

The
Eastry
Village News

June
July
2022

Detail from a manuscript map
dating from 1728 of the lands
in Eastry. (See page 13)



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and non-emergency Police

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BUBBLES NURSERY - Contact Monica on 01304 615487

Sandwich Amateur Boxing Club

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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.

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

Meet on Fridays in the Church Hall

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10th Deal Eastry Scout Group - Scout Hut

Group Scout Leader: Graham Baker 07837 430167 or 01304 611487

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Monday 6.00pm - 7.15pm
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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)
Wednesday 7.00pm to 9.00pm
Leader *Vacant*

NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME
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Armed Forces Weekend! 24th-26th June
Army Jeep, Quiz & Live Music

Clairvoyant Eve 6:30 for 7pm, Sat 18th June, Thurs 14th July
Andy's Quiz Night 7pm start, Sat 25th June, Sat 28th July

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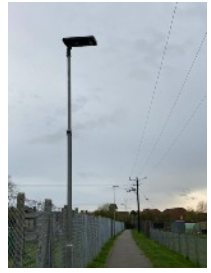
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Eastry Parish Council



In a joint venture, Eastry Parish Council and Eastry Horticultural Society have planted trees on the new allotment triangle to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and registered them for The Queen's Green Canopy. *(above left)*

Eastry Parish Council have re-planted the brick built flower beds on the Parade and the Horse Trough and installed planted troughs at The Cross, as well as refurbishing the public toilets off the High Street, all thanks to funding from the European Regional Development fund, via Dover District Council. *(above centre)*

Eastry Parish Council are delighted to have secured the installation of three Solar Streetlights along the footpath from Mill Lane to the Gun park, part of a DDC Solar Lighting Pilot Scheme. *(above right)*

EASTRY FETE

at The Aumbry in Church Street on Saturday 23rd July. 2pm to 5pm

**Lots of stalls, games, magician, music,
teas and refreshments.**

Spectacular, as always!

Dover District Council - Bin Collections 2022

Non recyclable waste

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

Tuesdays 7th, 21st June 5th, 19th July

Recyclable Waste *Blue topped wheelie bin and Food Bin*

Plastics, tins, bottles, paper and cardboard.

Tuesdays 14th, 28th June 12th, 26th July

Please check your dates on the [DDC website](#)



EV FASTCHARGE



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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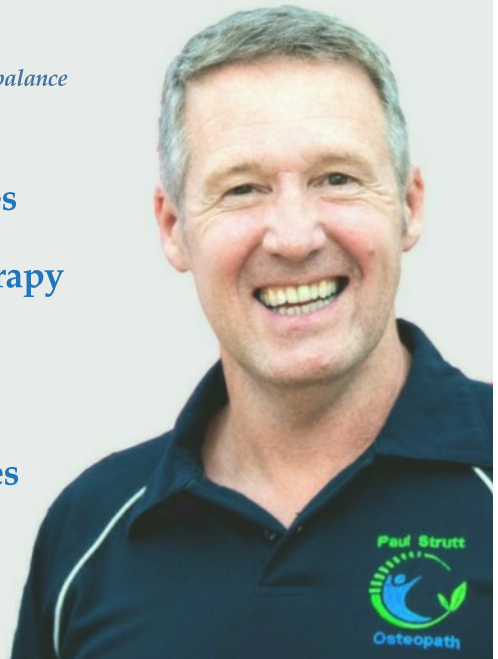
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Eastry Horticultural Society - Eastry Gardeners

Here we are already well in to the spring of '22 though with the current bite in the weather it feels as if winter is still with us. First the Daffodils and then the Tulips both suffered quite severe wind damage when they should have been in their glorious prime. Nevertheless our gardeners managed to put on a great display of both for our eagerly awaited Spring Show. The numbers were slightly down but importantly the quality was as high as ever, so it's got to be congratulations for you all.



Major trophy winners were Alan Ford who took the Hogben Challenge Cup for the Best Daffodil, Trevor Burton who amongst his several winners took the Wannacott Memorial Trophy for the Best Pot of Daffodils, The Summers Trophy was taken by Maria Spain for her winning entry in the hotly competitive Domestic classes and Dianne Solley won the Harvey Challenge Cup for her superb Floral Art display.



Our next major display, the **Members Only Annual Summer Show**, will be held at the Village Hall on Sat 18th June, this will of course also include the club's hotly contested Potato weigh-in. To keep your fingers active you should now head your thoughts and effort towards your Sweet Peas, Roses, Garden flowers, Flowering Shrubs, Delphiniums, Gooseberries, Raspberries and Strawberries, vegetables, your usual wonderful displays of Domestic items and of course your Photographs.

The full schedule of classifications can be obtained from the Club Chairman Jackie. May 10th was the very interesting talk on Wild flowers by Sue Buckingham, but more on that in the next notes.

J. Surridge

Northbourne & Betteshanger Horticultural Society

Our next two meetings in Northbourne Parish Hall at 7.30pm are:-

Monday 13th June - Jeff Davis will give a presentation on
Bee Friendly Gardening.

Monday 11th July - Guest speaker, Jackie Thomas, an acknowledged expert
in the Bee Keeping world.



At the AGM for the Kent Federation of Horticultural Societies held in March, two long-standing supporters were made Honorary members of the Organisation. Sheila Smith was honoured as a long term supporter & exhibitor at the County Shows. Sheila has regularly won trophies for her exhibits in the flower section of the Shows. Those of us who have taken part in the County Shows have made many friends & has a welcome at every event



Eastry Parish Council would like to urge walkers to stick to the designated Public Rights of Way, whether they be Footpaths, Bridleways or Byways, please follow the signs and stick to the Country Code. Thank you very much.

Going Back in Time

What was life like for evacuee children in WW2? Well in May, year 5 children had an opportunity to go back in time and experience this for themselves. Mr Peter O' Sullivan, a local historian and an expert on this period of history, came in to the school for a one-day evacuation experience which allowed the children to become completely immersed in all aspects of life in the wartime years. Billy, a year 5 pupil, said "It was an amazing day and I particularly liked seeing and playing all the old toys and games that the children would have in those times. I learned so much about WW2."



Mr. Peter O'Sullivan has been a regular visitor to Eastry over the years and it was lovely to welcome him back after the restrictions caused by the pandemic. The school looks forward to seeing him again next academic year.

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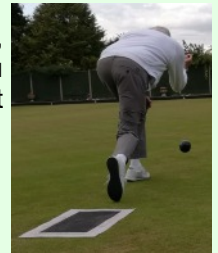
Eastry Bowling Club

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 down Church Street in Eastry, on the left hand side of the road opposite the Church Hall. 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



The **MOBILE LIBRARY** visits on the Village Hall Car Park between 0940-1010 on Fridays 10th and 24th June and 8th and 22nd July 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

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

Flowers and Art to Honour our Queen

We are having a Flower Festival and an art exhibition in Eastry Church to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Not so long ago we were planning to mark the 900th anniversary of the Church when COVID 19 arrived and put paid to that marking the start of a barren two years for those who love flower arranging.

My only prize at school was for flower arranging which, at a school more interested in candidates for Oxford or Cambridge or Nursing and Secretarial, was not appreciated, but The Kent Horticultural College afforded opportunities to indulge in flower arranging for Student Dances. I was able to raid the flower borders for material and allowed to cut a few delphiniums, lupins and other structural plants and so it will be a joy to join a team of enthusiastic flower arrangers for the June celebration.

In my youth I spent 10 years on the staff of Thanet Technical College attached to the catering department. The idea was to teach students about outside catering without the benefits of a kitchen. Equipment and food were sent in ahead in a lorry and students and staff followed by coach - visiting places like County Hall and the Shirley Hotel, Canterbury where we provided wine waiters at lunch for the Queen after the Maundy Money distribution. Our student team provided food and waiting at many establishments for their official openings including a Police Station, a Fire Station, Technical Colleges and Hadlow College. One I particularly remember was at a Dr. Barnardo's Home in Canterbury where Princess Margaret was guest of honour. Fortunately my decorations for the event were yellow narcissi "Cheerfulness" which matched her moss green velvet outfit perfectly and earned us a letter of thanks from her equerry.

Looking back it was an unexpected privilege in life to be associated with such interesting events and rest assured our team in Eastry will endeavour to create some glorious creations in honour of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. *Sheila Smith*

Congratulations to Sheila Smith on her appointment as an Honorary Member of the Kent Horticultural Society. Recognition of her hard work over many years.

St Mary's Church, Eastry



JUBILEE FLOWER FESTIVAL

Thursday 2nd to Sunday 5th June
10am -6pm (Sun 11-5)

Art Show

Works by Local
Artists

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Friday, Saturday &
Sunday
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ARENA **FOOD STALLS** **BEACON LIT 9.45pm**



1728 Map of the lands in Eastry

In 2021, Canterbury Cathedral Archives and Library was fortunate to be able to purchase at auction a manuscript map dating from 1728 of lands in Eastry. This purchase was made possible with a bequest from the late Ken Reedie, MBE.

According to the description, the map is of the lands of the manor of Eastry Court, which belonged then to Canterbury Cathedral, leased to the heirs of Isaac Bargrave. It shows individual fields as well as the layout of the village itself, with the centre of the village around the church being of particular interest. Overall, the map provides rich evidence for field-names, the uses of the land, local family names and the history of individual buildings. It awaits further study and interpretation. It is also an item of significant artistic merit, with its two decorative cartouches, its border and its elaborate scale. The Archives already held a tracing copy of the map, so it is particularly fortunate to secure the original.

The map is by Jared Hill, who was baptised in 1687. Jared was the son of Thomas Hill, also a surveyor-mapmaker who worked for the cathedral. Another member of the family, Francis, possibly Thomas's brother, was also a mapmaker. These three members of the Hill family can be considered part of the 'school' of surveying which emerged in Canterbury in the 17th century and which specialised in the production of estate maps. The Archives holds a number of maps by Jared Hill in its collections. Eleven of these form part of the cathedral's own archive as part of a series of maps of cathedral-owned manors. Apart from one map of an estate in Suffolk, all of these are of estates in Kent. There are three further maps by Jared in other collections at the Archives.

There is a record of the payment by the cathedral to Jared for the making of this map: £9 15s 6d. This is roughly the equivalent of £1500 in today's money, so a significant sum which reflects the time and skills required to produce the map.

The previous owners of the map are not known; it is fortunate that the map has been secured for a collection to which there is public access, and returned to the institution which originally commissioned it. The map can be consulted at the Cathedral Archives; there is also a digital copy.

Anyone interested in viewing the map or finding out more about it should email archives@canterbury-cathedral.org or telephone 01227-865330.



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 (**Free Energy Bill advice session between 10.15 & 11.45am)

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**Hi Kent Hearing Charity will be in attendance
 10.00 -12 noon, providing free NHS hearing aid
 aftercare, advice and battery supply.**

For more info: Contact the Clerk, Jo Jones 07903 739792

Eastry Parish Council would like to thank Eastry Primary School Singing Group for their wonderful performance at the recent Coffee Morning which was very much enjoyed by all.



Eastry kids say please SLOW DOWN!

My five year old grandson burst into tears after having a lateral flow check.
 'What's wrong' said his mother. He said 'I don't want to be pregnant Mum!'



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Eastry WI



We have welcomed several new members to our WI. The afternoon visit to Goodnestone Park was very enjoyable for those that went. More trips are being planned. A large group of us had a very nice lunch at The Blue Pigeons in Worth. Definitely going again.

Some of us have been ten pin bowling and will be making it a regular outing and a few of us went to the cinema in Sandwich to see the latest Downton Abbey film. Brilliant. Our next meeting will be Wednesday June 1st at 7.30.

Kate Hobbs- President 07512873005

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.

Year Round Recipes

Gooseberry Jam

Jam making time is creeping up, I start with gooseberries, 3lb (1.35kg) makes about 6 jars of jam. Top and tailing them (removing stalks and remains of flower) is the tedious bit but then it's straightforward. Using a pan that is wider at the top than the bottom makes the process easier and quicker. Maslin pans these days are expensive, but speed up the process and can be found second hand.

3lb (1.35kg) gooseberries 0.5pints (300ml) water 3lb (1.35kg) sugar

Before you start put a plate or saucer in the fridge to chill. Your jars need to be clean, some put them in the dishwasher on the hottest wash. I dunk mine for half an hour in Milton Fluid. I then put them in the oven on its lowest setting, placing them on a baking sheet covered with a sheet of newspaper. Putting jam into cold jars will crack them.

Place gooseberries in a large pan, add the water. Simmer the fruit gently for about 20 minutes or until pulpy. Stir the sugar in bit by bit, some people warm the sugar first. Heat gently until sugar has dissolved then boil rapidly until setting point has been reached. If you have a sugar thermometer that's 105C. If not look for a rolling boil, one that doesn't break when stirred.

At this time I put a small spoonful on the plate in the fridge, after a few minutes it should wrinkle when pushed by a finger! Boil for a few more minutes if that doesn't happen.

Leave the jam to settle for 10 minutes to stop the fruit sinking to the bottom then ladle into jars. Screw on lids and tighten.

Sue Hankins



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Poets' Corner

Summer's Moving In

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 It's time to pull out Jack in the Pulpit and replace him with Canna Lily
 Dead head the Christmas Rose, the Iris; they are looking rather silly.

Tie up the King Alfred Daffodils; salute the pretty Queen of the Prairie,
 Push out the Pussy Willow, the Crab Apple, and prune old Rose Mary.
 Make room for Black Eyed Susan, Flowering Tobacco and Sneezeweed,
 Not forgetting the purple Petunia and the Sun Flower grown from seed.

Say goodbye to dear old Crocus, and hello to the proud Hydrangeas
 Leave the Hosta, and the Buddleia, still snug in their bright containers.
 And when these chores are completed and your gardens ready for fun
 You'll be the first to greet the Summer and feel the warmth of her sun!

Lin West

Shoes

For some its hats and for some its clothes,
 But shoes, well now you're talking.
 Stiletto heels so very elegant,
 Or sturdy flats, just for walking.

Sling backs with heels, or maybe a wedge,
 A court shoe or simple toe post,
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Shirley Hopkins

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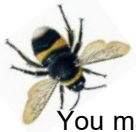
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Honey Bee Disaster - Ray Checksfield

You may have noticed that I haven't written anything for the Eastry Village News for a while and this is because this year has been an absolute disaster for my bees - and a lot of other insects as well I think. Have you noticed the lack of bees, wasps, bumble bees etc in our gardens this spring? I believe this is mainly due to the extremely changeable and varied weather we have had.

My honey bee problems started in the hot Autumn last year. During October, November and December loads of nectar was being collected by the foraging bees, which they deposited into the brood box. A big mistake because the queen then had nowhere to lay her eggs. These eggs are very important as they become the young bees that carry the colony through the winter as the older summer bees die out during this time. As a consequence, when I opened the hives in February, no bees but stacks of honey. We had six hives like this and it was sickening because seldom will I lose any bees over winter.

I believe that a change in farming practices, in particular 'Green manure' hasn't helped. These crops are grown later in the year, like sunflower, alpha alpha, borage, and linseed. All sorts in one field in flower and then chopped down and ploughed in. This is where all that late nectar came from on top of the massive nectar flow from ivy last year.

My grandson, who helps me, was so disappointed that he wanted to pack it in but I hope I have turned it around for him. Now I need to figure out how to change my beekeeping schedule to match the changing climate etc. **HELP!!** Normally by mid May I have honey for sale but sadly none this year and last week has seen my remaining hives start to go backwards in the honey stores. A disaster and heartbreaking too!

So enjoy your spring and summer. Please keep the flowers going for all our important pollinators and hopefully I can bring better news as the year progresses but, be warned, this will take quite some time for things to get back to some sort of balance again.

Ray

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Eastry Neighbourhood Watch 2022



This year sees the 40th anniversary of the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme which has the Vision statement: **Our vision is a society where neighbours come together to create safer, stronger, and active communities.** Much of course has changed in the last forty years, some for the better and some for the worse. Opinions will vary on this subject, however the fundamental principles of the NHW have remained to this day.

The Eastry NHW was formed right at the start and continues to be a proactive organisation of willing volunteers who care for their community. I have recently read a letter dated in 1988 from the Chairman of Eastry Parish Council to the Eastry NHW titled **"Assistance to the community in any major civil emergency"**.

It then proceeds to list some of the possible emergencies including extreme weather, marooned and stranded motorists, catastrophic accident to a heavy vehicle carrying gas or liquid, aircraft crash and nuclear accident. Notwithstanding the storyline of "Soaps" we do not need to look too far back to be shocked and saddened about such occurrences in this country and beyond. Although contingency planning is necessary, fortunately most events of this nature are very unlikely to happen.

The NHW scheme of today and of forty years ago relies on local people helping local people, thereby contributing towards the NHW Vision. The Eastry team can provide information about security matters both personal and within the home, receive and distribute trend alerts and are notified of incidents affecting the community. They work closely with the KCC Community Warden and Police Community Support Officer, signposting to other services where necessary.

The Eastry NHW will have an information table at the Queens Platinum Jubilee Celebration at the Gun Park on 2nd June. Please visit, meet some of the team and pick up some information.

So, in finishing this article I would like to thank the members of the Eastry Neighbourhood Watch team both past and present, for their service and commitment in contributing towards keeping the village as safe, strong, and active as possible.

Stay safe and see you at the Fete on the 2nd June.

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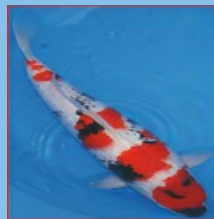
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The Royal British Legion (RBL) was founded in 1921. Eastry Branch of the RBL was founded in 1932, making it one of the oldest voluntary societies in our village. People will undoubtedly know that the high points of the Branch's year are the Poppy Appeal, Armistice Day and Remembrance Sunday.

Our pre-Covid Poppy Appeal raised an impressive **£5,200+** for the RBL in 2017. However, none of the Branch's work happens in isolation and we regularly liaise with Eastry Church, Eastry Parish Council, the WI, Eastry Twinning Association, Scouts & Guides, Eastry CEP School and others. We are an active Branch and we want to remain so. We currently have 27 members affiliated to our Branch, made up of ex-military and social members. However, age, health and other limitations mean that in most circumstances we are lucky to have just a few members regularly attend Branch committee meetings and help with the running of our affairs. This situation has become more serious in recent years and we are concerned about the effective continuation of the Branch.

We are, therefore, appealing for new members who will be inclined to take a more active interest in Branch affairs. We have meetings once a month (exc. August) so the commitment is not time consuming. In addition to the practical activities we also have social functions where we meet on a more convivial basis. If you are interested in hearing more about Eastry RBL, please do not hesitate to contact Terry James (Chairman) on 01304 614245, Stephen Bassil (Treasurer) on 07721 612576 or Janet Kershaw (Acting Secretary) on janetkershaw00@gmail.com.

If you would like to pop into a Branch meeting as an observer, you would be made very welcome. Branch meetings are usually the third Sunday of the month (exc August) at 11.00 am at The Five Bells.

Eastry Twinning Association



ETA are delighted to announce that our exchange visits are starting again. A small party, including 2 very welcome new members, will visit Longpres in early June 2022. This is our first reunion since 2019 and we shall be celebrating the (belated) 40 year anniversary of our visits to France. A report will follow in a future issue about the visit and details on how to join the Eastry Twinning Association.

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Reverend Kirrilee Reid

Greetings all. This month marks the occasion of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. On Sunday 6th February, Queen Elizabeth became the first monarch to celebrate such a momentous achievement. The celebration will culminate in the special weekend of activities from Thursday 2nd to Sunday 5th June.

I know many of you are already involved in creating community events. It is indeed something to celebrate. In the Church, we have a special prayer that will be used in our worship this month, and indeed throughout this Jubilee year.

*Gracious God,
we give you thanks for the reign of your servant, Elizabeth, our Queen,
and for the example of loving and faithful service she has shown among us.
Help us to follow her example of dedication
and to commit our lives to you, and to one another,
through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen*

It is a prayer not only of thanksgiving but also an exhortation, and an encouragement to also commit our lives to loving service. You might like to think about how you can honour the Queen's 70 years of service. What acts of service could you undertake in this, your community?

'Hope Together' has put together a list of 70 Acts of Service to start you thinking... 70 ways to make a difference, right where you are. You can find out more at <https://www.theplatinumjubilee.com/serve/>.

You could perhaps choose one or two, or complete all 70... it's up to you. The ideas range from dropping a card in to someone, or inviting a neighbour in for tea, to offering to take some time each week to volunteer in a local cause – a community garden or delivering food to the housebound. Or even spending an hour a week picking up rubbish on the roadside or local park. There are so many small things we can do to serve one another, and each small act of kindness can make a huge difference.

So, let this Jubilee celebration period inspire you and encourage you to be thankful and to serve others. Spring blessings, **Kirrilee**.

Churches Open for Private Prayer*

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

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

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SERVICES IN JULY

Sunday 3rd July	10am Holy Communion (Revd. Kirrilee Reid 's last service)
Sunday 10th July	10am Come and Worship Team
Sunday 17th July	10am Holy Communion
Sunday 24th July	8am Holy Communion 10am Holy Communion
Sunday 31st July	10am Benefice Holy Communion (<i>Northbourne</i>)

SPECIAL SERVICES IN JULY

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LICENSING

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Church's Zoom services are a blessing down under!

Our Church has heard from Susan, a resident of New Zealand for over 20 years, who says how much she enjoys our zoom Church Services and how it helps her feel close to her relatives. Her grandma, Louisa Rogers used to live at 3 Walton Cottage, Eastry having moved there from the family smallholding at Tree View, Queens Road, Ash which she managed with her husband Ernest (Jack) Rogers for many years and where they raised their two children.

She has very fond memories of her grandparents and still misses them very much. Louisa was born in 1907 and was working in service by her mid teens until she married in 1927. She was "the most selfless loving person you could meet and was totally dedicated to the poor and the vulnerable, always putting others before herself". Louisa died in 1985 and her ashes are at Barham while Ernest is buried in Woodnesborough Churchyard and Susan regrets never being able to visit their graves. Susan's mother Joan (later Joan Critchley) moved away to Chorley, Lancashire when she joined the Royal Navy as a nurse in the Wrens only returning to nurse Louisa in her final illness.



Louisa with Sue and Sarah

Louisa's example of Christian duty, love and selfless sacrifice to her family, her friends and her community is something Susan thinks about every day. She remembers how Louisa encouraged her and her sister in their faith always taking the girls to Eastry Church services when they stayed with her for holidays.

Susan was looking forward very much to joining the Eastry Easter Services on zoom and just wanted to give us a flavour of her grandma and family.



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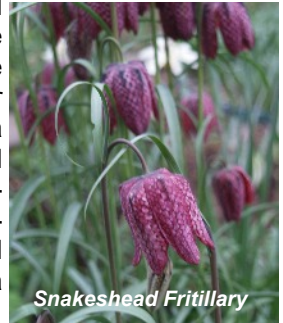
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Gardening on the other side of the fence (7)

Last month continued the recent trend of dry Aprils but not, fortunately, the very cold one in 2021. I still try not to use tap water for my gardening but even with 7 larger than standard water butts it is a challenge to last these longer dry periods, especially with a wildlife pond which has shallow edges and dries out quicker than a normal fish pond. But the pond has stayed crystal clear so far and I can even see at least 5 dragonfly nymphs in the bottom. One aspect of having a natural mud edged pool that doesn't often get discussed is that the local Blackbirds and Song Thrushes use it to collect material for their nests. And the disturbed areas enable Red Mason Bees to collect it to seal their nest chambers – the first one completed this year on May 7th. The local bird population have quickly adopted it for their bathing pool of choice. Many gardening articles discussing the best thing you can add to a garden to increase it's attractiveness to wildlife, have installing a pond as No.1 on their lists – it has certainly proved to be the case here too.

Last autumn was the first one we had the opportunity to add bulbs here. Wanting to only buy organic is, still, more expensive and there is less choice but a good patch of the wild daffodil, *Narcissus pseudonarcissus*, all came up. For me, the most striking bulb now flowering is *Camassia leichtlinii*, but one of my favourites is the native Snakeshead Fritillary, *Fritillaria meleagris*, which I brought from my previous garden. Both of these are very popular with bumblebees. I am pleased to have found an active White-tailed Bumblebee nest in the garden. They are in a hole in a raised bed, possibly the remains of a mole tunnel.



Snakeshead Fritillary



Tulip Ballerina

Despite 21 years of professional gardening, I reckon I have only come across about 30 Bumblebee nests over the years. They are usually in older, dry, composting areas but the experts say that most prefer old mouse nests. Elsewhere the log pile has been consumed in the vegetation and looks like it has been there years, not just 12 months. And the young hedgerow has established very well. A Cherry Plum tree which dates back to

pre-1975 has now split at the trunk but still survived Storm Franklin earlier this year. Old dying trees are an invaluable resource for insects and nesting birds and I am fortunate to have the space to leave it in situ. I expect it to keep the local Great-Spotted Woodpeckers busy for several more years. I have planted 5 young whips as successors so hope to have more jam in years to come.

Following an enjoyable evening talking at Eastry Horticultural Society in March, you can also hear me ramble at Woodnesborough WI on June 8th and Northbourne & Betteshanger HS on June 13th.

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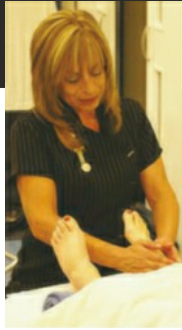
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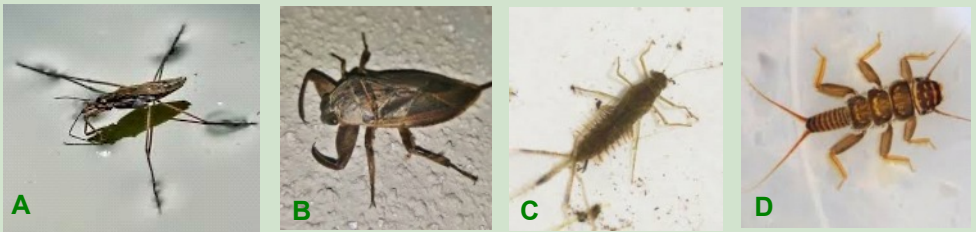
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Glimpses into a hidden world.

Some time ago we were on holiday in a cottage in the Yorkshire Dales with several of our grandchildren. On a lovely warm evening they were all watching a wildlife programme on TV. I have no objection to that but it seemed a shame to passively watch images of animals when there were real ones so close at hand. So, after a bit of persuasion I led them out with a couple of washing up bowls and a big magnifying glass I had brought, to a delightful little hill stream nearby.

We half filled the bowls from the stream then picked rocks out of the stream bed and gently agitated them in the bowls to dislodge anything clinging to or hiding under the rocks. Two hours later as the light was fading fast I had to persuade them to stop marvelling at what they found and set off back home! Here are some of the animals regularly seen:



A - A common pond skater. These are insects, 'bugs' They are covered in water repellent hairs, especially on their feet, enabling them to literally walk on water to feed on organisms trapped in the surface film. **B** - A water scorpion. Also an insect bug. It is a poor swimmer so walks around at the edge of pond or stream, breathing through a long tube seen at its rear end, which it pokes above the water surface. **C** - A mayfly nymph. Mayfly adults are flying insects. They have a very short life and do not even feed. They just mate, lay eggs in the stream or pond then die. The eggs hatch into these three tailed nymphs which live in water for at least a year, steadily growing by shedding their outer hard 'skin', which actually acts as an outer, or exo- skeleton. With each shedding they develop ever bigger wing buds until, at the final one they crawl out of the water, usually up a plant stem and emerge as an adult. **D** - A stone fly nymph. These have a life cycle similar to mayflies but they are confined to the cleanest, most oxygen rich, water, so shallow fast flowing streams or rivers

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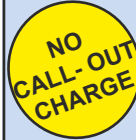
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Bird Watching with Big Nick

Hello everyone, this month I want to write about a couple of success stories in the birding world. The two species are the Marsh Harrier and the Avocet; both were extinct in the UK for many decades. Now, through much dedicated work, restoring habitats, reducing the use of toxic pesticides and cracking down on illegal shooting and egg collecting, the future looks much brighter for these two very different species.



Marsh Harrier (male)



Marsh Harrier (female)



Marsh Harrier (male)

Marsh Harriers are birds of prey, similar in size to a Buzzard; they became extinct as a breeding species in Britain in 1899. They started to re-colonise in 1927 but by 1971 only one breeding pair remained, in Suffolk. Since that time numbers have risen steadily and now – although still on the Amber list (meaning their conservation status remains a concern) – there are estimated to be several hundred pairs in the UK. The majority of these breed in the East and South East of the country, Kent being well represented, particularly at reserves such as Stodmarsh, Elmley and Dungeness. They hunt by 'quartering' the ground – flying fairly low backwards and forwards across fields and reed beds looking for small mammals, birds and amphibians. They generally breed and roost in reed beds such as those found at the reserves mentioned; but they can turn up almost anywhere around the area.



Avocet



Chick

The Avocet is unmistakable with its striking black and white plumage, slim upturned bill and pale blue legs. It was absent as a breeding bird in the UK for almost a century but began making a comeback when in the early 1940s it started to colonise an area of the Suffolk coast which had been flooded and closed to the public for war related reasons. From this first success the species has spread and now has a fairly good foothold in the UK with around 2000 breeding pairs. The Avocet remains on the UK Amber list due to the limited areas of suitable breeding habitat of shallow lagoons, usually near the coast. I'm pleased to report that it is another species that has increased in numbers locally, with at least 10 pairs on Worth Marshes this year as well as others on lagoons nearer the mouth of the River Stour and I recently saw one quartering a wheat field near Adisham.

Nick

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Rose Beer - A Mystery!

There is a 'mystery of history' that I would like to see solved. On Coronation Day in 1953 Mount Everest was conquered for the very first time and Edmund Hillary and Sherpa Tensing's names went down in history- what an achievement. I was at school at that time and every morning after assembly our teacher would show us a graph to show us how far up the mountain they were getting. I must have been a strange child because I was more interested in that than in the Coronation.

When the news broke that they had reached the summit I wasn't interested in street parties for the Coronation - eating fish paste sandwiches outside - I just wanted to get back to school to see the Union Jack on top of our graph! As the years passed I began to read more and more about Everest. Were Hillary and Tensing really the first to reach the top because in 1924 George Mallory and Sandy Irvine had again attempted it? Mallory had promised his wife this would be his last attempt and was carrying a photo of his wife in his pocket with a few other things including a small Kodak camera. They were last seen alive a few hundred yards from the summit in a thick mist and when Mallory's body was found in 1999 the contents of his jacket pocket did not include the photo of his wife or the camera.

My theory is that they were on their way down from the summit when they died and had placed the photograph at the very top and as Sandy Irvine's body is yet to be discovered I wonder if he still has the camera? Brian Blessed, the actor, singer and mountaineer, climbed Everest in similar clothing and I went to a talk he gave about it in Waterstone's book shop in Canterbury - incredible, what a man! At that time Mallory's body was still undiscovered but wouldn't it be a coincidence if Sandy Irvine's body was found during this Platinum Jubilee Year and could solve my long running mystery? Oh I would love that to happen!

Bill

Bill and his wife were married for years, shared lots of laughter, wept many tears.

Sadly old Nellie was taken from life and oh, how Bill did grieve for his wife.

One night he wearily climbed up his stairs, sat by his bed and said his prayers but soon after as he snuggled into his bed he felt Nellie's voice come into his head.

Bill tho' I'm in heaven and I'm out of sight remember I'm with you morning to night.

You cry to your pillow, shed a silent tear, am right beside you Bill, very,very near.

You walk life's road and I'm on your mind. Remember I'm here, half a step behind.

There are many roads ahead for you and many hills to climb

but I'm right beside you Bill, take one step at a time.

Next morning when Bill awoke the sun shone even more.

And the birds were singing louder than they'd ever sung before.

As Bill went about his tasks he even whistled on his way,
cos he knew that his Nellie would be with him every single day.

Rose Beer

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