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### **EVN Annual General Meeting (held 12/10/21)**

There are no changes to report and business will continue as usual. New contributors of articles and/or photographs of our village are always welcome.

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\*Please check your dates in the printed 'Waste Collection Calendar' or on the DDC website

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### EASTRY SAFARI -UPDATE

24 businesses in Eastry and some residential houses will be decorating their windows each Day throughout December. Something for people to look out for?

The Safari on October 10th raised £456 for Eastry young people's club, it was such a fantastic day. We had stalls throughout the village & at the pub. At the young people's club we had refreshments, a teddy tombola, booze raffle and pumpkin carving as well a small Boot Fair in the car park.

The next safari will be Sunday April 10th 11-2.30pm which will include an Easter egg hunt for the children!

Any queries please contact me on laura\_lewis\_@live.com

### **Eastry Church of England Primary School**

Well done and thank you to all of the other Primary School pupils who entered our 'Cover Picture' competition. They were all very good across all the age ranges which made the job of picking a winner and four runners up extremely difficult. The 5 winners are excellent and would have been fine covers but Oliver's lovely Christmas tree just came out on top. Thank you Tracy Inglis for organising the children.

# Carols Around the Christmas Tree at the Five Bells Monday 13th December 6.30pm

St Mary's Events team and Mary from the Five Bells, invite you to come along to this lovely evening of carols and Mary will provide refreshments. Wrap up warm and celebrate Christmas at this great community Celebration.



# Eastry School walking Nativity Friday 10th December

Meet at 2.30pm at Eastry School or 3.00pm at the Church for Prayers and Carols arriving 3.45pm at the "Stable"-The Five Bells.

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around the Tree with Christmas Raffle Draw, Sat 18th Christmas Spin The Wheel Party! NYE - Crooked Style 9-1pm

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January, Sat 22nd, Join us for a traditional Games Night





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Clairvoyant Eve- 6:30 for 7pm, Sat 4th Dec, Thurs 13th Jan, Sat 19th Feb, Thurs 10th March Andy's Quiz Night-7pm Start, Sun 26th Dec (&AM), Sat 29th Jan, Sat 26th Feb, Sat 26th March

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Our French friends lay a wreath from Eastry Twinning Association at the War Memorial in Longpre-les-Corps-Saints. We'll meet again.



### **Eastry Parish Council - Coffee Morning is back**

Thursday 15th October saw the long awaited return of the Eastry Coffee Morning at the Village Hall, funded by Eastry Parish Council.

Shout out to Tamara Barwick, who volunteered to lead the coffee mornings, despite studying at university, working part time and also volunteering to lead Rainbows and help at Brownies! What a fantastic example of a caring, community minded young person, giving up her time to help others.



Once Tamara got the ball rolling she was joined bγ other volunteers Joe and Ann McDonnell, Lynn Wilkinson and Jo Jones, who set and cleared up, kept us covid-compliant. made tea and coffee and gave out biscuits. Great team work. We had a lot of visitors including our PCSO and community warden, plus villagers of all ages.

Lots of catch ups, chat and laughs. Next coffee morning dates are shown on the next page. All are welcome, free tea, coffee and biscuits, why not come and meet your neighbours, make new friends?

Deb, Joe and Jo on behalf of EPC





Eastry kids say please SLOW DOWN!

# **Eastry Village Coffee Morning**

Village Hall 9.00-12 noon

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> January Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> February

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May

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### **Eastry Autumn Litter Pick**

Well, another great turn-out on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> October for our second litter pick of the year. We had 37 villagers across all ages join together to clean up our village.



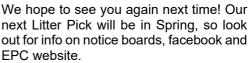


Our band of volunteers

The weather was lovely, warm, sunny and this time,no rain, so spirits were high. The litter pick was organised by Eastry Parish Council with equipment from Dover District Council. We collected 20 bags of rubbish, mainly cans,bottles, food wrappers, plastic bags and other general rubbish and rather worryingly a lot of gas canisters. Everyone had a great time, meeting people new to the village, making new friends with a common interest of keeping the village looking its best.

We finished off with a lovely bacon or vegan sausage buttie and cuppa at The Five Bells (thanks Mary and team) and a good chat, knowing we had done something worthwhile. Thanks to everyone who came, a good mornings work.











# Well done to our Primary School Christmas cover competition Runners Up











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### **Eastry Horticultural Society - Eastry Gardeners**

Our 12<sup>th</sup> October meeting was another excellent event - it was of course our annual 'soup' evening. The thanks of all of those who attended could only be directed towards our two lovely ladies, Jacki Betts and Brenda Burton who jointly supplied us with the choice of three great very tasty soup dishes, Leek and Potato, Pea and Ham or Tomato, finished off with an excellent apple pie and custard dessert and a very welcome cup of tea or coffee with all liquid requests met by Joyce and Anthea.

Running in the background, for most of the evening was the spectacular large screen slide show created by Rob Betts displaying the hundreds of photographs sent to him by our members displaying the enormous and spectacular range of gardens, plants, views and some of natures little visitors enjoyed by each of us. Of course, when we had all enjoyed the meal, the aftermath was an enormous pile of washing up. Fortunately the cavalry were not too far behind, for the mucky piles were quickly and smoothly attacked and moved on by Lynn Wraight and her hard working, sweat shedding husband Graham aided in the wiping up by Alec.

On the 9<sup>th</sup> Oct we held our AGM followed by a superb cheese and wine evening. During the evening part two of Rob's splendid slide show was running and approved by all. We welcomed two new prospective members who enjoyed their time with us so in the New Year if anyone who is not yet with us fancies giving gardening a happy trial come and give us a try. You will be made most welcome and I'm sure you will enjoy the occasion. Many villagers who visit the hall or go to the nearby shops must surely have noticed the beautiful array of flowers in the numerous window boxes attached to the hall, but, did you realize that the plants and their upkeep were the results of supply, regular attendance and daily watering by a couple of dedicated members of the gardeners club?

The daffodil bulbs for the clubs' annual competition have now been issued and hopefully should have already been planted, fingers crossed that come the spring show you will all have produced some gorgeous flowers worthy of winning. On the subject of bulbs I am sure that by now you will have all planned and planted up your spring garden displays, completed your winter digging and planned, purchased or even planted some of your 2022 veggie produce.

In our lovely gardening club you most certainly do not need to be an expert, you just have to like getting out in to the garden and enjoy meeting up with some like minded friendly people. As a bonus there is already planned some excellent speakers for the coming year, so why not come and see for yourself. Incidentally the club is now quite heavily involved in helping to save the planet with a tree planting exercise. That is an action that our Trevor has been doing for some time now - the planet and the village should "thank you" Trev.

We would all like to wish everyone, not only members but all the other magazine readers, a very happy and enjoyable Christmas and a very exciting and successful New Year.

John Surridge

### **Northbourne & Betteshanger Horticultural Society**

At the November meeting members held a practical evening with an informative workshop on how to create Christmas table centre displays. Having brought along a selection of evergreen & any available seasonal flowers with them, they were then given the opportunity to make a decorative arrangement which could complete the general ambience of the occasion. Under the watchful eye of Gillian Ogden, an experienced florist, she helped instruct members on making the best presentation from their materials. At the end of the meeting the results of their skills were shown & helpful hints & tips were then exchanged on how well they had succeeded.



There will be a Society Christmas Dinner at the Hare and Hounds, Northbourne on the 10<sup>th</sup> December at 7 p.m. Menus are available from Ian Denne. Tel. 01304 374975

### The Dover & Deal Evacuee Club

Will be gathering at the Five Bells, Eastry for a Christmas lunch on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 12.30 for 1.00pm. This is the first opportunity to meet since the Covid lockdown. Almost all the evacuees were relocated to Wales as East Kent was a very vulnerable area during the Second World War. Should there be any evacuees living in Eastry they would be most welcome to meet up with this group.

The Five Bells landlady, Mary Franks, looks after this club very well which is very much appreciated.

Sheila Smith - 01304 611580

### Sunday School ( A true story )

When I was a little girl, to Sunday school I went, Mum would dress me up, and off to church I was sent. We'd listen to bible stories and learn the Lord's Prayer, Learning how good it was to be kind and share.

The organ would start up as we'd prepare to sing, Teacher would say "remember Elsie" before we'd begin. Well, my auntie's name was Elsie, and this puzzled me, She was also a Sunday school teacher, now do you see.

Many years later that teacher I'd see, So I asked how she knew my Aunty Elsie. With a smile and a chuckle, and a silent laughter tear, She said "Oh my dear! Not Elsie - LC, Loud and clear".

**Shirley Hopkins** 

### What to Write

I'm sat here wondering what to write, Not actually easy, a formidable plight. With words in my head jumbling about, I'm bound to find something, without a doubt.

Spilling out they fight for the front, What are they doing pulling this stunt. Take your turn to make any sense, Don't just sit there fighting on the fence.

I need a sentence from you clear and precise, But you're all whirling around like a lot of mice. OK, give me a word to get me going, Frustration grows with this hot air blowing.

Then all at once it falls on the page, Letters make words in an almighty rage. Now all's come together my poem for a friend, One I'll be proud of and happy to send.

Thank you brain, you've succeeded again, Poetry can continue to a blooming, flourishing reign.

**Shirley Hopkins** 



### **Membrane Towers**

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### Christmas is Cancelled

Christmas Eve, started fine, all was merry and bright
The fairy was in her usual place, not a problem seemed in sight!
The Elves were packing the surprises for every girl and boy
And filling up the Christmas sacks for everyone to enjoy!

There didn't seem an issue; in fact what could go wrong Santa's done this many times, singing the reindeer song But this year it seems different, something not quite right In fact for dear old Santa, it was the beginning of his plight

There's going to be no Christmas, it's cancelled now for sure No more climbing down chimneys or presents on the floor But Santa's sleigh is gleaming, reindeers sanitised and clean Waiting for their leader who's red nose, could not be seen!

So Santa now is worried, it's never happened before He'd need to go and investigate, wearing his mask for sure! And then that's when he saw him, looking sad but so serene Poor old Rudolf's caught the virus, and is stuck in quarantine!



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### Trees for Schools - from the archives

After winning the Village of the Year competition in 2005 the chairman of the Kent Men of Trees, Dr.Alun Griffiths, offered 98 trees to the Eastry Primary School, which Head Teacher Tim Halling, gladly accepted. The school, which has a fine record of environmental work with the pupils, had recently adopted a piece of the adjoining allotment land which will be transformed into a sheltered picnic site for the children.

The tree planting took place on 24<sup>th</sup> January in between snow and sleet showers. Tree warden Mark Jones marked out the site and offered to supply bark chippings to surround the trees.



Dr. Alun Griffiths, staff and children from the Conservation Club

Volunteers joined Community Warden Bob Priestley to dig the holes and plant the numerous different types of trees. Children from the school's Conservation Club braved the cold weather to help them.

Head Teacher Tim Halling said "we are really pleased to have been given this number of trees. They will provide a lasting memory of the Village of the Year competition."

"We have used them to enhance our grounds which we extended in 2005 after leasing land from the Parish Council. The trees will greatly increase the amount of shade during the hot summer months as well as providing a valuable learning resource for generations to come."

The Conservation Club were using the opportunity to gather

Eastry volunteers with the Eastry and Whitfield KCC Wardens



evidence for the Eco Award. The Head Teacher warmly thanked Bob Priestley and all the volunteers who helped on such a wintery day.

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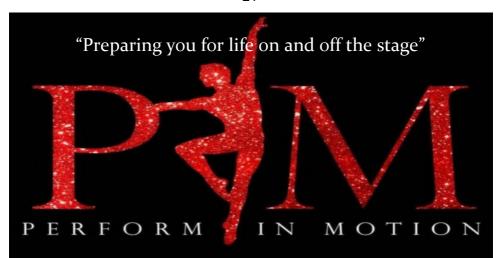


Volunteering is good for you (and good for them too!)

### **Eastry Young Peoples Club seek adult helpers**

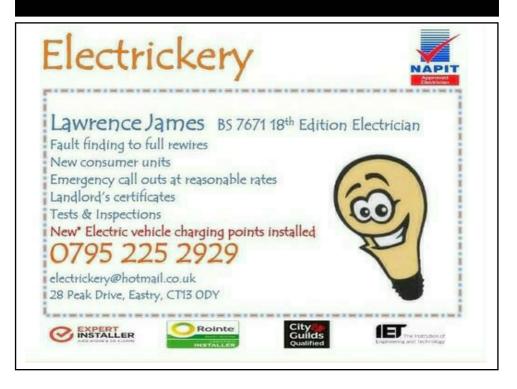
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### **Remembering Marjorie Wright**

Marjorie Wright, who died in a care home in Stroud on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2021 aged 95, lived in Lower Street for 50 years. A highly talented music teacher she made a great impression on the lives of the many children to whom she taught the recorder and the piano. Born in Islington on 19<sup>th</sup> May 1926, the eldest of four children, she showed musical talent from an early age at her piano lessons - passing through the grades. She had a deep empathy with children and realised that her vocation was in teaching. She started her career at a primary school in West Ham, later studying at the London College of Music attaining a performers diploma and a teachers diploma in the following year.



She met John Wright at a music course in Matlock and they married in 1959. He too was a primary school teacher but after training in P.E. at Loughborough College in 1966 he became lecturer in Physical Education at Nonington College. The family moved to Eastry and Marjorie began teaching the recorder and choir at Eastry Primary School. She welcomed children into her home on Saturday mornings and entered the group and individual pupils into the Kent Competitive Festival in Canterbury. Eastry children gained first prizes on many occasions and acquired a reputation for the high standard of technical ability and fine musicianship. In 1980 when the education budget was cut, the school was unable to pay for her part time teaching. Fortunately the P.T.A. decided to pay for her services for the following year. John Gabriel, the headmaster, commented in the local paper that she was a priceless asset to the school where she had many talented young musicians thanks to her teaching ability and enthusiasm. When interviews for the newly formed Kent Recorder Group were sent out to all the schools in Kent and a group of ten recorder players were chosen, two were Marjorie's pupils.

She also taught piano and was a gentle, encouraging, and inspirational teacher. Her pupils were well prepared and attained the highest possible standard for them. Many of her pupils introduced their own children to musical instruments and passed on her legacy, some have become musicians.

Her own children also inherited her musical gift. Her son Jonathan who died suddenly in December 2019 played the violin to a high standard and gave concerts in his college Pomona in California where he was a highly respected professor of Biology and Zoology, David, a deputy headmaster, is a talented saxophone player and her daughter Lysetta studied the piano and singing at Roehampton University. Her grandchildren are also very musical, playing the violin, the flute and the piano.

Marjorie was laid to rest with her husband in Eastry Cemetery following a beautiful music filled service in St.Mary the Virgin Church on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2021.

Mrs. Zsuzsanna Snarey (former resident at Pound House, Eastry).



On Wednesday 3rd November, 2021. Eastry WI voted in a new president. The evening was well attended by members and visitors and two ladies from Ash WI were there to oversee the voting - many thanks to them. After the vote there was a quiz and of course tea and cakes. We all enjoyed a very pleasant evening.

Our next meeting will be December 8th at 7.30 which should be exciting!! We do not meet in January but have plans for next year. Finally a big thank you to Sue for the last four years.

Kate Hobbs President. 07512 873005

### **Year round Recipes**

Whilst we are still in autumn but heading rapidly toward winter, this soup is good for both seasons. I've just cut the last two butternut squashes in the garden and with tinned and vacuum packed chestnuts appearing in the shops it is a soup that gets made by me every year (Life is too short to boil and shell chestnuts).

### **BUTTERNUT SQUASH AND CHESTNUT SOUP**

1 small butternut squash – peeled and chopped into 1 inch pieces. 1 tin of chestnut puree or vacuum packed cooked chestnuts.

2 medium onions, chopped.

2 cloves of garlic, chopped.

1 inch of ginger root, chopped.

2 teaspoons of curry powder.

2 pints of vegetable stock.

0.5 pints of cream – optional and can be either single or double. 2 oz. of butter.

### **METHOD**

- **1.** Put butter into a large pan and add the chopped onions, garlic, ginger and curry powder. Cook until onion is soft.
- **2.** Add the chopped squash and stock, cook until the squash is very soft.
- 3. Mash the squash in the stock and allow to cool slightly.
- **4.** Add the chestnuts, breaking up the lumps if it was tinned puree.
- 5. Liquidise until smooth,
- 6. Add cream if using and reheat before serving.

Sue Hankins

### Gardening on the other side of the fence (4)

By the time this goes to print, it will have been one year here in Eastry and living with our new garden. And as I write it's the last day of the COP 26 conference and we must have had the mildest ever start to a November. No doubt gardeners here in the south-east will be seeing even more challenges in the near future. I had been excited to see the number of butterflies visiting some inherited Buddleias here this year. Although known as the 'Butterfly Bush', back in Surrey I hadn't seen this many for years. However this week, results from the latest Big Butterfly Count revealed the lowest totals yet recorded, another disappointing progression.



Carbon sequestration is the phrase you can't escape from the news and every aspect of future conservation priorities and research is showing that grasslands both on land and in the sea (seagrass and kelp) store more carbon than forests. I had always wanted to have my own wild flower meadow and am lucky to have found a garden where I can pursue that. The previous owners never applied any fertiliser or "weed and feed" for the last 47 years so that is an excellent starting point. This year the variety of grasses provided a lovely mosaic swaying in the breeze but there weren't many flowers. I didn't start cutting until mid

September having bought a scythe and attending a training course. It turns out there is a thriving scything community in the UK. Admittedly it's the most aerobic workout I've had for a few years! but I saved about 12 fortnightly lawnmower cuts.

Apparently 1 hours use of a petrol lawnmower has the equivalent emissions of a 93 mile car journey, so I have inadvertently stumbled across a way of reducing my carbon footprint. I have now cut the grass very short and scarified (raked) the grass to reveal bare soil patches and sowed a mix of wild flower seeds, including Yellow Rattle, a semi-parasitic plant that grows on grass and reduces its vigour which allows more flowers to get established. This year's "No Mow May" campaign had lots of people posting pictures of orchids flowering in lawns and verges that had been regularly cut for decades so you never know what may be waiting its chance. Aside from trying to avoid using petrol powered tools, your next way of storing carbon in your garden is to stop digging, or as much soil disturbance as you can. Every time you turn the soil you expose it's carbon to the air and release it into the atmosphere.

No-Dig gardening and No-Till farming are both gaining in media exposure and although the intended benefits are to your plants/crops and the health of your soil the added bonus of carbon storage have accelerated it's promotion towards the mainstream. Now is the ideal time to plant a tree – look at Malus, Crab Apples, if you just have a small space. Young trees sequester carbon faster than mature ones and you'll get an attractive addition to your garden. More from me in 2022.

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### Welcome to our new Part-time Vicar



We would like to give a warm welcome to the Revd. Kirrilee Reid who has joined the Eastry-Woodnesborough Benefice as Interim Priest, on a part-time basis. We look forward to her ministry and support during our interregnum.

Kirrilee has just moved down from Scotland, where she was Spiritual Director of a Christian Retreat Centre. Before that she was Chaplain and Refugee Project Officer in Northern France, licensed through Canterbury. Originally from Canberra, Australia, Kirrilee now lives in Dover with her husband, Ewan (also from Canberra), and their daughter Milly. Ewan is a teacher in a school in Dover. They also

have two grown-up sons living in Glasgow. Kirrilee is passionate about social justice issues, and in her spare time (what little there is of it) her hobbies are music, creative writing, art and travel.

The post of Interim Priest, or Vicar, is three days a week, so we have Kirrilee's time on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays plus Sunday services including baptisms, and occasional weddings and funerals on other days. We would ask everybody to respect her working hours, and not expect responses to emails, etc. on other days. We will publish her telephone number soon, she is currently waiting on installation, but for now Kirrilee can be contacted by email on kirrilee.reid@gmail.com or through the benefice office. Welcome Kirrilee!

### Trisha Wells Benefice Administrator

### **Churches Open for Private Prayer\***

Our churches are *usually* open for private prayer and reflection as follows:

Eastry: 9am to 5pm Saturday to Monday; Staple: 9am to 5pm daily;

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Woodnesborough: 9am to 5pm daily;

Northbourne: 10am to 4pm daily.

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# Eastry — Woodnesborough Benefice

**EWB** 

### **Christmas Services**

Christingle Service - Tuesday 30th November - 9.30am (Eastry). We hope that you will support Eastry School Christingle Service.

### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent)

Holy Communion 10.00 am (Eastry), Evensong 6.30pm (Northbourne).

### Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent)

Come and Worship Team 10.00am (Eastry)

"There will be an Advent Sanctuary in the Church on Sunday 12th December between 5-7pm. This is a time for reflection and quiet. Come at any time during the 2 hours and stay as long as you like ".

### Sunday 19th December (4th Sunday of Advent)

Holy Communion 10.00am. Candlelit Carols 6.30pm (both Eastry).

### Christmas Eve

Crib Service 4.00pm (Eastry), Holy Communion 11.30pm (Tilmanstone).

### **Christmas Dav**

Family Holy Communion 10.00am (Eastry).

### Sunday 26th December (Boxing Day)

Holy Communion 10.00am (Northbourne).

### **Church Services in January 2022**

### **Morning Services**

1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	10.00am	Holy Communion (Eastry)
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	10.00am	Come and Praise Team (Eastry)

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday 10.00am Holy Communion (Eastry)

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday 08.00am Holy Communion (Eastry) 10.00am Holy Communion (Eastry)

### **Evensong Services**

2<sup>nd</sup> January 6.30pm (Northbourne)

23<sup>rd</sup> January 6.30pm (Tilmanstone)

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

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Benefice Office Tel: 01304 611323 - ansaphone checked daily. email: eastry.benefice@gmail.com (checked daily)

Details of our online Church Service are shown below

### Church Office - Tel: 01304 611323

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### **Benefice Website**

Please visit our website: www.EWBchurches.org.uk and share your thoughts on progress so far to 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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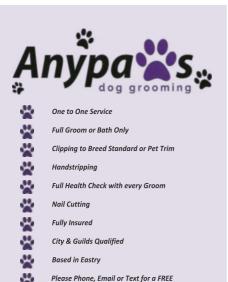
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### The Church Registers

### **Funerals**

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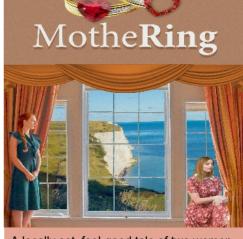


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Hi Everyone! We hope you have been having a lovely time with your pets and enjoying the run up to what should be (fingers crossed!) a more normal festive period than last year. After a very busy summer we have re-opened our registrations and are taking on new clients.

Last year we wrote about Christmas hazards to your pets, please see our website for the full article, but we just wanted to remind you of the common poisons we see pets eating over the festive period. Chocolates, raisins and alcohol are poisonous and potentially fatal if your dog or cat eats them so please keep them safely out of the way.

Earlier this year Claire and Josh were part of a focus group with VetCT. We are pleased to announce that through this partnership we have fast access to high level, specialist vets who are experts in their field. For many cases this provides a local option for pet owners who do not wish to travel or take time off work to see a specialist at one of the referral hospitals.



The Beacon View team has continued to grow over the last few months and you may have recently noticed two new faces at reception. Hayley is studying Animal Biology and Wildlife Conservation at university and has joined the team at Beacon View alongside her studies. "I enjoy the diversity of the work that I do as it ensures that no day is like any other as well as building relationships with clients and their pets." At home Hayley has a cheeky 6 year old border collie called Sherlock who keeps her busy. She enjoys going on nature walks with her partner and Sherlock.

Harri has joined the team after 10 years working for a large dog welfare charity and brings a wealth of experience with her. "I enjoy talking to people about their pets and giving them the level of service I would want myself as a pet owner visiting a vet practice. Every day is different and I love the variety and getting to know lots of different people and their pets as part of a friendly and dedicated team." Harri is also a talented artist and in her spare time can usually be found surrounded by art supplies working on pet portraits.

Please keep an eye out for our Christmas Charity Fundraiser, last year we collected a phenomenal amount of food and supplies for our local animal charities! We hope you have a lovely Christmas with your families.

Claire

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### **Our Honey Bees - Ray Checksfield**



At the end of August, I had removed the last surplus honey from my bee hives, all extracting equipment cleaned and stashed away. That's it done till next year. So I thought. The only predictable thing you can say about keeping bees is their unpredictability and they caught me out this time. Ivy honey. Masses of flowers this year and you must have seen bees, wasps and all sorts of insects on the ivy flowers during October. Normally the honey bees do collect this nectar and use it through the 4- 5 winter months. It sets like rock but they can dilute it by fetching in water which we have to provide near the hives.

I had previously merged two hives, (previous EVN issue) as one was queen-less. This hive was massive in numbers and I could see they were struggling for room so I added a further box above a queen excluder. Within a week it was full and I reckoned it had to be ivy honey and I had to extract it straight away. Or try. It was already going set and my extractor did not like it. Going out of balance. Juggling the frames to balance up. I managed a few jars in the end but I had made up my mind never to attempt this again. It tasted really strange.

Is ivy honey poisonous I wondered. Look on Google. No. Not harmful. Contains better good things than Manuka honey. ? Apparently. Wow. It does taste funny. Improves with age and sets very smooth like double cream but would never win a prize at any honey show. So that is that. I have used a few friends and family as tasters and at the moment. 2 hate it and 4 love it.

All for now and a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all.



### I think

I think there is a world above that's full of peace and filled with love
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# **Climate Change - 2**

Throughout the earth's history (4.5 billion years) the climate has changed dramatically many times, due to changes in the configuration of the continents and oceans (continental drift), changes in the sun's intensity, variations in the earth's orbit and volcanic eruptions, BUT all these changes have been gradual, over thousands of years. Currently we are experiencing quite dramatic changes over just a few decades and these changes have been shown beyond reasonable doubt to be the result of **global warming**, caused by the increase in concentration of **greenhouse gases**, mainly **carbon dioxide**. This gas results from increased combustion of carbon compounds, forest wood during deforestation, peat moss as bogs dry out and, particularly, **fossil fuels**, coal, oil and gas.

**Methane** has an even greater effect on global warming weight for weight of gas. It is a gas produced when decay occurs with little oxygen, such as in wet bogs, fens, mud and in landfill sites. It is also generated by fermentation in the guts of plant eating animals, especially **ruminants**, cattle, sheep, deer etc. It is also released when we mine coal or drill for oil. Happily, unlike carbon dioxide, its life within the atmosphere is short, so reducing production of this gas will have a rapid effect on the rate of global warming.

What do these gases do? Why 'greenhouse' gases? If we erect a greenhouse and leave it closed we rapidly find the temperature inside rises above that outside. Energy from the sun penetrates the glass in the form of light and heat radiation. This is absorbed by the soil and plants in the greenhouse and these warm up. On doing so they start to **radiate** heat energy but, being from a source far less hot than the sun, the radiation has less energy and most of it is absorbed or reflected back by the glass of the greenhouse.

**Greenhouse gases** in the earth's atmosphere have much the same effect as the glass, making it harder for the earth, warmed by the sun, to radiate that heat back out into space, so the average temperature of the earth rises, **global warming**. On a cold winter's day this may not sound like a bad thing but, sadly, it is. As the air, and the oceans, heat up this melts the polar ice caps, glaciers etc. so their water flows into the oceans, which have already expanded as the water heated, so ocean levels rise, flooding low lying areas. Given that most major cities have grown up on lowlands close to the sea (for trading purposes) they are particularly vulnerable.

Heating also upsets the patterns of the weather. Heat causes evaporation, drying out many soils if the water vapour evaporated from them is blown elsewhere, causing **droughts.** On the other hand warmer air will hold more water vapour so, when that cools and condenses it causes more rainfall and hence **flooding**. With more heat energy in the air it is more energetic, causing **gales, typhoons etc.** and **more violent thunder storms.** 

Living in retirement as I am this is all a scary prospect but, when I look at my children and grandchildren it becomes terrifying. What a legacy we are leaving them if we do nothing to stop all this - **NOW**.

Terry Wood

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## **Bird Watching with Big Nick**

I've not been out with my camera very often recently but I did make the effort for a very rare visitor that showed up at Joss Bay in Broadstairs in October. It was a Desert Wheatear, a vagrant which normally migrates between Asia and Saudi Arabia or East Africa, so very much off course. It stayed for several days feeding on flies and sand hoppers on the beach. I'd only ever seen one before, at Reculver in 2014, so I was keen to try and get some good photographs of this bird while it remained.





Desert Wheatear (male, non breeding plumage)

Its close cousin the Northern Wheatear is a common visitor to Kent during migration and can usually be seen around Sandwich Bay in the spring when they start arriving from central Africa. The birds are often in their splendid breeding plumage, such as the male shown below. In the autumn they reappear in greater numbers because there are many of the freshly-raised young birds joining the adults. Juveniles, females and males in non-breeding plumage all look rather similar.







Wheatear in non breeding plumage.

Another bird that saw me grabbing my camera might surprise many of you, not some exotic species from far-flung shores but the humble Tree Sparrow. The only place I have seen Tree Sparrows in Kent was a small population at Dungeness – they may be elsewhere but if they are I'd not seen them. According to the RSPB their numbers plummeted by 93% between 1970 and 2008, but they are now slowly increasing. The causes of the decline are many-fold but it is a bird which I have

seen abroad – often introduced – in places like Hong Kong and Singapore. In these places it has adapted to city life and behaves as House Sparrows do in the UK, finding food on the streets and pavements and living quite happily in an urban environment, so why they have not adapted here puzzles me. For comparison I have shown a male and female House Sparrow and then the Tree Sparrow, the male and female of which are identical and therefore very difficult to tell apart. There was a flock of about 14 at Sandwich Bay and they have stayed there for a few weeks now. It would be great if they stay all winter and perhaps set up a breeding colony there – who knows!





Male House Sparrow

Female House Sparrow





Tree Sparrow - note the uniform brown head and distinctive black cheek patch

A very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to everyone.

Nick

#### **Lower Gore Field**

I have been told recently by someone living in Eastry, that there is a rumour going around the village, that Lower Gore field is to be sold for development. **This is totally untrue**, we aim to carry on farming that field & the rest of the land.

So I wondered if this could be included in the Village News magazine, so as to put people's minds at rest and quash the rumour. I hope this will ease the situation.

Many thanks, Christine Jackson (née Bones)

# Beware of scams and scammers especially at Christmas.

"Peace on earth and goodwill to all" is a message that is often seen outside churches and printed in cards at Christmas. It provides a message of hope for what has been for us all another difficult year where we have adjusted to new ways of living and working.

1. Without wishing to tarnish the joy of Christmas or become a Grinch, crime in all its guises will continue to thrive over the festive period. Scam opportunities are readily presented to criminals who will use the season and increased spending to exploit anyone caught in their web of deceit, lies and fear.

For example: Amazon is an internationally recognised company who are able to supply just about any product. Fraudsters will use this brand recognition to hook you into a conversation relating to an expensive product that you have not ordered, have not received and do not want. This can lead to the offer of a refund and ultimately the inappropriate disclosure of bank details.

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#### Remember and use the ABC of scams:

A - Accept nothing

B - Believe no one

#### C - Confirm everything (with a relative, friend, neighbour)

- 2. If you receive the latest wide screen TV for Christmas (or any other expensive product) please do not advertise this by placing the cardboard packaging with your bins waiting for collection. These are your purchases or gifts - keep it that way!
- 3. Isolation and loneliness remain the pandemic of the 21st Century. There is no vaccination program for something that has such a negative impact on the physical and mental well-being of so many people, but you can help! As the nights draw in and the weather turns colder, please check in with your neighbours. A smile, a hello, a chat or perhaps a coffee could make the difference. Presence is more important than presents...please give generously.

Wishing you all a Happy Christmas and New Year and, above all, stay safe!

#### Peter Gill

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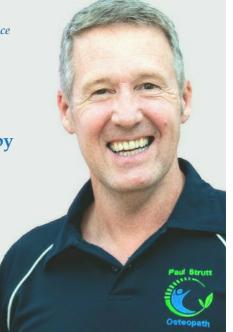
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## **Eastry Neighbourhood Watch Coffee Morning**



On Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October there was a coffee morning in the Village Hall arranged by Eastry NHW. A Covid Re-start grant meant that there was free hire of the hall. We thank everyone who helped set up the event and Rob Bishop and Pauline for arranging the refreshments.

The event was well organised and supported by NHW officials from the Dover area, including three Dover Area PCSOs: Sarah McGuinness, Emma Carmichael and Tanya Clark. They all talked to visitors and gave them useful advice.

The displays were very good and Andrew Judd and Iona Hotca gave informative talks. It was interesting to hear Andrew Judd say that we were one of the first local events they had attended since the lockdown. We were pleased that more villagers attended than at the last Coffee Morning and other recent events in the hall. A lot of people are still very wary about attending and mixing indoors



The Team of local NHW officials who came to the coffee morning are shown in the attached photograph taken by Trevor Burton.

(L-R): Peter Reeve (Dover Executive NHW), Andrew Judd (Volunteer & NHW Liaison Officer), Ioan Hotca (Community Support Officer), Sarah McGuinness (PCSO), Sheila Smith (Eastry NHW chairman), Peter Gill (KCC Community Warden).

If you would like to learn more about NHW and receive reports on Fraud, Anti Social Behaviour (ASB), the latest Scams e.g. Paypal, Amazon, Covid-19 etc. please contact one of the Eastry NHW committee members:

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We wish everyone a Happy Christmas and Best Wishes for the New Year



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#### Rose Beer - Four legged turkeys? Really?

I wish I could write this article to be as funny as it was when it was said. I will do my best and it is very appropriate for the Christmas edition of the magazine.

Many years ago I was working in the fishmongers and, strange as it may sound, at Christmas we also sold turkeys. One particular year we had a delivery of a consignment of turkeys which were still fresh but had been 'damaged in transit!'. My workmate Dave was in the walk-in fridge while I served a woman some fish. She was looking around at all the turkeys hanging up (I might add that up to this point she seemed to be very sane and sensible) "Oh" she said "that one has only got one wing!" To which I replied "Yes there's several like that, some have damaged breasts and (for some unknown reason I continued) we get them in from a farm for disabled turkeys down in Sussex!"

I heard Dave in the fridge nearly choke as I went on to say "I bet they are a strange sight all hobbling around". My "normal" woman customer said "Ah, poor things but I expect they taste just the same?" "Yes" I said and she asked me to put one by for her husband to collect at the weekend. "Of course" I said and as I was helping her to choose one I went on to say "some of the poor things only have two legs!" She said "we don't need more than two legs anyway" (the penny really hadn't dropped!!). After she had left the shop I turned to Dave, who had completely choked by then, and I said "that Dave...is salesmanship!" To which he replied "You could sell sand in the desert you lying devil!!". Completely true.

Happy Christmas everyone and enjoy your turkey!

Rose Beer

### **Poor Old Angel**

Well! This isn't any way to make a living. Working just once a year. Sitting on the Christmas tree with a branch stuck up my rear! They keep me in a box all year so my dress is torn and tattered. Once I had such pretty wings but now they are almost shattered!

When they fix me on this tree the prickles really hurt!

They attach me with a rubber band and a light's shoved up my skirt!

My head has got all twisted, it really makes me wince,
then my arm came out of it's socket and it's never been right since.

Once I had a twinkly wand but it somehow snapped in half, so now I hold a carrot cos they think it is a laugh!

Relatives arrive and all look up at me and cos they think that I can't hear, "Oh she's come back out again" they snigger and they sneer.

Yes for years I've sat up on this tree, too many for me to mention, but I can't afford to give it up cos I don't qualify for a pension!

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