

# 2013 CALENDAR

Terry Sutton

A Dover Society member who died in August produced a 2013 calendar, featuring East Kent churches, now being sold for £10 in aid of the Pilgrims Hospice at Canterbury which helped him in his final days.

Glyn Thomas, the 84-year-old retired orthopaedic surgeon whose home was at The Gateway, had Parkinson's disease and incurable cancer. A former chairman of the local branch of the Campaign for the Protection of Rural England (CPRE), Glyn died at Kearsney Manor nursing home at Temple Ewell. He and his family previously lived in the Alkham Valley, Temple Ewell for 46 years. The Dover Society was represented at his funeral at St Anthony's Church, Alkham.

For his 2013 calendar Glyn wanted to do something that would help to support the hospice that not only helped him but had also helped his wife Gigi who succumbed to cancer in 2010.

Glyn and his son Peter drove round East Kent studying parish churches and have depicted a dozen of them on the calendar. Some are in watercolours, some line drawings, others pen and ink.

Included in the churches they selected are those at Barfreestone, Adisham, St Mary's in Dover, Alkham, Capel, Hougham, Temple Ewell, Lydden and Wingham.

Before he died Glyn said: "I feel

deeply indebted to the Pilgrims Hospice. Not only have they taken care of me and provided fantastic support for my family, but they also looked after Gigi wonderfully well in her final days. The work they do is nothing short of miraculous and I wanted to do something that would help them to bring the comfort and reassurance they have offered to us, to other people."

\*The calendars can be ordered from Glyn's daughter Heidi, who is living in Dover, on: [aitchfizz@gmail.com](mailto:aitchfizz@gmail.com)



Rear of St Mary's Church