

A small, fluffy brown rabbit is the central focus of the image. It is sitting in a patch of green grass interspersed with dry, brown leaves and twigs. The rabbit has upright ears and is looking slightly to the left. The background is a dense thicket of similar foliage.

The Eastry Village News

April May
2020

CORONAVIRUS MEANS THERE WILL BE CANCELLATIONS,
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Young People's Contacts

YOUNG PEOPLES CLUB (next to the Gun Park)
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 Wednesday 6pm - 8pm (Age 9-16)
 Thursday 7pm - 9pm (Age 12-19)



Contacts: Chairman Dick Laslett (07702 459332) dicklaslett@yahoo.co.uk

For party bookings or hall hire - contact Monica in Bubbles Nursery or the

Incy Wincys - Baby and Toddler Group

Meet 9.30am to 11.00am every Monday including school holidays (apart from Bank Holidays) in the Young People's Club. We have toys for all ages, arts and crafts and lots of music, singing and movement.

We also provide a healthy snack for children and tea and coffee for parents.

For more info please contact Sam or Ria on incywincys@hotmail.com

RAINBOWS (age 5-7) and BROWNIES (age 7-10)

Meet on Wednesdays

GUIDES (age 10-14) and RANGERS (age 14-18)

Meet on Fridays

Please contact us on Sandwichdivisiongg@gmail.com or via www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter/

10th Deal Eastry Scout Group

Group Scout Leader: Graham Baker 07837 430167 or 01304 611487

BEAVERS (age 5½ -8)

Monday 6.00pm - 7.15pm
 Leader Elinor 07429
 294539

EXPLORERS (age 14+) Meet every other Friday from 7.45pm - 9.15pm and focus on the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme.
 Contact - Graham Baker

CUBS (age 8-10½)

Tuesday 6.30pm - 8.00pm
 Leader Emma
 Contact Graham Baker

FOR BOOKINGS

Contact: Marion Wanstall (617854)
 or group leaders

SCOUTS (age 10½ - 14)

Wednesday 7.00pm to 9.00pm

NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS

WELCOME Scouting is fun for adults too. If you would like to help then please contact

*Cover Picture: **Easter Bunny** - Nick Smith*

EVN contact details can now be found on the inside last page of this issue

Local Events

Eastry Horticultural Society

Eastry Village Hall - 7.00pm for 7.30pm start
visitors and new members are always welcome.

14th April - Spring Show (as part of the monthly meeting)

12th May - The Tale of Tulips - Russell Bowes

Northbourne & Betteshanger Horticultural Society 120th year

Plant Sale on Sunday 3rd May 10.00am to 12.00 noon at Northbourne Parish Hall CT14 0NE. Plenty of parking spaces. All welcome.

May 11th - Jackie Thomas - Beekeeping

Dover Flower Club

The next meeting for Dover Flower Club is a joint evening event with Deal Flower Club. Our flower demonstration will be by David Thompson, after which the fabulous arrangements will be raffled. In addition to our usual sales table there will be other stalls selling jewellery, handbags and garden plants.

The meeting will be held at Whitfield Village Hall on Monday 27th April starting at 7.15pm. Entry is free to members and there is a charge of £8 for guests.

Further information on Dover Flower Club can be found on our Facebook page or by contacting Maureen Edmond - Edmond.randm@talktaljk.net

Annual Parish Meeting

This year's Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Tue 19th May 2020 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Anyone wishing to add items to the agenda please contact Sarah Wells, Clerk to the Parish Council on clerk@eastrypc.co.uk or 01304 614320

Parish Council Events

CoffeeBreak - Everyone welcome - Free refreshments - Fridays 9.00am - 12 noon

Hearing Aid Clinic - 10.00am to noon - Fridays 10th April and 8th May.

Kent Mobile Library - 09.40 to 10.10
Fridays 3rd & 17th April, 1st, 15th & 29th May

BINGO in the Village Hall
7.00pm with eyes down at 7.30pm - 25th April & 23rd May

Great British Spring Clean

Eastry Parish Council are arranging a "Great British Spring Clean" Litter Pick in Eastry on **Saturday 4th April 2020**

The Village Caretaker, Richard, who you have seen around Eastry, does an excellent job in keeping the village clean and clear of litter, but there are some areas around the village that require more people to undertake a safe and effective litter pick.

Take part in the **GREAT BRITISH SPRING CLEAN**, and meet some of your parish councillors in **the Main Eastry Car Park (by the new Vets) at 10:00 am on Saturday 4th April**. We plan to pick litter for a couple of hours and then return to the 5 Bells for refreshments and a bacon roll.

Just wear suitable clothing, bring garden gloves, and also bring your enthusiasm to maintain a clean and tidy village, and you will be most welcome.



Eastry Expo - A Village Show Case - 19th Sept 2020

Eastry is a very lucky village that has a multitude of clubs, societies and organisations that cover a wide range of activities and subjects. All areas are covered from youth organisation, sports clubs, arts, crafts and hobbies - painting and acting. However there are a lot of people in the village that are unaware of their existence.

Eastry Parish Council would like to hold an event to help showcase these groups to help them to grow their membership and to ensure local residents have access to these vibrant and interesting clubs.

We have provisionally booked the Village Hall for Sat 19th Sept 2020 to hold an exhibition –showcase – exposition for local groups, clubs and societies. The Parish Council is happy to sponsor this event by paying for the hall hire and advertising of the event. However we do need help to organise the details.

If your group would be interested in joining Eastry Expo please contact the Clerk to the Parish Council at clerk@eastrypc.co.uk



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The Five Bells Annual Beer Festival has been postponed and will be rearranged.

Lunch delivered to your door?

Mary Franks from the Five Bells is offering our community a service of a delivered lunch for vulnerable local residents who are unable to cook for themselves. On weekdays order in the morning for delivery, by volunteers, between 12.30 am and 1.00pm. (More volunteers needed please).

If this is of interest to you or you know someone who would benefit from this please contact Mary on 01304 611188 for further information.

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	M	T	W	T	F
5-7 Rainbows			Eastry Betteshanger	Sandwich	
7-10 Brownies	Sandwich		Finglesham Eastry	Ash	
10-14 Guides	Sandwich	Ash			Eastry
14-18 RANGERS		Ash			Eastry

Apologies to Eastry Fish Bar for omitting some of the wording in their adverts. We experienced some technical problems during the change from one computer to another and somehow these omissions were missed. So many people have noticed the mistake we hope it has brought the Eastry Fish Bar to the fore!

Lazy Dog Owners **BEWARE** Public Service Announcement



By 12 noon on April 1st 2020 all local Councils in the country will have received the new DDS scanner which will revolutionise the way they identify people that do not pick up their dogs mess. This innovative and revolutionary Eastern European invention, called **DamDogEEdoNo2DNAScanfahrt** or DDS for short can, by process of a simple scan of the deposit, to an accuracy of 99%, identify the DNA of the dog, the type of dog (mongrels as well as pedigrees), its colour, size, weight and diet. This will make identification of the perpetrator and the tracking down of the owner much easier and will provide incontestable evidence for any prosecution that may follow.

The DDS' inventors, Prof. S.Coopitup and Dr.Baggit from Department 57 at the University of Heinz said at the recent launch of this product that "ziss vill be very

useful to help identify zese very naughty two legged and four legged persons!" A spokesman for all UK Councils said they are "looking forward to getting to grips with the DDS and returning 'safe passage' to all village walkways by day and especially at night. Hopefully common sense will prevail and all dog owners will now act responsibly and help to get us out of this mess!"

Only Down Under!!

*The Australians use a word in everyday language that we think a swear word - let's call it "**Rugger**".*

While watching the 2018 Winter Olympics in South Korea on Australian TV, an Ozzie competitor was well placed, indeed favourite for gold, in the snowboarding.

The commentator spent ten minutes building up the tension to the climax of his final run and then he was off....

In a matter of seconds the Ozzie was sat on his backside on the snow after a welter of arms and legs, totally out of contention for any medal. From the commentary box nothing, nothing for about 15 seconds and then...

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Eastry Green Heritage

*The lark's on the wing
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Robert Browning, Pippa's Song



Despite the cold wind it does seem as if Spring is on its way. The birdsong and buds that we see remind us of how important the natural world is to us: how much it means for us to be able to see, note and depend on the seasonal unfolding of the year. We know that changes are afoot: the weather is hotter, wetter, colder. We read and hear about short term catastrophes and long term damage to our environment and our communities - creating a global crisis.

Eastry Green Heritage is set up as a forum for us to think about and address some of these changes as we experience them and come to realise the wider meanings for us all? EGH is growing and new members are very welcome. We meet every six weeks in the Old Fire Station at the Five Bells, Eastry. Our next meeting will be at **4pm on Sunday 19th April**. Please join us or get in touch if this is something that interests you. Our next big event, planned for May 15th and 16th is a churchyard survey to see how nature and historical heritage work together in our sacred green spaces. Contact revlesleyhardy@gmail.com

Eastry Fete 2020

This summer the annual fete, in aid of our wonderful St Mary's Church, will be on Saturday July 25th from 2pm to 5pm. It will again take place at The Aumbry in Church Street by kind permission of Mr George Mathison. It is highly regarded locally as a "must see" attraction and will include Music, Refreshments, a Magician, Stalls, games and more! This special year means it links with a Flower Festival in the Church and for the first time a "Plein Air" Art Event during that day, masterminded by the Eastry Art Group and others.

Last year there were some 35 people involved in one way or another in making it a success and we look forward to similar impressive support this year. Much help is needed before, during and after the event. Anybody already involved or wishing to help should contact me (Alastair Carnegie) on 813120 soon to make sure we are all coordinated. This year is the first for 17 years without the active involvement of Carole Finch who, though still very much a friend of Eastry, has moved away recently. So we are just finding our feet and the team will develop!

For anybody wishing to donate quality bric-a-brac, books, childrens toys, etc can contact me in the first instance or bring to the Church Hall on Friday 24th at 6pm.
But most important is to plan to come and enjoy yourselves!

A. Carnegie on behalf of the events team of Bob and Larry Wheatley, Rev. David Ridley and others.

Bin It

In the beginning there was just one bin, all it contained was ashes therein.
 In the beginning there was just one God, He gave us the planet, to hoe the sod.
 Food was grown naturally; we ate it for tea, no harmful chemicals, poisoning the sea.
 No plastic, no toxins, pollution was rare, less waste, less gasses, fresher air.

The ozone protected, nothing to fear, No global warming or floods here.
 Life was easy, uncomplicated, bland, we lived like the Ostrich, head in the sand!
 Then life changed, thanks' to the "Jenny," revolutionised spinning, it pleased many.
 Industrial factories, burning fossil fuels, It was called progress, taught in schools.

How naïve were we to think it would last. The one bin now, a thing of the past
 The planet is warming, at an alarming speed, to satisfy man and his relentless greed!
 Glaciers are melting, we need to think, shrink the size, of our own footprint.
 If we choose to listen, and open our eyes, Global warming could be minimised.

We need to take heed, use the right bin..preserve the planet for our future kin.
 If we choose to ignore, disaster will loom, the planet will burn much too soon!
 In the end there are plenty of bins. One for food, one for paper, anything
 So own your rubbish, take it home., don't leave that can where it's thrown.

**It's called recycling, it's necessary and free, the responsibility of you and me
 If we ignore, there'll be just one bin holding the ashes of the planet therein!**

May Morriss January 2020

Dover District Council - Bin Collections 2020

Non recyclable waste *Black topped wheelie bin and Food Bin*
Tuesdays 7th, 21st April 5th, 19th May

Recyclable Waste *Blue topped wheelie bin and Food Bin*
 Plastics, tins, bottles, cardboard and green/garden waste
Tuesdays 14th, 28th April 12th, 26th May

Eastry Village News and Eastry Parish Council are putting their heads together to find new ideas to help reduce the amount of litter, much of it recyclable, and dog mess, we find in the village. If you have any ideas on how to reduce/prevent this, or any suggestions about re-sited litter/ dog mess bins or any other ideas - please contact evneditor@gmail.com



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Beacon View Vets...up and running

Firstly, I'd like to say a huge thank you to everyone for such a warm welcome of our new business to the village. We opened Beacon View Vets on February 24th after eight very busy weeks renovating the closed doctors surgery. We have been astounded by the response we've had so far and are excited to welcome everyone to our new veterinary surgery. We certainly plan on being part of the village for many decades to come and hope that we can make caring for your pet as stress-free and enjoyable as possible. Please feel free to pop on for a chat and a hot drink whenever we are open.

One of the most common topics I have been discussing with pet owners in recent months is Alabama Rot, or Cutaneous and Renal Glomerular Vasculopathy (CRGV). Whilst the disease is still considered rare, there has been a worrying increase in reported cases across the UK in recent years and it is a very serious illness. Unfortunately the cause of this potentially deadly disease is yet to be identified and is an area of intense research. Cases are most common during the spring and winter and symptoms are caused by damage to the small blood vessels in the skin and kidneys. Symptoms can vary but most commonly features ulcers on paws, legs and face. So far this year the closest reported case case to Eastry was in Paddock Wood but in previous years there have been reports in Dover and Ashford. Not knowing the exact cause makes it difficult to prevent, but it is suspected to be related to wet weather and flooding. Therefore, we advise washing any mud off your dog after a walk and the regularly checking for any sores or redness on their face, paws and legs. Whilst most sores on dogs feet and legs are not caused by CRGV it can be difficult to distinguish CRGV lesions from cuts, bites and stings so if in any doubt please contact your vet. We don't know for sure that washing helps but it won't do any harm.

Unfortunately another popular topic of conversation is the new Coronavirus (COVID-19) that is spreading around the world. Corona viruses are not new and we have known about feline coronavirus and canine coronavirus for many decades and they are very distantly related to the latest COVID-19. Corona viruses get their name from their appearance under an electron microscope; they have a fringe around their central sphere that looks similar to the solar corona. At the time of writing there are no reports of dogs or cats developing the disease but there has been one dog in Hong Kong that was found to test mildly positive. This means that a few live particles were found but does not actually mean that the dog was actively producing the virus.

It was certainly not my intention to write a doom and gloom column and I hope that future columns will contain happier news.

For now, thank you again for your warm welcome to Eastry village! I wish you and your pets good health and better weather for getting outdoors!

Claire

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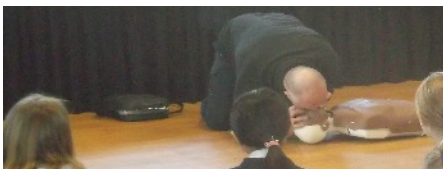
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First Aid Awareness Sessions

Sponsored By Eastry Parish Council

On the 28th and 29th of January staff and students from Year 5 & 6 at Eastry Primary School attended a first aid awareness training session run by First Aid at Work (Training) Associates. The training was well received by both year classes.

The subjects covered included danger awareness, contacting emergency services, recognising the symptoms of a heart attack, CPR, use of a defibrillator, recovery position, choking and bleeds. 56 children and 4 staff members now have the basics skill needed to save life. The training was arranged by the KCC Community Wardens Karl Aylett and Peter Gill and paid for by Eastry Parish Council.



Parish Council Vacancy

If you would like to make a difference, and be involved in shaping the future of your local Community, why not step forward and apply to become an Eastry Parish Councillor?

Do you want to serve your community and have the time or expertise which could benefit your community?

Do you want to make a difference to all those around you?

Are you concerned about your local area and do you want to represent the views of local people?

Eastry Parish Council meet 11 times a year, normally on the first Monday of the month. If you are interested please email the Clerk to the Parish Council on clerk@eastrypc.co.uk for an application form and eligibility form. Or you can download these from the Parish Council website at www.eastrypc.co.uk

Our New Kent Community Warden

My name is Peter Gill and I have recently been appointed as the KCC Community Warden for Sandwich, Eastry and Ash, having worked on the Multi-Agency Task Force in Margate since joining KCC in July. After 37 years in Customs (Border Force) I took early retirement at the end of last year. I am no stranger to the area having started my career at the Pegwell Bay Hoverport! I then spent several years working at Ramsgate Port before moving to Dover and then to the Channel Tunnel when it opened in 1994. I have lived in Deal most of my life and have good family, friend and work connections in my Community Warden Area.

I am looking forward to working in and with the local communities. If you see me out and about, please stop me and say hello... I always have time for a chat! If you wish to contact me then please use the contact details shown below.

Further details of the Kent Community Warden Service can be found at www.kent.gov.uk/communitywardens

Best regards Peter Gill - mobile 07703 454190 www.Peter.Gill@kent.gov.uk

1-1 Counselling/ Confidential/Local

My name is Larry, I started my professional career as a Psychiatric Nurse and in the 1990's, I qualified as a Person Centred Counsellor.

For the last 19 years I have been employed in the Volunteer Sector but now I feel it is time to go it alone, so that I can offer local 1-1 sessions to clients 18 years old and over.

I can offer a friendly, safe, non-judgemental atmosphere, evenings and weekends if required.

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Please, do not hesitate to contact me,

Mobile: 07471 1191257

[email: larrytalkingtherapy@gmail.com](mailto:larrytalkingtherapy@gmail.com)

*"Years and glasses of wine
should never be counted"* Anon

Church Contacts

St.Mary's Parish Church

www.eastrybenefice.co.uk

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Revd. Jennifer Pilcher	611472
Revd. David Willis	611959

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Mick Johnson 07773 970475

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Maureen Norman 366761

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Jo Slater	619873

Assistant Church Wardens:

Mary Goosen	611306
Sue Brearley	611675

Church Hall Bookings:

Bob Barwick	611420
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Enquiries: *phone the office* 611323

Church Office - Tel: 611323

Benefice Office, The Church Hall, Church Street, Eastry, CT13 0HH
Wednesdays 10.45am to 12.45am and Fridays 10am - 12noon

Benefice Website

Please visit our website: www.EWBchurches.org.uk and share your thoughts on progress so far - to the Revd. David Ridley or Michael Kinns.

The new website is being regularly updated.

NB there is also a new sub-page for "Eastry Church" on the Eastry Parish Council website which links to the benefice website.

Find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/EBWchurches

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Church Services

Sunday mornings at Eastry

Every Sunday: 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
 1st Sunday - 9.30am "Come and Praise" in the Church Hall
 1st, 2nd and 4th Sundays - 10.30am Sung Eucharist
 3rd Sunday - 10.30am Family Communion

Evensong Services 6.30pm

5th April, 3rd May (Northbourne)
 12th April, 10th May (Tilmanstone)

Wednesdays 10am Holy Communion - Eastry Church Hall.
All are welcome

VE Day 75th Anniversary

Commemorative Service 10.30am at Eastry Church on Sunday 10th May
 All are welcome

Friendship Lunches

Friday 10th April "Brunch" at the Five Bells at 10.30am
Friday 8th May in the Five Bells at 12.00 noon

"Singalong and Tea"

Tuesdays 28th April, 26th May in the Church Hall 2.30pm to 4.00pm
 We will sing old well-known songs and enjoy a cup of tea and a cake.
 There will be a raffle - everyone is welcome - **contact 611400**

Eastry Local Interests Group (ELIG) Meetings

No meeting in April
Thursday 28th May in the Church Hall at 7.30pm
 AGM and members presentations

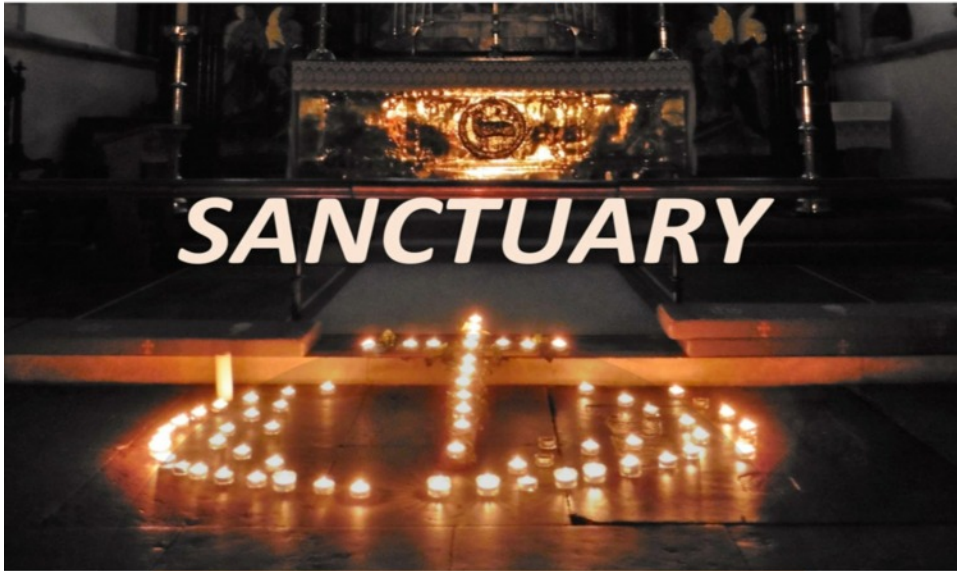
St.Mary's Church Eastry AGM

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday 16th April
 in the Church Hall at 7.00pm. All welcome to attend.

St.George's Day Lunch

Staple Fundraising Group invite you to join them on Sunday 19th April at
 Staple Village Hall. 12.30 for 1.00pm
 Tickets £12 for a 3 course lunch followed by coffee and mints
To book contact Dave on 01304 812870 or text/phone Trevor 07890 300084

St Mary the Blessed Virgin, Eastry



**Eastry Church will be open on
Holy Saturday, 11th April from
6pm – 9pm for quiet reflection**

***Please pop in at any time and
come and go as you wish***

Experience the peace

All are invited

The Church Registers - Funerals

3 rd February	Betty Hook (Barham)
20 th February	Phyllis Groombridge (Barham)
11 th March	Steve Bates
12 th March	Valerie Franklin (Barham)
17 th March	June Parsons

Eastry Woodnesborough Benefice



Holy Week and Easter 2020

PALM SUNDAY

Sunday 5th April

10.30am Eucharist with Procession of the Palms

HOLY WEEK

Wednesday 8th April

10.00am Holy Communion

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Thursday 9th April

7.00pm Eucharist

GOOD FRIDAY

Friday 10th April

12 noon 1st Hour Meditation at St Andrews Church, Tilmanstone

Followed by procession with the cross from Tilmanstone to Eastry, meeting at 2pm at Eastry Village Hall to walk to Eastry Church.

2.15pm Last Hour Meditation at Eastry

HOLY SATURDAY

Saturday 11th April

"Sanctuary" 6 - 9pm Eastry Church open for quiet Prayer and Reflection by candlelight

EASTER DAY

Sunday 12th April

6.20 am "Sunrise Service"

In the grounds of Woodnesborough Church followed by bacon rolls and coffee

10.30 am Holy Communion at Eastry

ASCENSION DAY

Thursday 21st May

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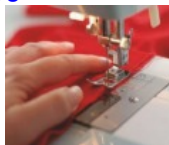
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Rector's Letter

In his letter to the Church in Colossae, St Paul writes: 'For in him [Christ] all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.' (Col 1.19, 20)

Two very important principles of faith are being acknowledged here:

Firstly, Paul - perhaps surprisingly to some - affirms that, through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, all (not some) people are being reconciled to God. Whatever way we might wish to understand this, it is quite clear that each one of us is under the embrace of God's love and we are all the recipients of his grace. That in turn suggests that we all have a responsibility to one another - which begs the question as to how we make that more than just a principle or ideal, but rather a reality.

I recently read a very encouraging article on the BBC website about an entrepreneur named Dan Price who, in 2015, decided to introduce a \$70,000 minimum salary for all of his 120 staff at his card payments company in Seattle. This meant that he, personally, took a pay cut of \$1m and gave up his stocks and savings. Five years later, he's still on the minimum salary, but he says the gamble has paid off.

Dan Price was labelled a communist, received letters of complaint from his customers, and told by pundits that his experiment was doomed to fail; yet despite this his company has grown significantly and there have been many other benefits for his employees and, as a consequence, the business.

How do we, you and I, better demonstrate that every individual is important and valuable?

Secondly, the passage speaks of the God, who created everything, as redeeming, through Jesus, the **whole** of creation. God's work and action is not just about us, about humanity, but about every part of life and being. This asks searching questions of us as we exploit, not just each other, but our whole planet. As we witness devastating loss of biodiversity, pollution and the wanton destruction of nature, we have an imperative urgently to address the environmental crisis we have made, not just because it is dangerous for us, but because it is contrary to the will of God.

As we enter the month of April, we draw to the close of the season of Lent and prepare for the celebration of Easter. Lent, for Christians, has been a time of reflection – a time to acknowledge our human condition with all its limitations and failings – a time if you like to take a reality check.

Easter, by contrast, which we celebrate this year on Sunday 12 April, is about hope. It is about God acting decisively to, as St Paul puts it '...reconcile to himself all things.....through the blood of the cross.' The death of Jesus is an acknowledgement of our failings; the resurrection is an acknowledgement that God does not give up on us. It is precisely on that understanding that our hope is founded.

When we look at our world, and the challenges which lie before us, we might reasonably despair. Yet, the message of the cross, desperate as it may appear, is one of optimism. When Jesus was born, he was given the name Immanuel, which means 'God is with us'. The death and resurrection of Jesus is our affirmation that God remains faithful – despite our failings.

God's mission continues, and therein lies our hope. We are encouraged to join in that task with quiet confidence and resolve. God is with us, and together we can make a difference if we play our part.

Wishing you a happy and, despite all the challenges of this present time, a hope-filled Easter.

David Ridley

Eastry Church 900th Anniversary Events update

We have it on the good authority of a previous member of the congregation, the late Dr Charles Coulson (a medieval historian of international stature), that the first stone structure of St Mary's Church in Eastry was started in 1120. Prior to that there was a wooden structure close to Eastry Court which itself was mentioned in the Domesday Book in 1085. In the following 200 years the church developed its current size and appearance. Bells were added in the 1600's. Pews were first installed in about 1700 and replaced with the current pews in 1853. In the Victorian era there was much development and enrichment of the internal appearance, most of which is still evident today.

St Mary's remains an active church community serving the village of Eastry and the surrounding area. The Church itself, the spiritual centre of the village for nine centuries, is freely open each and every day and many people visit it for their own peace and quiet.

2020 is therefore the 900th anniversary of this wonderful building which has been the focus for so many important events, public and private, over so many years. We plan to celebrate this with a number of events over the summer. Some are new and specific to the anniversary; some are our usual summer activities. We hope everybody will take advantage of these events as much as possible and enjoy what the village and the church have to offer.

Sunday May 17th "Beating the Bounds". This is a 14 mile walk starting mid Sunday morning from St Mary's Church walking the perimeter walks of the Parish and ending with a BBQ at Eastry late afternoon. People may walk all or parts of the walk. Last done 10 years ago led by the late Sandra Hooper. (contact is The Rector and The Parish Council)

Sunday May 31st Pentecost Service hopefully held outside the church. (contact is St Mary's Church)

Eastry Church 900th Anniversary - continued

Saturday June 20th Teddy Bears Picnic on the Green with the zip line off the Church Tower. 2pm to 3pm. (contacts are Larry and Bob Wheatley)

Saturday June 20th “Jazz on the Green” with Dominic Shawcross Band. 6.30pm to 8.30pm. No tickets, just entry by donation. (contact is Alastair Carnegie)

Monday June 22nd Lunchtime Organ Recital by Maureen Norman. (contact is St Mary’s Church)

Thursday June 25th Son et Lumiere event (created by David Freud) outside Eastry Court. Gates open 9pm. Showing runs for about an hour from 9.45pm. (It has to be a bit dark!). This is a wonderful opportunity to experience a major piece of Eastry history in a remarkably special way. Tickets £10 in advance (at the Post Office and, we hope, online), £15 on the day. (contact is Alastair Carnegie et al)

Saturday June 27th “Treasure Hunt” with a historical perspective in early afternoon around the Church and Village. Details awaited. Younger children will need to be accompanied. (contact is Deb Russell)

Thursday July 2nd Talk on Early Eastry History by Andrew Richardson. The Church Hall 7.30pm. Admission £2. (contacts are Lesley Hardy and Jo Slater)

Thursday July 11th Eclectic Folk Concert in St Mary’s Church from 7pm. Created by Simon Dundas. Tickets £5 available on the door. (contact is Alastair Carnegie et al)

Thursday July 23rd to Sunday July 26th The 29th biannual spectacular Flower Show in St Mary’s Church. Created by local flower arrangers led by Sue Cook. (contacts are Sue Cook and Maggie Carnegie)

Saturday July 25th “Plein Air” Artists Event. Local artists will paint around Eastry and then display their work probably at the Five Bells Pub later in the day. Prizes awarded to the most popular works and artwork will be on sale. Led by Deb Russell and members of the Eastry Art Group. (contact is Deb Russell)

Saturday July 25th A repeat of the great annual Summer Fete in the grounds of The Aumbry, Church Street. By kind permission of George Mathison. Music, refreshments, magician, stalls and more. (contact is Alastair Carnegie et al)

Sunday July 26th Festival Songs of Praise service. (contact St Mary’s Church)

Dr Alastair Carnegie on behalf of the St Marys Events Team and the 900th Anniversary Committee.

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Spotlight on Talent

Ray Checksfield, Traditional Bee Keeper

Ray's interest in Beekeeping happened by accident in 1949, when it was offered as an alternative subject to gardening at his school in Sandwich – which he hated. “In those days we had no proper bee suits for protection, just a hat of sorts and a piece of mum's old net curtain wrapped around and tucked into your jacket and trousers tucked into your socks. One gust of wind, the net flapped on your nose and, hey presto, they got you. When you see today's kit, we look like medieval jousting ready for war. Even great big leather gauntlets. You still get stung!”

However, getting stung didn't deter Ray and he was given his first beehive in 1952 by Mrs Dadds, the post mistress in Ash. “She looked after quite a few hives for other people, mainly smallholders and farmers and she taught me all I needed to know at that time. It was about then when I met a great beekeeper, Joe Parfitt from Studdal, who was Chair and President of the Dover Beekeepers Association, and gave me loads of bits of hives - and I've been keeping bees ever since.”

Ray looks after his bees today the same way he has for the past 70 years. He explains what's going to be keeping him busy over the next few weeks: “In February, the bees are just beginning to get active, as they've been tucked away in their hives for the past four months. They form a cluster, queen in the centre, and move outside in to maintain the temperature at about 35 degrees throughout the winter. For me it's a quiet time, but I still need to check the hives each week for wind damage, vandals, woodpeckers, badgers, mice and that awful crab-like insect, the Varroa destructor, as well as checking the bees have enough food and the entrances to the hives aren't blocked.

“April is the month when it's time to examine the hives thoroughly. The queen will have increased her egg laying as the weather improves. The drones (male) will all have been ejected in the autumn. They have no sting and do no work at all, just eat the stores, and in the summer months, visit other hives looking for new queens to mate with. “So it's full on for the worker bees, gathering pollen and nectar to feed the growing bees, cleaning and polishing the empty cells for the queen to lay her eggs in and removing wax debris. The weather is critical at this time. If it's nice and warm, there will be plenty of nectar and pollen to be gathered, but in a cold snap, that dries up, so I have to be extra careful keeping a watch on their stores of food. “Very soon the orchards will be in full bloom – spring flowers and fields of oil seed rape. This is when bees are so important for pollination.”

Ray judges how much honey the bees need to feed themselves and removes the rest. When there's enough spare, he sells it through Juliet's Farm Shop in Ash. It's worth looking out to see if you can get a jar of this beautiful, local honey, from bees kept in the traditional way, from a man remarkably skilled and dedicated to these insects, which have been part of his life for decades.

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If you are interested but cannot make the Open Day, please contact Ron on 01304 363926 to arrange another date.

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So, if you're waiting to release your inner drama, comedy, singing, dancing, writing or technical skills, you're exactly what the ETC wants. Or you may just want to have fun, meet new people, get out of the rain, shake off the winter blues and have a good laugh, that's just fine too. Easy peasy - roll up for one, or all of the workshops at the Eastry Village Hall, High Street, Eastry, CT13 0HE.

Not a budding comedian or actor? ETC still needs you for ideas, stage building and décor, makeup artists, wardrobe, lighting, backstage work.....And let's face it – this group needs some young, zappy people to jazz up our online presence too! Maybe you fancy yourself as a script writer or a producer? Here's a platform to pitch your skills and your ideas. C'mon Eastry. ETC wants you, whoever and wherever you are! This is a theatre group with a 26-year history of impressive shows, a dressing room simply packed with outlandish costumes, a beautiful stage brimming with original artwork, cupboards brim-full with props, and a fun-filled welcoming committee of all ages and sizes. What's not to like?

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Hannah Mitten strutting her stuff



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My coming of age in Eastry

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I just couldn't settle my roots didn't belong, and as soon as I could I was moving along! But then someone whispered, "Come on, give it time, you'll soon make friends, things will be fine!"

So I heeded those words, stayed twenty one years, cherished precious smiles, learned from the tears! Witnessed plenty of changes, most within me, I'm no more a stranger this is my community.

The road is now concrete, my garden has grown, this family has flourished because Eastry's our home.

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So who was "Jessie Andrews"? (*EVN February/March 2020*) Jessie was born in Sandwich in 1908 and when she was six her family moved to Eastry. She worked in service at Updown House, Walton House and later at Generals



Meadow in Walmer. She left service when she married Bob Revell, the village wheelwright, in 1930 and she worked with her husband and his father at their workshop in Mill Lane (now Wheelwrights Way). After their marriage at Eastry Church they left on the Fire Engine! The Revells were also the undertakers and she would help by lining coffins as well as painting carts or the wheels Bob had made for them. Business changed after World War Two, the tractors replacing horse and carts, so their business had to diversify.

She was very hands on and a great help to their business. Living at Park Villas in Lower Street for all their married life Jessie was an active member of the local community even after Bob died in 1988. In 1998 she moved to Wayfarers in Sandwich where she died in 2003. Her daughters are still local, Jenny Lewin in Eastry and Marion Harvey in Staple.

Pictures courtesy of Jenny Lewin and Heather Pritchard/ Face Book



In The Garden

In days gone by, lots of gardeners kept all their growing secrets and tips under their hat, thank goodness things have changed and nowadays gardeners are only too willing to help each other. Here are some tips that I hope will be helpful.

- 1) Pruning: I get lots of people asking me “when should I prune this shrub, or that shrub?”, well if you are unsure when to prune a shrub, as a general rule you cannot go wrong if you prune it immediately after flowering.
- 2) Make sure you deal with the weed called “Shepherd’s Purse” quickly (*see photo*). It’s seed pods explode when touched, scattering hundreds of seeds and potential new plants over a much wider area.
- 3) It’s better to start off peas and beans in pots rather than direct sowing. Seeds sown direct are often eaten by mice.
- 4) If you don’t have enough space in your garden to grow potatoes, try growing some in either a large pot, a special potato bag or cut a “Gro-bag” in half, stand both halves on their end and then plant your potatoes into the compost.
- 5) If you want to attract more butterflies into your garden, plant a “Butterfly Bush” (Buddleia) this aptly named shrub does the job.
- 6) If you have Daffodils in your lawn, remember this when feeding the lawn. The Nitrogen rich fertiliser promotes strong leafy growth at the expense of flowers, and this can lead to blindness in daffodils. Your daffodils can also become blind if the leaves have been cut back prematurely in the previous year. Daffodil leaves should be withered and brown before they are removed.
- 7) Don’t be tempted to sow seeds directly into the ground too early. Remember the old saying “If you drop your trousers and sit on the soil and it is cold to your bottom, then it’s too cold for the seeds”



When planning your flower garden this year why not try a few Ornamental Grasses, they not only look good during the summer but are delightful to look at during the winter especially when the frost sits on the spent foliage. Birds also love the seeds that some Grasses produce. A good one to try is “Briza maxima” (*see photo*).



If you have any gardening tips or ways of saving money, don't keep them under your hat, pass them onto me via the Editor, and maybe we can publish them in future editions of the Village News.

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On behalf of the EVN Committee, I would like to thank Chris Gould for all the work he has given during the last four years as our Treasurer - keeping our finances on the straight and narrow. Chris has moved away from the village and we wish him all the best for the future.

We welcome Carol Sedgwick to the Committee, who will be known to many of you in the village and will be taking on the role of Treasurer

Ooops....!!!

I tried to sell a dog kennel in the days of Adscene . I advertised it as **“VERY STURDY”**. Unfortunately when it was printed they had left off the letter “S”!!!
It never sold!!

Bird Watching with Big Nick

From winter into summer. All birds moult to replace damaged and worn feathers, some only once a year, others more frequently. The main moult for most adult birds would precede the breeding season, giving the birds a bright, clean appearance, just right for looking their best to attract a mate. Some birds have an alternate plumage which can make them look quite different. Many of you would know and recognise a Black-headed Gull in both summer and winter plumage, but if not it would be easy to assume they were different species. In winter the black head (not actually that black, more a dark, chocolate brown) almost disappears just leaving a dark smudge behind the eye.



Black-headed gull, left- winter, and right – summer plumage.

Some of the most dramatic changes can be seen in a number of our wading birds – also known as shore birds, because of their winter habit of feeding on the coast. In Kent we don't usually see these birds at their brightest as they have moved north to their breeding grounds, but occasionally an unsuccessful or early returning bird can show us what we are missing. The Turnstone is a good example of one of these shore birds which have quite different plumage. The first is a normal winter bird; the second was quite an early returning bird still with most of its summer finery.



Turnstone in winter and summer plumage

But for a real “Wow” factor, you can’t do much better than a little bird called (and here is the clue!) the Grey Phalarope – or in more northern areas like the Arctic Circle, where it is seen in its breeding plumage – the Red Phalarope. I’ve never seen the bird in breeding plumage but did get to photograph one in its winter greys last year at Grenham Bay near Birchington.



You could be forgiven for assuming they were completely different species. Thanks to Sigmundur Ásgeirsson for the photo of a female in summer plumage. (Phalaropes are unusual in that the female has the brighter plumage and it is the males which attend the eggs and young.) **Until next time, Nick**

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Christopher Dale, a village resident for most of his life, is extremely fortunate to be working in an industry that he loves. Most of his current work comes from one of the best names in television and animation - Gerry Anderson - through **the Official Gerry Anderson**, a company run by Gerrys' son Jamie, which both celebrates his father's work and continues with new projects. Chris has been involved in the 50th anniversary projects for Captain Scarlet and Joe 90, has written booklet notes for a soundtrack CD as well as writing various articles for the OGA website and creating videos for their **You Tube** channel. When Jamie produced and directed a new series of audio plays of the 1980's series Terrahawks Chris wrote five episodes as well as providing many of the background voices in a few of them.
<https://www.bigfinish.com/releases/v/terrahawks-volume-01-1066>.

Big Finish Productions, the company that released these audios, also produce full cast audio versions of old sci-fi shows (Doctor Who, Blakes 7 etc) and Chris appears in two Doctor Who audio stories; one with Colin Baker and one with Sylvester McCoy - what a tremendous treat for any Doctor Who fan;
<https://www.bigfinish.com/releases/v/doctor-who-static-1263>.



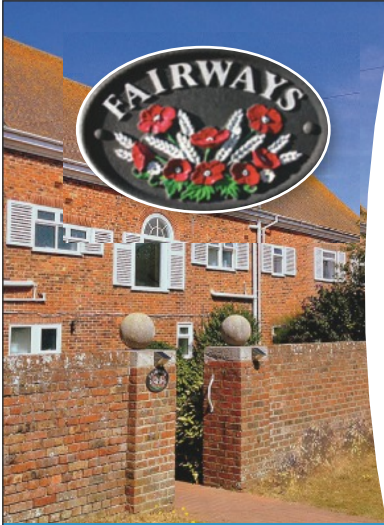
*Left to right: - Sophie Aldred, Genevieve Gaunt,
 Matt Barber, Sylvester McCoy, Chris Dale,
 Bonnie Langford & Elliot Levey*



*Chris Dale & Brains
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On another level Chris is also attached to an anti-bullying project that operates mainly in the US but is aiming to reach classrooms around the world. This excellent campaign is run by Chris' friend, American actress Chase Masterson, and he has travelled in Europe with her as part of this, mostly doing video editing.
<https://www.popculturehero.org/>

He has written a book relating to another Anderson series which is currently under review at ITV - so fingers crossed on that! - and he is part of the regular weekly Anderson podcast <https://www.gerryanderson.co.uk/podcast>.



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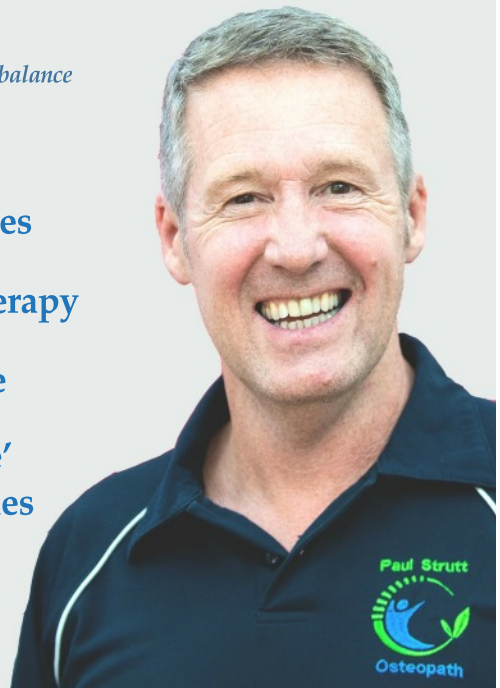
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It won't be long before scams concerning the Coronavirus will be targeting the vulnerable in our society. All Neighbourhood Watch members receive regular information on crime in this locality. Many vehicles are targeted for work tools left in them and some times they look for tools that are stored in your house hallway where you would assume they will be safe overnight. Recently a vehicle was stolen and the tools unloaded some distance away so please consider the secuity of both your vehicle, add security like steering wheel locks if you can, and secure your tools. Car and motorbike number plates are being stolen regularly so that the crooks can use them on cars which just drive off before paying, stealing fuel from filling stations for example. The true owner of the number plates will then be accused of fuel theft!

A distraction burglary was reported recently when two persons targeted an elderly gentleman. One engaged him in conversation while the other got into the property via the back door and stole valuables. Door chains and spy holes in the front door are a deterrent to these people but, above all, do make sure that your back door is locked before the front door is opened.

Sheila Smith

What Join the WI ??



The general view of the WI is that it is all 'Jam and Jerusalem' making jam and cake to our hearts content. I joined Eastry WI in 2011 and must admit didn't really know what to expect other than a nice cake and a cup of tea. How wrong can you be? There were lots of new friends to make and lots of outings to go on if you wanted to but no pressure if you didn't.

I joined the craft group which used to meet in members houses but soon became too big so we moved to the Church Hall about 6 years ago. There are lots of beautiful things being made (not by me!) and the occasional workshop where it is fascinating to be able to learn something new. There is always someone who can help if you are stuck on a project and lots of chatting putting the world to rights. Then, of course, there is the committee which I volunteered to go on because they were short of people and now eight years later am still on it and have been secretary for 6 years!

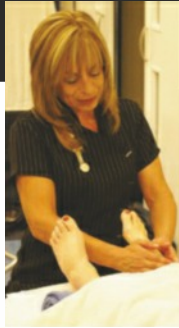
It is a fine institution to belong too which teaches you so much. Our April meeting is on Wednesday 1st April making Paper Hedgehogs, which are so cute, and our May meeting is on 6th May when we discuss this years Resolutions. Come along as a visitor for a nominal charge of £3.50 you will have a great evening and may even consider joining.

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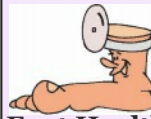
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Rose Beer

With the exception of a couple of driving jobs over the years, my working life meant standing behind counters. I've been a grocer, fishmonger, butcher, green-grocer and nursery worker to name a few. I must have said the words "Good morning" and "Good afternoon" a million times. On leaving school my first manager was a big man in both stature and character. He would roar at his staff saying "Manners maketh man" which meant not only were we expected to say "Good morning" we were also to ask "How are you today madam?". I tried all my working life to stand by his rules but over the years and with the best intentions (not meaning to sound unsympathetic or unkind) I got to know the type of customer to not ask how they were! It would be like opening a can of worms as some women would go on about their knees, backs and every ache and pain under the sun. Even if I tried to change the subject by enquiring after their husbands I heard about their hernias and other troubles. I became really good at stifling yawns - all the time saying to myself that I will never be like that.

Well, I am eating an enormous chunk of humble pie because I have become a thousand times worse than any customer I ever served. I try not to be and I don't want to be but I just can't stop. If someone says that I'm looking well I often reply "ah well...what you see is not what you get" and I go on about hips, heart attacks and hospitals. My topics of conversation are appointments and pills and I've become (in my mind) an expert on everything, even the weather! If someone says to me that it's a lovely day more often than not I will say "ah yes but it is going to rain tomorrow!" I even heard myself saying the words I'd thought I'd never say "Well...back in my day..." and "when I was younger..." **HELP** I've turned into one of them! My poem in this issue has no doubt been in before but it seems appropriate and I promise to try and be happier next issue.

Progress?!

I used to think when growing old I'd do it with some style,
I'd never grumble, never groan, I'd do it with a smile.
But now I find as years tick by I get grumpier on the way,
I winge and whine and tut and sigh with a new moan every day.

Why can't I make a phone call and speak to someone on the end?
It's press one for this and two for that. It drives me round the bend.
They're ripping up the countryside to build more roads and zones,
only to fill them up again with miles and miles of cones.

The council tax has gone up again yet there are potholes everywhere
and the hedgerows need cutting back but no-one seems to care.
The crime rate's getting higher yet not a copper on the streets,
they're all sat behind computers and never on the beat.

Give me back the old days and a much more slower pace,
then I can grow old happy, with a smile upon my face - *Rose Beer*

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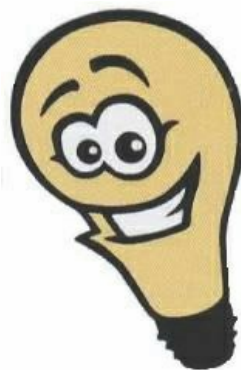
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