

# COMMUNITY IT'S YOUR EXPRESS IN PRINT & ONLINE ...

## TEMPLE EWELL

SEVERAL families from Temple Ewell, River and the surrounding villages attended a New Year's Eve Party at the Kearsney Bowls Club. Music was skilfully provided by Steve Smith and the merry throng provided their own refreshment. As the clock ticked towards midnight the dance floor was full in anticipation of Auld Lang Syne and the sound of the bells chiming from Big Ben! Monies raised from the evening were divided between Kearsney Bowls Club and the Motor Neurone Association.

### FUTURE EVENTS:

Friday, January 20, at 4.20pm Mobile library at Lornas.  
 Wednesday, January 25 – Saturday, January 28, 7.30pm, Players present Ali Baba and the forty thieves in TEVH.  
 Tuesday, January 31, 7.15pm Parish Council meeting in the Baptist church hall.

## SOUP KITCHEN

MESSAGES of support have been sent to Dover planners in favour of the site suggested in a planning application for the town's soup kitchen. The planning application, submitted by Dover District Council on behalf of the volunteer soup providers, calls for the siting of the facility's mobile cabin and mobile toilet at the Townwall Street-York Street junction near the now-closed night club. So far only messages of support have been received by the district's planning department. The soup kitchen, run by teams of volunteers for the homeless and hungry, has moved from site to site over the last 25 years.



MEETING: MP Charlie Elphicke, pictured right, with Xavier Bertrand, centre, and Trevor Bond

## Working to boost trade links

DOVER and Deal MP Charlie Elphicke discussed boosting business, tourism and border security in a meeting with a leading French politician.

Mr Elphicke met with Xavier Bertrand, president of the Hauts-de-France region, just before Christmas at the Best Western Plus Dover Marina Hotel.

The MP and Mr Bertrand worked together over the summer to get the Calais Jungle dismantled.

Now the migrant camp is gone, they want boost business and

tourism in Dover and Calais.

Mr Elphicke and Mr Bertrand also discussed the importance of making border security on both sides of the Channel water-tight – and increasing trade without gridlock on the roads.

### Business

The hotel's managing director Trevor Bond also discussed potential business opportunities between the two regions.

Mr Elphicke said: "It was fantastic to welcome Xavier Bertrand to Dover with an excellent lunch

at the Dover Marina Hotel.

"We had a really good chat about the amazing opportunities there are to make Brexit work for Dover and Calais.

"Mr Bertrand is very keen to work with us in making both Dover and Calais top tourist destinations.

"He also wants to boost business between the regions.

"It just goes to show that Brexit was about giving the boot to Brussels, yet keeping Britain open for business. This means exciting times for Dover and Deal."



EVENT: Gymnasts who took part in the challenge with the coaches who gave up their time

## JUMP FOR PUDSEY

YOUNGSTERS from Dover Gymnastics Club have been burning off some Christmas calories by taking part in a sponsored event for Children in Need.

Nineteen gymnasts aged between 4 and 11 did the 'Jump for Pudsey Challenge' in which they had to see how many jumps and skips they could do in a set time on five different activities.

Jump for Pudsey is an initiative being run by the national governing body British Gymnastics in association with Boots.

Sienna Barham, 11, from the Women's Artistic Squad achieved 188 jumps, the highest number of all those taking part. The combined total for the Dover gymnasts taking part was 2,637 jumps. This has been added to a national total of 2,994,280 jumps.

The gymnasts who took part all collected sponsor money and paid £2 each to enter the challenge and parents paid £1



TOTAL: Sienna Barham achieved the highest number of jumps

each to spectate. The money is still being collected but so far, £300 has been raised for Children in Need.

Organiser Jon Green, vice chairman and director of Dover Gym Club said: "The gymnasts had a lot of fun taking part in the challenge and it was also great for them to get some exercise over the holiday.

"Dover Gym Club is a charity itself, and I'm so proud of our members who've raised money for Children in Need and also of our coaches who gave up their own time to help with the challenge."

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## CAT OF THE WEEK

MILO is a really delightful friendly boy that came to us when his owner could no longer care for him.

He is approximately ten years old and a neutered black and white shorthaired male.

He loves cuddles and will sit happily on a lap for hours. Milo needs to be an inside only cat as he has been

shown to have FIV which is not a problem as far as his health is concerned but there is a slight risk of passing this on to other cats.

He could of course go for a walk around the garden if that is possible.

Milo is very contented and perfectly well behaved and only craves lots of love. All our cats are blood

tested for feline viruses, fully vaccinated for flu/enteritis / leukaemia, flea and worm treated and micro-chipped. Adult cats are neutered before homing.

■ **LOST AND FOUND**  
**A BLACK and White unneutered male cat** was found.

He is not micro-chipped.

He was sadly found dead and taken to Abbeywell Vets.

He was found on or around December 30, 2016 at Canterbury Road, Folkestone.

■ **A LARGE female tabby with white** under her chin and with a brown speck in her left eye was found.

She has been seen in the

area for three weeks.

She was found on or around December 30, 2016 at the Cat and Custard Pot in Aerodrome Road, Hawkinge.

If you want to adopt a cat, call Cats Protection Lynne on 01303 247540 or Lin on 01303 237744.

For lost and found cats, call Janice on 01303 814336.

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HOMELY: Milo needs to be an indoor cat

## HIGH TIDES Folkestone

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|-----------|-------|------|-------|------|
| Thursday  | 10.44 | 6.6m | 23.11 | 6.7m |
| Friday    | 11.35 | 6.7m | 23.58 | 6.8m |
| Saturday  | -     | -    | 12.22 | 6.8m |
| Sunday    | 00.42 | 6.8m | 13.06 | 6.7m |
| Monday    | 01.24 | 6.8m | 13.48 | 6.6m |
| Tuesday   | 02.05 | 6.6m | 14.29 | 6.4m |
| Wednesday | 02.46 | 6.4m | 15.11 | 6.1m |

All times for Folkestone, 2 minutes earlier for Dungeness, 12 minutes later for Dover and 22 minutes later for Deal tides.