

# Temple Ewell Newsletter

Issue 1



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## EDITORIAL

Dear Readers,

A warm welcome to the first edition of the Temple Ewell newsletter. To start with, a big thank you to Marian Middlebrook for the "The Lyte" magazine, 20 years of dedication and hard work. We all hope that you are enjoying your retirement.

The response of support to the new newsletter has been exceptional, and we wish to thank everyone who has contributed to this first issue. A special thank you to the Parish Council for their grant and the distributors. Without the community, this magazine would not exist.

We hope there are articles and adverts to interest everyone, from "The Village Beat" by P.C. Ian Foster to "Rabbit Care" by Andrew Wills from the Maison Dieu Vet Centre.

The newsletter will be distributed to every house in the village, 10 months of the year. There will be no copies January or August. We hope you enjoy this first issue and many more to come - please keep the contributions coming in. Your comments will be welcome; my address is on the inside back page. Alternatively you can email on the address below.

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## **Parish Council News**

### **The Sale of the George & Dragon Community Centre**

This sale has been a protracted one, but on 30th June 2000, Cedar Tree Printers became the new owners of the George & Dragon building. It was at the Annual Parish Meeting, held in April 1999, that the sale of this property appeared as an item on the agenda, purposely included as all parishioners were eligible to attend that meeting and exercise their voting rights. After discussion it was formally agreed that the sale should go ahead. Your Parish Council recommended this course of action as the George & Dragon had not altogether fulfilled the high hopes that the then council had for it when it purchased the building in 1985. It certainly never became a real Community Centre, it was underused and the precept payers of Temple Ewell have been paying out for the repayment of the loan taken out for the purchase.

However, the present council defended the action of the 1985 council in making the initial purchase and now that the sale has been completed certain assets of the original sale have been retained and safeguarded for the village as a whole. Cedar Tree Printers have only bought the building - the upper and lower car parks and Dragon Wood are still in the possession of the Parish Council for the use and enjoyment of all. Covenants have been included in the sale which ensure that the appearance of the exterior of the building will not be altered and that no future applications for development can be approved without the full permission of Temple Ewell Parish Council. Throughout lengthy negotiations your Parish Council has aimed to do its utmost to safeguard the interests of the residents of Temple Ewell.

The council wishes the new owners continuing good fortune and prosperity in their business. Steve and Mike have become good friends of Temple Ewell.

For the good news - as a result of the sale the Parish Council's deposit account has been increased by money in the region of £60,000. This is obviously money which truly belongs to the precept-payers of Temple Ewell over several years (although the Parish Council, in its role of guardianship, must have the ultimate decision on how it is spent).

Therefore as a first step, we are inviting ideas from you, the parishioners, to give suggestions as to how this money can be spent for the good of our village and as many residents as possible. We must not come to any hasty decisions and this consultation process could be a lengthy one, but please, please start the ball rolling by filling in the accompanying sheet with your suggestions. The sheet has deliberately been left blank so that the views put forward are your own and not any pre-suggested by the council. Return the sheet to the box provided in the village shop by 31st October. We are hoping for a big response and we will keep you well informed of future moves.



This seems a really good starting point for our new village Newsletter - please involve yourselves and your friends and neighbours in the consultation process in the hope that Temple Ewell will gain a long term asset(s).

#### **The War Memorial**

July 2000 saw the restoration of our village war memorial in the churchyard. The monument was in sore need of cleaning and re-lettering and the Parish Council hopes that all are pleased with the result.

#### **Temple Ewell Village Sign**

We hope you will all approve of the new village sign, which has been commissioned to celebrate the Millennium. The sign is to be erected in the centre of the village, on the grass verge adjacent to the Baptist Chapel, and will be unveiled in a ceremony on Saturday 21st October at 12 noon. Please come along and join in this happy event.

Joan Parkin  
(Chair Person - Temple Ewell Parish Council)

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## Village Diary

### October 2000

- 1st: Parish Eucharist 10:30
- 5th: Coffee break, Temple Ewell Village Hall, 10:00 am
- 6th: School Harvest Festival, 9:15 am.  
Friday Club, Fish & Chips Lunch 12:30  
Temple Ewell Players presents "It's a scream",  
Village Hall, 7:30 pm
- 7th: Baptist Church Coffee Morning, 10-12 am  
Temple Ewell Players presents "It's a scream",  
Village Hall, 7:30 pm
- 8th: St. Peter & St. Paul Harvest Festival, 10:30 am followed by lunch
- 12th: An evening of entertainment, Temple Ewell Village Hall, 7:30 pm
- 13th: Coffee Morning in aid of the Lavender Trust 09:30-12 am, River  
Village Hall  
An evening of entertainment, Temple Ewell Village Hall, 7:30 pm
- 14th: An evening of entertainment, Temple Ewell Village Hall, 7:30 pm  
Church Gift Day, 9:30 am - 1:30 pm, Seat by the Hairdressers
- 15th: Parish Eucharist, 10:30 am  
Songs of Praise, Canterbury Cathedral, 6:30 pm
- 18th: Holy Eucharist, 10:00 am
- 19th: Coffee break, Temple Ewell Village Hall, 10:00 am
- 20th: Deanery Synod
- 21st: Village Sign Unveiling by Baptist Church, 12 noon
- 22nd: Family Eucharist for carers in the community, 10:30 am
- 23rd: Village Hall AGM
- 27th: Temple Ewell District Produce Association AGM, Temple Ewell  
Village Hall, 7:30 pm
- 28th: Walsingham Festival at Rochester Cathedral, 10:00 am  
Wine & Wisdom in aid of the Lavender Trust,  
Temple Ewell Village Hall, 7:30 pm
- 30th: Parish Council Meeting, Lower Village Hall, 7:15 pm

### November 2000

- 1st: Baptist Church Coffee Morning, 10am - 12 noon. Tear Fund goods  
available.
- 2nd: All Souls Requiem Mass, St Mary's Lydden, 7:30 pm  
Photographer at Playgroup, 8:45 - 9:45 am. Lower Village Hall.
- 5th: Joint Parish Eucharist for All Saints, 10:30 am.

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## **ST PETER & ST PAUL CHURCH**

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

We are pleased to be able to see our children back in Sunday School after the summer break.

We had a lovely outing to Parsonage Farm in the holidays and will do something together during the Christmas holiday.

During October we shall make a banner to be carried in Rochester Cathedral and join the family Eucharist for carers and the community. All children are welcome in the Millennium Hall from 10.30am on Sunday mornings.

### **CHRISTMAS BAZAAR 2000**

Our church Christmas Bazaar is on SATURDAY 25th NOVEMBER this year and is one of our most important fund raising events. If you have any goods suitable for raffle, tombola, Christmas gifts and decorations stall and bring a bag please save them until the day or call Jenny Miles on 284280 for collection.

Details about our visit from Father Christmas to his Temple Ewell grotto on December 9th will appear next month.

### **HARVEST FESTIVAL**

The school Harvest Festival service is on Friday 6th October at 9.15am and as in previous years the gifts will be for St Lawrence childrens hospice in Romania. The church will be decorated for our Harvest Festival Eucharist on Sunday 8th October followed by the family harvest lunch in the Millennium Hall. Please give names to June Vardon on 823359 for the lunch to help with the catering arrangements.

### **EVENING OF ENTERTAINMENT**

There is to be an evening of entertainment in the village hall on Thursday 12th Oct, Friday 13th Oct and Saturday 14th October. This promises to be a fun evening with the songs, sketches and drama being provided by local talent. Proceeds are for church funds. Tickets are £4 and details will be posted around the village nearer the time.

### **WALSINGHAM FESTIVAL DAY**

On Saturday 28th October Walsingham Festival Day will be held at Rochester Cathedral. The programme for the day is as follows:

10a.m. Stations of the Cross 12noon Celebrated Mass  
1.30p.m. Picnic Lunch 2.30p.m. Sprinkling of water and laying on of hands  
3.15p.m. Cathedral Evensong

### **ALL SOUL'S REQUIEM MASS**

This year All Soul's Requiem Mass is on Thursday 2nd November at St Mary's Church, Lydden.

If you have a departed loved one or friend you wish to have remembered please let Father Paul have their names a week before.

### **CHURCH CLEANING ROTA**

Oct 7th P. Pain / J. Vardon  
Oct 14th J. Miles / E. Davis  
Oct 21st S. Massey / M. Middlebrook  
Oct 28th J. Kennett / B. Steigar

### **READERS FOR OCTOBER**

Oct 1st S. Elliott E. Waller  
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Oct 15th R. Pain C. Roberts  
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## **TEMPLE EWELL BAPTIST CHURCH**

### **PART OF THE BAPTIST FAMILY IN DOVER**

At the birth of a new venture in the production of the magazine, is a good time to introduce ourselves and tell you who we are and what we are doing. There has been a Baptist group in this village for over two hundred years and we have worshipped in our present building since 1895. We believe that God is concerned with our problems and difficulties and wants to take an active part in our lives. This means that we have to respond to the love that God has shown us and reflect that same love in our dealings with others.

Each Sunday morning we meet for our service at 10.30am and we invite you to join us then. On Tuesday afternoons the ladies meet for a varied programme and you are assured of a welcome then. Each Friday afternoon during term time we have a Children's Club for those attending primary school. Our activities include games, story telling, singing, musical instruments and handicrafts.

We have two coffee mornings planned in the near future, on Saturday, 7th October and on Wednesday, 1st November. Both from 10am to noon. On the November morning we shall have a display of goods from Tear Fund, which includes some unusual and reasonably priced Christmas presents.

We are here to serve you, and if you require further information or we can help you in any way, please contact our Pastor on over 211556 or a member of our Leadership team on 827341 or 823489.

## **DOVER DEANERY WOMANS FELLOWSHIP**

On Wednesday 6th Sept about 40 members met at St Peter & St Paul Church, Eythorne. The service was taken by Rev. Margeurite and was assisted by Rev Michael Rankin. We went to the Resource Centre for dinner afterwards. It was sausage, mash, baked and green beans with mousse for dessert. Thanks to the very efficient Eythorne team.

After dinner Rev Rankin gave us all a kaleidoscope and explained how he likened the pictures to our lives. Sometimes lights - or dark, and every picture is different, just like us. He also spoke of the missionary work of Sams. A very interesting and enlightening talk.

**Our next meeting is at: Buckland Parish Hall - Dover  
Thursday 16th November at 7.00pm**

The service is in the hall and the speaker is Mrs Sheila Swan. If you would like to join us and need transport please contact Jean on 823692



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**Police news from P.C. Ian Foster,  
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Over the coming months, in conjunction with Neighbourhood Watch on the Internet, we aim to bring you information and advice that will help you feel safer in your car, at home, in the office or when you go on holiday. We have teamed up with leading industry experts to provide you with up to the minute advice on crime prevention and personal safety issues. Each month we will address a topic that is in the news, or that has been highlighted by one of our readers like yourself. So if you have a concern about any area of crime why not contact us and we will consider it for a future issue.

If you are unfortunate enough to come home and find your house has been broken into, [burgled.com](http://www.burgled.com) can help you find out exactly what help is available, including information about the Burgled Helpline. Launched as a national service in September, the Burgled Helpline provides an emergency telephone line for those who have been burgled. After reporting the burglary to the police, one further call will allow victims to access emergency glazing and locksmiths as well as those who can advise on better home security, quote on replacements for items stolen, help the victim with their insurance claim and produce a record of property owned as a protection against future loss. The service will be supported by a nation-wide team of retired police officers with crime prevention experience, available to compliment the crime prevention support to burglary victims offered by serving police officers.

Visit the website at <http://www.burgled.com> for more information.  
Other sites of interest include [www.nwatch.org.uk](http://www.nwatch.org.uk) and [www.crimeweb.org](http://www.crimeweb.org)  
Also for special offers on security and safety products -  
<http://www.security-world.com/system/index.html>

If anyone is interested in volunteering to assist in the Neighbourhood Watch Office, contact P C Foster at Deal Police Station or email to [ddanw@lineone.net](mailto:ddanw@lineone.net)

A final note on mobile phones -

Please ensure that you either mark in some way or put your name and address under the battery of your phone. The police have many handed in to them and are unable to identify who they belong to, so consequently they are destroyed.

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## **DISTRICT NEWS**

Revised Timetable for the Library Van:-  
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The Fox PH at 3.25-3.50pm

Old public convenience, London Road - we were all taken by surprise when the bus shelter was demolished, but Roger Walton of the District Council assures me the exterior of the remaining building will be tidied up at the council's expense and that a new bus shelter is to be provided closer to the layby at the bottom of the bank.

Recycling - the possibility of further recycling banks being provided by the District Council at the rear George and Dragon car park has been looked into. However, the access for servicing vehicles has been found to be unsuitable. Unless an alternative site can be found we must make do with just the paper bank. This is a shame because the village could have benefited from funds raised by the recycling.

Kearsney Abbey - the controversy about the swans continues. A petition doing the rounds asks the question 'do you wish swans to remain at Kearsney Abbey where they have lived for hundreds of years?' I think we would all answer yes to that one. However, this is a misleading question. No-one is proposing to move all the swans, only to bring the numbers down and for the artificial feeding to stop. The swans are far outnumbered by seagulls, who are opportunist birds that have been encouraged inland by the quantity of bread that's been made available. We can only hope that the action being taken by the District Council will help to discourage the seagulls, that end up nesting on our chimneys and 'bombing' our vehicles.

How many remember the Abbey Lake when it was full of greenery, with sticklebacks, tadpoles and even trout in abundance? Wouldn't it be great if it could be like that again?

Jeanette.

### **PARENTS**

Do you know where your teenagers are at night?

We have reports of young people aged between 12 and 18 congregating in the playing field at night, sometimes till 2am. It is known that they often have alcohol and in this day and age it's quite likely that there may be drugs present. These youngsters could be in danger!

They are also causing considerable noise and nuisance to neighbours of the field. The police may soon become involved.

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**The venue is - Temple Ewell Village Hall**

**The date is - Friday 6th and Saturday 7th October 2000**

**The box office is - Temple Ewell Post Office or Telephone No 01304 827100**

**The time is - 7.30p.m.**

**Cost of ticket - £5 and are now on sale**

The seating arrangements are at tables and you are asked to bring your own drinks and glasses. We will provide a few nibbles.

We look forward to seeing you.

Temple Ewell Players have been in existence since 1971 and still have a nucleus of founder members - we welcome any people who feel they have something to offer by way of scenery making, costume making and of course the ability to act, sing, dance. If you are interested or know anyone who would like to join us please speak to someone on the night or telephone our Chairman, Paul Booth on 01304 612457.

## **TEMPLE EWELL MILLENNIUM CELEBRATIONS**

Now Temple Ewell has finished its official celebrations and events it is the appropriate time to thank all the village organisations and individuals who worked so hard to make it such a good and memorable year. It was so pleasant to be able to do all the celebrations without the worry of fund raising and our thanks go to Dover District Council and the Millennium Lottery Fund. If any child under the age of 12 who lives in the village or goes to Temple Ewell School didn't receive a medallion please call Jenny Miles on 824280

### **Temple Ewell & District Produce Association**



The Annual General Meeting will be held on  
Friday 27th October 2000 at 7:30 pm  
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## **TEMPLE EWELL PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP**

Dear all,

The Playgroup continues to run. We have welcomed the children back after the long lazy(!!!) summer holiday and extended a warm welcome to our new children and their parents.

We also wish all the children who left to start 'big' school good luck in their new adventure.

Due to the number of children leaving last term we have had to close on Fridays to help prevent playgroup running at a loss but will open on Fridays early next year as our pre-school session.

The playgroup is open 09:15am-13:00pm Monday to Thursday. Children bring a packed lunch. We only have a few places left.

The photographer will be coming into playgroup on the 2nd November 2000 between 8:45-9:45 to photograph the playgroup children, brothers and sisters welcome. Should anyone else wish to have their children's photograph taken please feel free to bring them into playgroup during this time.

Please contact Linda for further details on telephone number 07880-522533 (playgroup hours) or 823246 out of hours.

Parent and Toddler group has changed to a Monday 13:15-15:00, all pre-school children from any age and their parents, aunts, uncles, grandparents and carers are welcome. Come along for a chat and a cuppa (even a biscuit if the children haven't eaten them first!)

We would like to say Happy Birthday to Toby and Jacob who had their birthdays in September.

Linda, Bernadette and Lisa.

## **FRIDAY CLUB**

It is nice to be back in circulation again and we look forward to our first newsletter.

We restarted on Friday 1st September and had our usual meeting. Members enjoy a game of crib, whist or dominoes or just like a cup of tea, biscuit and a chat.

On the 7th Sept we invited people of Temple Ewell and Dover to join us for a ploughmans lunch and afternoon tea. We had music and they all seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves. We are always pleased to welcome new members. We start at 2p.m. every Friday.

On October 6th we are having a Fish & Chip lunch and we shall be serving at 12.30p.m. If you wish to join us just ring Ivy on 825721 before 17th October or Jean on 823692

Joan Smith.

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Mrs. L J Stuchbery  
Headteacher  
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Dear All

September heralds the start of a new school year and I am pleased to tell you that the children, including our new pupils, have all settled in well after the summer holidays.

We are delighted that the monthly magazine, distributed to all residents in Temple Ewell, is to continue and hope that you enjoy reading the first of our children's entries. Look out for some "self-portraits" from our new youngsters next month!

Yours sincerely

Mrs L J Stuchbery  
Headteacher

P.S. May I take this opportunity to thank you all, friends and well wishers, for sending us vouchers/tokens for the many schemes to provide resources for schools. We are still collecting for on-going schemes! Thanks to your tremendous support we acquired over 8,000 "computer" vouchers and decided to "bank" them ready for this year's scheme. Hopefully we will then be able to acquire another multimedia computer for the children.





Queen Victoria

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2000



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Became Queen in = 20<sup>th</sup> June 1838  
Parents = Duke & Duchess of Kent  
Married = 10<sup>th</sup> February 1840  
Children = Victoria, Edward, Alice, Alfred,  
Helena, Louise, Arthur, Leopold and Beatrice

Appearance = brown hair (always up), blue eyes, quite stern when she was older.

Francesca  
Mills Age 10

Thank you

Dear God

Thank you for the body I have  
and the world we have  
and the sun the rain and the moon.  
My family are special to me and my  
pets and home.

Amen Rhannon Davies

Age 8 1/2

Dear God

Thank-you for our homes and  
games to play  
For food to eat and drinks to  
drink.

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family.

For Schools and teachers.

Thank you for our toys

Amen

Georgia Reed Age 8



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## **TEMPLE EWELL W.I.**

At the September meeting in the Village Hall reports were given on a successful garden party held at the home of Mrs Betty Pilcher, a "Picnic at The Park" organised by the East Kent Federation and held at Godington Park near Ashford which 4 members enjoyed on a lovely sunny day in August and the hanging of our Millennium Picture in the village hall.

Our speaker Mrs Dawn Lambert had us in stitches with her anecdotes connected with her addiction to charity shops. We were shown an amazing variety of items including silk scarves, fur hats, handbags and umbrellas. Her crowning glory was a 30's cloche hat in black velvet covered with silver embroidery. Mrs Lambert was warmly thanked and will certainly be included in a future programme.

Final arrangements were made for our Italian evening on Sept 16th. Names will be taken next month for a trip to the Marlowe Theatre to see 'Kiss me Kate'.

A Darts and Social Evening is being arranged for Monday 16th October in the Lower Hall.

Our next meeting is on Thursday 12th October and please note this will be held in the Baptist Chapel. The speaker will be Mrs Jennifer Dunkley who will be giving a travel talk entitled "Around the world in 50 minutes" The competition is a holiday souvenir.

Betty.

## **TEMPLE EWELL BROWNIES**

The Brownies re-started on Friday 15th September with new girls from Lydden. We meet in the Lower Hall on Fridays from 6.00-7.00pm and places are available for girls of 7 and upwards.

Our next outing is to Howletts Zoo Park for an animal conservation day on Saturday 23rd September. A report by the girls will be in next month.

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Anne Newington

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Dear God

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help the people in different countries that don't  
have as much as us.

Amen

Rosie Beamish

Age: 8

Dear God

Thank you for a mum and Dad and a house.  
Thank you for a School and teachers.  
Thank you for some puppies and friends.  
Thank you for food and Water and Life.  
Thank you for shelter and TV.  
Thank you for toys and clothes and Books.

Amen.

Septemba Whitmore

age 8



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I am often pleasantly surprised with how prices compare to the supermarkets and how some things are actually cheaper! I bought a lovely clematis plant earlier in the year for only £3.99. This would have cost at least £5.99 at Homebase or B & Q. I always find the fruit and veg good value too.

A huge range of products is stocked and now Mick and Julie have mobile phone cards for sale - but they need customers to let them know which services they require cards for, to enable them to stock the right ones. Please let them know your requirements.

Many villages are losing their local shop, which can be disastrous for the elderly or others without transport. We must use our shop to prevent losing it. How about if we all make a conscious decision to spend at least £10 per week there? If everyone did this it would help to ensure we keep this valuable facility.

Jeanette

## "BUS STOP"

**Young people of Temple Ewell - this is YOUR page** - send in articles, letters etc., let us know what you think and like to do, also any good jokes (clean ones please!)

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Thank you.  
Jeanette.

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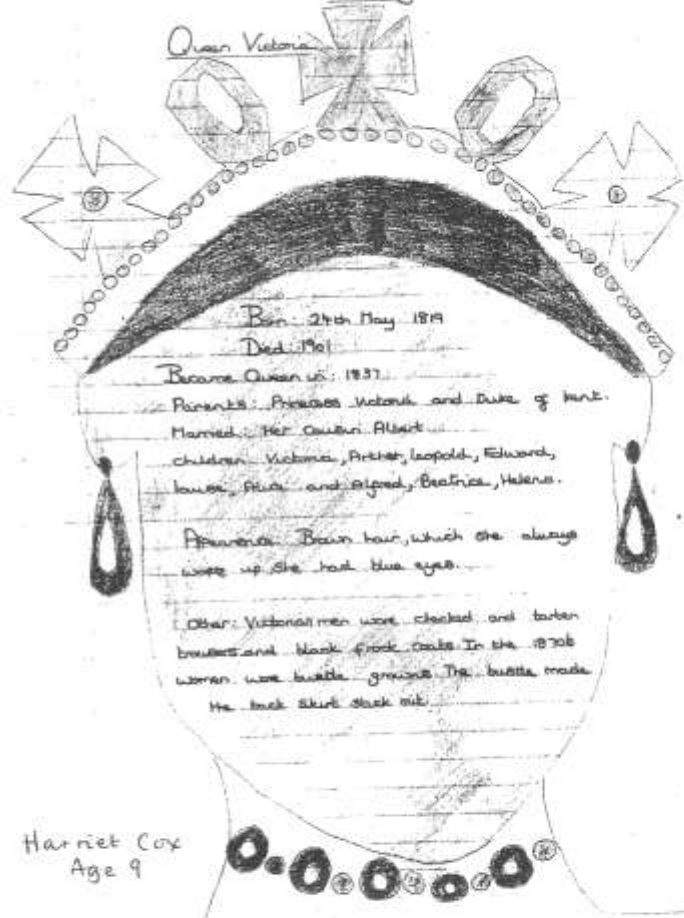
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Harriet Cox  
Age 9

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## ANIMAL JOTTINGS



### Care of Rabbits

Rather than lecturing everyone on our favourite creepy-crawlies, namely fleas and worms, I thought I would write this article about that popular, but often neglected, pet - the rabbit. However, the fleas and worms will return - literally!

Rabbits are now Britain's third most popular pet, and this is due more to the way that they fit in to people's busy lifestyles in this day and age than the prolific speed at which they breed. There are approximately 1.6 million pet rabbits in the United Kingdom today, and this number is increasing all the time. Vets are seeing more and more bunnies almost daily, and there is nothing nicer than finding we are preaching to the converted when informing owners as to the proper care of their new pets. However, depressingly, we still see a high number of irreversible problems which could so easily have been prevented if the poor creature presented to us with its runny eyes, snuffy nose, drooling mouth, diarrhoea had been looked after properly from the start. Most problems arise simply due to ignorance, so I hope some of my words will find their mark!

The most common abnormalities seen by our practice and other practices around the country relate to bad teeth. The vast majority of dental problems are caused by the long term feeding of an inadequate diet. Unfortunately, because rabbits are selective feeders, they often do not eat all of the diet given to them. Many proprietary brands of rabbit food are not balanced, and long-term feeding of many of these leads to calcium deficiency. This in turn leads to weak skull bones which causes the teeth to move out of position, leading to uneven wear of the teeth which are continually growing. This can lead to abscesses developing underneath the tooth roots, spikes developing on the ends of the teeth that tend to damage the tongue and cause severe pain on feeding, and impaction of the teeth themselves preventing them from growing. Impaction of the tooth roots leads to other problems for example blockage of the tear ducts and therefore chronic conjunctivitis.

Wild rabbits never develop dental problems. This is because their diet is made up mainly of grass and other vegetable matter. It is fair to say that if a pet rabbit is fed approximately 80% of its ration as grass or good-quality, sweet smelling hay, and 20% of its diet a good quality complete mix (see your vet for a recommended food), then it is very unlikely to develop dental problems and the associated conditions. Dental conditions, because they cause pain, often lead on to other problems such as a lack of grooming, which may in turn lead to soiling around the anus which predisposes to fly strike and maggot infestations. It sounds ghastly, but, sadly, it does happen. In addition, a high fibre diet is essential for good digestion, again reducing the amount of soiling.

In addition rabbits are social creatures that live in large groups. It's a good idea, therefore, to keep rabbits with at least one other rabbit, or a guinea pig if introduced at an early age. Obviously if two males (bucks) are kept together they may fight and should be castrated (neutered). However there are other health problems associated with the female rabbit, or doe, if she is unneutered. We now know that as many as half the does aged over five years will develop cancer of the uterus. Unless caught very early, which is unlikely, this disease is invariably fatal as the cancer spreads to other areas of the body, particularly the lungs. For this reason it is strongly recommended that all female rabbits, unless intended for breeding, should be spayed (neutered) at an early age. Recent developments in the anaesthesia of pet rabbits means that the complication rate, although still higher than that associated with the anaesthesia of other species such as cats and dogs, is far lower than it used to be, and we do not anaesthetise rabbits with the same fear and trepidation that we used to. As for housing, keeping a rabbit in a hutch with little or no access to a good run is

actually very cruel, and leads to boredom, soiling and obesity. Free access to a secure run is ideal - particularly if the run is grassed. Being outside also promotes Vitamin D production in the skin, just as for us, essential for healthy bones and teeth. Rabbits are great burrowers, so a close watch needs to be kept for holes! Beware of foxes though; the run does need to be secure. Building a large outdoor run could even be a fun project for Dad for a sunny weekend! If not, something like a chicken run would be suitable. The RSPCA has some excellent leaflets on housing rabbits - your vet should be able to either supply one or give you the telephone number of the RSPCA headquarters. Rabbits can even be successfully kept as house pets, they can be house trained, but still need access to fresh, good-quality hay. Many houseplants can be toxic to rabbits, and care must be taken as they delight in chewing wires, which obviously can be very dangerous. If you require further information on the housing and husbandry of rabbits, please do not hesitate to contact your veterinary practice for advice. Rabbits really do make great pets: they are lively, full of character and very sociable. Feeding them doesn't cost much, you don't have to take them out for walks, and they need very little grooming (angoras excepted). Let's give them the life they deserve.

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Several species of Orchid appear throughout the Summer, among them are; Bee, Fragrant, Burnt Tip and the specially protected Early Spider Orchid. During the late Summer, Autumn Gentian, Devil's Bit Scabious and Autumn Ladies Tresses come into flower.

About thirty species of Butterflies have been recorded on the reserve. Several Blues including; Chalkhill, Small, Common and Adonis breed here. Marbled Whites and Meadow Browns inhabit the taller grasses. 1999 was a record year for the rare Silver Spotted Skipper. Before its introduction to two other sites, this was the only other site in Kent where this Butterfly could be found.

Other insects here include several species of Grasshoppers, Crickets like the Great Green and the rare Wart Biter. The Wart Biter Cricket was said to have become extinct from this site in the 1970's, it was reintroduced in recent years and is now breeding successfully. Although its numbers are still being carefully monitored.

The resident bird species include Linnets, which nest among the gorse thickets, Yellow Hammers, Sky Larks and Meadow Pipets, Kestrels are often seen hovering over the steep slopes of the downland. Green Woodpeckers are sometimes seen breaking into the anthills after the insects on which they feed. Summer visitors such as Black Caps, White Throats, Lesser White Throats and Willow Warblers may be seen in the wooded areas and surrounding hedgerows.

Bob Newington  
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