



Frank Curteis and his wife Vera, (right) with the Mayor of Tenterden Cllr Henry Edwards and long-serving councillor Sylvia Jeffery

## Long service toasted by a grateful town council

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GLASSES engraved with the town crest have been presented to Tenterden's retiring town hall keeper.

The presentation was made to Frank Curteis by the Mayor and Mayoress of Tenterden, Cllr Henry Edwards and his wife Felicity, on behalf of the council.

Mr Curteis, who joined the town hall staff 15 years ago — and became a pensioner on Christmas day — will continue in his role as Sgt at Mace.

The Mayor reversed roles and drove Mr Curteis and his wife to their home in Dawbourne, St Michael's, after councillors had gathered to toast the couple.

An antique brooch was presented to town councillor Sylvia Jeffery, of Springfield Avenue, St Michael's, who celebrated her 60th birthday on Boxing Day, in recognition of her 18 years service.

**A PAIR** of nesting Barn Owls will be moved from their home in Smallhythe to make way for a new luxury house.

Last week councilors finally agreed to allow the barn conversion to go ahead — but special arrangements will have to be made for the owls.

Assistant planning officer Peter Spiller approached

the RSPB before allowing councillors to consider the plan.

Members of the plans sub-committee were told the Barn Owl receives the highest protection under the 1981 Wildlife and Countryside Act.

Its numbers have dropped from 12,000 breeding pairs in the 1930s to fewer than 3,500 pairs in the early 80s.

Burleigh Barn owners were given the go-ahead to begin the conversion work but will have to provide somewhere for the owls to go.

"The applicant must provide an alternative site which meets the approval of the RSPB and this council," said Mr Spiller.

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## Comic turns in town for BBC show

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LOCATIONS in Tenterden will feature in the Les Dennis Laughter Show on BBC television later this year.

The comedian spent Sunday filming in Ted Jenners electrical shop in the Ashford Road.

The Jenner family and staff watched stunts that included a microwave oven bursting into flames.

On Monday, he moved to Tenterden town station, where the joke seemed to be on British Rail.

They married soon after war was declared and he was given three days leave. He was an instructor with the Royal Artillery mechanical traction school.

They moved to Tenterden 11 years ago and live in Grange Crescent, St Michael's.

He is vice chairman of Kent Association for the Disabled and secretary of Tenterden Lions, and she is treasurer of the Good Companions.

They have three children, Michael, Marilyn and Tricia, and four grandchildren.

## Caring couple's golden moment

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DENNIS and Kathleen Harrison are both in their seventies, but their care for the elderly continues.

They take pensioners on holiday with the Good Companions, and run the shop at Tenterden day centre.

They have just celebrated their golden wedding anniversary.

The day centre presented their anniversary gifts at a festive party - a ceramic market street scene with little shops, and an ambulance model, for Dennis who drives members to and fro.

They met in 1932 when both were members of a tennis club. He ran his own garage business for 14 years before they took on a sub post office in Swanley village.