

The  
**Eastry**  
Village News



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2021

*A beautiful sunrise over Gore Road*

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## **It's no good moaning after the event!**

**Planning applications are being applied for and being passed that affect Eastry. Residents can have a say in the matter.**

Concerns are being voiced in Eastry that many residents seem to be unaware of a Housing Development plan for Eastry and recent housing planning applications. One resident says "this will mean an increase of about 15% in house numbers (about 280 new builds!) which will make the village feel so built up. The environment is so important to mental health and that's without the safety aspects. I am particularly concerned about Lower Gore Lane and the loss of the green view to the old railway and the trees. Only 4 people lodged a complaint on the DDC site and there were some in favour of it. Almost no battle happening!" Now the cut off date for feedback for these applications was 17<sup>th</sup> March and hopefully the leaflet sent out by our Parish Council will have inspired residents to make their opinions known to DDC and make us all more alert to any future planning applications. Here is what to look out for and be aware of:

*The procedure for planning applications to Dover District Council is as follows:* DDC put all planning applications on the planning section of the DDC website that anyone can access, they also publish them in the East Kent Mercury and they email them to the relevant Parish Council. Eastry Parish Council list the planning applications for Eastry on the agenda for the next planning committee meeting, the agenda is displayed on the Eastry Parish Council website and on the notice board by the village car park.

The Parish Council only have 21 days to submit their comments on planning applications, so when applications are received between meetings, the Councillors decide on how they want to comment by email and the feedback is reported at the next meeting. All planning applications are discussed during planning committee meetings taking into account any feedback from the public and other consultees, decisions are made and the Clerk then reports Eastry Parish Council's views to Dover District Council. Dover District Council then make the decision on the planning application, if there are more than six objections and Dover District Council wish to pass the application, the planning application goes to a Planning Committee meeting and decision at Dover District Council.

Anyone can comment on a planning application via the Dover District Council website and all views are considered with the same weight, the Parish Council's view is not worth more than an individual's view, it is the planning reason behind any objection that is important. To make your comments for or against these planning applications email [developmentcontrol@dover.gov.uk](mailto:developmentcontrol@dover.gov.uk) or you can telephone Dover District Council Local Planning Team on **01304 872244** and **PLEASE** remember to include the site reference number.



**Our historic village needs preserving, let us not be like the Ostrich!**  
**Well done Eastry Parish Council for the leaflet bringing this to our attention.**

## [Time To Wake Up, Eastry!!!!](#)

*There's a Dover District Council (DDC) plan to build 250 new houses in large-scale developments in Eastry. But our village campaign group, Lower Speed Street (LSS) says so far, our village will get NO extra funding to cope; nothing for new roads, traffic calming measures, schools, medical clinics, cycle paths, recreation or anything else you can think of..... Here's the LSS message*

Whether you're for or against massive new housing developments in Eastry, you need to know our village will be short-changed if you don't wake up and smell the coffee! Why? Because DDC isn't proposing to give us even £1 towards our roads, schools and infrastructure to help us cope with the huge number of new residents and cars that Eastry is set to get. Section 106 is something designed to make our Local and District Councils obliged to help us, yet there's no talk of this for Eastry. Instead, our village is just rolling over and letting the DDC do what they like, wherever they propose to do it, under their new Dover District Plan (see [www.doverdistrictlocalplan.co.uk](http://www.doverdistrictlocalplan.co.uk).) Our Parish Council can help get us Section 106 funds, but it needs you, our residents to feed it the ammunition it needs to approach its District Council and right this wrong. And if your District Council hears from nobody in Eastry, it will simply give the money we could have towards bolstering our woefully inadequate infrastructure to a much noisier, pro-active parish! So, if Eastry isn't getting any dosh under Section 106 for 250 new houses to be built here, where *is* the money going?

Well, for starters, it seems the DDC envisages that new residents and their children from the 80 proposed dwellings on the Eastry Hospital site and 50 new dwellings on the Gore Lane site will only use schools and facilities in Sandwich and Deal, so that's where all the money is going! Another 80 dwellings are planned around Buttsole Pond, 35 in Lower Gore Field and five more at Eastry Court Farm. We could be negotiating for even more Section 106 funding for those. Look at the S106 funding Sandwich has negotiated from previous developments:

£361,093	Sir Roger Manwoods expansion
£74,187.50	Warden House Primary School Deal
£4,801	Books for mobile library
£205,750	Sir Roger Manwoods expansion
£166,200	Sandwich infants school expansion
£1,281.96	IT at Sandwich Adult Education Centre
£2,400.79	Books at Sandwich Library
£3,881.50	Equipment Age Concern Sandwich
£3,040	Thanet and Sandwich Bay protection area

Meanwhile, for the Willowbank development Sandwich has negotiated £60,000 for traffic calming measures alone! And it's arguing for even more from DDC:

£450,000	Extensions to existing Primary schools within 2 miles and Secondary schools within 3 miles.
£35,000	Traffic Management in Sandwich centre and/or A256/257 roundabout

## Time to Wake Up, Eastry!!! (continued)

£10,000 Speed reduction measures on Ramsgate Rd

£3,500 Various speed and traffic monitoring /admin costs in Sandwich

Eastry gets all pain and no gain! Is this fair? LSS doesn't think so! Do you?? **C'mon Eastry! Campaign for our fair share!** Your Parish Council's hands are tied if their very own residents show no interest in what's happening on their own doorsteps. If you care about Eastry's lack of roads, schools, medical services, foot/cycle paths, green space, recreation and traffic calming measures to cope with this amount of new housing development, **tell your local district councillor about your concerns.** DDC will develop a total of 11,920 new homes within the area in the next few years. We're going to need the means to cope.

Don't be an Ostrich. Make yourself heard now, **before it's way too late.**

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### Eastry Horticultural Society - (Eastry Gardeners)

We gardeners in Eastry Club, like the rest of you, are survivors, or at least our plants are. Having only just survived the rigours of the gale force storms we, they, have now been subjected to the mountains of snow that nature has dumped on them. Despite everything thrown at them they are still pushing up mm by mm almost as though nothing had happened. Nature is indeed a wonderful thing. On the plus side I would imagine that many of the creepy crawlies have found the situation a bit too harsh and, fingers crossed, have passed on. There are already quite a few Daffodils and Snowdrops out there brightening up the gardens, the Leeks have been great as have the various cabbage varieties.



News wise it has not been a great few weeks, sadly we have lost Floss, Ruby and Mike but hopefully the rest of you are keeping fit and safe. It was disappointing to read that Art E Choke, our old friend Colin Coulson is to stop writing his very informative articles, hopefully one (or more) of our very experienced gardeners can help to fill in his space, but not an easy job.

Other than those few bits I am afraid that is about all for this article. But keep safe, be positive and keep working, spring is just around the corner. I include a couple of photographs from my own plot. One showing the daffs breaking through the snow, the other a general landscape of my snow covered garden. **John S**



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## Florence May Cork 15.11.19 - 28.01.21

*"Make hay while the sun shines" "Think of others before yourself" "What can't be cured must be endured". Just a few of the maxims that Eastry's Florence May Cork, better known as Floss, lived her life by .... and passed on to the many others she guided, cared for and looked after, putting the needs of others before her own, getting on with things, never wasting time sitting down doing nothing, and enduring whatever life threw at her with absolute grace and strength.*



Normal times would have seen a packed church at the funeral of our dear Floss; Eastry Church would have been full of people from the many aspects of village life that she was involved in and a long line of cars would have processed to an equally full crematorium. But these are not normal times and her family got through the small funeral at the crematorium on 12th March by remembering one of her lifelong maxims *"What can't be cured must be endured"* and in the knowledge that we will gather to remember her and celebrate her life at a Memorial as soon as it is possible. On her 90th birthday a piece about her life was published in the Eastry Village News and we can only imagine how amazed she would have been to know that she would live on to be 101. So the story had 11 more years to run.



Florence May Eldridge was born to Emily and Albert in Eastry on November 15th 1919, the second child of 5 with elder brother Victor, then Joyce, Donald and Ivor. She attended the Eastry Church of England school and passed the 11+ although her parents could not afford to send her so she remained at Eastry school until the age of 14 during which time she attended Friday classes at Sandwich in cookery and household management (for which we were all grateful as her cooking was legendary!). After leaving school she worked in a shop before going into service and then worked at the Margate Maternity Nursing Home until she married Robert Cork in 1939. In 1940 they were evacuated to Hawkhurst and in October of that year their first child Kenneth was born. Sadly Kenneth died

9 months later but in 1942 Floss and Bob returned to Eastry and went on to have three daughters, Rosemary, Gwenda and Julia. Floss eventually headed a large family and was a proud grandmother of four and great grandmother to six.

Floss was always a true village woman and active in the community throughout her life. After returning from the war in 1946 her husband and the Rev. Frank Cartman formed the Village Youth Club helped and supported by Floss. They were part of a group which raised the money to buy a piece of land by the Gun Park and through hard work, with the help of the young people of Eastry, cleared the land to provide tennis courts, a mini golf course and a beautiful garden. Rosemary remembers as a child during narcissi season going every day to the rough areas at the edge of the land which had beautiful blooms growing. Floss picked the stems whilst in bud, and made them up into bunches to be sent daily up to Covent Garden Flower Market to raise money for the youth club funds. She taught the girls sewing and handicrafts in her home and often said that she never knew exactly who was going to be sitting at her table as there was always a welcome and a meal for all. She sewed costumes with her mother for the many shows and pantomimes jointly performed in the Village Hall with the Women's Institute.



In 1956 she agreed to temporarily step in to help as leader of the Eastry Brownies until a replacement could be found; 30 years later she eventually had to retire, aged 66, from the role which she had relished, due to Guiding regulations. She was a lifelong member of the Women's Institute and the Horticultural Society of which she was President. She hosted the Women's Institute Darts Team at her house for many years (never complaining about the occasional holes in her walls!)

and was a member of the Trefoil Guild. She was involved with the Afternoon Fellowship and arranged many memorable coach outings. Always interested in any type of handicraft she attended a weekly craft group and knitted almost to the end of her life when her hands and her eyesight began to let her down. All the family babies and many others were wrapped in a beautifully knitted and incredibly soft Floss Cork shawl, and beautiful hand sewn clothes were made for all.

An active fundraiser, Floss was a dab hand with a raffle or a tombola and was involved in countless other methods of making money for causes such as The Arthritis and Rheumatism Council, the Village Hall, the various groups she was involved with and of course The Pilgrim's Hospice. She was on the fundraising committee for the hospice from its outset, being a member of the original committee formed in Sandwich to raise funds to create the hospice in Canterbury. She served on the Eastry Parish Council for 32 years and was a Trustee of Greville Homes alms houses in the village for many years. One of her long running raffle appearances was at the regular Village Hall Bingo evenings and she continued to enjoy bingo sessions at her care home in Kingsdown; she even managed to be on a committee there devoted to working jointly with the children from the local school. After reading that list of her various achievements, it makes one wonder how she managed at home, but there was always hearty home cooking and baking, with her soups, roasts, fruitcakes, cheese scones, cheese straws, jams and preserves, coconut ice and Victoria sponges just a few to deserve a special mention!

At the age of 96 Floss suffered a stroke, and although she recovered well, her mobility was severely compromised; so the sad decision had to be made that she would be better cared for in the lovely Glendale Lodge in Kingsdown. She made many friends there and felt at home, saying that if she could not be in her beloved home in Eastry, then Glendale was the next best thing. Until the last year when restrictions prevented it, she visited Eastry frequently with the help of family and a nifty wheelchair friendly vehicle and remained extremely interested in all the various village news and goings on.

In November 2019 Floss celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, receiving her card from the Queen which was framed and proudly displayed on her wall. A party was held in the Church Hall and we were able to celebrate and honour Floss together.

As Rose Beer said in her tribute at that lovely birthday party, Floss was 'old stock' and rather like a stock cube was made up of grains of wisdom, elegance, good manners, old fashioned skills, kindness, helpfulness, and a naughty sense of humour which, when all blended together, made one solid cube of goodness. That is what she was, a genuinely good person and we have had the greatest good fortune to have known her, been befriended by her, guided, influenced, and shaped by her.



***Rose Beer pays tribute to Floss again, in this beautiful poem she wrote and sent to the family.***

## **The Hands of Floss**

*Rose Beer*

She clasped her hands  
as if in prayer  
as quietly she relaxed  
in her favourite chair.

Her hands that had held babies,  
and wiped away tears,  
Her hands that had soothed,  
throughout her long years.

Her hands that had comforted,  
caressed and consoled,  
Her hands that had always  
been ready to hold.

Her hands that had applauded,  
in moments of pleasure,  
Her hands that had cupped faces,  
as if they were treasure.

Her hands that had held on,  
to a dying friend,  
Whilst clinging to hope,  
to the very last end.

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**You are not alone.** It is important to talk to somebody when you need an outlet or start to feel overwhelmed.

If you, or someone you know is struggling with their mental health, Mental Health Matters is a charity that can provide you with emotional support. The service is confidential unless it is considered there is a risk to yourself or others.

**Free helpline:** 08001070160247

**24/7 web-chat service:** <https://www.mhm.org.uk/helpline-webchat>

## Ban the Bully

A wolf in sheep’s clothing, is a saying often heard,  
As they appear placid and humble, until the victim’s lured.  
You find the bully everywhere, in school, at home in work,  
In fact there’s not a single place, where the bully does not lurk!

They choose their victim carefully like a bird hunting their prey,  
To feed their insecurities, they inflict throughout the day.  
The victim feels so helpless, unworthy and alone,  
If only they’d find the courage to use a help-line phone.

There are people, who will listen and help them just to see,  
There’s no need to suffer in silence; the help is there and free.  
Support can make the difference; inform them of their rights,  
To banish the bully forever, and end the soul destroying fights...

*May Morris 2021*

*Bullying is not okay in any shape size or form and because of this there is support for people or children who need help. If you are being bullied the following are just a few of the help lines which are available for support.*

**[ChildLine.org.uk](https://www.childline.org.uk)    [Youngminds.org.uk](https://www.youngminds.org.uk)**

*Bullying-support for parents who think their child may be being bullied or becoming a bully themselves  
Support for workplace bullying*

**[Bullying UK Bullying.co.uk](https://www.bullyinguk.co.uk), [gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk), [acas.org.uk](https://www.acas.org.uk)**

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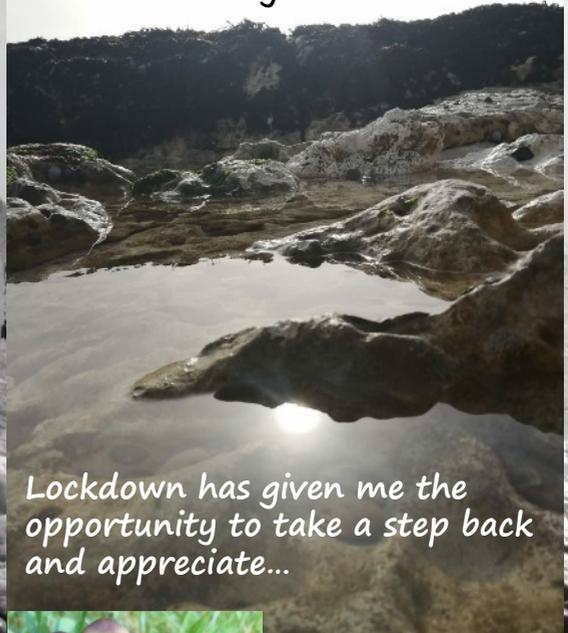


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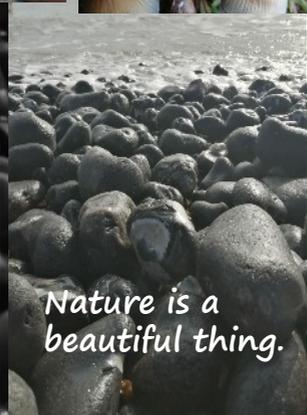
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**The NHS will never ask for payment or bank details, arrive unannounced at your house or ask for proof of identity.**

## National Crime Agency Scam Calls

I have received a report from several people who have stated that they received hoax calls with an automated message claiming to be from the National Crime Agency (NCA). The call states that they had been given instruction to suspend the persons national insurance number due to this being connected in some way with crime/fraud. The person is asked to press a button to speak to someone about this. **Do not press any buttons as it is a scam.**

One of the people receiving the call, stated that the number that they received the call from was **07912103772**.

## Amazon Phone Scams

A reminder about Amazon scam calls. I am still receiving reports from people stating that they received repeated automated telephone calls stating that they owe Amazon £79.99 for a service charge and that this will be taken from their account and in order to cancel the payment they need to:-  
**press button 1 to speak to an advisor.**

**Please do not press any buttons as this is a scam!!!**

**Remember Amazon will never contact anyone in this way.**

**Never** click on links contained within unsolicited emails and text messages.

If you believe that you may have fallen victim to this type of scam, then please contact your Bank immediately and then report to Action Fraud as soon as possible by calling **0300 123 2040** or visiting [www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk)



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## Remembering Miss Green - Primary School Teacher



Janette or Janet Green -she didn't mind either but I shall call her Janette. I'd heard about her before I met her. I began teaching a Junior class at the old building near the Church when she was the Deputy Head based at the new Primary School in Cooks Lea on the other side of the village. When John Gabriel succeeded Mr Fright as Headmaster, he decided we should all be on the same site. Meeting Janette, one of the strongest, most confident and experienced teachers I was ever to know, was a shock to the system and she terrified me.

However she taught me so much: that the children came first but never, never to underestimate the importance of the parents; that number bonds and phonics were as important as spelling and multiplication tables and that enthusiasm, energy and commitment were essential. She spent hours and hours rehearsing to play the

handbells in a group led by Mr. Norman for an old time music hall I was producing for the village to celebrate the Queen's Silver Jubilee. As ever, she gave 100% and I'll never forget her "peals" of laughter when they made the odd clanger during practice. She was a perfectionist as I learnt to my cost after spending hours one Friday night



in the school entrance hall, launching life-sized pictures of kings and queens that my class had produced for an art exhibition. It was really late and as just we were about to leave Janette took one look and said **"NO"**. Some she said were not straight! Eventually they were acceptable and she was satisfied.

She loved her family, adored her father, and often talked about her goddaughter and her family, she even took me to London to meet them. She was very supportive when my marriage broke up and we kept in touch when I left to live in Walmer. The last time I met her in person was before a review of one of the shows performed by Eastry Theatrical Co. when I called in on her and her three collies, who obviously ruled the roost, and who she loved unconditionally. She was a regular at Eastry Church for many years until ill health prevented her.

I do dream about school but not about teachers I have known, yet a couple of weeks ago I dreamt I was out walking when I saw Janette talking to someone in the street. I smiled and spoke to her but she looked at me vaguely as though she didn't quite recognise me. A few days later I got a phone call to say that she had died. Her life touched me, as it did hundreds of others during her teaching career. Ex-pupils, colleagues, parents and friends, who could never forget her, will always remember her strength, loyalty and determination to be the best she could be and her high expectations of everyone else. She was a real character.

Goodbye and God bless Janette/Janet Green and thank you for being you.  
*Anne-Marie McEvoy (Spencer)*

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## Rectors Letter

When I was at university, many years ago now, I spent one year lodging with a couple whose children had left the home. They were among the kindest, most caring people I have met, but what I found very interesting about them, was that their life was conducted by an unerring routine. On a Monday she went to the hairdresser, Tuesday was always a Chinese takeaway, Wednesday they did the weekly shop, Thursday was Fish and Chip supper, Friday he went with his mate to the pub (joined occasionally by me), Saturday their daughter and family came round for dinner and Sunday they entertained their son and family for lunch. In fact every meal every day followed the same pattern and they always went for the same week to the same place in the same cottage for holiday.

Some of you may relate to this, although it was very different to what I was accustomed to, but it got me thinking about both the importance of routine and the need for change.

I suspect the lives of most of us are governed by more routine than maybe we recognise. I would guess that breakfast is at a similar time and comprises a consistent diet, and other mealtimes are also fairly fixed; we may have a fairly regular pattern for relaxation – watching the TV, working in the garden – and a typical type of holiday.

One of the great strengths of a routine is that it makes something different extra-special. I usually have toast and a cup of tea for breakfast, so an occasional fry-up is a real treat; a meal out in a restaurant is a highlight because it doesn't happen very often; a lie-in is special because it is unusual; the holiday of a lifetime is just that because it is a one-off.

So routine and pattern in our lives is, I think, a good thing and should be valued – not least because it keeps us grounded. But that is different from being, as it were, stuck in a rut and no longer open to change at all.

In our Church life we typically have routine – for example attending Church on a certain day (usually Sunday), joining a home group on a weekday evening, helping with the lunch club once a month. This routine is good and helps to establish a pattern and identity – I think most people would struggle if nothing were familiar. So then when there is something special and different – perhaps a visit by the Bishop, a different type of service, a big social event, it is a highlight and uplifting. But the big balancing act remains as to how we cherish and value what we have, whilst being open to change and difference.

Sometimes, of course, change can be imposed upon us – this may be a change in our circumstances, our health - or the result of a pandemic! The reality over this last year is that all of us, to a greater or lesser extent, have been forced to respond to significant external changes to our lives. I am convinced that we are better able to respond and adapt to these crises when we begin from a place where we are grounded and secure – and I am equally convinced that faith helps offer us that stable foundation.

COVID has forced us all to flirt with imposed change and, in most cases, I hope it has encouraged us to see that change is perhaps more possible than we might have anticipated.

**Please note that at this time your Eastry Woodnesborough  
Benefice Church Contacts are:**

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**Curates** Rev Sandra Marsh  
Tel: 01304 612686 [email: revsandramarsh@btinternet.com](mailto:revsandramarsh@btinternet.com)

Benefice Office Tel: 01304 611323 - ansaphone checked once or twice a week email: [eastry.benefice@gmail.com](mailto:eastry.benefice@gmail.com) (checked at least daily)

**Details of our online Church Service are shown on page 20**

**Church Office - Tel: 01304 611323**

**Benefice Office**, The Church Hall, Church Street, Eastry CT13 0HH  
Wednesdays 10.45am to 12.45pm and Fridays 10.00am to 12 noon

**Benefice Website**

Please visit our website: [www.EWBchurches.org.uk](http://www.EWBchurches.org.uk) and share your thoughts on progress so far to - Revd. David Ridley or Michael Kinns.  
The new website is regularly being updated.

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

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**Rector's Letter - continued**

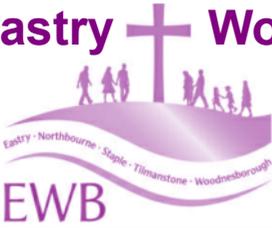
At the beginning of April we celebrate the festival of Easter. The story presents us with a small uncoordinated group of people facing an immense external crisis. These followers of Jesus, who had witnessed his crucifixion, had to draw upon the solid foundations which had been laid in order to start a new movement which would go on to sweep the known world. It was for them, inspired by the resurrection, about holding onto the fundamentals of their faith, whilst being open to change and grasping new possibilities

Can we then also learn to cherish our roots and our values, everything which offers us stability, whilst being open to change and new opportunities?

Footnote – in our benefice churches, we are facing not insignificant change with the news that Rev Sandra Marsh, who has served our parishes for the last three years, has been appointed to look after seven churches in the Charing, Hothfield, Westwell area. Sandra will say goodbye on Sunday 23 May, Pentecost Sunday, and we wish her well in this exciting new challenge in her ministry.

*David Ridley*

# Eastry Woodnesborough Benefice



## Holy Week and Easter 2021

### **HOLY WEEK**

#### **MAUNDY THURSDAY CHURCH SERVICES**

##### **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April**

7pm Holy Communion      Eastry, Staple, Woodnesborough

### **EASTER**

#### **EASTER DAY CHURCH SERVICES**

##### **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> April**

8am Holy Communion      Eastry, Tilmanstone

10am Holy Communion      Eastry, Northbourne,  
Staple, Woodnesborough

Streamed services for Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunday  
are to be arranged .

The usual connections for Sunday Zoom services will be used  
*see page 20 for details.*

### **LATER SERVICES IN APRIL AND MAY**

Details of other services in April and May will be given  
when they have been arranged.

The usual connections for Sunday Zoom services will be used

#### **The Church Registers - Funerals**

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12/03/21	Floss Cork	(Barham)
16/03/21	Ruby Atkins	

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### St.Mary's Church, Eastry

Many local people attend our village Church regularly and many more attend just occasionally. Some rarely attend but feel the Church itself represents a sense of security, timelessness, and perhaps a focus for some aspects of village life. The Church, in its widest sense, unfortunately costs nearly £1,000 a week to keep open and able to provide for us all 365 days a year. Most of these costs are for the paid clergy, a central system in the Diocese to support us all (Bishops, Senior Clergy, Vicarages, Training, Safeguarding and more). Another substantial sum (about £4,000/year) is for insurance. Then there are the normal running costs and repairs of a 900 year old building used for many different Church services. If the building were to be locked and unused for a year then the costs for providing a Christian presence in this village would be about £40,000/year. Money doesn't grow on trees and all that money has to be raised by the community, the majority has to be by a combination of regular giving and fundraising. The congregation thankfully is wonderfully generous but we need to look to the wider community to support us in providing for the very presence of the Church and its mission in the community.

St Mary's Church is launching a "100 Club" to enable people to contribute yet also have the opportunity to win substantial cash. This has the blessing of the PCC and local clergy. In this magazine you will see both the Application Form with a Standing Order mandate, and also the "Terms & Conditions". We would like to get at least 100 local citizens to sign up to this. You can buy more than one "ticket" of course to increase your chance of a win which could be £50, £30, or £20 in any month. The cost is just £5/month. If you pay annually (which we might prefer) you get the reduced price of £55. Simply cut out the application form and bank details page, fill it in as indicated and get it back soon to either the Vicarage or to 29 Swaynes Way. The sooner the better as the first draw is at the end of April. We look forward to hearing from you soon. Many thanks and good luck!

*Dr Alastair Carnegie (Churchwarden and Treasurer).*

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# St. Mary's Church, Eastry



# 100 Club



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- 2) The 100 Club shall be registered with the local authority and conducted as a Small Society Lottery in accordance with current legislation.
- 3) Contact details of members will not be shared with outside bodies, in accordance with GDPR regulations.
- 4) Each member is required to either pay £55 annually or otherwise £5 monthly in advance via standing order. This will entitle him/her to participate in the monthly draws.
- 5) Members may purchase one or more shares and will be allocated a number for the year. All numbers are then entered into the draw.
- 6) The monthly draw will take place at the Friday Coffee morning in the Village Hall, or otherwise the nearest Sunday to that, in the church after the morning service. The winners will be notified in writing and a list of winners will be available on the notice board at the church and on the website.
- 7) There will be three prizes each month of £50, £30 and £20
- 8) All participating members MUST BE OVER THE AGE OF 16 years
- 9) All funds raised will be donated to St Mary's PCC for the furtherance of mission and upkeep of the Church in Eastry.
- 10) Any problems or questions can be directed to the Rector or Churchwardens. Their contact details are available on the church website: [www.ewbchurches.org.uk](http://www.ewbchurches.org.uk)



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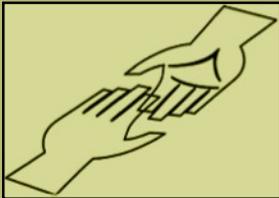
**Eastry:** 9am to 5pm daily; **Staple:** 9am to 5pm daily;

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Of course, at the moment, it is difficult for us to commit to exact dates but we are hopeful we will be able to bowl during summer 2021.

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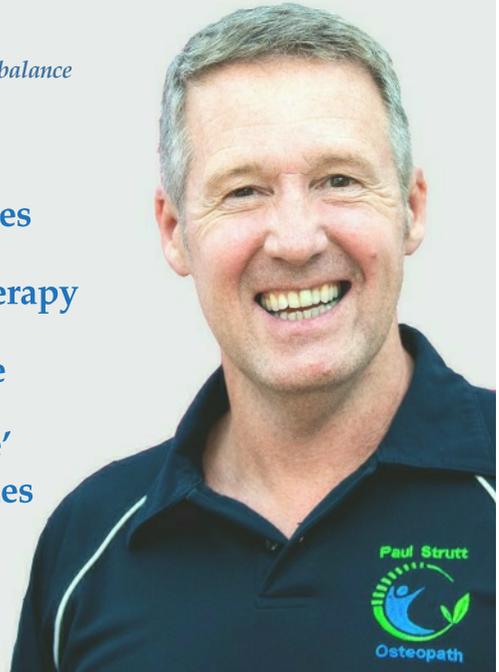
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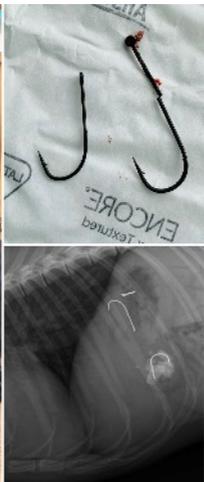
## Beacon View Vets Update

Hi everyone! We hope you are all enjoying the better weather with your pets - we've certainly seen dogs getting more exercise in the nicer weather and cats starting to go outdoors for longer! We are also seeing a lot more wildlife in our gardens and even the bees have re-appeared. Our flower beds have been blooming beautifully recently and have attracted plenty of insects, which in turn attract more wildlife. Our neighbours have seen plenty of activity on their wildlife camera with hedgehogs reappearing after a long winter.

We recently celebrated our first birthday and are proud to now be the chosen vets for over 2000 local pets. It's been quite a first year for our small business but the support we have had has been amazing. Thank you so much to every single one of our fantastic patients and owners who have made our first year such a success, thank you for being part of the Beacon View family! As a local independent practice your ongoing support and recommendations mean the world to us.

We would also like to say a huge thank you to the team who help make Beacon View what it is, we couldn't hope for a better bunch of people to work with everyday. With Easter just around the corner we wanted to highlight a few risks for your pets

- Grapes and raisins are toxic to both cats and dogs and can cause acute renal failure. If you notice your pets munching on hot cross buns, simnel cake or grapes then please do call us immediately as prompt action is required
- Chocolate is a well known toxin for dogs and cats, although dogs seem to be the most common snatchers of yummy treats. Every year we see dogs that have eaten Easter eggs, often along with the cardboard and foil! If you are laying out an exciting egg hunt then please make sure your pets are safe and supervised.
- Daffodils must taste pretty bitter, but yet we see lots of puppies and dogs trying to eat them. The bulbs contained the highest levels of toxic alkaloids and glycosides but all parts of the plant are hazardous. Untreated the toxins can cause vomiting, diarrhoea, drooling, abdominal pain, lethargy and hypothermia.



Living by the coast certainly has huge benefits and opportunities for lovely walks, but does come with a few hazards to our pets. Unfortunately Jack, a lovely young spaniel, managed to snatch some yummy bait from a fisherman and swallowed two huge fishing hooks which then embedded themselves in his stomach and almost caused a perforation. Following x-rays to locate the hooks we successfully removed the hooks, line, bait and a few pebbles from his stomach. We are pleased to say that Jack has made a great recovery and his owners are being extra vigilant on walks.

We wish you all a happy and healthy Easter!

*Claire*

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## So many daffodils and nowhere to go...again!

Once again it's apparent that I won't be able to show my Daffodils in 2021 as all the National Shows are cancelled due to the current lockdown restrictions, exactly the same that happened in 2020. As my Daffodil bulbs were ordered early last year and were all planted last October there is little that I can do about the shows being cancelled and I will continue to water, feed and nurture them and enjoy seeing them all come into bloom.



Lockdown has given me time to reflect on the number of years and things that I have exhibited and my various hobbies. While I was tidying my shed to my surprise I found a prize card for exhibiting Sweet Peas at the Deal Gardening Club when I was 14 years of age and this was my first toe in the water at exhibiting. Some years later when I was working at a local farm I had the opportunity with some success exhibiting cattle at the local Ploughing Match. My interest then turned to horses and for a time I competed at local Cross Country Events and continued to have many enjoyable years in the saddle. In the 1970's through a dear friend of my Mothers I was fortunate enough to spend some time with an Olympic Equestrian Instructor. Although I found this quite a challenge it was a very good experience.



Although I have enjoyed my other hobbies gardening has always been my main interest and I have a large garden with a vegetable plot and grown many other types of flowers. The Daffodils that I grow are mainly for Exhibition but I have also been dabbling with hybridising and I hope that one day I may produce something that is worthy of putting on the show bench.

In 2017 I was fortunate enough to be awarded Champion Daffodil Exhibit at the Royal Horticultural Society Show at Wisley competing against amateurs like myself and commercial growers from both Great Britain and Holland.

Like all growers I am always planning ahead and now although I know that once again the Exhibition Daffodils will remain in my garden in 2021 I look forward with hope to Exhibiting in 2022. So wish me luck as I know I will need it.

*Ray Sedgwick*

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## Covid Vaccinations



I've recently had my Covid jab and will write about it as part of my Neighbourhood Watch role. As soon as I received my invitation to have the jab I rang 119 only to be told I would have to go to Folkestone for it. I had hoped for somewhere a bit nearer. If I waited to go somewhere else it could take some considerable time.

I did some research - interestingly, if I wanted a centre with a toilet then I would have to go to Bluewater, the Medway towns or Woolwich so Folkestone it was. There were plenty of helpful signs, no-one was queuing outside and bollards were removed for me to enter. Sanitizer was everywhere, temperatures taken and all relevant details and no-one checked the time of my appointment. As most people there were using walking sticks, zimmers or buggies it was good to see plenty of chairs along the designated route in for people to rest on and there were wheelchairs there if needed. Roundels marked out the ideal spacing between us all the way round.

Once at the clinic proper I was asked pertinent questions about my medical history and told the reasons why we should not be offered the jab. Many of the staff were NHS volunteers working their days off or in their rest periods between shifts. The injection was painless and recipients were asked to wait for 15 minutes afterwards especially if they were going to be driving home. Advice was given about possible side effects which may occur over the next few days - most of which could be treated with Paracetamol.

It was a great relief to have been given the AstraZeneca jab given so efficiently. Now I must wait for the second jab in April and I must keep the vaccination card safe as I will need it for the next appointment. I have heard of one man in Sheerness who, after self-isolating for a whole year, finds his first outing was to travel to Folkestone for his vaccination!

*Sheila Smith (Eastry Neighbourhood Watch)*

## Flowers for Special Occasions

I was touched to receive a red rose on Valentine's Day. It was a thank you from Mary at the Five Bells to show her appreciation to those people who have been ordering take away meals. A very kind gesture by Mary. Years ago when my son was an army squaddie I would always receive flowers for Mothering Sunday. No doubt the NAAFI played a part in reminding young soldiers of the occasion. When I visited his army base in Germany I was amazed at the major role played by the Salvation Army who were based in the NAAFI and providing meals for our servicemen.

I remember one occasion when a florist arrived to deliver a glass vase of flowers, one of two identical ones in her van, and I received the wrong one. The card read "Oh my darling please accept these flowers and forgive me for all the arguments of late. Please can we start our relationship afresh I beg you?" This poor lady must have been bemused when her card read "I've sent you flowers Mum, already arranged so you don't even have to get out of your armchair to do anything with them. Enjoy!" My son seemed to forget that flower arranging is my favourite pastime but as a parent I was thankful that the event was remembered at all.

*Sheila*

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## Blood Sports: Desirable? Ethical? Valuable?

Teaching Biology to frequently idealistic teenagers I have heard countless accounts of the barbarity of hunting with hounds or guns and of fishing. With many of these sentiments I am in complete accord but there was and still is a need to present alternative views.

First, a (true) tale of two adjacent farms. The first, property of a self styled country squire, managed to maximise opportunities for all these pursuits. Small fields surrounded by large, unkempt hedges, wide borders and frequently left fallow. Copses, ponds, ditches all over. All frequently the scene for slaughter on a grand scale, but, inevitably, many of the intended quarry escape and wildlife of all kinds flourish under these conditions.



The second an agri-business with an 'ethical policy', no hunting fishing or shooting but large fields, intensively farmed, no hedges, just stock fences, no woodland of any kind, no standing water, just piped and on tap. A wild-life desert.

Which is the more desirable? If the present government is to be taken at its word there will be funds available for farmers to introduce wildlife friendly changes much as described here

without the need to resort to the, very considerable, income derived from letting out shooting rights, but only time will tell.

Second, I am an occasional angler, coarse, probably in both senses, but meaning that I catch types of fish which are not perceived as edible in this country. So, I hunt them, stress them? Probably, who would want to be attached to a rope by a sharp object and reeled in? Injure them? Yes, usually only slightly but sadly occasionally more severely, and then return them to the water! It is all done for my enjoyment.



But I pay fees to do this and wish to have as rich an experience as possible so, if I see a scum on the water, an effluent flowing into the river which was not there before, notice the water has changed colour or started to smell I don't walk away and forget it or hope that 'someone will do something about it', I contact my angling association and together we approach the Environment Agency and the local council and harass them until something **is** done about it.

Together, anglers are the best monitors of inland water pollution and they have every incentive to irritate 'them', those in authority, until the situation is rectified.

*Terry Wood*

## From the archives...

### Eastry F.C. - Finalists Deal, Walmer & District League Cup

*Their first season in a strong amateur league - losing to the Royal Marines in the final.*

1957/1958  
Season



The start of  
"the golden  
era of  
Eastry  
F.C."

*L/R standing:* J.Stephens (*Hon. Sec*), C.Brailsford, M.Cowdrey, J.Dunn,  
J.Brailsford, D.Dunn, J.Beaver, Geo.Hogben (*committee*).

*Kneeling:* I.Hogben, D.Summers (*captain*), B.Whittaker, D.Hogben, T.Whitting.

*Picture - Ian Hogben Archive (Basil Kidd/EKM) EKM article - Ian Parker*



As part of the celebrations of the Silver Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen in 1977 Eastry PTA put on an **OLD TYME MUSIC HALL** in the Village Hall.

*l/r back row:-* Val Hogben, Mary Ashman, John Waring, Vera Slemming, David Skinner,  
Donald Eldridge, Norman Clark, Janette Green, Michael Spencer, anon, Tony Jones,  
Silvia Dunn, Rosemary Busby, Brenda Toms, Libby de Trafford (?), Gwen Sharp  
*l/r front Row:-* Pat Spence, Roy Spence, John Bateson, Glen Bateson, anon,  
Anne-Marie Spencer, Stevie Castle.

"Half the village got involved: PTA, teachers, miners, Pfizer staff, shopkeepers. It was great fun. We went on to do another music hall, a modern entertainment show, Alice in Eastry, Dracula is alive and well and living in Eastrylvania and The Romans in Eastry. Happy memories!"

*Anne-Marie Spencer (McEvoy)*

## Poets' Corner

### Spring Cleaning

Hoe through your heart,  
pull out all seeds  
Deadly and dangerous,  
poisonous, weeds  
Plant rows of love,  
empathy, and joy  
Cut out disease,  
deemed to destroy

Turn over new leaves,  
stamp out the rot  
Add a sprinkling of compassion,  
fear not

Enjoy your new garden,  
and the reward it will bring  
Decluttered and detoxed,  
you're ready for spring

*May Morriss 2021*

### Spring Cometh

It's here again the season called spring  
With its aromatic flowers  
and birds that sing  
A chorus of thanks  
now winter's done  
Nests can be built,  
in the warmth of the sun

A time for new beginnings,  
bestowed from above  
Spring cometh, at last, bringing  
hope and love

A time free from Covid and  
its deadly rampage  
Savage, unrelenting  
indiscriminate of age  
You've done your worst,  
now leave the scene

**Your time is up, we have the vaccine.**

*May Morris 2021*

### It could be you...

Go on, don't worry,  
it won't happen to you...  
Pour another drink; eat a cake or two...  
Lie back on the sofa; turn up the heat...  
Take care of yourself, you deserve a treat!  
Get comfy, relax, and kick off your shoes...  
A heart attack you say, no not you!

Recycle the diet; don't skimp on the fat...  
Enjoy yourself matey,  
what's wrong with that?  
No need for exercise,  
you've years left yet...  
Throw away the trainers,  
come on, no threat!

Zumba's for dancers, Yoga's a bore  
Pilates over rated, does  
nothing for your core...  
Anyway, stop worrying;  
you've nothing to fear...  
You're young and healthy,  
open another beer.

Light up that cigarette,  
swill down the wine...  
Top up the salt, you're looking real fine...  
What's that you say I can't really hear...?  
You've a pain in your chest,  
becoming severe...  
No, not you, it's indigestion for sure

Sit down, deep breathe,  
you're hitting the floor!  
What's that you're saying  
you're starting to whine...?  
You're looking real sweaty,  
you're on the decline  
You've a pain in your arm,  
you're feeling real sick  
The pressure on your chest  
feels like a brick!

I really can't believe it,  
it's undeniably true  
Oh no! A heart attack...  
it could be you...!

*May Morriss January 2021*

## Ruby Atkins

Another Eastry stalwart has sadly passed away. Ruby Atkins was a familiar face within the village taking an active part in village life for a long time. She was an energetic fundraiser for The Pilgrims Hospice and for WI amongst others. An active member of Eastry Horticultural Society for many years, she took on many roles before becoming a vice-president, until her health sadly prevented her from attending. She also always enjoyed the holidays arranged by Woodnesborough Gardeners Club. She will be sadly missed in the village as she was often seen walking to and from her bungalow.



Anne Oakley lived nearby and met her through WI, she said this about her - "Ruby was a very quiet lady on the surface but had a wonderful sense of humour and quick wit. She lived in Boystown Place for many years and when I first met her at WI and asked which bungalow she lived in her reply was "The first of the cheap ones." Hers was the first of the semi detached! For many years she would be out walking with Basil, her dog, although I don't think he was that keen! Rest in peace Ruby."

The Reverend Sandra Marsh "Ruby not only enjoyed nature, her pets and people around her; she had a love of music and had been a member of St Mary's Church choir for well over thirty years. Her talents didn't stop on a Sunday morning; Ruby was always in the background helping to organise the monthly lunches and Church fundraising events. She had a wonderful quick sense of humour which touched everyone she came into contact with. We will certainly miss her."

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## Eastry WI



WI Members like many of you are waiting patiently for the 'new normality' to arrive, hopefully not too long now.

A lot has been happening behind the scenes however. At a recent Zoom meeting attended by 650+ representatives of WIs across the country the constitution was changed to accept that meetings could take place online. Many Institutes have already done that very successfully using Zoom, but many feel that there is nothing like having an evening together to craft, listen to a speaker or take part in a quiz and then chat over a cup of tea or coffee, a mix of the two seems to be the way to go as long as members are comfortable using computers, for those who are not the old way will hopefully continue very soon.

Once again we have been knitting towards decorating the village post box. Knitted rabbits seem to have been breeding in our spare bedroom so you can guess the theme and hopefully by the time you read this you will have seen them!

### Recipe from Chris Scott - CHOCOLATE COURGETTE CAKE

3 eggs    16 fl oz caster or granulated sugar    6 fl oz vegetable oil  
 2 teaspoons vanilla extract    1 pint SR Flour    1 tsp salt  
 1.5 tsp bicarbonate of soda    1 tsp cinnamon    4 fl oz cocoa powder  
 4 fl oz milk    16 fl oz courgettes, grated onto a plate

**METHOD** - Prepare 2 x 2lb loaf tins by greasing very well or lining with foil or parchment. Heat the oven to 180 C, 350 F, or Gas Mark 4.

In a large bowl, beat together the first four ingredients for several minutes. Then sift in the flour, cocoa etc and carefully beat them into the egg mixture, adding the milk as the mixture stiffens. Finally, beat in the grated courgette, complete with any juices. Pour into the two prepared tins and bake in the middle of the oven, or just above, for about 50 minutes, or until a skewer comes out clean.

I promise you cannot taste courgette, but it gives a lovely moist cake. If your family is not adventurous, don't tell them what is in it until they have eaten it! It is a favourite of my grandchildren and it does freeze very well.



Eastry CC picturesque pavilion - J.Waring Archive

**Hopefully local cricket will be starting soon.**

**Summer wouldn't be the same without the sound of leather on willow!**

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## Our Honey Bees - Ray Checksfield



April is really the start of the beekeeping year and I always look forward to it. Time for a thorough inspection of all the 20 frames in each hive. How many bees have survived, how much stores, is the queen there, is there any disease and how many frames need changing? Making notes for each hive, very essential.

We had a large fall of snow in February, the first time for years and just before that, us 'oldies' were sent to Broadstairs for our Covid jab. What a lovely bunch of helpers and so well organised. We could have all gone by coach, as it seemed that half of Eastry were there, and all had a meal out somewhere on the way home! Ah, if only... I do miss our 'Wednesday Club' outings but we will get over this.

Our native black honey bee is now virtually extinct. *Apis Mellifera Mellifera*. In the early 1900's we started importing mated Queens and bees from northern Europe and Italy (a very light coloured bee) because of 'Isle of Wight disease', it was first discovered there, which decimated our bee colonies. Today we still import Queens and bees from Italy. **Update** - DEFRA, have just banned the import of queen bees and colonies from abroad, due to the spread of yet another bee bug, from Asia, 'Small hive beetle' which destroys the whole colony. Today there are many different coloured hybrids but I still like to raise my own local queen bees. Some are a bit feisty but that suits me. Namby-pamby bees are less likely to keep predators at bay so I always keep a fierce lot at the front of my Apiary. This photo shows what can happen. Our wasps can overpower a beehive, steal everything including all of the adults. Happily spotted in time and this hive survived.



All for now. When you read this, most of you will have had the jab and we will hopefully all be in a better frame of mind. Keep well.

*Ray*

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## Big Nick's four of the great garden songsters

Hello everyone, well, Spring is here; it officially started on the 20<sup>th</sup> March. However many of the birds in the garden seemed well aware it was approaching and couldn't wait. Although there is an 'official nesting season', defined in the wildlife and countryside act of 1981 as 1st March to 31st July inclusive, several birds seem unaware of this and have started early. A few garden species including Blackbirds and Long-tailed Tits often start to nest in February and we had Collared Doves building a nest in a shrub then.

I have also been noticing the increased bird song as the days lengthen. For many years I'd not noticed how quiet it was through the winter months in terms of birds. You may hear the occasional cackle of a Magpie or an alarm call from a Blackbird, but very little song, unsurprising as it is primarily used to attract a mate. Robins perhaps are the exception as they will sing loudly and clearly to protect their winter territory, often at night under a street lamp. But as the spring progresses, you should notice a huge increase in the amount of bird song.



Blackbird



Robin



Dunnock



Wren

Few people will bother to get up early enough to hear the dawn chorus, but if you can get out very early (or just pop your head out of the window) on a clear still day from April through to early June you will be rewarded by a cacophony of song. Starting about an hour before and reaching a peak half an hour either side of sunrise, the different species join in the chorus. The Song Thrush is usually one of the first and it is joined by many other species, including the newly arrived migrants, all advertising territories and calling for a mate.

Hopefully by then we will have a bit more freedom to get out and enjoy the world around us.

*Nick*

## Lockdown easing - Key Dates

**From 29<sup>th</sup> March -allows\***  
Outdoor gatherings of 6 people or 2 households will be allowed. This will include gatherings in private gardens.

Outdoor sports facilities like tennis or basketball courts will reopen and organised adult and childrens sport will also return.

Travel outside local area allowed.

**From 12<sup>th</sup> April - allows\***  
Non essential retail opens, hairdressers and some public buildings like libraries.

Outdoor settings like alcohol takeaways, beer gardens, zoos and theme parks.

Indoor leisure like swimming pools and gyms. Self contained holiday accomodation - lets and camp sites.

Wider contact rules will continue to apply in all settings. Leisure travel restrictions reviewed.

**From 17<sup>th</sup> May - allows\***  
Outdoors most social contact rules lifted.

6 people or 2 households can meet indoors.

Indoor hospitality and hotels open.

**From 21<sup>st</sup> June**  
All legal limits on social contact removed. Hope to reopen the final closed sectors of the economy.

**Obviously these dates will be under constant review by HMG.**

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Already, they have: worked hard to establish a first Forest School site in the school grounds; led staff training on Forest School; trialled activities with different year groups and have plans for a second site when funding and manpower are available.



*Outdoor classroom with fire pit*

From September, all children from reception through to year six, will have regular sessions outdoors, and will enjoy many diverse activities such as: den building; handling tools safely; identifying plants, fungi and animal species; carrying out conservation projects; climbing trees

or using nature for creative projects. Forest school focuses on the value of the learning that is involved when carrying out an activity rather than simply measuring success by the end result. With this ethos, all of our children will be able to enjoy success and, consequently, receive valuable boosts to their confidence and self-esteem.



*Our new log seating circle*

Hopefully, in the future, we will be able to provide visitors with a tour around our exciting Forest school to see for themselves just how inspired our children are by this unique method of learning.

**Eastry kids say please SLOW DOWN!**



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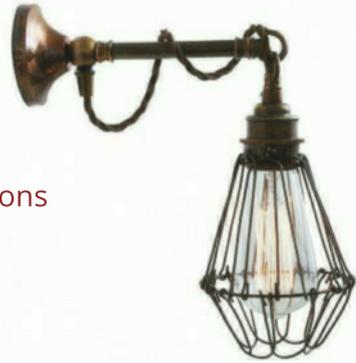
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## Rose Beer - Happy Days

Two years ago I wrote a little book about life in the 1950's. It's still in the drawer because I never bothered to take it to the publishers but, having sat down and read it again, I think now I just might! There is something rather heartwarming about looking back over the years and how things have changed.

We survived being born to mothers that smoked during pregnancy. They took aspirin, weren't tested for diabetes or have regular scans and blood pressure checks. We were put into hand me down cots coated with lead based paint, there were no child proof caps on bottles or locks on doors and cabinets. We rode our bikes without helmets and often without brakes. Cars had no seatbelts, airbags or booster seats and had bald tyres and were full of rust. We drank water from the garden hose or shared a bottle of drink with four friends - one always had impetigo! We ate chips cooked in lard, ate suet dumplings and sucked the fat off pork crackling yet we weren't overweight.

Why? Because we played outside, from dawn to dusk in the school holidays, making sure to be home before the street lights came on. We said grace before meals and asked to be able to leave the table at the end of a meal. We spent hours making go karts from pram wheels, string and odd bits we found, then riding them downhill with no brakes or steering, using our feet instead. We had permanently scabby knees and elbows and chipped teeth. We ate sandwiches with muddy hands often swallowing the odd maggot from a stolen apple. We had sports days at school and if we didn't win we learnt to cope without our Mum coming to the school to complain.

*I remember the days of skipping ropes and balls  
and doing handstands up against walls.  
Of sitting on pavements playing marbles and stones  
and no one had heard of mobile phones.*

Oh dear. Here I go again. To be continued next issue but it's all rather sad that those days have passed. Memorable days of playing rounders with our coats as posts, chalked out hopscotch and whatever happened to pogo sticks. **Happy Days!**

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