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Hello everyone

I like to have something topical as an introduction and this month of course it's St George's Day on the 23rd. We've all heard of St George slaying the Dragon. I don't know about you, but I didn't really know much more about him or why he is the Patron Saint of England, so I did a Google search and found a whole website dedicated to St George's Day and England.



<http://www.stgeorgesday.com>

I would point out that the site is not affiliated to any political or religious group, but is simply promoting the celebration of St George's Day and all things English, in the way that the Scots, Welsh and Irish do. You can even vote online to make the day a National holiday.

I rather like it. The site is very informative, with the full history of St George and why he is our Patron Saint, and you can also buy English gifts - including a St George's Day flag dress - Geri Halliwell eat your heart out!

I find it odd to think that personally I've been to events that celebrate St Patrick's Day and that we always celebrate New Year in the Scottish way (Auld Lang Syne), but I've never been to an event that celebrates St George. Perhaps next year this could be a theme for the village summer event? Just a thought.

We should not be afraid to say - I'm English and proud of it!

As a keen walker, I was pleased to see Geoff Lymer's article this month gives information about the different types of footpaths and byways. As an addendum to that I found a local walk that you may like to try - see page 25 for both.

Jeanette

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We welcome all contributions to the content of the Newsletter, but please remember that the deadline date is 8pm on the 15th of the month. **NOTE: You should be aware that articles are also published on the website tenews.co.uk - please inform us if you want any part of your article withheld from that particular medium.**

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Village Diary 2014

April

Tues 8	Annual Parish Meeting in the Baptist Chapel Hall 7.15pm
Fri 18	Good Friday - BANK HOLIDAY
Sun 20	Easter Sunday
Mon 21	Easter Monday - BANK HOLIDAY
Thur 24	Coffee Morning and PCSO Surgery at the Village Hall
Sat 26	Spring Fayre St Peter & St Paul Church 2pm in the Village Hall
Tues 29	Parish Council AGM & Monthly meeting in the Baptist Chapel Hall 7.15pm

May

Mon 5	BANK HOLIDAY
Thur 22	Coffee Morning and PCSO Surgery at the Village Hall
Mon 26	BANK HOLIDAY
Tues 27	Parish Council Meeting in the Baptist Chapel Hall 7.15pm
Sat 31	'Whose Story is it Anyway?' Children's production from the Kapow Theatre Company 2.30pm in the Village Hall - tickets £5 in advance (<i>or £6 on the door if seats are still available</i>).

June

Sun 15	Gardeners' Trip to Merriments Gardens - to book, see page 7
Sat 21	T E School Fete 11am - 2pm In the King George V field
Tues 24	Parish Council Meeting in the Baptist Chapel Hall 7.15pm
Thurs 26, Fri 27and Sat 28	T E Players' production - 'Half a Sixpence' <i>details will follow</i>

July

Thur 3	Coffee Morning and PCSO Surgery at the Village Hall
Sat 19	Gardeners Summer Show 2-4pm in the Village Hall
Tues 29	Parish Council Meeting in the Baptist Chapel Hall 7.15pm
Thur 31	Coffee Morning and PCSO Surgery at the Village Hall

August

Mon 25	BANK HOLIDAY
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September

Thur 11	Coffee Morning and PCSO Surgery at the Village Hall
Sat 20	Gardners Autumn Show 2-4pm in the Village Hall
Tues 23	Parish Council Meeting in the Baptist Chapel Hall 7.15pm

October

Thur 9 Coffee Morning and PCSO Surgery at the Village Hall
Mon 27 Gardeners AGM 7.30pm in the Village Hall
Tues 28 Parish Council Meeting in the Baptist Chapel Hall 7.15pm

November

Thur 20 Coffee Morning and PCSO Surgery at the Village Hall
Tues 25 Parish Council Meeting in the Baptist Chapel Hall 7.15pm

December

Thur 18 Coffee Morning and PCSO Surgery at the Village Hall

PCSO GRETEL MAY



I can be contacted on **07772 226209** for any issues that you'd like to discuss with me. My next surgery at the Coffee Morning is on Thursday 24th April. **Gretel.**



**We would love some
new blood
on our Committee**

Would you like to join us?
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couple of months or so.
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(We only have a glass of wine, honestly)



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2.30pm at Temple Ewell Village Hall

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TICKETS from Lorna's Barber Shop or Committee Members - see page 2



Produce Association



On the 17th February we heard the very sad news that our oldest member, Jack Holland, had passed away. When Jack retired his wife Greta got him an allotment in Temple Ewell and they both became members of Temple Ewell Gardeners. They joined the Committee in 1984 and were Show Secretaries in 1989 until Jack was elected Chairman in 1992 which he remained until 2000.

He and Greta stayed on the committee until 2004 and since then have always attended our shows, taken part exhibiting and often presenting the prizes. He will be sorely missed by all of us and our thoughts are with Greta and the family.

Edith Barlow (Chairman) & Committee

We have a few seats left on the coach to Merriments Gardens on Sunday 15th June with a stop off at Dobbies Garden Centre Ashford on the way home. To book please ring John Philpott 822954 or Edie Barlow 824787

Trevor Barlow



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Humble Bumble in Spring

The first bumble bee this year visited an early flowering crocus in my garden during a rare sunny spell in early February: a sure sign of Spring I thought! Only a few weeks ago, while picking a few pretty, dark purple crocuses for a small vase, a big queen bumble bee descended and spent the next few minutes bumbling about the flowers in my hand, scattering pollen everywhere.

The bee's hairy coat helps it to keep it warm, so it can start to forage much earlier in the season, while honey bees stay tucked up in their hives. Bumble bees do not store much honey in their small nests, just enough to get by, so a good garden or field with nectar-rich flowers is very important. The bee's fur colours and stripes tell you which species out of 24 native to the UK you are seeing, although some are not easy to tell apart unless you are an expert.

Different species have different lengths of tongues so they feed on different shaped flowers; a longer tongue can access deeper, funnel-shaped flowers, for example beans and peas, making them very important for vegetable growers. Did you know that an unpollinated pea flower produces a curved pod? That's a disaster for growers, as mechanised harvesting becomes impossible, and so the pea would not appear on your plate, or be much more expensive because it had to be handpicked. And tomatoes are pollinated by bumble bees shaking their shoulders (the loud buzzing you hear) to release pollen which otherwise remains trapped and unusable.

This early in spring you will only see big queen bees buzzing about, feeding and finding a suitable nesting site to raise worker and male bees during the summer season. These guys are much smaller, cannot sting and only live for a few months, during which they need to find plenty of food, and that is becoming a problem,. With loss of habitat and lack of varied sources of nectar available, the humble bumble bee is struggling, with 2 species already becoming extinct in the past 50 years. Conservation, you ask? Yes, it seems that if we want to keep our cheap peas and tomatoes, conservation is necessary. More information on how is available from the Bumble Bee conservation Trust <http://bumblebeeconservation.org/> or Cottrell Building, University of Stirling, Stirling FK9 4LA.



Amateur Village Gardener



Friday Club

We at the Friday Club have recently enjoyed our Annual Dinner. Alyson from the Fox brought her famous carvery to the hall and, as usual, this was enjoyed by all. We had a selection of meats, plenty of lovely roasted potatoes and three veg all topped with juicy gravy. There was also a selection of desserts to choose from. A scrummy meal as always, Alyson thank you so much and not forgetting her helpers. Thank you.

After clearing away we had four horse racing games. There were sixteen runners in all and the winner from each race went head to head to find an overall winner. Suffice to say the four overall winners each won an Easter Egg. After the races we had our raffle and finished the afternoon with Bingo.

We have several members poorly so would like to wish them all a speedy recovery.

It is with sadness that one of our founder members passed away recently, Mrs Phyllis Williams. On behalf of the Friday Club we would like to send our condolences to her family.

Our AGM is next on the Agenda. It will be held in April where new officers will be elected.

That's all from me for now.

Yvonne



Brownies

Our 100 year celebrations for Thinking Day for Brownies and Guides was held at Dover Town Hall. I joined Whitfield Brownies as I was on my own and we did the action song 'Heads, Shoulders, Knees and Toes'. My other favourite songs that we sang together were 'Percy the Palefaced Polar Bear', 'Never Trust a Scout' and 'The Big Buffalo Song'.

Erin

Temple Ewell Brownies has places for girls aged 7+. We have moved our meetings to the Baptist Church Hall in the High Street. We still meet on Fridays from 7-7.30pm. To join go online to GirlGuidinguk.com.

Brown Owl



R.C. McDONALD

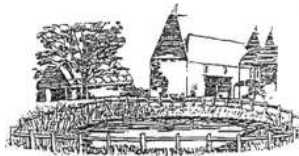
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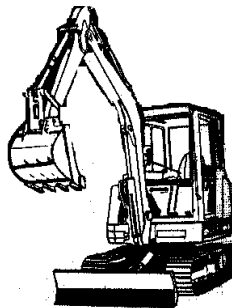
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Parish Church of St Peter & St Paul

April services – to which we warmly welcome you.

Our Sunday Club meets every Sunday during term time at 10.30am

Wednesday 2nd	School Service 2pm 1st Meditation on the Stations of the Cross (Lady Chapel) 6pm
Sunday 6th	Fifth Sunday of Lent (Passion Sunday) PARISH EUCHARIST 10.30 a.m.
Wednesday 9th	2nd Meditation on the Stations of the Cross (Lady Chapel) 6pm
Saturday 12th	Holy Baptism of Madelein Aimee Walsh 11.30am
Sunday 13th	Palm Sunday – Holy Week begins Procession from the George & Dragon (with pony & palms) 10.15am PARISH EUCHARIST 10.30am
Tuesday 15th	Chrism Mass at the Cathedral - 12 noon
Maundy Thursday	at St. Anthony's Alkham for the Western Ministry Area 17th Sung Mass with Footwashing 7.30 p.m. (Celebrant & Preacher – The Archbishop)
Good Friday 18th	Walk of Witness with the Archbishop (assemble at Dover Town Council Offices) 10.30am Liturgy, Ante-Communion & Veneration of the Cross 2pm
Holy Saturday 19th	Candlelit Easter Vigil 8pm
Easter Sunday 20th	PARISH EUCHARIST OF EASTER 10.30am
Sunday 27th	PARISH EUCHARIST (Celebrant & Preacher; Fr. Peter Sherred) 10.30am

(Annual Church Meeting – Wednesday 30th - Millennium Hall 7.30pm)

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

Later this month, through moving and very meaningful liturgy, the Church invites us to make a spiritual journey with Christ to his Cross and there to deeply ponder the stunning generosity of God's love. Yes, on Good Friday our churches are deliberately stark and the liturgy similarly reflects the sacrifice of the Cross, but like it or not, it is only by making this special journey that we can truly celebrate the joy and victory over sin and death of Easter Day when in Church there will be beautiful flowers and music and vestments and the altar frontals all reflecting that joy.

As I write, and after the dreadful rain and storms, for a moment the weather is beautiful and nature tells it's own Resurrection story as warmth and sunshine sets off the beauty and power of Spring sweeping away the Winter.

'God has written the Resurrection story not in books, but in every leaf of Springtime!' *Martin Luther*

It was mid-February that Doris Knight was commended to God, the garden of her cottage next to The Fox having already been completely cleared away for development. But almost instantly and defiantly new life had sprung up from the flattened earth as the heads of bluebells, crocuses and daffodils appeared – a beautiful sign for those who showed her kindness and prayed for her soul!

At St.Mary's, Lydden (mid March) with much love and thankfulness we commended our very dear friend Peter Marsh to God, whose gentle poem 'Where?' (July 2010) I think rather reflects something of all these things.

I can not see Him – I can not feel Him
Yet I believe He's there
And since He made me and all things
Should I not seek Him, in all things

To find Him, take time I say
To swim a lake or climb a hill
To listen to the cello's trill
Or baby's happy gurgle still

Sit with eyes closed in quiet meditation
And take in the beauty without agitation
Because He's there in the cooing of a dove
And a family's one another's love

Now I know for me, He's there
In the agony of Gethsemane's fear
And the ultimate sacrifice, it's clear;
He's there – He's there for me!

Fr. Paul

NB.

The Archbishop of Canterbury is to spend much of Holy Week in the Dover Deanery exploring life, ministry and witness and sharing our worship. This will mean there will be one or two changes to our usual pattern of services. Please see the notices of services when they appear, in case of any changes to those published in the Newsletter.

**The Church has a new Facebook page :-
<https://www.facebook.com/templewellpepaul>**



Sunday Club

We have enjoyed our rehearsals for Mothering Sunday and look forward to our craft event and lunch before Easter.

Primary school aged children are welcome to come and join us on Sunday mornings at 10.30am in the Millennium Hall.



Tea for Two

Our 'T 4 2' project is progressing well and anyone can host a tea with a donation gratefully received by the Church. An invitation pack can be obtained from Jenny Miles on 824280. This is a lovely way to meet with friends and could be a good excuse to invite friends we 'keep meaning to ring'!

It is a lovely excuse to get together!

St Peter & St Paul

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EASTER



What a theme! It has it all. The mysteries of life are encapsulated in this event. The problem of pain, the loss of a child, the resulting desolation and hopelessness. Punishment for wrongdoing, the innocent suffering. God providing in a miraculous way, victory replacing defeat. Life following death which is a reversal of the natural order: life having no end.

There was blackness over all the land but on the third day Jesus rose again. His mission for us was accomplished. John's gospel chapter 14 says that because Jesus lives, you also will live.

Our activities continue as usual:

Sunday Family Service: 10.30am

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.

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At the time of writing we are looking forward to going to Camber on Friday 21st March and are very excited to go.

We meet up every Friday to enjoy a chat, playing darts and each other's company.

Sophie

PAMPERED CHEF INTERACTIVE COOKING SHOW



On the 12 March Temple Ewell Newsletter was pleased to host a Pampered Chef evening as part of their fund raising programme for 2014. About 30 of us were welcomed with a glass of wine or soft drink before settling down to what was a very enjoyable evening.

Two willing guests were invited to be the 'cooks' for the evening and

they ably demonstrated, under the guidance of our Pampered Chef expert, the versatility, quality, durability and multifunctionality (!) of their amazing kitchen tools and implements.

The Chocolate sponge and Chocolate Brownies were the excellent result of the demonstration and these were enthusiastically devoured by the audience, (now I know what the 'interactive' element was!!)

Guests from the Women's Institute, Temple Ewell Players, from River, Whitfield and, of course, the village, went on to purchase some very nice equipment to add to their kitchen collection. With the opportunity to purchase another glass or two the Raffle proved popular with several winners, some of whom were lucky enough to win Pampered Chef items.

Our thanks to those who attended in helping to boost our Newsletter funds but also for hopefully having a very enjoyable Wednesday night out!

Please look out for further Temple Ewell Newsletter fund raising events. We look forward to seeing you there

Jenny Olpin



Temple Ewell W.I.

At our March meeting we entertained members from other WI's for our group's 96th birthday celebration. Local genealogist Peter Ewart gave an interesting talk, illustrated with a power point presentation and entitled 'Bridging Two Worlds - from Zululand to Kent and back'. After the presentation we enjoyed refreshments and birthday cake.

Our next meeting is on April 10th and visitors are welcome.



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At last, following a long wet winter, the season appears to be turning a corner and we have had some really warm spring days. For those of us who enjoy gardening or for those who have a plot on an allotment to grow their own vegetables and flowers, there is but a small window of time with which to sow seeds, take cuttings or prepare the ground for sowing. Those of us who undertake gardening in their own gardens or on an allotment will find a therapeutic effect carrying out what are simple tasks, though at times physically demanding. The health benefits are many, the mental therapy of being able to carry out what may appear to others as a mundane task, however that task allows you to relax, to become lost in your thoughts or to plan for an event at some time in the future. The physical effort uses a multiple of muscles around your body which will in turn consume calories, plus you are out in the open allowing your body to absorb that vital vitamin D, which may ward off some ailments.

Being out working the ground in this way should make you more aware of nature and the immediate environment, so you will understand that you would not entertain cutting your hedges after February to prevent disturbing nesting birds, thus, hopefully some of our diminishing bird species such as the Sparrow, Blue Tits, Starlings and some of the Finches that were so plentiful in the 1970s may gradually build to their numbers of a few decades ago. Basically one can enjoy the benefits of the countryside to improve both mental and physical health and it does not cost a penny.

There are many ways to enjoy the countryside even if you do not want to work in the garden, you can walk, jog, run, ride or drive. These can be all done on Public Rights of Way, by using Footpaths, Byways, and Bridleways, Restricted Byways, Permissive Paths or Green lanes. But who may use these various routes? Here is a simple explanation for your reference.

A Footpath is for use by pedestrians and dogs kept on a lead. The footpath is denoted by a yellow arrow. A Bridleway can be used by pedestrians, horse riders, pedal cyclists. Pedal cyclists should give way to horse riders, horse riders and pedal cyclists are required to give way to pedestrians. Bridleways are denoted by blue arrows.

A Restricted Byway can be shared by pedestrians, horse riders, pedal cyclists and non motorised vehicles. Bear in mind the word “motorised” is not restricted to an internal combustion engine, it can apply to an electric engine too. Restricted Byways are denoted by mauve arrows.

A Byway can be shared by pedestrians, horse riders, pedal cyclists and certain motorised vehicles. These Byways are clearly denoted on ordinance survey maps. A Permissive path is a route across private land that the owner of that land permits to be used as a footpath, bridleway or a road. The landowner can withdraw per-

mission or vary the route. These routes are denoted by a black or white arrow. A Green lane is not a legal definition for a "right of way." Green Lanes may carry all of the above or have no rights of way at all.

Vehicle users and horse riders should be aware that they are not exempt from certain aspects of the Road Traffic Act regarding offences such as "wanton furious driving or riding."

Cllr Geoffrey Lymer

Kearsney Walk - 6.1 miles - starts at Kearsney Abbey Car Park

To get a map of this walk go to - <http://www.walkinginkent.co.uk/dover.php>
(other Dover walks also available to download)

1. Walk out of car park entrance and cross the road. Go R along the footpath, then take the narrow road to the L (Scotland Common) and continue up steep hill; the road leads onto a track. Follow track until you see red & blue arrows on R and yellow arrow on L, take L path and continue through wood to a stile, follow path across the field keeping bushes to L until you reach a paddock with a gate and stile to the L.

2. After crossing stile go to L of large tree and continue straight ahead. Go down the hill and turn R (army land ahead). When you reach the road cross WITH CARE and continue through the farm and up hill through three gates. Path now turns the R, (do not go through the gate on L) follow line of field fence until you reach a wooded area.

3. Follow track ahead through the wood until you reach the road. Turn R and look for a stile on the L (app 100yds) at passing place on the road. After crossing stile continue across the field; numerous buildings come into view ahead, and where a path crosses in front of you take the path to the L, turn L and continue along the concrete road, passing the ruins of St Radigund's Abbey, B, until you cross cattle grid.

4. Turn R on Abbey Road towards Dover, WITH CARE continue for app 1300 yds; when the road starts to go down hill take the road to the L. At FP sign on R at app 100 yds, take path through the bushes (if you go to R off the path a few yards you can get a good view of the Castle, Town and Harbour). Then continue until you reach waymarker, where you take path to the L to zigzag following markers through bushes down the hill and onto a small playing field; the path continues along the back of the houses and down steps onto Lewisham Road.

5. Cross road and walk to the R, (athletic ground on opposite side of road). Continue to next junction. (Look up towards the railway bridge opposite. Where the 1st bungalow now stands, in 1917, a tram overturned causing the deaths of 11 passengers.) Turn L into Lower Road. (Buildings on right are the old Crabble Paper Mill, and further along the road you will see the Corn Mill - D.)

6. After the Mill the road goes R over a narrow road bridge and further on you lose sight of the river behind the houses. Pass the Royal Oak Public House, and later the village shop; continue on till you see the Dublin Man of War Public House. Cross the road into Minnis Lane and turn through a small gate on your R; this path leads into the Abbey grounds and back to the Car Park.

This walk was originally published on a calendar produced by White Cliffs Group.

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Village Folk



I am delighted to report that this month's guest is **Jasper Hagger**. Many of you may have seen his name listed in various amateur dramatic programmes, or even know him by sight as, being a non driver, he is often seen walking to and from the Village Hall.

Jasper was born in Cambridge, the son of a tenant farmer to Wimpole Hall, a sprawling country estate. He recounts an amusing - and true - story of Lord Clifton, the then owner of Wimpole Hall, getting dressed one morning when he spotted a village woman watching him from the road. He was so incensed by the intrusion into his privacy that he had the whole village (except the Church) moved 1/2 mile down the road!! Those were the days...

Life was blissfully happy for the young Jasper until age 14 when his father sadly died. Unable to look after the farm, his mother was offered a job in the prison service and Jasper moved in with relatives in Norfolk to complete his schooling. His mother visited him as often as she could and he was always keen to hear her stories. The most famous person she guarded was while working in Holloway Prison where she met the infamous Christine Keeler ("a very nice lady"!!). For those readers unaware of the history, this very glamorous woman was involved in a major sex scandal in the 1960s which involved some very senior politicians. Apparently, after she had been convicted, some strings were pulled and she was given the much sought after role of working in the prison library - which she hated. She therefore accepted the alternative role of scrubbing floors (huh?).

A promotion in 1966 meant his mother accepted a job at Dover Borstal which came with a tied bungalow so Jasper was then able to join her again.

Having completed his education, Jasper had aspirations of becoming a Marine Insurance Broker but in the 1960s, fewer but bigger ships were being built, thereby reducing the demand for Broking services.

Having looked long and hard at the job opportunities available to him in the area, he decided to apply for a position with the Automobile Association who were one of the major employers in the Dover area. They had large offices situated inside Dover Port as apart from the services we are all aware of, they also used to book ferry tickets. A successful interview followed and Jasper was offered the role as Temporary Assistant Port Officer. He chuckles to recall the temporary part of this title as he says, 33 years later he was still there!!! Jasper loved every minute of working for the AA. He was mainly involved with the ferry crossings as this was pre-computer days so everything had to be written out by hand (usually in triplicate!!) so the administration was quite onerous for passengers travelling from the UK into Europe.

- The statistic he quoted that quite amazed me was that there were 3 ferries a day to Calais - each ferry capable of taking 120 cars, 2 ferries daily to Boulogne and 2 to Ostend.
- Only cars were permitted to travel - lorries and vans travelled to Europe from alternative ports. In the early 1970, Townsend Thoresen was the first company to introduce freight cargo from Dover and subsequently - as indeed we are all firmly aware - the transportation of freight has escalated massively.
- Did you know that there used to be a train service from London which left at midnight, arriving at Dover docks where the entire train would be loaded onto a ferry and transported to Dunkirk? Arriving at Dunkirk the train would be split into two - one part travelling by rail to Paris and the remainder by rail to Brussels.

During his employment with the AA, Jasper was promoted through the ranks subsequently attaining the title of Chief Port Officer in charge of a team of 14 people. He has never wanted to travel from Dover and why should he? This is still the main port in the UK and busier with each passing year.

In 1998, Jasper was made redundant and recalls fondly the night he and 7 fellow Officers celebrated by travelling to Calais and back as foot passengers in the Champagne lounge. No, I don't think many would have believe any staggering seen that night was due to surging tides!!

As he was in his early 50s Jasper felt he was not ready to retire so finding himself free, he decided to turn his attention to the theatre which had always been of great interest to him. His mother had introduced him to amateur dramatics when he was about 12 years old and his love for the theatre has never abated since.

Channel Theatre Group was a band of actors Jasper became involved with, learning and flexing his skills as a set builder, stage manager, sound engineer and general help backstage. The company was a professional one although all the helpers backstage were voluntary. They performed all over the South East of England at many venues and Jasper recalls fondly his time in Brighton when they were performing there for several weeks. He told me that in his "theatrical digs", he awoke one morning and threw back his curtains to see the sky an odd colour. Deciding to investigate, he hurried outside to be met by the unforgettable sight of Brighton's West Pier engulfed in flames. Luckily he had his camera with him and managed to take images of the destruction every 20 minutes.

In addition to Channel Theatre, he has been a member of the Temple Ewell Players for many years and has served at different times as Chairman, Treasurer, Stage Manager plus some acting too. He currently forms part of the organisation team who are responsible for "front of house" at all productions held.

The next time you attend a play or panto at the Village Hall, the chances are it will be Jasper who shows you to your seat. He is always ready with a smile and a kind word and a valued member of our village.

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The law

There is no automatic right to compensation.

The law gives a defence to us as a highway authority against claims for compensation in recognition that the highway network cannot remain in a perfect condition at all times and defects will arise.

We have a duty to take reasonable steps to maintain the highway network within our jurisdiction. The steps taken depend on the classification of the road. We will not have to compensate if we can demonstrate we took reasonable steps to maintain the highway. This means inspections and repairs were carried out as planned or reported.

In order for a claim to succeed, there must be clear evidence we have been negligent in our role as the highway authority. The fact a defect may have developed within the highway network and caused damage does not in itself mean we are liable to pay compensation.

Because of the legal defence available the majority of compensation claims are unsuccessful.

Before claiming

Please think carefully before you submit a claim.

We investigate all claims so even the cost of us processing your request diverts money away from important frontline services.

Any compensation is paid out from public money, so we will always remain robust in justifying the claim.

What happens if I make a claim?

- * You will need to complete a claim form with full and accurate details. Only once you have provided full details will your claim be processed.
- * The circumstances of your claim will then be carefully investigated by us.

You may be required to attend a site meeting with an official.

- * Once the circumstances of your claim have been investigated, you will be informed in writing of our view on liability. If we are unable to meet your request for compensation you will be provided with a written explanation for this decision.

How is a claim decided?

All claims are investigated and decided on an individual basis. The decision on liability will be based on the facts of each case and the law. Ultimately, it is only a court that can decide if we are liable to pay compensation. We are mindful of a court's likely interpretation of each claim when making a decision on liability. If it is considered that a court would not award compensation then a claim will be rejected.

Evidence of damage or financial loss

The law requires you to keep your losses to a minimum meaning you remain responsible for arranging repairs as soon as possible. Original repair documents and receipts will always be required in support of your claim.

If the cost of repairs are is likely to exceed £500 we may wish to inspect the damaged property before repairs are carried out.

Professional fees

You have the right to seek independent legal or other professional advice. It would be inappropriate for us to advise you whether or not to instruct a third party to act on your behalf.

We have well-established procedures for dealing with compensation claims, which remain the same whether you make a claim directly or through a third party. Even if we accept liability for your incident, you may not be entitled to recover any professional fees incurred.

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If you haven't already reported the fault please complete our online fault reporting form.
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The full Parish Council meets on the last Tuesday of the month (excluding August & 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 the village shop, Southdown Stores, and on the Parish Council website.

Contact details for councilors are on the website:

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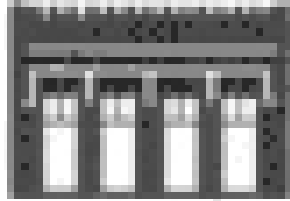
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In hotel rooms I worry. I can't be the only guy who sits on the furniture naked.
Jonathan Katz

The best cure for sea sickness, is to sit under a tree.
Spike Milligan

The only reason they say 'Women and children first' is to test the strength of the lifeboats.
Jean Kerr

How often have I tried to take holidays, to get away from myself, my own boring nature, my insufferable mental surroundings! But always without success.
Aldous Huxley, Crome Yellow

The first piece of luggage on the carousel never belongs to anyone.
George Roberts

My experience in Amsterdam is that cyclists ride where the hell they like and aim in a state of rage at all pedestrians while ringing their bell loudly, the concept of avoiding people being foreign to them.

My dream holiday would be a) a ticket to Amsterdam b) immunity from prosecution and c) a baseball bat.

Terry Pratchett

Holidays: Two weeks on the sunny sands - and the rest of the year on the financial rocks.

Sam Ewing

AND FINALLY

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Amanda Bradley



HAPPY HOLIDAYS !



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

Dear Readers

Are there any budding journalists out there that would like to contribute to this Newsletter? Either a regular column (like our Village Folk piece) or one-offs are welcome, either by email or in the old fashioned way with pen and paper.

They say we all have a book in us - why not start with a small article?

Do you have a hobby that people might find interesting? Do you have some historical information about the village or local area?

Or what about a short story? Or something pet-related?

It would be good to hear from more of you on this letters page too.

I look forward to hearing from you!

Editor

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