

Around and About

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Branching Out – Temple Ewell

On Thursday morning 13th April the group met in the Lower Hall where they deposited lots of fluffy toys at the “bring and buy” table sale later during their coffee break. They then took off to tend to the allotments! On completion of their tasks most of the regulars gathered in the village hall for their coffee break having almost a full house. At the “bring and buy” table books were being sold as were lots of fluffy dolls from Branching Out at 50p a doll. This along with Betty’s rock cakes made it a most successful day.

Dover History Facebook Group

Several villagers from Temple Ewell including Jenny and myself attended the Dover History Facebook Group 5th Birthday Local History meeting in St Mary’s parish centre on Saturday 22th April from 2 pm until 6 pm. There were a few empty seats but otherwise it was a good turnout with a much appreciated audience of over 100. The hall was lined with display boards and tables of photographs and stalls for membership and the Bluebird Trail.

The first lecture was Dover Promenade Pier from 1891 – 1927 by Jeff Howe. This was followed by Graham Hutchison on the history of the Friends of Dover Castle. Phil Eyden then showed photographs of World War 1 soldiers, the Fusiliers in the castle, the Buffs at the Western Heights and siege gunners at Fort Burgoyne - often other ranks are not usually shown. Paul Skelton then discussed Dover’s 365 pubs and a video display. The first recorded was The Annunciation Pub in 1100. Among Dover pubs that have since closed are The

Engineer, The Alma and The Westbury. Overtime many pubs have changed their name i.e. The Sportsman and The Primrose. The White Horse might be the oldest still in use as a public house. The most accurate number of Dover pubs seems to be 232 with a great many of these now lost mainly through closure. It was a most enjoyable event with good speakers and well attended by a most appreciative audience. Organized by Paul Wells he should be proud of this event of which hopefully will be repeated.

Wizard of Oz 17th to 20th May

Having earned a good reputation the Temple Ewell Players production, held in the Temple Ewell Village Hall, played to a virtual sell out and appreciative audience every night. The principals Dorothy (Clare Senior), Scarecrow (Andy Fellows), Tin Woodman (Jon Regan), and Cowardly Lion (Louise Ellis) were well played. The most lively and scary scene was the witches conference. Guarantying the future was the junior chorus with Daisy, Fleur, Erica, Saffron, Erin, Lorelie, Delphi, Ruby, Amelia, and Jaiden all charming and delightful. I miss the smiling Keith Tutthill but terpsichorean maestro Paul Booth was very good.

The set and scenery by Reg Tuson, Colin Evenden, and Debbie Philpot were good as were the costumes, some borrowed from DODS and others home-made. Anne Hogben created the sorceress costume. Director Rachel White should be proud of her excellent production. The Wizard is well known but I did miss Toto but he didn’t have a speaking part anyway. The next production at the TEVH will be The Junior Players presenting Bugsy Malone.