give my heart.*** And that is the greatest gift of all, that we can give our heart to God and those we meet along the Way.

A very happy and peaceful Christmas to you all, and please do join us for any of the services over the Christmas period, we'd love to see you.

God Bless,
Rev'd Ian

DECEMBER SERVICES		
December 6 th	Lydden	09.00am Parish Eucharist
December 13 th	Lydden	09.00am Holy Communion (said)
	Temple Ewell	10.30am Toy Service
December 20 th	Lydden	09.00am Parish Eucharist
December 20 th	Temple Ewell	6.00pm Nine lessons and carols
December 24 th	Lydden	2.00pm Christingle & Crib service
	Temple Ewell	4.00pm Christingle & Crib service
	Temple Ewell	9.00pm Evening Mass
	Lydden	11.30pm Midnight Mass
December 25 th	Temple Ewell	10.00am Family Eucharist
December 27 th	Lydden	09.00am Parish Eucharist



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Manage paperwork for the meetings, e.g. taking notes, collation and distribution of reports, recording of formal resolutions.

Act as liaison between the parish of Temple Ewell with Lydden and Canterbury Diocese.

Handle church correspondence where appropriate.

If you would like to discuss the role please contact:

Rev. Ian Parrish on 01304-279673 or

Judith Shilling on 01304-827692.

Parish Church of St Peter & St Paul

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January Services

3rd	9.00am	Holy Communion (said) at Lydden
	1 0.30am	Family Service at Temple Ewell
10th	9.00am	Joint Parish Eucharist at Lydden
17th	10.30am	Joint Parish Eucharist at Temple Ewell
24th	9.00 am	Joint Parish Eucharist at Lydden
31 st	10.30 am	Joint Parish Eucharist at Temple Ewell

The people of Ancient Rome thought there were many gods, and the month of January is named after 'Janus', their god of doors and gateways, of beginnings and endings. In Rome, the temple of Janus had doors facing east and west for the rising and setting of the sun, the beginning and the end of each day. Between those doors stood the statue of Janus with two faces, looking in opposite directions.

As we start the New Year, looking both backwards and forwards, we can think of the new year as a gate - an opening - to what we choose to do in the future. The darkness of winter and of past mistakes will give way to the light of spring and of new opportunities.

The world has suffered darkness and despair with Coronavirus respecting no boundaries and affecting millions of lives in 2020. With the promise of vaccines for 2021 may the world feel the light of healing, hope and a fresh start.

In the dark days of World War II, with the whole country "blacked out" at night to deter enemy bombing, King George VI gave a glimmer of hope to people as he spoke these words:

'I said to the man who stood at the gate of the Year: "Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown." And he replied: "Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than light, and safer than a known way. May that almighty hand guide and uphold us all."

We all, from the Church, wish you and your families a healthy and happy New Year.

Liz Waller

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We Will Remember Them

November 11th was a little bit different this year as we were unable to have our usual Church service.

Instead, the children made poppies that were tied to the school gates. Mrs Matthews took some children down to the memorial in the Churchyard in the morning to lay our wreath and when Sam played his bugle, we all stood quietly wherever we were in school.



Nicola Church
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Send to the Editor — details on page 3.

I shall be sorry to move from Temple Ewell after 52 years.

We came from London to Temple Ewell and thought we would move on but nowhere else ever tempted us. We have had great neighbours and a lovely setting close to the hills we loved.

It has been a pleasure to have been involved with Parish Council, Village Hall, Guides, Playgroup, School, Newsletter and a great many events on the field and in the village.

I shall of course still attend St Peter & St Paul, Sunday Club and help with the Newsletter.

My new abode is a new bungalow in my son's garden and my address is:

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Temple Ewell Players

As you can imagine we are all very frustrated that we have been unable to resume rehearsals and put on our pantomime this year. January 2021 will be the first time in forty nine years that the Players have not done so, expect big things for 2022, our Fiftieth anniversary year!

We have been trying to put together a virtual pantomime but this too has been delayed by the second lockdown and the change in guidelines. We are still hopeful though that we will have something 'on a screen near you' towards the end of January.

In the meantime we have been keeping ourselves amused with regular online 'The Show must go on' evenings on our Players members' Facebook page. Our last one had a Halloween theme and brought a diverse range of spookily spectacular offerings! These ranged from dancing skeletons, flying witches, through to themed songs and stories, and a visit from the Addams family! We are already looking forward to our next one with, of course, a Christmas theme.

Along with the Parish Council we will be providing the usual Christmas lights at Players' Corner, sadly without the usual village gathering and ceremonial switch on by a panto celebrity.

It only remains to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and we hope to see you all when we return too the stage in 2021.

Mike Brodie

So sadly no panto this season, but on the next page are some photos of the 2009 Panto, Out of Focus, one of the many brilliant pantos produced by Temple Ewell Players over the years.



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then become a tangled mess.*

*The medical profession try to tell us ladies why or when
this phenomena will happen - when we ladies approach this
"certain age"
but we do know, don't we, ladies?
There's nothing we can do about it.*

*When our temperature gauge suddenly switches on,
we become so very helpless,
all manner of things get flapped about -
tea towels, newspapers, anything to hand really.
Our other halves are taught to flap said items around.*

*They also know when to scarper, when that certain mood
hits us.*

*When we "menopausal" cannot sleep, remember things,
talk sense or even think straight.
So they feel they can't win either way.
Whatever they do or say.*

They are partly right

Grinning (is good) if you are able.

*Bearing it for a while, do try.
It'll go - we're told.
Yeah, right.*



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Temple Ewell and District Produce Association

We are all hoping this vaccine will make next year better for everyone and maybe a show or two will be possible.

Christmas this year is going to be strange for most of us. Let's hope our committee, members and friends can make it as enjoyable as possible with family and that 2021 is going to be safer for us all.

Edie and Trevor

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Like all organisations we are still keeping in touch with each other by means of social media etc, a few of us have been meeting for coffee, socially distanced of course, but this is on hold at the present time.

With the news of a vaccine perhaps we can be cautiously optimistic that we may be able to meet again in the not too distant future, in the meantime we wish all WI members a happy Christmas and peaceful New Year and send Seasons Greetings to all residents of Temple Ewell.

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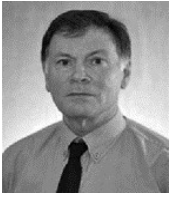
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County Councillor

I have to apologise for the below lengthy article but would be appreciative if it could be published in full. The Custom's lorry transition park affects us all, but the government is disgracefully trying to sneak it in through the back door in the middle of the night.

Even our elected MP did not have the courtesy to liaise with me over perceived issues, she having known about the planning for many months. Being the ward councillor where the proposed freight park is intended to be built, I was not impressed hearing about the scheme third hand. However, when I see what a massive freight park this will be, it will be constructed over and will destroy the Roman Road, The White Cliffs Trail and the Norths Downs Way, I start to question are our politicians really looking after the very community who elected them into post?

Now I understand why Conservative Central Headquarters were so keen to replace the former disgraced MP with his wife without fielding any other potential candidates for the local Association to chose, for the CCHQ needed a guarantee of someone supporting the government's voice and not the electorate's.'

I will try to fight the case for all of us, but clearly without the support from our MP this will not be so easy. I will endeavour to keep you all updated as we head towards the end of this year, for these next few weeks will be critical.

Best wishes

Geoffrey Lymer

Kent County Councillor , Dover West Ward

Dover Fast Track, Rapid Bus Transport System

The Government is overhauling its planning algorithm used to determine where a swathe of new homes will be built across England. The formula used to produce targets for each area is reportedly being "rebalanced" to focus on building homes in urban areas.

Former Prime Minister Theresa May was among high profile critics of the algorithm, claiming it threatened the Government's 'levelling up' agenda and would lead to more investment in London and the South East. Hopefully, this will mean that my argument to build more houses on brownfield urban sites in the Midlands and the North, rather than continually eating into our ever decreasing rural areas will hopefully lead DDC to have a rethink regarding their unrealistic strategy of intending to build thousands of new houses in Whitfield, when Dover and the surrounding areas do not have the number of jobs to cater for such an increase in population. All this increase in house build will do, is create more traffic on our roads, increase pressures on policing,

more pressure on the NHS, more pressure on waste disposal, more pressures on our fresh water and sanitation systems and more pressure on the Department for Work and Pensions when there will be more people chasing fewer jobs.

This will put greater stresses on our already local overstretched infrastructures. Dover District Council needs to be looking at investing for the future by improving upon the facilities that are present and not try fitting a quart into a pint pot. As a result the government department, Housing England is giving Dover District Council £16 million to build a Dover Rapid Bus Transport System. The idea is to take shoppers and commuters from villages north of the A2 down to the rail station and shoppers to the shops quicker than they reckon could be done currently on a bus by saving up to 10 minutes on journey time.

The Rapid Bus Scheme is to be put in place ready to accept the occupants of thousands of new houses expected to be built in Whitfield. Whilst the government is offering £16million it will cost closer to £40million to build, that £24 million Dover District Council is contributing could put to better use improving the town centre.

If the government is changing the housing algorithm to take housing development away from the South East to favour where it is rightfully needed in the Midlands and the North, then DDC does not need the Rapid Bus Transport System and should be considering investing money into the town centre. Stagecoach can not run full busses currently and runs their business relying on subsidies (tax payers money) from KCC to run these routes via Whitfield. Will getting to the shops 10 minutes quicker want to make you take a bus, then having to lug back a heavy weeks worth of groceries on a bus, when you can shop on line or go by car which will be cheaper too over the bus fare? Why go to Dover Priory rail station when Temple Ewell or Martin Mill rail stations are closer from north of the A2 road?

A Customs Transit lorry park at Whitfield

Is projected to be built by the Tory Government at the rear of the B&Q site on the White Cliffs Enterprise park Whitfield. The lorry park will be roughly two and a half times larger than the entire current business park stretching from B&Q right to Whitfield roundabout. Natalie Elphicke your local MP states she wants to keep the roads around Dover clear as we transit from the EU. This lorry park is simply not going to do that. I have tried contacting the Under Secretary for Transport Rachel Maclean to object and request answers to certain questions such as, will this house freight from Euro tunnel as well ?

After a chase up email she steadfastly refuses to reply to my emails. That can mean one thing. Yes, the site will be accepting Euro Tunnel freight, but clearly she does not want to deny this. Our main roads and rural lanes will become grid locked as we have experienced before, as foreign lorry drivers

try to take short cuts across the country side relying on a " car sat nav" system not intended for HGVs, so no advance height or weight restrictions advised or unsuitable routes for HGVs. Our area will be damaged by these HGVs unless you can try to stop it now, by emailing the Under Transport Minister Rachel Maclean on rachel.maclean@dft.gov.uk and your local MP Natalie Elphicke on natalie.elphicke.mp@parliament.uk not forgetting the leader of DDC Cllr Trevor Bartlett Cllr-Trevor.Bartlett@DOVER.GOV.UK. I would be appreciative if you would be so kind as to copy me into your emails to Rachel Maclean, Natalie Elphicke and Trevor Bartlett to ensure you receive replies to your objections. I intend to monitor whether all of you receive replies, to take me into my next fight to care for our community.

Finally, you will be told this will create 160 new jobs. That is not accurate, for currently HM Customs operate a Custom Handling Import and Export Facility, employing a similar number of staff. That will be closed down and thus the staff working under that heading appear to lose their jobs. But the new proposed lorry transit centre at Whitfield will be called the Customs Declaration System. So basically just a change of name for a revised operating system, employing a similar number of staff who will be more than likely transferred from the old to the new system. So in reality there will be a change of employment title, but not any new jobs created. So please do not accept this argument being suggested by your MP. The roads around Dover will be blocked by HGVs accessing routes they should not be accessing.

The Tory government received a bloody nose when they tried to impose this freight park on Stanford and they lost. This time the Tory government is appearing to be devious by only informing literally a handful of people whom they believe their properties may be affected by this development.

They and Dover District Council are not publicising the facts to the wider Dover Community and the government will be using a Special Development Order to bulldoze their way bypassing the scrutiny of the local planning office to have the work started in building the site by January 2021.

This is not a democratic process and I urge as many of you as possible to write in objecting. I believe the Under Transport Minister is purposely not replying to correspondence in order to bulldoze over the local communities, but, this may actually help my case for in numbers we may be able to achieve having our voices listened to by way of a judicial review. This is your home, your environment, your town, your peace and tranquility and I intend that you continue to all enjoy those reasons why you reside here.

Together we must fight this undemocratic process.

Geoff



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