

# The Eastry Village News

October/  
November 2019



## Village Contacts

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999

### Non-emergency Police

101

### Community Warden

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### Gas Emergency

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### Doctors Surgery

619790

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111

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**Village Hall Bookings** - Booking Clerk 614184

**Village Forum** - [www.facebook.com/eastryvillageforum](http://www.facebook.com/eastryvillageforum)

**Welcome Pack** - information for people new to Eastry

Rosemary Barwick 611420

# Young People's Contacts<sup>8</sup>

## Young People's Club (next to the Gun Park)

Have fun and make friends  
Admission free



**Meetings:** Tuesday 7pm - 9pm (Age 12-19)  
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 Chairman.

## Incy Wincys

**Baby and Toddler Group** in the Young People's Club meet every Monday including school holidays (apart from bank holidays) 9.30am to 11.00am.

We have toys for all ages and arts and crafts and lots of music, singing and movement.

Also we provide a healthy snack for children and tea and coffee for parents.

For more info contact Sam or Ria on [incywincys@hotmail.com](mailto:incywincys@hotmail.com)

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**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](mailto:Sandwichdivisiongg@gmail.com) or via:  
[www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter/](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter/)

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## 10th DEAL EASTRY SCOUT GROUP

**Group Scout Leader: Graham Baker 07837 430167 / 01304 611487**

### **BEAVERS (5¾-8yr)**

Monday 6pm - 7.15pm

**Leader** Elinor  
07429 294539

### **CUBS (8-10½yr)**

Tuesday 6.30pm - 8pm

**Leader** Emma (contact  
Graham Baker)

### **SCOUTS (10½ -14yr)**

Wednesday 7pm - 9pm

**Leader** Vacant (contact  
Graham Baker)

### **EXPLORERS (14yr+)**

Meet every other Friday from 7.45pm to  
9.15pm and focus on the Duke of  
Edinburgh Award Scheme  
Contact: Graham

### **FOR BOOKINGS**

Contact: Marion Wanstall (617854)  
or the Group Leaders

### **NEW MEMBERS ARE WELCOME**

Scouting is fun for adults too. If you  
would like to help then please call Graham.

## Local Events

### Eastry Horticultural Society

Eastry Village Hall 7.00pm to 7.30pm start. Visitors and new members are always welcome.

**October 8th** Harvest Supper and (this year in a change from pumpkins) - a Marrow Weigh-in.

**November 12th** Annual General meeting and Social evening.

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### Northbourne & Betteshanger Horticultural Society

**Monday** 14th October at 7.30 p.m. at Northbourne Parish Hall

Speaker - Mrs Janine Daulton

Subject - Spring Bulbs

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**Corners** in Northbourne Parish Hall

Monday 21st, Tuesday 22nd October. 10.00am to 3.00pm

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**Eastry & District Open Group (EDOG)** in the Church Hall at 7.30pm

**Monday 21st October** John Vanderdol - Wildlife photographer

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**Eastry Village News** - Annual General Meeting, Eastry Parish Room , Church Street

Tuesday 29th October - 7.00pm

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**Dover Flower Club** held in Whitfield Village Hall at 7.15 pm

October 28th Workshop with Cicely Finnis "In a Box"

November 25th Floral Demonstation by Helen Hare entitled "A Winters Tale" competition- A Victorian Christmas Guest entry £8

Sales table, raffle and refreshments.

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**Eastry Local Interests Group (ELIG)** at Eastry Church Hall

No meeting in October

**Wednesday 27th November** the Church Hall at 7.45pm  
Alan Buckman "Deal History"



## St Mary's Eastry Autumn Events

**Quiz Night** - Friday 25th October 7.00pm for 7.30pm start

St Mary's Events Team warmly invite you to join us for our Autumn Quiz Night in the Church Hall. Tables of eight can be booked for £5.00pp.

As usual it looks set to be another fun evening with Dr Alastair 'My word is final, no mobile phones' Carnegie as our quiz master. Gather your table together to pit your wits against the other teams. Proceeds will be split between St Mary's and Porchlight Charity.

**Christmas Market** - Saturday November 23rd

Join us again this year at our lovely Christmas Market held inside St Mary's Church 10.30am until 1.30pm. Lots of gifts and craft ideas for your Christmas presents, Father Christmas will be there at 11.00am and of course there will be mulled wine and mince pies to get us into the Christmas mood.

For more information on both of these events email:

[carole.finch@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:carole.finch@hotmail.co.uk)

Also, please consider joining us on our Walking Nativity on 12th December. More information in the next magazine issue.

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### Bingo in the Village Hall -

Saturday 26th October and 9th November

Doors open 7.00pm, eyes down 7.30pm

Entry including Banger's & Chips etc - £3.50.

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**Kent Mobile Library Service** 9.40am - 10.10am

Friday 4th, 18th October; 1st, 15th, 29th November

### Parish Council Events

**Coffee Break** Everyone welcome - Free refreshments

Fridays 9.00am -12noon

**Hearing Aid Clinic** 10.00am - noon

Fridays 11th October 8th November

## Eastry Youth Club

On the 21st August Sandwich Lakes held a fishing and camping trip for the members of the Eastry Youth Club. The trip gave the children and young adults the opportunity to try their hand at coarse fishing and enjoy the great outdoors, also the trip was free of charge for the youth club which allowed everyone to take part.

Over 20 children enjoyed the day's fishing which saw some large carp caught. The camping overnight was also enjoyed by the older members.



Marshmallows roasted on an open fire and sleeping under the stars. The trip was a great success and everyone involved enjoyed the day. The youth club members were well behaved and it was a pleasure to see them come together as friends.



The 20 young people who were given this great opportunity want me to say a big "thank you" on their behalf to Kevin Killin who manages the Lakes site at Richborough and Joanne Barham his partner who put together the trip - organising parental forms and the free food on the day and the next morning.

**Dick Laslett**

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## Spotlight on Talent in Eastry

### Vicky Feldman

Vicky has lived in Eastry for the past 11 years and during that time she has fulfilled a passion – to teach people how to bake bread.

Vicky had the great privilege to learn production cookery from an Italian masterchef, who trained her to use only the very best quality organic ingredients. This gave her a particular interest in the impact food has on our health.

Recognising the increasing demand for healthy, home-cooked food, and having a passion for bread, she set up the Canterbury Baking School with the aim of teaching her students to feel confident and sufficiently skilled to produce delicious, light and nutritious produce at home.

Vicky runs workshops throughout the year, milling all her own flour and also showing students how to bake bread from heritage grains, which are becoming increasingly easy to source. There are classes for all levels of experience, from basic breadmaking skills to mastering sourdough and specialist artisan breads, plus workshops on making pasta and pizza.

A vegetarian for 20 years and with a husband who is vegan, Vicky has been developing new recipes that can be included in these type of diets and runs specific workshops on the subject.

“I keep the workshops small and we have a wide range of people who come along. There are quite a few men and we also teach children. In fact we have a special children’s birthday party session that is popular.”

You can find out more about Vicky and her workshops at [www.canterburybakingschool.com](http://www.canterburybakingschool.com) and she is offering a special £20 discount to EVN readers on Christmas 2019 gift vouchers.

### Barry Feldman

By choosing to spend his life working with wood, Eastry resident Barry Feldman has been following in the footsteps of his joiner and furniture maker father. This was not the plan when he first went to the Royal College of Art; but while there, he began to take an interest in furniture, and since graduating his life has been devoted to designing and building beautiful furniture in wood. His style is contemporary and he has created beautifully simple, yet practical, designs that have been featured in several publications over the years, including *The Sunday Times*, *House and Garden*, *Italian Vogue*, *Good House Keeping* and *Beautiful Homes*.

He has produced a vast range of wooden furniture pieces including tables, chairs, beds, garden furniture, kitchens, lighting, office furniture, and even toys and small wooden accessories.

Barry always has a pen and notebook to hand and is constantly thinking of ideas - in particular devising innovative space-saving design in which he specialises. His diverse portfolio includes several multi-functional furniture items that fold, stack or are otherwise dynamic. With a keen interest in architecture and sustainable energy Barry has also designed and developed prototype wind generators and solar ovens.

Over the past couple of years Barry has worked on a concept that first had roots when he was a student, "I was fascinated by geometric shapes and how they can be constructed using simple jointing methods. At the time I didn't know how or what I would do with these structures but in the back of my mind I knew that someday they would make good spaces for buildings. Through much experimentation I arrived at a design and construction that I liked - six triangles joined together at the apex, then panels with insulation windows and doors fitted into the main frame to complete a pod.

For 18 months I worked at a social enterprise, teaching the unemployed woodworking skills, where I met many people who had been homeless. This got me thinking again how to build tiny pod homes. I built a small version which was a play house for children and this allowed me to try out the construction – and it worked."

And so the Tripod was born – and outdoor space that can be used for additional accommodation, a studio or workshop. Several of these have been bought for houses in Deal and one has even been shipped to a customer in Oman.



Barry's amazing designs can be seen at [www.woodworksdesigns.co.uk](http://www.woodworksdesigns.co.uk)

If you live in Eastry and would like EVN to spotlight your talent, please contact the editor at [evneditor@gmail.com](mailto:evneditor@gmail.com)



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### St Mary's Parish Church

[www.eastrybenefice.co.uk](http://www.eastrybenefice.co.uk)

#### Clergy:

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 Revd. Sandra Marsh 612686  
 Revd. Jennifer Pilcher 611472  
 Revd. David Willis 611959

#### Bell Captain:

Mick Johnson 07773 970475

#### Organist:

Maureen Norman 366761

#### Church Wardens:

Dr. Alastair Carnegie 813120  
 Jo Slater 619873

#### Assistant Church Wardens:

Mary Goosen 611306  
 Sue Brearley 761668

#### Church Hall Bookings:

Bob Barwick 611420

#### Enquiries:

Please phone the office 611323

## Church Office

**Benefice Office**, The Church Hall, Church Street, Eastry, CT13 0HH

Wednesdays 10.45am to 12.45am and Fridays 10am - 12noon

Tel 611323 e-mail - [eastry.benefice@gmail.com](mailto:eastry.benefice@gmail.com)

During out-of-office hours a message can be left.

## Benefice Website

Please visit our website: [www.EWBchurches.org.uk](http://www.EWBchurches.org.uk)

Find us on Facebook at: [www.facebook.com/EWBchurches](https://www.facebook.com/EWBchurches)

## Sing Along and Tea

**Tuesdays 22nd October, 26th November** - Church Hall 2.30 - 4.00pm

We will sing old well-known songs and enjoy a cup of tea and cake.

There will be a raffle, everyone is welcome. **CONTACT 611400**

## The Church Registers

<b>Baptism:</b>	1st September	Skylar Mumford
<b>Weddings:</b>	3rd August	Lorraine Armstrong & Nigel Clarke
	4th August	Lisa Duffy & Rick Appleby-Bowles
	16th August	Louise Chatfield & David Easter
	17th August	Elizabeth Barry & Martin Langdon
<b>Funerals:</b>	5th August	Kathleen Lancaster (Barham)
	30th August	Margery Deveson (Barham)

## Church Services

### Sunday mornings at Eastry

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

### Evensong Services 6.30pm

6th October, 3rd November (Northbourne)  
 13th October, 10th November (Tilmanstone)

### Wednesdays

10.00am Holy Communion Eastry Church Hall - all are welcome

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## Special Services

### Sunday 6th October

10.30am Harvest Festival Service at Eastry

6.30pm Choral Evensong in the Church followed by Harvest Supper in the Church Hall

### Sunday 27th October

6.30 pm, Celtic Service at Staple

### Sunday 3rd November

3.00pm All Souls Service at Eastry.

There will be a Memorial Service to remember our departed family and friends. Please come and join us and light a candle in memory of your loved ones.

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## Royal British Legion - Remembrance commemorations

**Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> November** – 10.45am, parade from Church Street to the War Memorial and St Mary's for the Act of Remembrance and the Service.

**Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> November** – 10.45am, assemble at The Parade for Two Minutes Silence.

Eastry RBL very much appreciates your wonderful support for the Poppy Appeal over the years. If you would like to help the Branch in some way in the week preceding Remembrance Sunday please contact the Branch's Poppy Appeal Organiser, Janet Kershaw, on [missmacey1@btinternet.com](mailto:missmacey1@btinternet.com) for further information.



## Final Friday Friendship Lunch Club

On Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October in the Church Hall at 12 noon, it will be our last Friendship Lunch and 16 years since the first lunch.

In July 2003 a group got together and started planning The Friday Friendship Lunch Club. The idea was that on the second Friday of the month we would provide a two course meal followed by tea or coffee for £2.50. We hoped that those from the village who would like to meet for a chat and a meal, and perhaps make new friends, would join us. The first lunch we catered for 40 people, gradually the numbers increased up to 65!

Over the last four years the numbers have fallen and with the increase in costs it was decided to increase the cost of a meal to £4 three years ago.

We have now come to the decision that due to the fall in numbers over the last year and ill health and other commitments of our helpers, we have decided that the October lunch will be the last one.

A very sincere thank you to all our helpers past and present, and those of you that have supported us from the beginning. The second Friday of the month won't seem the same!

Contact **611400**

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## Rector's Letter

October in our churches is the season of Harvest Festivals, and in each of our five parishes we shall have celebratory worship which is enriched by a shared meal together. I hope you will all feel very welcome to join us for all or part of these festivities.

Harvest Festivals of course go back to a time when the quality of the harvest was of absolute significance – literally a matter of life or death. So naturally a good harvest would illicit prayers of praise to God and a bad harvest petitions for help.

We now live in very different times when we expect to have a rich variety of food available at reasonable prices all year round. Even given some short term concerns over the implications of a no-deal Brexit, I don't expect this to change significantly in the medium term. It is therefore very easy to have a sense of complacency, which is why the Harvest Festival still plays an important role in reminding us of the imperative to value what we have – even the commonplace.

That having been said, Harvest Thanksgiving invites us now to reflect upon and engage with a far more serious concern. Whether we want to recognise it or not, we are faced with the looming spectre of climate

change. Global warming is no longer something to speculate about, it is a reality: the six hottest years on record have all been in the last decade. We are also surely aware of a tendency towards more extreme weather events.

One area of particular concern is the Arctic which is heating faster than anywhere else on earth. The real danger is that melting ice will set off positive feedback loops which set in chain ever rising temperatures. A significant concern is that as the ice, which is good at reflecting radiation, melts, more heat will be absorbed resulting in greater loss of ice and more heating. A further serious concern is the Greenland ice sheet which is beginning to melt and has the potential to give a 6m rise in sea level. The ice has trapped within it large amounts of carbon dioxide and methane (a very potent greenhouse gas). As these gasses are released temperatures will rise further releasing more gas causing higher temperatures....

The Anglican Communion set out Five Marks of Mission in 1984. The fifth of these states that the mission of the Church is to 'strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth.' Clearly Christians share an imperative to challenge and address anything which damages our planet: but what to do?

We can of course all play our part through practical action to reduce our carbon footprint: fly less, change our diet, save energy, waste less; as well as, of course, to use our influence to encourage governments to take action.

But I think the Christian faith offers two particular resources:

First it is the example of Jesus Christ in self-sacrificial giving. If we are to avoid catastrophe it does mean a preparedness and willingness to make sacrifices. Put in economic terms the cost of addressing climate change will be hundreds of billions of dollars a year; but the cost of doing nothing will run into trillions of dollars. If we are to take this seriously we must be willing to give now – it is no longer possible to put it off to the future.

And second, Christianity is about hope – hope that our lives, our relationships, our world are in the hands of God, and that his reconciling work continues. If we are to address the enormous challenges which face us, then we must have hope. If we lose hope we lose our will and our purpose. The problems before us are immense, but they are not insurmountable. Humanity working together has been capable of great achievement in the past; climate change is on a different scale, but it can be addressed and we must never lose hope.

So our Harvest Festivals remain a timely reminder to offer our thanks for all that we have; but equally they are a reminder that we must now engage with hope and determination to work for climate justice.

**David Ridley**



## New Headteacher



I, Kate Espley, am pleased to introduce myself as the new Headteacher at Eastry Church of England Primary and tell you a little about me. For the previous seven years I have been the Deputy Headteacher at Herne Church of England Junior School, a large and very successful school near Herne Bay. There, I had responsibility for Teaching and Learning and

Assessment, working collaboratively within an alliance of twelve other schools and providing support for schools with falling standards. I took a key role in the Christian Distinctiveness within the school and enjoyed finding creative and engaging ways to develop pupil and staff spirituality and understanding of faith and belief.

What drives me? I have high aspirations and expectations for all members of the school community and believe that every child has the potential and right to achieve as highly as possible. To ensure this, parents, staff, governors and pupils need to work well together with this shared goal in mind. Decisions and changes made; big/small, easy/difficult, will always have considered what impact it will have on the children and standards across all aspects of school life.

Whilst English, Maths and RE are the bedrock of our curriculum, I also believe that the wider curriculum plays an important role in enriching children's development and helping them to explore who they are as individuals. I'm extremely happy that the children will be receiving Forest School sessions, this is something that I set up in my previous school and witnessed the positive impact it had. Creativity, performance and sporting ability will be explored, fostered and nurtured and I aim for Eastry to be entered in local competitions in relations to these.

Personally, I am wife to Sam and mother to two young boys (Sebastian and Benedict), a cat and four chickens! We are an outdoorsy family; walking, running, kayaking, bike riding and snowboarding are but some of the activities we enjoy. Travelling, seeing the wider world and our home country is important to us also, often we can be seen hitching on our trailer tent and heading off for a camp. We hold family values dear, talking and laughing a lot with the people we love.

My first impressions of Eastry are wholly positive; it seems to be a school that really lives out it's values of; welcoming, joy, compassion, perseverance and respect. The staff, parents and pupils have made me feel part of the community already and I look forward to leading the school to further successes.



## Community-led Housing

Community-led housing is when communities come together to develop the homes for their local community. It can be for rent, low cost ownership, or for sale, but it is designed to be always affordable for the community. It can take many forms, and as such it is flexible to suit the requirements of a range of different circumstances.

Community groups with ideas for in their area, but who need some financial assistance to help get their projects started, are invited to apply for the DDC Community Housing Grants scheme. The purpose of the funding is to build skills and knowledge amongst communities, to help them to investigate the feasibility of providing community-led affordable housing developments, and to contribute towards specialist support and consultancy services where appropriate.

A wide range of free courses and training is available for anyone embarking on a community-led housing or self-build project. Contacts:

Talha Islam: Talha.islam@dover.gov.uk, 821199, 07596 239838

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[www.dover.gov.uk/Housing/Community-Housing/Community-Housing-Grants.aspx](http://www.dover.gov.uk/Housing/Community-Housing/Community-Housing-Grants.aspx)

## Eastry Horticultural Society

The EHS 140<sup>th</sup> Annual Show took place on Saturday the 17<sup>th</sup> August.



The hall was filled with many entries in most categories including domestic, craft and photographic classes.



Fourteen trophies were awarded, some to the same exhibitors and they were given out by Hillie Patel from Bickers Store.

The committee's thanks go to all who participated and to the visitors, without them all there would be no show.

**Peter Bailey, Chairman EHS**

## Another Toy Baby Animal Crisis in Eastry

For the fifth year running toy baby animals have sought homes from the children of Eastry. On the night of 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> of August over 40 toy Scottie dog puppies were gathered on the village hall railings and in the gardens of the parade of shops seeking new homes.



These puppies, originally Christmas presents have been rejected by their owners who no longer wanted to look after them. As with other years when there have been baby mice, hedgehogs, rabbits and kittens all found homes before the following night with the welcoming children of Eastry.

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## Gym Equipment

The Eastry Village Hall has a comprehensive list of gym equipment that is not being used. The equipment was supplied five years ago by a grant from the Coalfield Regeneration Grant Scheme. The intention being to help hirers running exercise classes with equipment at the hall.

Unfortunately the gym kit is not being used and is sitting idle. We have exercise bikes, trampolines, hand bikes, steppers, boxes, weights, stretch bands, and mats etc. just waiting for a qualified person to run fitness/exercise classes.

If you know anyone who wishes to start a class please contact the Eastry Village Hall booking clerk, Peter Bailey on 01304 614184 to discuss or contact via email to [bishopofeastry@gmail.com](mailto:bishopofeastry@gmail.com).

If the gym kit remains unused it will be sold to raise funds and increase storage space.

## Remembrance – For us it's specific

On Remembrance Sunday we consider and reflect upon the world changing events of two world wars and the loss of nearly two generations of men and women. As a family we specifically remember two relatives - one from each conflict.

My wife's great uncle, 'Thomas' Fielder enlisted in the Buffs (The East Kent Regiment) in August 1915 and was killed on the Somme on 15<sup>th</sup> September 1916 aged 19. He has no known grave and his parents never knew where he was buried or if he had any memorial. We could not find him in WWI records on the internet but during the Eastry Twinning Association visit to Longpre in 2016 we struck lucky. For the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of the Somme our French hosts took us to the many allied war graves cemeteries in their immediate area. At each one we paid tribute to the fallen. One of our group reciting L.Binyon's poem "For the fallen" and a minute of silence. We came to the huge Thiepval "Memorial to the Missing". After the museum I went with Nick Smith into the memorial. Nick found The Buffs panel. The first thing I saw on the name covered panels, at my eye level, H.T.Fielder, our lost relative. On checking the site records it was him. We had been slightly misled with his name, he wasn't known by his first name, and now we have his history recorded for our archive.

In the 1930's my father was living in Ramsgate with his parents and elder brother Roy who he idolised. Roy was 4 years older, handsome, intelligent and a "demon fast bowler" who used Dad for practice! Just prior to the World War II he was on Kent CCC's books and was engaged to Rita. Roy joined the RAF as sergeant/observer in 51 squadron bomber command. He died on 17<sup>th</sup> August 1940, aged 19, during a night raid on Bohlen, Germany. Their Whitney bomber, hit by flak, exploded in mid-air.

My Dad was not called up until the end of the war and was sent to Germany. Curiously he was walking through a cemetery near Dortmund in December when he came across Roy's grave. Roy being the only member of the crew identified on a headstone. Dad sent a letter home with a sketch of the graves, asked his parents to let the powers that be know the names of the rest of the crew, and promised to sit with Roy on Christmas Day. It is impossible to read this letter with dry eyes! Roy is now buried in Hanover and my sister and I and our spouses have visited. All his fellow crew members are named, all under 30 years old, and every bomber crew is buried side by side with headstones touching – extremely moving. Lots from 1940 and more from 1944/45.

Two coincidences, just good fortune or guidance from above? So on Remembrance Sunday, be it here, in Australia or elsewhere as we stand in silence to honour the fallen we specifically take a moment to remember two family members and reflect on how our family life might be very different if they had not given their lives for our freedom.

**Patrick Clarke**



## Centenary Garden's Play Area – Adventure Trail

The Parish Council has now received news that £10k grant has been awarded by the National Lottery Community Fund to help pay for a replacement Adventure Trail at the Centenary Garden play area. This together with funds provided by the Parish Council means that the project can proceed and the order has been placed with the manufacturers.



The scheme above provided by Playdale was the one favoured during the consultation. The scheme is designed for children aged from 18 month to 14 years. Playdale also provided the equipment at Wingham Recreation Ground and Betteshanger Park.

## Parish Council 2019/20 Small Grants

Small Grant applications are invited from village organisations and groups. Applications can only be accepted from groups with a fully-constituted committee and a bank account in the group's name. Applicants should be aware that only applications which serve members of the local community will be considered. Application must be submitted by 5pm on Friday 15th November 2019. Grant allocation will be decided and payments made by 14th December 2019.

An electronic copy of the form for 2019 is available on the Parish Council web site or from the Clerk to the Parish Council.

### Dover District Council - Bin Collections

**Non-recyclable Waste** Black-wheeled Bin & Food

Tuesdays 8th, 22nd October; 5th, 19th November

**Recyclable Waste** Blue-wheeled Bin (Plastics, Tins, Bottles),  
Cardboard, Green-waste & Food

Tuesdays 1st, 15th, 29th October; 12th, 26th November

## In The Garden

**House Plants:** The Ancient Greek philosopher Theophrastus began it all when he made a list of about 450 plants, some suitable for growing indoors. That was over 2000 years ago, and we have been buying, growing and killing house plants ever since.

Most indoor plants will have been raised in glasshouses, then kept on the shelf in a warm shop, so if you buy your plant during a cold spell, make sure you wrap it up well when taking it home.

When buying your plant make sure there are no roots growing out the bottom of the pot. This is known as 'pot bound' and will have put the plant under stress. Make sure there are no limp or damaged leaves and only choose a flowering plant that has a few open flowers and plenty of unopened buds.

When you get your plant home, place it in a position as instructed on the label. It may need watering, but don't drown it. Roots need air as well as water, and keeping the compost soaked at all times means certain death for most plants. If the instructions mention that it requires extra humidity, place some pebbles in a saucer, fill the saucer just below the top of the pebbles and place your plant on the pebbles, this will give added humidity. This also applies if your plant is in a central-heated room as in the winter the room can become as dry as desert air.

Like us, plants need feeding otherwise they become sick and die. There are lots of plant food available, but first read the instructions, and only feed as instructed. Overfeeding can be as damaging to the plant as underfeeding.

Some of my favourite house plants:

**"Azalea"** (*Indian*) countless of these plants are brought every year at Christmas time. They can be stood outdoors during the summer.



**"Begonia"** (*Rex*) lovely foliage house plant that will love being in the bathroom or shower room.

**"Dracaena"** this is a large group of plants, grown for their attractive foliage.

**"Gloxinia"** a summer flowering plant, but the tuber can be kept and replanted annually.

**"Sansevieria"** (*Mother-in-law's tongue*) a very popular house plant.



**"Impatiens"** (*Busylizzie*) grown for their flowers and in some cases like *Impatiens Fanfare* for their attractive foliage.

**"Thunbergia"** (*alata* – *"Black-eyed-Susan"*) you can grow this plant from seed, very attractive flowers.

“**Jasminum**” (polyanthum) grown for their white fragrant blooms.

“**Saintpaulia**” (*African Violet*) again a large group of plants, some are trailing but it is easier to grow the “Saintpaulia hybrid”.

“**Zebrina**” (*Wandering Jew*) grown for their attractive leaves that are glistening and multi-coloured.



I hope this has whetted your appetite to grow a house plant, but whether you prefer “Black-eyed-Susan” or your “Mother-in-law’s tongue” I hope you enjoy your houseplant and your garden,

### Art E. Choke

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It seems like summer is coming to an end, I can’t say that I’m looking forward to darker mornings and evenings, but at WI we are also looking towards the end of another year with our AGM in November.

Looking back over the last year I’ve become aware of the number of activities we’ve been involved in. At our monthly meetings there have been a mixture of craft workshops, quiz nights, speakers on a variety of subjects from Jihad Homsey with his excellent talk about the work of Mercy Ships, to tai chi.

We have also visited gardens, been ten pin bowling a few times as well as a cinema visit and a theatre trip.

Some members went to Folkestone for the East Kent Federation’s Annual meeting, where Pru Leith told us about her varied working life in catering and running restaurants, and two of us went to Bournemouth for the AGM of our National Federation. A small group went to Denman, the WI college in Oxfordshire for a short stay sampling some of their workshops. Another group went to the Royal British Legion Village to receive a community award for the display of poppies at Eastry village hall. As I write we are preparing for our Exhibition at the Village Hall.

There was a Federation centenary garden party on a very hot July day at St Edmunds School in Canterbury and another very hot day selling cakes and preserves at Eastry village fete. We have met up with our ‘twin’ WI in Sutton Valence for lunch, followed by a visit to a local place of interest, then tea, and as always when we get together, lots of chat!

Our monthly lunch club continues to be well supported visiting different venues, and craft group continues to meet at the Church Hall every Tuesday from 9.30am -12.00.

**Sue Hankins** President - tel 619414

## Bird Watching with Big Nick

In the June / July issue of the Eastry Village News, I wrote that I'd not had much success photographing a sparrowhawk. Well, thanks to our near neighbour Mr Longley, that has now been rectified. I arrived home in the car and as I got out he called me over to ask what bird of prey it might be that he'd just seen eating another bird at the bowls club. I said it was most likely to be a sparrowhawk.

I grabbed my camera and dashed around there. Sure enough, making a mess of the bowling green was a female sparrowhawk plucking what I think was a collared dove. I was able to get some good shots through the wrought-iron gate. A lot of people take a dislike to sparrowhawks because they eat other birds (often garden birds), but it's all part of the complex system which makes up the natural world.



I recently took a walk around Ramsgate Harbour when I heard a repetitive peeping, chirping sound reminiscent of a grasshopper or cricket. After a few minutes I spotted what was making the sound; it was a kingfisher, or to be more precise, two. The call was not one I'd heard before. However a quick search when I got home of the wonderful xeno-canto.org website of recorded bird calls and song, revealed it to be the begging call of a juvenile. I knew that kingfishers were often to be seen in Ramsgate, (and anywhere around the coast) but I thought that it was more usually over the winter months, particularly when the freshwater fishing areas may be frozen or murky from heavy rain.



Two Kingfishers at Ramsgate Harbour



Kingfisher at Herne Bay



Whilst on the subject of harbours, they are a good place to look for birds, especially over the next few months. The relatively calm waters can provide shelter for birds not often seen locally or at such close range.

A Red-breasted merganser made Wellington Dock in Dover its home for the winter a while ago. These diving ducks are in the sawbill family, so named for their long serrated bills which help them catch fish. They breed in the north-west of the UK but spend their winters around the coast. The second picture is of a guillemot, also taken at Dover; they normally winter far out to sea but may be found inshore after gales.



Red-breasted merganser  
- female or non breeding male



Guillemot

The list of interesting birds I've seen and photographed at the two harbours is too long for this article, but may be worthy of a separate report.

**Nick**

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## **Royal British Legion. Poppy Appeal 2018-9**

We are very pleased to announce the total raised by donations to the Poppy Appeal.

This is the outstanding sum of **£5,075.92**

We would again wish to thank all who contributed and assisted us in achieving such an amount for a small village.

Thanks to you all.

**Roger Penn- Poppy Appeal Organiser**



## Neighbourhood Watch

New housing is popping up in all sorts of sites in the village and more are evidently being planned. As the whole of Eastry is a designated NHW area then it may be that more signs are needed. These signs are free but must be erected on telegraph poles now and the number of the pole recorded with the NHW office in Ashford.

Kent County Council has tried to charge for the erection of signs and have had quite a tussle in particular in Ashford. The Town Council has got involved to encourage the use of signs to protect the residents. One can only conclude that KCC is desperate to increase its income. Should you feel that Eastry needs more signs then please let me know tel. 611580. We try to keep a balance as we don't want to clutter our village with too much signage.

Very few front door stickers are now being produced by the police and KCC and will only be issued to anyone who signs up to be a member of NHW. All that is needed is to sign a data protection form and you will be welcomed into the organisation and will receive regular updates of crime in the Dover Area.

The crime reports seem to fall into two categories. Some of it is pure vandalism like stone throwing at windows and slashed tyres and smashed wing mirrors on cars. Others are crimes done to order like the theft of farm machinery and expensive tools from vans and sheds. One recent report was of apples and plums having been stolen from an orchard. Nothing appears to be safe these days.

I'm thinking of the new school year - expensive uniforms, kit, bikes and scooters. Maybe with the assistance of our warden or a police cadet a property marking session can be arranged. Much of the property stolen cannot be returned without a postcode marking.

Christmas will give us even more reason to mark new possessions.

Keep safe - **Sheila Smith**

Chair Neighbourhood Watch.

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### Correction

The obituary to Sam Shevde in the previous edition of the EVN was compiled by Chris Martin as she has worked closely with the Shevde family over the years. Sheila Smith would not like to claim credit for it.

## World War II Child Evacuees

The beginning of September saw the 80th Anniversary of the evacuation of children to many parts of the country away from the coasts and areas most likely to be bombed.

In Eastry a small group of evacuees from Dover and Deal meet at the Five Bells for lunch every two months. Some travel from as far as Folkestone and Herne Bay and all have vivid memories of living during the war and of their time in Wales. They all have memories to share, some were well cared for by loving families and others were not so well accepted. Bearing in mind that these children left the Garden of England where there was farming and fishing and most families had gardens and allotments, any relocation was going to be strange.

Some parents would not allow their eldest child to go as they would be needed to look after other babies and help their parents at work. Other children did not stay away for long as families could not cope with the worry of their offspring being away so they came back home to face what ever the future might hold. This could be problematic as schools had been requisitioned for the war effort.

I have listened to many stories of life as an evacuee. The children could not take any toys and one told of how she spent two years watching the children of the host family playing with their toys. Another boy aged ten coped with his separation by going to a local farmer and seeking work there at weekends. These children had little contact with their families during that time. It must have been traumatic being away from home.

The Deal & Dover Evacuee Club has existed for many years and until recently were able to visit a number of schools to tell of their experiences during the war. They took ration books, gas masks, old newspapers and booklets about the wartime conditions. Dover Museum has three educational packs which were most useful when we did these expeditions. Now we are pleased just to be able to meet up and still share memories. Mary and the staff at the Five Bells makes everyone so welcome and this venue has been a fixture for a year or two.

I have been adopted into this group because my parents had one of the first evacuees from the Medway towns who were sent to Sandwich as Chatham Dockyard and the river Medway were being bombed. Short Bros. were manufacturing sea planes on the Medway. Arthur Moy is almost 90 years old now and was staying with his grandmother. His parental home was Grimsby and it seems that his diet consisted mainly of fish and chips. In Eastry he learnt to grow crops, and tomatoes in particular and had to get used to purple sprouting broccoli and other greens. Arthur formed quite a bond with my parents and once came back with his family to the nurseries at Betteshanger.

I think that farmers are still permitted to have up to four caravans on their land for short periods. Arthur relates that my father, Alf Martin, told him to pick runner beans and tomatoes and was handed a fork to dig some potatoes and given some eggs. The next morning another caravaner reported that there was a thief on site and was abusing the hospitality of the farmer - a little bit of explaining had to be done.

**Sheila Smith**

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## **What a load of nonsense!**

Now although I never actually saw them my mother was convinced that she had eyes in the back of her head and if that wasn't bad enough she thought that I did as well because she would say to me "have you seen the back of your neck" or "have you seen behind your ears"? Apparently there was enough dirt to grow potatoes! Can you imagine that happening?

Apparently I was found under the gooseberry bush and yet when Mrs Smith had her baby the stork had brought it, (I'd never once seen a stork let alone one with a baby in it's beak) and when my Aunt had her baby the nurse delivered it in a little black bag. I am sure she lived in fantasy land because she was always going to see "a man about a dog" but we never ever owned one.

And talk about dreaming of doing the impossible, she reckoned she could make me laugh on the other side of my face and on a really bad day she would be able to knock me into the "back of next week" or into "kingdom come" wherever that was.

My hair has remained dead straight all my life despite eating my crusts and there's never been any signs of a plum or cherry tree growing inside me even though I maybe swallowed a few stones. She would tell my brother to eat his greens because it would put hairs on his chest but I ate mine as well! If I drank vinegar my blood would dry up, I must have looked an odd sight because I would fall over my bottom lip if I sulked much more. Having said all that there is only one thing that she was probably right about, that being if I pulled a funny face and the wind changed I stayed like it. Now I defy anyone who has read this not to start reminiscing about what your mother has told you!

**Rose Beer**

Oh - and don't watch too much TV 'cos you will end up with square eyes!

## Asian Hornet

This insect has invaded the UK and is spreading steadily across the country. The public is asked to look out for this new invader - the nests are of particular importance and should be reported. There will be a poster with more details in the Village Hall.

### Where might I see it?

May be seen on flowering plants, around beehives, around rotting / fermenting fruit and protein, and at street markets attracted by sweet fruit and fish stalls.

Active from February to November across England and Wales.

### What does it look like?

- ☐ Slightly smaller than native hornet
- ☐ Dark abdomen, 4th segment yellow / orange
- ☐ Bright yellow tips to legs (native hornet dark)
- ☐ Entirely brown or black thorax (native hornet more orange)

Asian hornet abdomen

Native hornet abdomen



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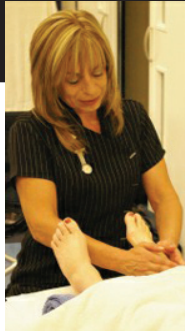
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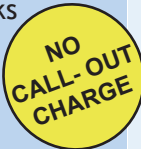
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