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Eastry
Village News



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Eastry Young People's Contacts

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Monica in Bubbles Nursery on 07902 303397

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 in the Church Hall

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

Meet on Fridays in the Church Hall

**Please contact us on Sandwichdivisiongg@gmail.com or via
www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter/**

10th Deal Eastry Scout Group - Scout Hut

Group Scout Leader: Graham Baker 07837 430167 or 01304 611487

BEAVERS (age 5½ -8)
Monday 6.00pm - 7.15pm
Leader Vacant

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

SCOUTS (age 10½ - 14)
Wednesday 7.00pm to 9.00pm
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Friday 30th September



Clairvoyant Eve 6:30 for 7pm, Sat 13th Aug, Thurs 15th Sept
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Village Hall 9.00-12 noon

**Thursday 11th, Thursday 25th August
Friday 9th, Friday 23rd September**

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

**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

The East Kent Ploughing Match 2022

Will be held on Wednesday 28th September at Stoneheap
which is between Willow Woods and Mongeham.

The **MOBILE LIBRARY** visits on the Village Hall Car Park between 0940-1010
on Fridays 5th and 19th August, 2nd and 23rd September 2022.

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.

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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Eastry Horticultural Society - Eastry Gardeners

As promised in my last notes a few words on the splendid talk given by Sue Buckingham on the wild flowers that can be found in and around our district. Probably most of us, even some of our more experienced gardeners, are completely in the dark when it comes to identifying some of the wild flower species that surround us in the fields, hedgerows and even in some gardens around Eastry. Of course we are all familiar with those such as the poppy, bluebell, cornflower, heather, teasel even dandelion and daisies. However we are less likely to be up to date with the likes of Silverweed, Brooklime, Balsam, Campion, Deptford pink etc. Next item on the agenda was at our June meeting when we were given a wonderful talk by Tony Starr and his two helpers, all volunteers I must add. His subject was something that we all knew of and frequently pass yet know literally nothing about. It was of course the Deal Time Ball Tower. Its origin over 200 years ago, its functions and its fascinating history were all subjects covered both verbally and pictorially.

Our next major event was the Members Only Show, combined with the Annual Pot Grown Potato competition. This fiercely contested competition, with 24 entries, always proves that no matter how good, bad or lucky we are what comes out of our pots is always a mystery and a surprise, usually varying from a very few ounces to several pounds. The only rules being that the Club supply both the pot and the potato and we then grow them in any manner that we think will be successful. The event was very successful the eventual winner was John Bradley with a weight of 2.170 kg (4.7lbs). The 'booby prize' was taken by Olive F with 6 ½ oz.



Despite a very unstable growing period the show itself was yet another stunner with many gorgeous blooms, wonderful cakes, superb floral decorations and some excellent photographs. Our Trophy



winners were Alan Ford, Bob Barwick (2), Wendy Giuliano, Brenda Burton (2), John Trainer, Olive Foreman, Gillian Ogden, Jacki Betts & Trevor Burton. Many congratulations are due to all the trophy winners for their mix of magnificent entries, all of which were greatly admired by our visitors. Our next two meetings are talks by Hugh Raggett followed by William Friend. We are all looking forward to those evenings. We also have an exciting visit up to Colchester to enjoy the beautiful Hyde Hall Gardens.

John Surridge

Northbourne & Betteshanger Horticultural Society

The Society is holding its Annual Autumn Show on
Sunday 4th September in The Parish Hall.

The Show is open to both members & non-members and includes a wide variety of class available to enter. Apart from flowers, vegetables & fruit there are sections for cookery & preserves, handicraft & photography (The subjects are Adults: Flowers or Fruit, cobwebs & transport – Childrens: Playtime).

Schedules are now available, please phone 01304 374975 for a copy.

Refreshments available. *lan Denne*

Dover Flower Club - Upcoming Events

held at Whitfield Village Hall at 7.15pm.

September 26th.

A demonstration by Angela Woodley entitled Celebrating Autumn.

Visitors are always welcome, cost £10

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.

Eastry Parish Council

Eastry Parish Council are considering their next Highways Improvement Plan, please contact the Clerk, clerk@eastry-pc.gov.uk, with any concerns that you have and ideas of where the Highways could be improved. The Parish Council will then consider suggestions, 1-2 requests are allowed to be put forward to KCC Highways who decide what can be done and how much the Parish Council will need to pay for any agreed improvements.

Parish Councillor Vacancy

Eastry Parish Council have a vacancy, lots of exciting projects on the go, including the Children's play area at the Gun Park and refurbishment of the Parish Room, not to mention review of the Highways Improvement Plan in the autumn. Please contact the clerk if you are interested, who will send you more information and an application form, deadline 14th August, interviews end of August. Need to be able to attend a meeting on the first Monday of every month, be willing to read regular emails and get involved with projects.

Clerk - Jo Jones clerk@eastry-pc.gov.uk 07903739792



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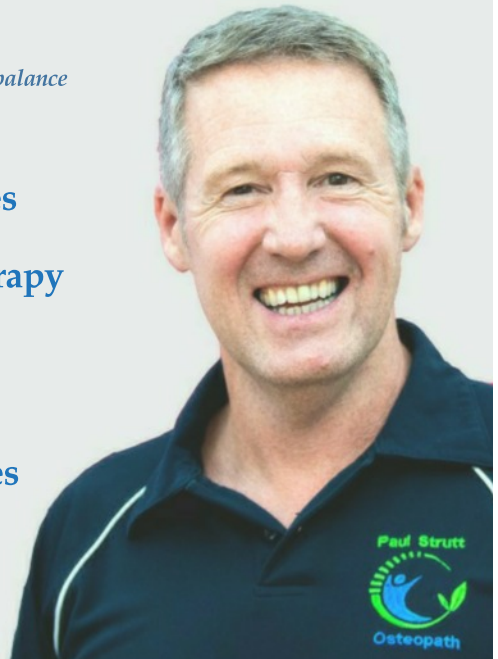
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Eastry Twinning Association

**40th Anniversary visit to Longpré les Corps
Saints on the River Somme in Picardy.
June 10-12th 2022**



Forget about M. Macron and what he seems to think about us because the majority of French people are still our allies and friends and are still very grateful for what we did for them in WW2. Fourteen of us left Eastry on Friday 10th June for our first post COVID visit, in the capable hands of our coach driver Ian from YMS Travel, heading for the Somme. We arrived a bit early so managed to enjoy a quick Stella Artois in a local cafe before the Maire, M. Robert Debray and our French hosts arrived to greet us.



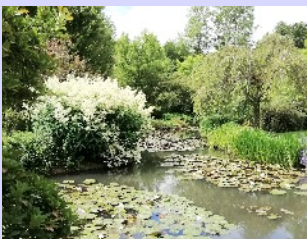
M.le Maire and Nick Smith

We were taken to the edge of the village to be shown one of the 4 new signs on the major roads into Longpré which had been made by veteran twinner Max Benoit. We then returned to the Town Hall for the official welcoming reception during which Terry James, our past President, was very moved to be made an Honorary Citizen of Longpré receiving a certificate and a medal from the Maire.

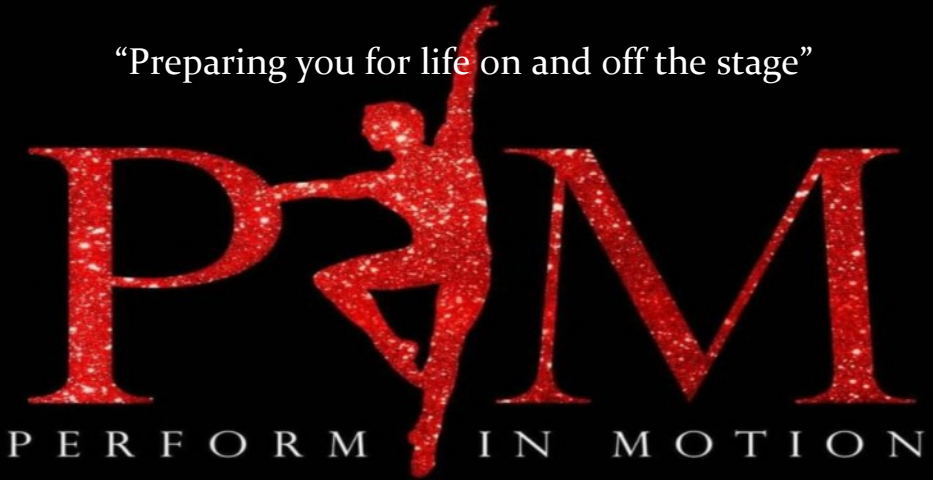


After an evening with our hosts we were up bright and early on Saturday morning for a visit to the garden of painter André van Beek near Beauvais. Since 1990 André has built this wonderful garden, much on the lines of Monet's Giverny, where he gets his inspiration for his paintings. We walked in the garden for an hour or so before our French hosts laid on a splendid picnic in the garden. We then travelled to the 12th century beautiful village of Geberoy for a short time before returning to Longpré to get ready for a more formal dinner at a nearby restaurant. On Sunday the traditional petanque match took place while non players went out locally with their hosts before leaving at about five thirty. If you would be interested in joining the twinning please contact our chairman Nick Smith nicksmith1@tinyworld.co.uk or Patrick Clarke patthemad7@aol.com or see our website www.eastrytwinning.co.uk which will be updated soon.

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Do you remember? - Rose Beer

Do you remember the days of threepenny bits
and a nurse coming to the school in search of your nits?
When snowballs and ice slides were freely permitted
and jumpers and cardigans were warmly hand knitted.

When children happily wore National Health glasses
and teachers stood up in front of the classes.
When cars were so rare you could play in the street
and doctors made house calls and police walked the beat.

We said grace before meals, had bread and dripping for tea.
Our annual holiday was one day by the sea.
We didn't have a shilling for the meter so a candle instead
and always said prayers before settling in bed

We sat behind desks with messy ink wells
and learnt our times tables, Oh I remember them well.
Do you remember those things? Well just let me see
because if you can you are as old as me!

Eastry Primary School - The Great Big Dance Off!



In July, Eastry Primary School's Dance Club travelled to Cheltenham to compete in a prestigious national competition. Having been crowned South East Champions in the Big Dance Off competition, this was an amazing opportunity for the group to compete against 23 other regional champions. Cheered on by their families and friends, the children performed their environmentally-themed piece to a packed house at Cheltenham Town Hall. The competition was fierce and although they did not bring home a trophy on this occasion, their excellent performance was a true reflection of the commitment and hard work that they have all shown in preparing for the competition. Eve, a year 5 dancer, said of the experience, "I had the most amazing time with all of my friends. I loved being on stage, performing in front of lots of people. To be able to portray such an important topic, a topic I feel passionate about, through dance, made the experience even more magical." Oliver from year 5 added, "Our school community is amazing and was so supportive of us. Cheltenham was beautiful and we really enjoyed our time there." Hattie, another year 5 dancer, said, "The Dance Off was incredible. We students from Eastry, had never done something so cool before. Sure, we have done football, rounders and other tournaments, but nothing as big as a national competition."

Maria Leishmann and Lisa Wood who worked with the children, were immensely proud of the group and are looking forward to more dance competitions in the next academic year.



A Fond Farewell to Mrs.Sally Watts



As the school year draws to an end, Eastry Primary School bids farewell to a long – standing member of staff, teaching assistant Mrs Sally Watts. Sally has been involved with the school both as a parent and as a teaching assistant for 23 years.

She has supported many children in that time and will always be remembered for her nurturing nature, good humour and sunny disposition. The staff and children at Eastry all wish Sally a long and happy retirement.

Eastry Parish Council



Working for the Residents of Eastry



Great British Spring Clean

Eastry Parish Council are arranging a "Great British Spring Clean" Litter Pick in Eastry on **Saturday 17th September 2022**. Do come along and help keep your village neat and tidy. The Village Caretaker, Richard, does an excellent job in keeping the village clean and clear of litter, but there are some areas around the village that require more attention.

Meet at: The Main Eastry Car Park (by the Vets) at 10:00 am on Saturday 17th September. We plan to pick litter for a couple of hours in selected locations around the village, and then return to the 5 Bells for tea, coffee, squash and bacon or vegan sandwiches. Just wear suitable clothing, bring garden gloves and enthusiasm and you will be most welcome. Visi-vests and litter pickers will be provided. Please contact the Clerk to the PC so we have an idea of numbers: Jo Jones clerk@eastry-pc.gov.uk 07903739792

Beating the Bounds

On Sunday 9th October 2022 Eastry Parish Council are arranging to **beat the bounds of the village**. It will take approximately 5 hours to walk the full 14 miles. Meet in the 5 Bells for tea, coffee and bacon or vegan sandwiches at 10am and go from there. [More info to come nearer the time.](#)

If you are interested, so we have an idea of numbers, please contact the **Clerk: Jo Jones** clerk@eastry-pc.gov.uk **07903739792**

Eastry WI



Hello once again from the Eastry WI. A warm welcome to all our new members, if I haven't said it before, and thanks also to all our members for your support.

We have quite a few things planned for this summer as you will see. We had a brilliant evening on Wednesday making felt flower brooches. There was much joy and laughter, thanks Josie very much. Well needed refreshments during the evening, thanks ladies. We are still welcoming new members. Take care - stay safe.

Kate Hobbs



White Cliffs Walking Festival 25th to the 30th August

The White Cliffs Walking Festival has been organised to promote walking as an enjoyable, interesting and healthy pastime, to include walks for a wide variety of people, in fact anyone who enjoys a walk and enjoys the beautiful countryside we live in. There are over 30 walks across the district, some short, some long, some in between.

Each walk has a theme to add interest, whether it is something to do with the area's history, or heritage, archaeology, and/or to experience some of the beautiful countryside and scenery. Some walks may start, or finish or pass through your Parish, but also many other walks are within easy reach. Our walks are mostly free, some include a small fee for a guide or special visit.

We sincerely hope people from your parish community become aware of, and come along on some of the walks. These are very friendly and sociable occasions, walking at a pace to suit the individual. Walk leaders are highly experienced and knowledgeable. Bookings are open now at www.whitecliffswalkingfestival.org.uk



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The Platinum Jubilee Celebrations



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Laura Lewis, Skye Knight,
Christina Glynn

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations in Eastry Gun Park on Thursday 2nd June

A fantastic day was had by everyone, we were certainly very lucky with the weather. There were lots of great stalls, local groups and charities, local dance groups, magician, inflatables, tug of war, food vendors, beer tent, cake competition and live bands ending with the beacon ceremony which included a Bugler – Hayden Miller from Chatham Cadets who performed for us.

Eastry Events team would like to thank Eastry Parish Council, local businesses, councillors Nick Kenton / Steve Manion for their support for the fete and we were amazed by the huge turn out and positive feedback from everyone who attended. It was fantastic to see the village so full of life following the past two years pandemic and we achieved what we set out to do which was to bring the community together. Thank you to everyone who supported us along the way!

If you would like to join the Eastry Events Team, email eastryevents@gmail.com

Our next Safari is **Sunday September 11th** 10.30-14.30, £5 to register your stall, please let us know via email. Please keep up to date with our events on our Facebook page, Eastry Events.

Year Round Recipes - Marshmallow Crispies

A great recipe to involve children during the holidays, but best not sampled before bedtime!

Ingredients

45g butter 300g marshmallows 180g cereal such as corn flakes
(Frosties are good too but does increase the sugar content!)

Method

An adult needs to - Grease a shallow tin with a little oil, then melt the butter in a large saucepan over a low heat. Add the marshmallows and cook gently until they are completely melted. Stir constantly before taking the pan off the heat.

Pour into a large clean bowl.

A child can then add the cereal to the bowl and mix using a wooden spoon, then press mixture into the tray. Flatten the top and allow to cool completely before the adult cuts them into squares.

Sue Hankins

Please PARK considerably in Eastry

Poets' Corner

Grounded

I'm going on my holiday, yippee! it will be great
 Sunning myself in Majorca, no bosses to placate
 Swimming to the poolside bar, cocktails in my hand
 Dancing on the moonlit beach to the "reggae reggae" band
 It's been a long time coming, the virus ruined my plans
 Spent my previous holiday, dreaming of far off lands
 And now, I can almost feel the heat, as I pack my final bits
 After all the lock down food, I hope my new clothes fit
 Just the final passport check, I am almost at the gate
 Stop! You're not going anywhere, your passports out of date!

Lin West

Chips

Remember our chips in newspaper we ate,
 Salt, vinegar and greasy fingers, what a state.
 No wooden forks then, only fingers to eat,
 What a time we had munching our special treat.
 If you were lucky, crispy batter bits fell in,
 A bonus, a real treat an absolute win.

Eating out of yesterdays news,
 Greasy and black fingers to lick clean if you choose.
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Shirley Hopkins

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Our Honey Bees - Ray Checksfeld

My three remaining hives, and my grandsons' three, out of twelve, suddenly came alive at the end of May, through into June and they did work hard, mainly on oil-seed rape flowers and at this moment in time, 25th June they even made us some surplus honey. We managed to collect six stray swarms which have filled our six empty hives. Lovely. It is not an easy task to get them up to full strength and will probably not get there until next year.

Stray swarms could be bringing in diseases. But I am loath to pay £250 plus for a bunch of bees from Bee suppliers. The swarming season usually starts in May and I noticed in my travels locally that in orchards pretty close to us, there suddenly appeared 3/4 pallets of beehives, maybe 4/6 hives on each pallet. These hives are brought in from sometimes miles away, even Yorkshire, Scotland to pollinate the fruit trees. Many years ago, in the sixties, I knew beekeepers from here that took their hives to Dartmoor to try and gather heather honey. They never said how much honey they had collected, or not?

What a wonderful service they provide, pollinating the fruit flowers. Usually these hives are unloaded and left for 3 to 4 weeks, then taken home. Job done. These bees swarm and from my years of keeping bees, I know how to catch stray swarms and did so in my little garden at Peak Drive, by just using a small nucleus hive, baited but not with the special bee attractants that the bee suppliers sell, more money! (they have never worked for me).

I had three swarms that came into Peak Drive, duly gathered and in the evening, taken to my apiary. Anyone that has been in a swarm knows how the noise scares a lot of people, yet no local people came to see me to ask questions. Amazing.

The National Trust have just completed a research on Orchards in England and Wales and since the early 1900s we have lost over 55% of our orchards. In the north 80% lost, south west, once the largest area of orchards 74% lost. The charity have made a commitment to plant 20 million blossom trees in England, Wales and Northern Ireland by 2030.

In the south east I think we were only interested in growing hops which is where my family and ancestors all worked. That's all for now and thanks to DDRDC for leaving the roadside banks and flowers for the pollinators.

Ray

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Eastry Neighbourhood Watch 2022



Who is that knocking at my door? We often see an increase in doorstep sellers over the summer period sometimes causing anxiety to residents, particularly those living alone. Doorstep sales are nothing new having been a very common method of trading many years ago. Before advertisements, shopping centres and the Internet it was quite normal to buy goods at the door from a friendly but often persuasive and persistent salesman. There will be many stories of such activities in villages and towns and the characters who travelled to find customers. In the 21st Century is this still a safe and acceptable method of selling and who are the people behind this trade?

I sometimes receive reports of doorstep sellers who purport to be ex-servicemen or ex-prisoners who are trying to make an honest living. They are neither and are simply using this story to gain your attention, sympathy and support. The ID cards carried often with a Union flag logo and references to our Armed Services are not valid. This is both fraudulent and in my opinion an insult to those genuine ex-servicemen or ex-prisoners who do need our support. Those using this method of selling will be working for an organiser and are transported together in groups to villages and towns. They'll work the area for a period of time and then move on.

The goods sold from a holdall will have been obtained cheaply, and then sold at the door for a "bargain" price that will often exceed that available elsewhere. Although cash is always preferred some sellers are even using Debit card machines to make the sale! Substandard goods are impossible to return for a refund and the protection provided under the Sales of Goods Act and the Consumer Rights Act are very difficult to enforce. There is also the possibility that goods particularly electrical may not comply with testing and safety standards.

Despite the many myths there is currently only one legitimate method of doorstep selling and that is with a "Pedlar's Certificate" issued by the Police. The Pedlars Acts of 1871 and 1881 is the legislation. The applicant must comply with certain conditions and be subject to a basic Police check before a certificate is issued. The certificate is valid for one year and can be used throughout the UK. I have challenged several sellers in our area and have yet to find one with a Pedlars Certificate!

Based on the above, if you do not wish to engage with doorstep sellers please remain calm, polite and firm when declining to make a purchase. Do not invite the seller into your house or make any other donation. If you feel threatened contact the Police on 999 otherwise, please report such visits to the Police on 101 or on-line. Remember the ABC of scam awareness:

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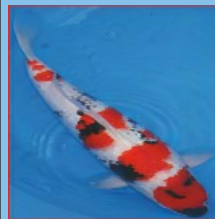
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Our team has continued to grow and we would like to introduce you to Heidi, our new receptionist. At home Heidi has a very cheeky Jack Russell named Bertie, who her world evolves round and boy does he know it! In her spare time Heidi is usually found taking her dog on long adventures with her friends and helping her husband on the farm.

As always if you have any questions please get in touch by phone or social media channels. Wishing you and your pets a happy and healthy summer from all at Beacon View,

Claire

Eastry NHW - request for SCAM Details



Eastry is a very safe place to live and we aim to keep it that way. There are crimes not reported to the police that the Eastry Neighbourhood Watch team may be able to do something about, if they were aware of these. It would be very helpful if villagers could send details of any scams they have experienced (cyber crime, theft, doorstep sellers etc.) to either :

Simon Dundas (tel. 611320, email: simondundas@yahoo.co.uk)

Michael Kinns (tel. 611400, email: mikekinns@gmail.com)

There will be table at the Coffee Morning 10am-12noon in the Village Hall on Thursday August 25th to discuss the results and we have invited the local Community Warden, Peter Gill who will attend and give advice.

Flower Festival & Art Show



Eastry Church 2022 Flower Festival

The 4 day Jubilee weekend at the start of June was a great opportunity for us to stage our biannual Flower Festival using the theme of Her Majesty the Queen. We combined this with an Art Show put on by the Eastry Art Group led by Anne Haith and Ann Beerling. This was a great success and supplemented the truly magnificent flower displays created by a team of ten arrangers led by Sue Cook. Two of the arrangers have won gold medals at Chelsea Flower Show – there's no end to local talent! This was all appreciated by the great number of visitors who came. Many paintings were bought, many cream teas were consumed and many people marvelled at the sensitive and imaginative ways that the flowers portrayed the many aspects of Queen Elizabeth's life.

We are most grateful to the flower arrangers Ann Beerling, Jenny Birch, Janet Bradley, Sue Brearley, Margaret Carnegie, Sue Cook, Trudie Easton, Mary Goosen, Mig Kimpton and Sheila Smith. Likewise we are most grateful to all who came and supported the event so generously. We thank our sponsors for their support. They are: The Five Bells Pub, Bickers Post Office and Newsagents, Dilnot-Smith and Son Undertakers, Beacon View Vets, S&C Baitup Butchers, The Bakers Dozen Bakery and Batchelor Coop Accountants. This event has been going strong for 50 years now and we look forward to our next one in 2 years time.

Alastair Carnegie

The new Rector for St Mary's Church arrives



On July 4th, exactly one year after the final service of our previous Rector, David Ridley, we welcomed The Reverend Andrew Brown as our new Rector. The service, attended by about 200 people, was conducted by Rose, Bishop of Dover. It was a joyous occasion with a great mix of formality and informality. Andrew hails from Northern Ireland but spent the last few years in Canterbury and Ashford, where he completed his curacy. He is engaged to Grace and they are planning a wedding in the Cathedral at the end of October.

He is evidently looking forward to getting to know the highways and byways of Eastry village life although we must remember he is also looking after the parishes of Woodnesborough, Staple, Northbourne

and Tilmanstone. So he will have his hands full but I'm sure Eastry will welcome them wholeheartedly. The photo shows Andrew and Grace with Bishop Rose after the service.

Alastair Carnegie

Eastry Woodnesborough Benefice



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Sunday 7th August	10am Holy Communion
Sunday 14th August	10am Come and Worship Team
Sunday 19th August	10am Holy Communion
Sunday 26th August	8am Holy Communion 10am Holy Communion

SERVICES IN SEPTEMBER

Sunday 4th September	10am Holy Communion
Sunday 11th September	10am Come and Worship Team
Sunday 18th September	10am Holy Communion
Sunday 25th September	8am Holy Communion 10am Holy Communion

Churches Open for Private Prayer*

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

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*Subject to current Covid restrictions. Check Church website or Facebook for updates

Please note that at this time your Eastry Woodnesborough

Benefice Church Contacts are:

Rector - Reverend Andrew Brown

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email: eastry.benefice@gmail.com (checked daily)

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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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A fitting send off - one which he would have loved!

Michael Leslie Coulson, who lived in Eastry for his whole life and died in May 2022, received a fitting farewell tribute at his funeral in June that would have made his day. The last part of his final journey to Barham was on the back of a trailer towed by his beloved steam engine driven by his son Robert.

Michael was born in Statenborough in 1942 and later the family moved to Cooks Lea. He had various local jobs, delivering for Worth Flour Mill, labouring at Canterbury University, delivering meat for the abbatoir and working at Trice's Scrap Yard before going into partnership with Dave Farbrace and Colin Faulkner. His love was always steam engines and he told his wife many times that he would own one one day. She replied **"Dream On"** which then became the name of the steam engine he bought and loved. He is greatly missed by his wife and children and grandchildren but "Dream On" will always be a reminder of Michael and of happy times.



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Eastry Village Hall Update July 2022

Sales at the Hall: On the 14th of May 2020 we hosted a very successful Table Sale at the hall as part of the on-going effort to raise funds for the improvement and maintenance of our village hall here in Eastry. Encouraged by that success we are planning a whole series of fundraising sales and events starting with a follow up table sale in the form of a Makers Market on July 30th which was sold out weeks before the event.

We are currently working with Eastry Events, who were responsible for the wonderful Jubilee Fete, to run our next table sale on Sunday 11th September alongside their ever popular Eastry Boot Fair Safari. With its central position we see the hall as a natural hub in the village for the supply of maps as well as refreshments for the bumper crowd that is expected as well as offering an array of interesting craft made goods to complete the shopping experience. From there our plan is to host regular monthly table sales, rummage sales and vintage and antiques collectors markets. Whisper this, but there will of course be at least one Christmas Gift Fayre too!

Other Events: a Family Film afternoon on Sunday 21st August from 2pm with a popular children's film starting at 2.30. Entrance is by donation and children must be accompanied by an adult.

For details of this and other happenings at the Village Hall keep an eye out locally for posters, banners and updates in the Eastry Village News or visit our website and Facebook pages. <http://www.eastryvillagehall.com>

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Gardening on the other side of the fence (8)

The dry year is continuing. The most recent two spells of rain only put a couple of inches into my water butts but the garden plants are still growing strongly. It is the veg garden and young plants that I grow that are needing regular top-ups and I have had to resort to the tap. Speak to many gardeners and they will tell how plants respond differently to manual watering and rain. Young plants especially demonstrate this. Try to keep bare soil to a minimum with plants or mulches. If you mulch the ground with compost or bark chip, only do it when the soil is already damp. You will then trap in the moisture for longer. Also, light rainfall will only wet your mulch rather than getting down into the soil.

Many farmers use “Cover crops” and you may have heard the term “Green Manure” (Nowadays there are usually packets of seed at most garden centres etc). These are plants that are grown purely to protect the soil when there are no crops in the ground. Science has now shown that when a living plant is in the ground the plants are themselves feeding the soil. In fact some of the new farming payments will be made to encourage this practice. In the garden, one particular flower sold as a green manure is Phacelia. It is a magnet for bees. Once you want the space again, you can either leave the material in/on the ground or take it to your compost bin.

A more recent trend amongst the eco-gardening community is “Chop and Drop”, where as much material as possible is left on the ground to rot down in situ. This would also benefit your soil by acting as a natural mulch, protecting it from heavy rain and generally feeding the soil. However I don't see it as that suitable if there are a lot of slugs. That is why we have always been told to keep the ground tidy. However, beetles eat slugs and giving them somewhere to hide may well be the natural remedy we would all prefer. I didn't highlight in previous articles that on 1st April 2022, a law banning slug pellets containing Metaldehyde came into force. It is now illegal to sell or use them. Your local council will be able to advise where to take them for safe disposal.



Ragged Robin

Elsewhere in green gardening news, the Chelsea Flower Show “Best in Show” was won by the Rewilding Britain entry. It caused quite a stir in the gardening media. Despite my green credentials, I have to agree with Monty Don – it was a habitat, not a garden, featuring a beaver lodge. But I am all for the message it is was promoting. Britain's green and pleasant land may be green, but for much

of our wildlife it isn't very pleasant. The UK now ranks 156th in the world on biodiversity and that is why gardeners are being encouraged to alter their approach.

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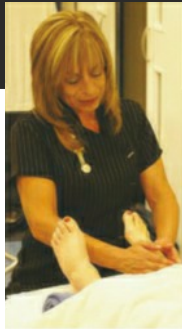
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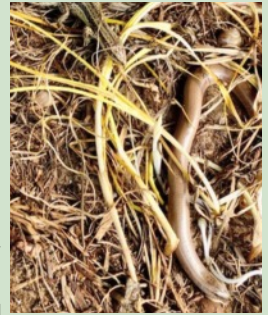
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Common lizard and male slowworm



Grass snake



Female slowworm

In many nature reserves, not least that at Sandwich Bay Bird Observatory **refugia** such as rectangles of corrugated iron or bitumen are left on the ground in a variety of suitable habitats to allow animals such as these to collect. The refugia are then monitored regularly, carefully lifting them to identify, count and/or photograph what is found under them then **VERY CAREFULLY** lowering them again.

It is very easy to set up refugia mats on the more overgrown bits of your garden. Use anything flat and not heavy. If you use a piece of wood or anything very flat attach batons underneath to keep it off the ground. When examining the mats lift and lower them carefully holding the edges. **DO NOT** try to handle animals you find. Lizards and slowworms shed their tails if handled and mammals will bite!

An excellent idea is to come down to Sandwich Bay and walk round the reserve. You can locate and examine refugia mats **AND**, of course enjoy the wonderful variety of flowering plants, dragon and damselflies, butterflies and, of course, birds. The reserve is on the Sandwich Bay Estate which is on a toll road but tell them at the gate that you are going to the Observatory and the toll is just £1. Better still, become a member for just £25 a year and you can go as often as you like for free. Park at the observatory, which is clearly marked, walk in and there are leaflets with maps and guides, and **a shop** selling all manner of goodies. You will be welcomed but please **DO NOT** bring the dog(s); dogs and nature reserves are incompatible. Have a look at the website sbbot.uk **Terry Wood**

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Bird Watching with Big Nick

There are many young birds about at the moment, most species have had at least one brood and the youngsters will be well on their way to being fully fledged. A trip to Restharrow Scrape recently gave me the idea for this column. There were young birds everywhere and in various stages of development. From an Oystercatcher chick that had almost obtained adult plumage to almost newly hatched Tufted Duck ducklings and various other species as well. It was quite surprising to me just how many birds had made the Scrape their home. Once the vegetation grows up and the birds are nesting out of sight, it is easy to imagine the place is practically deserted, but the number of young birds that were clearly hatched there shows otherwise. Below are a selection of just some of them.



Juvenile Avocet



Lapwing chick



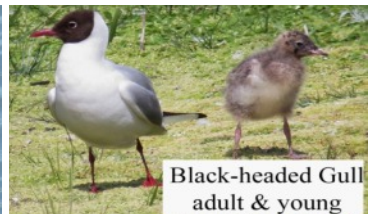
Oystercatcher chick



Tufted Duck
ducklings



Little Grebe juv.



Black-headed Gull
adult & young

There was much excitement when an Eleanor's Falcon turned up on Worth Marshes at the end of May, it is a very rare sighting in the UK with only 7 accepted records for it in the UK, and this was a first for Kent. It had twitchers (bird watchers and photographers who will travel miles to see a rare bird and add it to their list) arriving from all parts of the country. Someone had driven down from Scotland and another couple had driven through the night from the North East to see it. I went to see it and managed a few distant photographs; other photographers were luckier and got some outstanding shots. Normally found in the Mediterranean, especially Greece, the Eleanor's Falcon feeds on small birds and dragonflies, it was catching the latter with ease at Worth. Almost unbelievably, at the same time this rare falcon was at Worth, a second scarce falcon was found there; a Red-footed Falcon. Although these Kestrel sized birds do make more regular appearances in the UK, it was still a superb day for many people, who were able to tick off two rare species at the same location. You never know what might turn up next!

Nick



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Rose Beer - The Bike Story!

"Think yourself lucky to have a blooming bike at all young lady!" was always my Mum's reply when I asked why I couldn't have a brand new one like my friends. Mine was a 'sit up and beg' style with a basket on the front and a saddle which would have been appropriate for a horse! It had been my aunt's and my cousin's before being passed on to me and my uncle had put wooden blocks on the pedals to help me reach them. My school pal Godfrey, a year older than me (I never dared to call him God for short!) and his parents pride and joy, was bought a brand new bike when he left school at 15 to help him get to work and, oh my, how I loved that bike.

It was all chrome and shiny with drop handle bars! I decided right away that I was in love with him (or the bike?) and after school each day I would rush to do my aunt Molly's shopping waiting at the doorway of the Co-op for Godfrey to come past. He'd always stop for a chat while I held on to the crossbar and sometimes we'd walk the park way home - I was occasionally allowed to push the bike but never dared to ask for a ride. Once he stopped to tie a shoe lace and temptation got the better of me and I climbed on. I had never cocked my leg over a crossbar before and I wobbled about until finally the bike went one way and I went the other scraping hands on knees in the process. Godfrey was in tears and pushed his bike home with the chain clanking along the ground and when I got home I got short shrift from my mother and was sent to bed early after my bread and dripping. The next day I waited for Godfrey again, with more plasters on than the local cottage hospital would have been proud to have, but he cycled past shouting that we were not friends anymore.

I was heartbroken. So it was goodbye Godfrey but more heartbreaking was that it was goodbye bike too. A while ago I got chatting to a familiar looking woman in a shop in Canterbury who attended my school. I asked if she was married and yes, you've guessed it, it was Godfrey. How she laughed when I told her the story and I said he obviously thought more of the bike than me. She said "no doubt he did as it is still in our loft today." Amazing!



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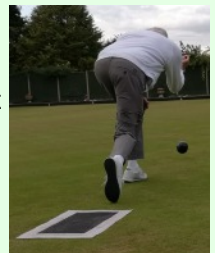
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