

The
Eastry
Village News



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BUBBLES NURSERY - Contact Monica on 01304 615487

Sandwich Amateur Boxing Club

At Eastry Young Peoples Club - Monday and Thursday
Evenings 6pm to 8.30pm

Contact: Mac McCarthy on 07749 760520

Incy Wincys - Baby and Toddler Group - Can you help?

We need a new leader. The Youth Club has all the equipment and toys needed.
All we need now is someone to run it.
Contact Monica Laslett for more information.

RAINBOWS (age 5-7) and **BROWNIES** (age 7-10)
Meet on Wednesdays

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BEAVERS (age 5½ -8)
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EXPLORERS (age 14+) Meet every other
Friday from 7.45pm - 9.15pm and focus
on the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme.
Contact - Graham Baker

CUBS (age 8-10½)
Tuesday 6.30pm - 8.00pm
Leader
Contact Graham Baker

FOR BOOKINGS
Contact: Marion Wanstall (617854)
or group leaders

SCOUTS (age 10½ - 14)
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Clairvoyant Eve- 6:30 for 7pm, Sat 9th April, Thurs 19th May, Sat 18th June

Andy's Quiz Night 7pm start, Sat 30th April, Sat 28th May, Sat 25th June

Keep up to date with our events,



The Five Bells Easry



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"It's the pub with a hug"

Extracts from the East Kent Mercury - Secret Drinker article - 20th January 2022

"This might be the most welcoming pub I've ever visited when we decided to take a look at the Five Bells' newly renovated sports bar and the landlady herself came to join us and share a wealth of information about the fascinating history dating back to 1675. Mary, who's been here for 14 years, was only too happy to chat and we got the full rundown on the pub, the village, the family, the cobbles outside, the inside story on the brewery, the challenges facing the hospitality trade, catering for weddings, dogs and child minding!

The sports bar has had the bar removed to make more space for the dartboard, the pool table and the bar billiard table, the juke box, fruit machine and TV screen.

This is a family pub in every sense of the word - Mary's daughter Claire divided her time between serving and laminating posters for forthcoming events - and it's also an important part of the fabric of this village. Mary is formidable and fiercely proud of her pub - you can tell she'll do whatever it takes to make it a success; private parties, hosting meetings, hiring function rooms, hosting the British Legion, psychic nights, special food nights, beer festivals, karaoke, discos, live music and the three B&B rooms she added a few years ago." **Well done Mary and all your staff.**

Magazine distributors

Grateful thanks to Hilda Smith for all her hard work and thank you to our new volunteer distributors. We look forward to working with you.

Buglers and Cornet players WANTED

As part of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations the Parish Council are looking for a Bugler or Cornet player from local Cadet Forces, Salvation Army, School or other voluntary Bands to play the unique Bugle Call - 'Majesty,' at 9.40pm, officially announcing the lighting of the Beacons at 9.45pm in the Gun Park on Thursday 2nd June.

Contact the Clerk: 07903 739792 or clerk@eastry-pc.gov.uk if you can help.

St. Mary's Church - Summer Fete

Saturday 23rd July 2022 from 2-5pm. Come and join the Fun!

The Eastry Book Club Group 2022

has been successfully launched, meeting on the third Wednesday of each month in the Five Bells at 7pm. New members welcome.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

of St Mary the Virgin Eastry

to be held on Sunday the 24th April in the Church at approximately 11.15am. This meeting will be held immediately after the 10.00am service.

Dover District Council - Bin Collections 2022

Non recyclable waste

Black topped wheelie bin, food bin & green/garden waste

Tuesdays 12th, 26th April 10th, 24th May

Recyclable Waste *Blue topped wheelie bin and Food Bin*

Plastics, tins, bottles, paper and cardboard.

Tuesdays 5th, 19th April 3rd, 17th, 31st May

Please check your dates on the **DDC website**

The **MOBILE LIBRARY** visits on the Village Hall Car Park between 0940-1010 on Fridays 1st, 15th, 29th April and 13th, 27th May 2022.

Eastry Village News DEADLINE

is the 14th of the month prior to publication - i.e. January, March, May, July, September, November. Please send copy to evneditor@gmail.com



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Do you have an electric vehicle or are you thinking about the benefits of changing to hybrid or fully electric? Drivers are taking advantage of rising energy prices with EV tariffs and solar panel energy to charge their car at home. This is considered to be the cleanest and most cost effective way to put miles into the battery.

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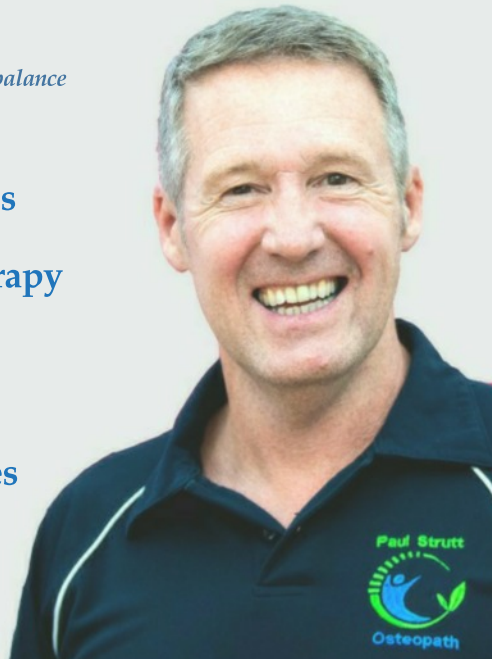
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Eastry Horticultural Society - Eastry Gardeners

Despite the vicious winds and torrential rains we are here, already deep in to yet another year of enjoyment, finally being able to seriously start our favourite 'at home job' of gardening. As the years slip away for many of us our physical capabilities may start to struggle but fortunately our enthusiasm never fails. Writing loosely of age I must confess that since the last notes I have had my knuckles lightly rapped in a very friendly way for actually suggesting that our Lady Chairman was merely 'youngish', when in fact at 25 and a few bits she really is on the young side! The Society and the villagers owe heartfelt thanks to both the Dover District Council and to the Eastry Parish Council for their generous grants to cover the cost of the splendid and much needed trees for planting with their follow-up care carried out free of charge by volunteers of the Eastry HS headed by Trev. Fortunately the trees have all 'taken' well and are already showing healthy signs of spring.

Our first meeting in 2022 took place in February with a few minutes of 'correspondence' followed by a very enjoyable quiz evening - compered by 'young' Jackie, with marking by an even younger Lynn, well done ladies. The kitchen team and the stewards were efficient and much appreciated. The eventual quiz winners, after a close contest, was the 'tulip' table consisting of Glynn, Wendy, Marion, Geoff, Sandra and Methuselah's brother. At tea break the seed potatoes for the club's pot grown competition were handed out, grow them how you think best in the club supplied pot. Although we are the Horticultural Club we do of course have an equally important and very successful Flower and Flower Arranging section as well as a superb Domestic section, which covers cooking, sewing, handicraft etc. and a photography section. **In fact we have something for everyone, why not come and join us?** Our March meeting was headed by Jeff Davis giving what turned out to be a very interesting and important talk on 'Gardening for the Bees'. April 12th is our Spring show and is part of the normal meeting but will also include the competition for the daffodils grown from the bulbs previously supplied by the club. May 10th is another very interesting talk on **Wild Flowers** by Sue Buckingham, **and new members are always very welcome.**

Hopefully all of your winter pruning of trees, shrubs and hedges should have been completed. If not be very careful as many of our birds and beneficial insects are looking for nesting sites and don't forget to leave a hedgehog highway if possible. Broad beans, french beans, chard, kale, lettuce and rocket can all be started outdoors along with onion sets and nicely chitted early potatoes. A tasty tip, eat your broad beans before they get too large, they really are at their best whilst 'new'. There are many other items that you can now start off, but if you feel that you need some help there are excellent folk in the club who will willingly help you.

Have you ever tried growing then eating freshly cut Kohl Rabi. Back in 1949 I, with my classmates, was studying agriculture at college and we were testing what was then a 'new' plant. If you do grow it try eating it raw fresh from the garden, it tastes just like a rather nice ice cream. Several garden products like carrots, peas, even brussels and others taste excellent if eaten raw, straight from the garden. **J.S.**

Northbourne & Betteshanger Horticultural Society SPRING SHOW

**All are welcome to take part in this show or to visit
from 2pm - 4pm on Sunday 3rd April 2022.**

We anticipate that the trophies will be presented by our President, Lord Northbourne. Children are invited to design a Spring (season) card. Please include the child's name and age with the exhibit.

Dover Flower Club

Dover Flower Club meets on the fourth Monday of the month at Whitfield Village Hall, Sandwich Road, Dover CT16 3LY

We welcome new members and we are offering a free flower arranging workshop for visitors on Monday 28th March at 7.15.

Participants will create an arrangement to take home.

To book your free place contact Mig at mig@migkimpton.com, or phone 07831838851

On Monday 25th April, Patricia Ellis, a Kent area demonstrator will give a demonstration entitled 'Rich Pickings'.

A JUBILEE FLOWER AND ART CELEBRATION

On the June Jubilee weekend St Mary's Church will be staging a celebration of the Jubilee with Flower displays and an Art show. Sue Cook will lead a team of about 12 arrangers to create 10 arrangements.

The Eastry Art Group run by Ann Beerling and Anne Haith will mount a show in the church with paintings for sale. Eastry is rightly famous for its bi-annual Flower Festival and this special event is one not to be missed.



We look forward to seeing you there between June 2nd and 5th.

Alastair Carnegie



County Horticultural News Update

Due to the cost of the very large marquee there will not be a Horticultural Summer Show at the Detling Show ground in July this year. Instead there will be 2 one day shows at Ditton Community Centre, Ditton, Aylesford, Kent on Sunday 26th June and Sunday September 18th 2022.

Eastry Village Coffee Morning

Village Hall 9.00-12 noon

Thursday 14th April Thursday 28th April
Thursday 12th May Thursday 26th May

All welcome, free tea, coffee, squash and biscuits.

**Hi Kent Hearing Charity will be in attendance
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It is extremely important that you:

Clear dog mess from public places and your own garden

Worm your dog every 6 months

Wash your hands after playing with dogs

Try to train your dog to go at home

and take a plastic bag and poop scoop when you go out

It is an offence for any person in charge of a dog not to remove any faeces deposited by a dog in their charge. Anyone found guilty of an offence will be issued with a fixed penalty notice (currently £100 fine reduced to £75 if paid within 10 days). This gives an opportunity to discharge liability to prosecution. Should the fine not be paid, or offences be persistent Dover District Council may prosecute with a maximum fine of £1000.

To report dog fouling to DDC: www.dover.gov.uk/environment
or email: envcrime@dover.gov.uk





EASTRY EVENTS

On March 3rd we held the breakfast morning which was very successful, a fantastic fundraiser. Thank you to all who came, it was fantastic to see a lot of people out and about, probably for the many the first time since the pandemic and lots of new friends were made! Donations were very generously given by: the bakery in the village (Bakers Dozen), Stuart Baitup at Eastry Butchers and Delf Farm shop - **we couldn't have done it without their generosity!**

Bingo on Saturday 12th March was an absolute sell out and very successful making £175+ and giving away £210 worth of prizes. Thank you to everyone who came and supported us and **especially to Mary for kindly hosting us.**

Eastry Safari - Sunday April 10th 11-2.30
which includes an Easter egg hunt for children.

Saturday May 14th, Royal Quiz night at The Five Bells at 7pm.

Eastry Queens Platinum Jubilee Fete Thursday June 2nd 2-10pm
with the beacon lighting ceremony at 9.45. At Eastry Gun Park.

The above events are all to raise funds for the fete. For tickets, to book a craft or safari stall, fete volunteers or more information on any of these events please contact **Laura Lewis on 07368957235** or email eastryevents@gmail.com

To keep up to date with our events visit www.eastryevents.co.uk or on Facebook, Eastry Events.



EASTRY

QUEEN'S JUBILEE FETE

AT THE GUN PARK 2ND JUNE 2PM



STALLS BBQ TRADITIONAL FETE GAMES

CRAFT STALLS BEER TENT LIVE MUSIC

ARENA FOOD STALLS BEACON LIT 9.45pm



Eastry Primary School - South East Primary Dance CHAMPIONS!

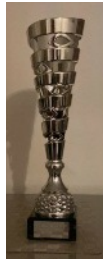
At the end of February, Eastry Primary School children performed in The Big Dance Off competition at the Leas Cliff Hall. Competing against other schools from all over the south east of England, their dramatic performance – with a



theme of protecting our seas from pollution- was delivered with a passion, energy and skill that wowed both judges and audience. Eastry were awarded first place in the primary school category and are now the South East Primary Dance champions.



This amazing win, gives them a coveted place in the National Schools Dance Competition to be held in Cheltenham in July. Many of the 28 children had not had any dance experience before joining teacher Miss Leishmann's after school dance club, let alone performed in a venue like the Leas Cliff Hall in Folkestone. Miss Leishmann praised their hard work and commitment to prepare for the competition and said, "... After a two year wait due to the pandemic, the children have shown commitment and perseverance. This, along with their passion and enthusiasm towards practising and learning the routine, has earned them such a prestigious award of which we are all very proud."



Everybody at the school is immensely proud of our dancers and wishes them every success in the national competition.

Eastry kids say please SLOW DOWN!

Free Dog Micro-Chipping

As part of the DDC Great British Spring Clean Event in the Gun Park on Thursday April 7th there will be **free** dog micro-chipping.



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Eastry WI



The seasons are finally turning, and it has been lovely to see the snowdrops and daffodils flowering. With Covid restrictions also being lifted it seems that life is getting back to some kind of normality - at long last.

Our very welcoming WI group would love new members to come and join us as a guest to see if the WI is for you. We organise trips out for members and have a walk planned at Goodnestone Park in April. We also have a monthly lunch club where we visit various establishments for a good old chat and tasty food. The last one was at The Haywain at Bramling, delicious.

We meet the first Wednesday every month and often have guest speakers with a wide range of interesting topics. This month was about Medieval Medical Practices. Very entertaining.

Kate Hobbs - President 07512 873005

Year Round Recipes

Easter Biscuits

Makes 24 biscuits using a 6cm cutter.

Preheat oven 200C/180 fan/gas 6 and line baking trays with baking paper.

100g softened unsalted butter 75g caster sugar

1 medium egg separated Grated zest of a lemon

200g plain flour 50g currants A little milk.

METHOD

Beat the butter and sugar together until light and fluffy - Add the egg yoke and lemon zest - Sift in the flour and mix in well.

Stir in the currants - Add enough milk to make a soft dough, at this point the dough can be chilled for 15 minutes.

Flour the worktop and knead the dough, roll out the dough to about 5mm and using the 6mm cutter cut out the biscuits, place on baking sheets and bake for 8 minutes.

Meanwhile beat the egg white well - Once the biscuits are out of the oven brush with the egg white and sprinkle with a little caster sugar. Put back into oven for about 5 minutes until golden brown and leave on the trays until cool.

Sue Hankins

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Eastry Village Hall Update 2022

In May 2020 Robin Bishop (Treasurer of the Eastry Village Hall Management Committee) penned an article in this magazine reflecting upon the historical foundation of the trust to oversee the use of the Village Hall “for the purposes of physical and mental recreation and moral and intellectual development”. We were only a couple of months into the first wave of Covid and the subsequent lack of social activity which only served to emphasise the decline in the use of the hall by the community it was in place to serve.



A delayed AGM last October saw the retirement of the then chairman Mitchell Ferrier who had served the community tirelessly during his time in office. He was replaced by Andrew Stanford and at the same time Robin's appeal for new blood within the trustees was also answered and a re-energised team set about a program of improvements to repair and update the amenities on offer.

To date work has been completed to maintain or improve the fabric of the building and make it a safe and pleasant environment including a complete upgrade to the central heating system, the installation of a new hearing loop & sound system, repainting of several areas and safety work to the outbuildings.

With the easing of Covid restrictions our Village Hall is once again fully open and providing facilities for a wide range of activities. Local organisations and clubs hold meetings, shows and fairs there. A wide range of dance & exercise classes are available as well as a theatre group, indoor bowls, whist drives, craft fairs, bingo, jumble sales and quiz nights. The snooker club is open 5 evenings per week and is open for membership. The hall is also a perfect space for family celebrations, birthday parties, weddings and other events.

Activities at the hall can be found in Eastry Village News as well as on posters in local shops and notice boards throughout the district. For those that prefer to receive information online try the Village Hall website, <http://www.eastryvillagehall.org/> or search on Facebook for Eastry Village Hall, Eastry Community Watch and Eastry Events.

The committee and trustees are committed to upholding the aims of the trust outlined above, however in order to serve the community we need to know what the community wants. If there is something you think might be missing from village activities or be of interest and/or entertaining please contact: evhevents@outlook.com

**N.B. IF YOU ARE OVER 18 YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE NEXT
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ON MAY 24th at 1800 hrs. (Registration 17:50)**

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Eastry Bowling Club

Eastry Bowling Club would like to extend a warm invitation to anyone, no matter what age, who might be interested in finding out about bowls or looking to play bowls. It doesn't matter if you have played before or are totally new to the game - all welcome.

Eastry Bowling Club is located just down the road from our village fish and chip shop and pub on the left hand side of the road.

April will see the start of bowling on the green and we will be getting underway with the Captain v Presidents match. This is a friendly Club members match held at Eastry bowling green on 23rd April 2022 at 2pm for a 2.30 pm start.

If you would like more information about joining the Club or just coming and have a go at bowling please contact:

Ron Gill on 07523 369411

[Website: eastrybowlingclub.wixsite.com/home](https://www.eastrybowlingclub.wixsite.com/home)



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Poets' Corner

Who is this Woman?

She's held together with some rusty old screws
 Helping her make those dodgy old moves
 An old replacement knee, a bandaged wrist
 Repetitive strain from the jive and the twist
 There's grey in her hair, it clogs up the sink
 The perm has long gone, no need for the "TWINK"

Her eyesight has dimmed, or the needle's too small
 Her hearing is failing, she misses her calls
 She's patient and kind, conscientious and free
 An amazing woman, anyone can see...
 She's caring and empathic, some may say quaint
 But let me tell you... the ladies no saint
 She may have fooled many, but she don't fool me
 I can see right through her, there are lots to see
 From dusk to dawn she's out on the town
 Drinking and dancing, hanging around...

The police know her personally she's a pest
 Looks an unbecoming sight in her psychedelic vest
 Her brightly coloured hair can be seen from space
 Purple ears, purple neck, it's even on her face!
 Her bright red lips are smudged from the gin
 She has her own cocktail called "madam sin"
 Oh yes she is a handful, I know you'll agree
 So who is this woman, well now, you tell me!

Lin West

The Monster

There's been a Monster seen in Eastry, around the crack of dawn
 It's supposed to have two heads, and sneaks across the lawn
 They can't tell if it's human, for there's hair all over its face
 They say it's been down Lower Street, but no one gives it chase
 So I thought I'd trap the Monster, I thought I'd lie in wait
 I got up extra early; I never sleep in late...

Then just as I was leaving, I was filled with an awful dread
 Had the phantom caught me out I slowly turned my head
 And then I finally realised as I stood without a sound
 The phantom was my eldest son doing his paper round.

Lin West

St David's Day

Being a little welsh girl, singing was such a passion,
Especially on St David's day, we'd wake the Red Dragon.
We'd wear our national costume, complete with daffodil,
All of us so excited for what we hoped to fulfil.

Parents start arriving with grandparents in tow,
Wait with anticipation for our little village school show.

The hall fills with our dulcet tones,
We needed no help from microphones.

Welsh songs and poems recited on cue,
The smiles on our faces just shine on through.
Our celebrations for St David were definitely a success.
Our reward, a half day off school, was probably the best.

Shirley Hopkins

Easter

When I think of Easter now, I think of Hot Cross Buns,
Especially ones with cinnamon, cos they're the best ones.

When I think of Easter I think of Chocolate Eggs,
And the hunt to find them, amongst the flower beds.

When I think of Easter I think of Pretty Bonnets,
And all the beautiful blossoms and bows, pinned upon it.

When I think of Easter I think of Hymns we Sang,
The smiles on all our faces as the organist began.

But something's always concerned me you might think quite funny,
We never, ever saw that elusive Easter bunny.

Shirley Hopkins

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Old Hospital Site - Development News



"Work has started on the former hospital site in Mill Lane which has planning permission for 100 properties. The wild saplings and brambles etc have been cleared and the contractor has erected a low level fence to prevent reptiles entering the site before the spring. This is an ecology planning requirement which can only be carried out at certain times of the year."

The developer has said that they will keep us informed of the proposed start date for construction."
Brian Manton. Photo courtesy of Nick Smith



EASTRY PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk to the Parish Council Mrs J L Jones
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ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Chairman of Eastry Parish Council is pleased to invite you to attend the above meeting on Tuesday 31st May 2022, at Eastry Village Hall at 7.30pm.

AGENDA

- 1) Apologies**
- 2) Minutes of the last Annual Meeting**
- 3) Matters Arising**
- 4) Belmarsh Prison** - Cllr Joe McDonnell will give a talk about Belmarsh Prison and The Prison Service
- 5) Parish Council Reports**
 - a) *Chairman's Report,* b) *Finance Report*
- 6) Reports** KCC - Cllr Sue Chandler DDC - Cllrs Nick Kenton & Steve Manion
 Village Organisations - TBC

Questions will be invited from the floor after each speaker.

Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

The Chairman and members of the Council look forward to seeing you.

Yours sincerely,

Mark Jones Chairman of the Parish Council

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Current Scams

The three storms that recently hit Kent have highlighted the need for residents to be aware of rogue traders who will use this as an opportunity to inflate costs for substandard work. For example an elderly gentleman was charged over £3000 for roof repairs that were of a poor standard and took four hours to complete. When he tried to withdraw the cash from his bank, they became concerned and referred the case to me for verification. Working together with KCC Trading Standards, Kent Police, the bank and a reputable builder the work was discredited, and no money was paid. Trading Standards continue to investigate the case.

Choosing a reputable, reliable and trusted tradesman can be difficult particularly if you live alone and the repair is urgent, however keep calm and use the ABC of scam prevention: **Never Assume, Never Believe, Always Confirm.**

Please consider the following factors: Is the repair covered by house insurance? If so, report and follow their advice. Discuss the repair with a relative, neighbour or friend and seek personal recommendations. Do not be reluctant to ask for advice.

Local and reliable tradesmen often obtain their work through recommendations. It is good business for them to build this trust. Obtain an estimate in writing. Three estimates are recommended however any written estimate is unlikely for an urgent repair. Does the estimate include VAT? If so, the trader must be VAT registered with HMRC. The VAT number should be identified on a written estimate. Avoid cash transactions of large sums of money as it has no audit trail. Most legitimate tradesmen and companies should accept other forms of payment.

Do not accept advice from tradesmen randomly calling at your home. Make an appointment with a legitimate tradesman who are always willing to provide free advice and estimates, with no pressure to accept. Do not be reluctant to ask questions no matter how basic. Stay in control of the situation. It is your home, your money and your decision.

KCC Trading Standards Checked are the only traders vetted by Kent Trading Standards. Details are available on-line with Kent residents also receiving an information leaflet. If you do not have Internet access contact Ask a Kent Librarian on 03000 416438 (office hours Monday to Saturday). They will access the Internet and search on your behalf. If you still feel unsure having considered the above, please contact me for advice.

I am unable to recommend specific tradesmen but will listen and provide guidance and support where necessary. Stay safe and enjoy the Spring and Summer months.

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Eastry Neighbourhood Watch 2022



Sheila Smith has been dedicated to many community projects over the years including the Eastry Neighbourhood Watch scheme and has decided to retire from the chairman role which has fallen to me. On behalf of the committee and people of Eastry I would like to thank her for all the work she has put in including writing articles for the Eastry Village News.

I have been an ordinary member of the NHW committee for a while and we all get reports from the police on crime. Luckily we do not get much crime in Eastry compared to some places although some crime will be occurring but not be reflected in the figures. Most of us will encounter attempted cyber crime when we use our PCs, tablets, and phones.

The Kent Fraud Alert System has informed us of emails impersonating the NHS. I had one telling me to click a link to obtain a new Covid passport. **Be aware that the NHS etc. will never send a message asking you to click on a link and disclose personal and financial details.** If you receive a suspicious text message, then forward to 7726.

If you think that you may have been a victim of this type of scam, then contact your bank immediately and report it to Action Fraud at www.actionfraud.police.uk or by calling **0300 123 2040**.



It is worth downloading the Country Eye app to your phone to enable you to report various types of crime such as:

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I reported fly tipping yesterday and it is so quick. From within the app I took a photo of the rubbish and the location was automatically added using the phone's location.

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Simon Dundas

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A local resident has brought this to our attention.

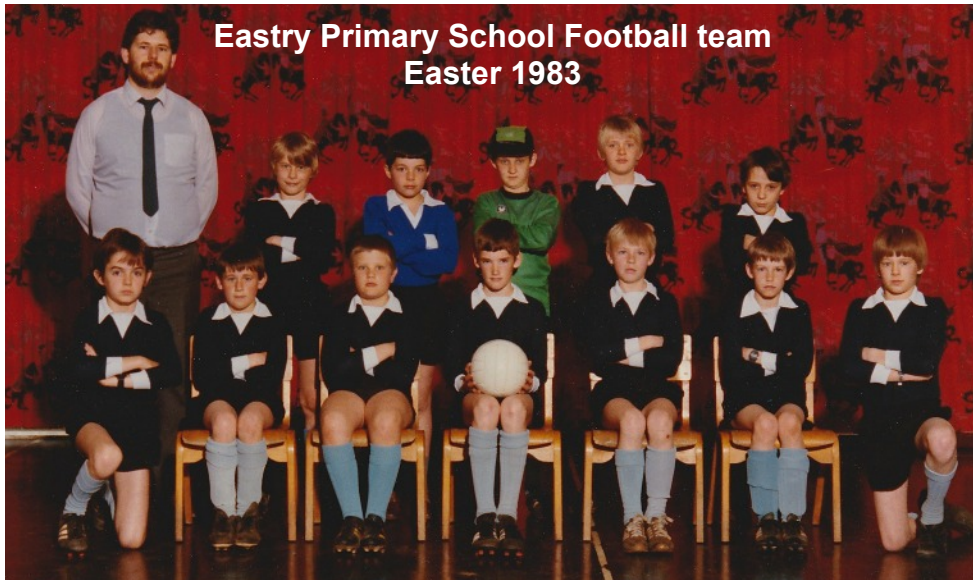
"When walking my dog with other dog owners we quite often come across "human" food that has been scattered next to the footpath. It has been a variety of food, sugar puffs, cornflakes/crunchy nut flakes, peanuts & raisins **which can kill a dog.** Someone said a lady puts bird food down but it was breakfast cereal." **Please be extra careful.**

From the Archives



Eastry Primary School 1910 - Group 8

Sheila Smith photo



**Eastry Primary School Football team
Easter 1983**

Back l/r Mr.Fletcher, Gavin Robertson, Paul Cresswell, Jeremy Kemp,
Johnny Kemp, Paul Brace

Front Patrick Friend, Nathan Jenner, Gregory Collins, Mark Culver, Allen Smith,
Paul Roberts, Andrew Whyatt

Apologies for any errors in the names

Sheila Smith photo

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HOLY WEEK

PALM SUNDAY

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EASTER

GOOD FRIDAY

Friday 15th April 12 noon Hour at the Cross

EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday 17th April 10am Holy Communion (with Tilmanstone)

Sunday 24th April 10am Holy Communion

The usual connections for Sunday Zoom services will be used

Services in May

Sunday 1st May 10am Holy Communion

Sunday 8th May 10am Family Come and Praise

Sunday 15th May 10am Holy Communion

Sunday 22nd May 8am Holy Communion 10am Holy Communion

Sunday 29th May Benefice 10am Holy Communion (TBA)

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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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If you are asked for a password, it is 2 4 6 8 10

The Church Registers

18/02/22 Beryl Gray Funeral

18/02/22 Roger Cotterill Thanksgiving

Reverend Kirrilee Reid



Easter greetings, We are all familiar with the Easter story, but I am reminded of the moment in the garden, outside the empty tomb where Jesus says to Mary Magdalene, 'Why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' I feel these questions are even more poignant this year as our Lenten journey has coincided with the heart-breaking and deeply worrying war in Ukraine.

Our hearts are heavy as we witness the pain and suffering of millions of people, and feel helpless, with the injustice and futility of it all. I'm not sure what the situation will be at the time this magazine goes to print, but right now the situation in Ukraine seems to many, to be hopeless.

The question, 'Why are you weeping?' may help us to focus our sadness and lament at the hope-lessness of this conflict, and also other global crises. 'Why are you weeping?' We weep because of loss, fear and helplessness, injustice, and suffering. Mary has lost her teacher, her leader, her friend. She weeps for what has happened to her and to the one she has loved. Jesus then asks, 'For whom are you looking?' The tomb is now empty – the broken body placed there 2 days before, is now gone. The stone has been rolled away and only remnants of grave clothes remain.

I wonder if another question might be appropriate for us, this Easter season, 'For *what* are we looking?' I would also like to offer an answer – an antidote to our feelings of helplessness and grief. Maybe it is *hope* that we need to search for. Hope is not about being eternally optimistic.... but it always beckons us forward on our journey of life and faith. Hope is that tiny flickering flame of a candle on the darkest nights, hope is the beautiful yellow daffodils shining radiantly, even when the sky is grey, and storms are raging overhead. Hope is not wishful thinking, not gritting our teeth and 'hoping for the best', but hope stares at the reality and finds goodness in the midst of evil, and love in the midst of hate. If nothing else, this is what the cross and resurrection teach us.

Death and suffering do not have the last word- love and life win every time. Hope embraces the whole of reality; it gives courage and provides affirmation for the future. I encourage you, this Easter, to reflect on these questions; 'Why are you weeping?' 'For what are you looking?' I pray that you will seek and search, and find hope amidst the turmoil of this, our beautiful but broken world.



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*But then, like the only answer we ever need, a new light arrives,
splashing grace-paint on the worn-out canvas of my heart,*

*and all of a sudden hope is running along the tops of the trees
wild-eyed and rampant.*

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Her name Vicar...it's 'OnHerCardy'

I was recently chatting to a Vicar friend of mine; we were discussing 'modern' children's names and the various ways of spelling them. Even the apparently simple ones, such as Eve, which can be spelt Eve, Eeve, Eev and even Eav! He then proceeded to tell me about the time he got a baptismal name **REALLY WRONG**.

A young couple came to his church to have their latest child baptised. As my friend had been away, he hadn't had the opportunity, as was usual, to meet the parents prior to the event and discuss the form of service and, importantly, the child's Baptismal Name with them. On the day of the ceremony he was at the church to meet and greet the parents and to begin the Baptismal Service. After the preambles the vicar took the baby in his arms and he started the naming part of the ritual.

"I baptise this child" - then realising he didn't know the child's name turned to the parents who responded with "it's OnHerCardy". Surprised at this strange name but seeing more Star Wars/Game of Thrones/Lord of the Rings names popping up nowadays my friend duly gave it the Baptismal Name Blessing.

"I name thee 'OnHerCardy'; in the name of the Father, the Son etc. to which the shocked parents responded with "no, no, no...her name is printed on a label, pinned to her cardigan." Apparently they had chosen an old Irish Gaelic name so, complete with pronunciation, they had written it on a card and pinned it to her "cardy" to assist the Vicar. "Ooops" said I, rolling around the floor laughing!

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Gardening on the other side of the fence (5)

Spring is well and truly under way and hopefully, enjoying our gardens gives us some respite from the incredibly gloomy events taking place in Ukraine. It is sometimes hard to stay focused on the minor trials and tribulations of our daily interests and hobbies during such times. However I am pleased to report that the trend towards greener gardening continues to gain momentum.



The Royal Horticultural Society have just announced that slugs and snails will no longer be classified as pests. The society is undergoing an important re-brand and will now seek to change the gardening public's perception of the role gardens provide in these times of climate change and biodiversity crisis. Advice from professional horticulturalists has always focused to how to kill much of the wildlife that shares our green spaces and the RHS now wants to promote a more understanding attitude to how we deal with our gardening problems. Many of us want to see nesting birds, hedgehogs, frogs and toads visiting our gardens but we also have a tendency to spend our time and money eradicating their natural food sources. 'Pests' such as earwigs may nibble your dahlias, but research has shown they are voracious eaters of aphids and are now being actively reintroduced to apple orchards. Now no one is going to convince a grower of prize-winning hostas to turn a blind eye to the damage slugs and snails can do, so it will take a generational change to alter our approach to what we want from our gardens. (Note – the owner of the national collection of Hostas says she only uses garlic spray to protect her plants). Because of the prominence of bug sprays and slug pellets being displayed in supermarkets and garden centres, I often meet new gardeners who think they can't grow *anything* without resorting to these products. Waitrose and Co-op have already declared they will discontinue stocking these chemicals and requests to the others to follow suit are underway. You can find out more on Pesticide Action Network UK's website.

My garden and those that I work in, are lush, varied and interesting and there is not a jot of chemical intervention being applied. But I'm also not putting in lines of marigolds and lettuce seedlings, so I fully appreciate the conundrum. (Actually I did put in a row of Salad Bowl and Lollo Rosso lettuce last year, and they all got eaten except one of the red ones. So I let it go to seed and have saved the seed to re-sow this spring. I will report back !) But I do have an extremely healthy crop of Winter Density lettuce cropping right now. And we had climbing beans, tomatoes, beet-root, potatoes, chard, kale, leeks, courgette and sweetcorn in our first year in this garden, so it can be done.

Lastly, they say "If you build it, they will come". Well, not yet they haven't. The new pond has attracted no breeding frogs. My neighbours counted 34. Patience, patience..... Enjoy your 2022 gardening year,

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Sadly we have been seeing a lot of pets with ticks on them lately, especially those who have been on holiday to the continent and also to areas such as the New Forest. Even just in our local area there are a high number of ticks that can attempt to feed on us and our pets. Not only are the bites bothersome, the ticks can also transmit a number of worrying, and potentially fatal, diseases. The most famous of these diseases is Lyme's Disease, caused by a bacteria called *Borrelia burgdorferi*, which can cause a plethora of symptoms in both us and our pets and can be very tricky to diagnose and treat.

Whilst looking through your pet's coat each day can reduce the risk, the young ticks are sometimes as small as sesame seeds which makes them almost impossible to reliably find amongst all the fluff. We are able to offer a range of products to help prevent tick bites and would discuss everything with you to find the best option for you and your pet.

Unfortunately due to climate change and international pet travel there are now new tick-borne diseases in the UK which can cause life-long disease and be potentially fatal so we strongly advise preventing any tick bites.

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Best wishes, **Claire.**



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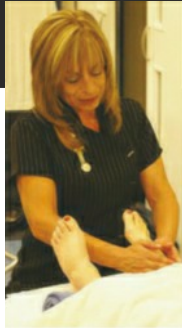
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In Praise of SOIL

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How? What IS soil? It is a complex mixture of **1**, the **physical**: rock fragments, **sand**, **silt** and **clay** in declining order of size, **water**, dissolved **mineral salts** and **air**. **2**, **Dead organic matter**, such as leaves and dead animals of all sizes and **humus**, which is partly decayed dead stuff, forming a dark sticky goo. This sticks together the rock fragments so a healthy soil has a **crumb structure**, a bit like breadcrumbs. This allows air and water to circulate between the crumbs. **3**, **Living organisms**, worms and tiny insects and bacteria and fungi in unimaginable numbers. These bring about the **decay** of dead matter, forming the humus that gives the soil its structure, then, ultimately, releasing mineral salts from it. Worms, insects and moles also **aerate** the soil, creating tunnels from the surface allowing air deep into the soil.



Soil provides: **anchorage** for plants, **water** the plant takes up through its roots, **oxygen** from the air in the soil allows the roots to respire and release energy, which they use to take up **mineral salts**. These the plant combines with sugars made by **photosynthesis** to produce **oils**, for **energy storage** and **proteins** mainly forming the **skeleton** for plant cells and **catalysts (enzymes)** to regulate the **metabolism** ('workings') of the plant.

What can damage a soil? **1**, Becoming **waterlogged**. This results from rainfall, particularly in clay soils as the water sticks around the billions of individual particles. Waterlogged soils lack oxygen (because it is not very soluble in water). This stops decay so the soil soon becomes depleted of minerals. It also becomes **acid** due to **fermentation** caused by bacteria which do not need oxygen. Very few types of plant can grow in these soils. **2**, **Drying out** This happens most easily in sandy soils. Without water plants die. **3**, **Loss of crumb structure** The soil becomes powdery and easily blows or washes away. This happens if the amount of humus in the soil declines. It results from use of chemical fertilisers (sources of mineral salts) rather than dead organic matter (manure etc.) in agriculture. *Terry Wood.*

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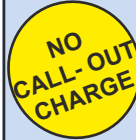
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Bird Watching with Big Nick

Spring is here again with all the expectations that it brings to most of us. The flowers and trees are bursting into life and for me it is the prospect of all the birds that visit us at this time of year, looking their best in their breeding plumage.

A subject I've not covered yet is ducks, the catchall name for the many species of waterfowl. There are at least 21 species in Britain, with a few species such as the Mandarin duck, which have escaped from captivity and colonised. Generally the male – or drake- is the showiest, with strong markings and bright colours. The females are often low key mottled shades of brown to help camouflage them whilst they are incubating their eggs. These can be more difficult to identify; perhaps a subject for a future column? For now I will concentrate on the drakes of some of our commoner species – all of the ones shown below were photographed locally.

Firstly, our smallest duck, the Teal; the winter population is around ten times that of the resident birds because large numbers arrive from the Baltic and Siberia. Hundreds have been known to over winter at Restharrow Scrape, Sandwich Bay in a good year. Both sexes show iridescent green wing patches (called speculum) but the male has a chestnut brown head with a green patch over the eye.



Teal



Mallard



Shoveler

The Mallard is probably recognised by most people and is our commonest duck, present throughout the UK on just about any pond or stream. The Shoveler (so named because of its enormous bill, used for sifting food from the water) is far less common with fewer than a thousand pairs breeding in the UK, but like the other species numbers increase in winter from continental birds.



Wigeon



Shelduck



Tufted Duck

Another attractively marked duck is the Wigeon. The males have a chestnut head and neck with a yellow forehead, pinkish chest and grey back. It is largely

a winter visitor with only about 400 pairs nesting in the UK, and that's mainly in the north. Of the six species illustrated, the Shelduck is the only one where the sexes are alike, although the females are a little smaller and the bill is paler. As these ducks nest underground in old rabbit burrows, it is less important to be camouflaged. Finally the Tufted Duck (so called because of the 'tuft' of feathers on the head). These look almost black and white, but in the right light the head can appear dark blue. They nest in lowland sites across most of the UK but are less common in Wales. There are several other species of duck that can be seen locally but these are generally rarer, and may be covered at some time in the future.

Nick

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Rose Beer - The Undiscovered Pigs

This is an updated story of my 'undiscovered pigs'. My late husband Mic was a very good cartoonist and a member of the prestigious Cartoonists Club of Great Britain which, at that time, only had 200 selected members. Despite his winning many competitions around the globe we could never take the risk of him giving up his day job to create cartoons for a living - which was his dream.

In the late 80's I was looking after my young granddaughter for the day. She was watching Mick drawing when she asked, for some unknown reason, "Grandad, can you draw pigs?" and without hesitation Mic proceeded to draw some pigs. Later on I was having a tidy up when the pigs came to light again and from then on Mic seemed to draw more and more of them. I'd get annoyed - the house needed decorating, the garden needed doing and there was Mic, sitting in his "studio" (our shed!) which was becoming more of a sty every day. One day he said to me "Do you know Rose, I'm getting quite attached to these porkies".

He asked me if I could write a story about them. Now I always thought you wrote the story first and then added the illustrations so this seemed the wrong way round. At that time I worked full time as well as doing my once a week 'slot' on Radio Kent so the last thing I wanted to do after coming home was to write a book about pigs! However, to keep the peace, I did my best - I felt that if I had grown a snout and a curly tail I would have received more affection and attention - and eventually the book was completed with illustrations far more worthy than the text.

At that time TV presenter Esther Rantzen was covering 'cot death' on her programme 'That's Life' and as this was a subject close to our hearts Mic decided to send the book to her at the BBC who promptly lost it. Fortunately Mic had a spare copy which he sent to Claire Rayner at ITV. She wrote us a very nice letter saying it was very good but shared a 'similarity' to the film 'The Snowman'. Mic was furious, having never seen the film or read the story, and exclaimed loudly "My pigs have flown many more miles than that ruddy snowman knew how to and she should stick to commenting on hysterectomies".

Mic never gave up, I wondered if he had a fixation for Rosemary and Hazel in our Post Office as he was in and out of there so often! As Mic's health began to deteriorate the pigs were put on a back burner but towards the end of his life he asked me to do something about those pigs. I promised that I would but, I have to say with a more than guilty heart, that I never have. Just recently, at the ripe old age of 81, my heart has got the better of me so I must do something about it.

It is a lovely book for small children, worthy of space in any bookshop, but I cannot afford to self publish and I would need an agent to promote it to the stores but I do owe it to Mic. At the moment a copy is with David Walliams in the hope he will give it some sort of notoriety - so, as they say, watch this space.

PS - a few copies are on sale at Amazon thanks to my daughter in law. It is called 'Little Tom and his porkies' by Mic and Rose Beer.

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