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

Eastry Village News AGM

is on October 18th at 7pm in the Parish Room

This is an open meeting and all are welcome.

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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Rector's letter - Her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

As I reflect on the month of September, I find myself confronted with what could only be described as the season of sorrow and change. Our nation has faced one of the biggest changes in the last seventy years with the passing of Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and the accession of His Majesty King Charles III. Many of us will have found the past month one of great difficulty and sorrow as we have gathered to bid farewell to not only a Queen but a national treasure; only now that she is gone do we realise how much she meant to each of us. Talking about the Queen, Prince William remarks, "My grandmother famously said that grief was the price we pay for love. All of the sadness we will feel in the coming weeks will be a testament to the love we felt for our extraordinary Queen".



Our community, built up of people from different faiths and backgrounds, was drawn together to commemorate the life of a wonderful monarch, to remember all that she did for our country and look back on on the life that she lived. We have reflected on her compassion and desire to serve others, her sense of duty and her constant ability to make us smile even in times of difficulty. But most of all, we have been reminded during this difficult time of how she was sustained by her unwavering faith in Jesus Christ, and how that very faith provided her with stability and peace of mind.

In her Christmas message, back in 2002, the Late Queen said; "I know just how much I rely on my own faith to guide me through the good times and the bad. Each day is a new beginning. I know that the only way to live my life is to try to do what is right, to take the long view, to give my best in all that the day brings, and to put my trust in God. Like others of you who draw inspiration from your own faith, I draw strength from the message of hope in the Christian Gospel."

This is a message to us all in these times of difficulty, that even though each day will provide its challenges, we too must hold onto the ultimate goal, to do our best in all things and put our trust in God. It is a lesson that we have heard the now King Charles III pass on throughout his time as the Prince of Wales; that all we can do is try to make that little bit of difference and hope, for when we all do something small, it has the power to create big change.

The Sunday immediately after the announcement had come that the Queen had died, I preached a sermon on how her faith was at the very core of her service to this country. I spoke about her prayers on the days leading to and on the day of her Coronation and how they set the tone for the rest of her life. Before the event, she prayed that her journey may echo the prayers of the Virgin Mary and Christ

himself; “Be it unto me according to thy will; not what I will, but what thou wilt.’ And because he leads, I may follow in complete trust.”

During the Coronation, the Queen prayed that God may fill her heart with the joy of faithful service.” The Queen loved to be with people; she was not only a woman of duty but one of love for all people. And unknown to many until recent years, she later prayed again on the evening of the Coronation, a prayer which I found most humbling. It was the message that was on her heart from that day onwards and even in her final moments;

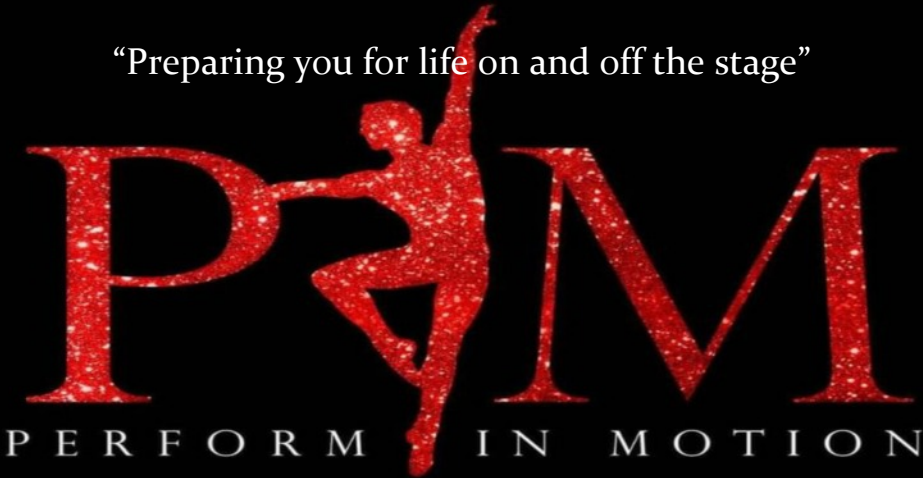
“Lord this day thou hast been gracious unto thy servant. Thou hast filled my cup with thy goodness to overflowing. With a humble spirit and thankful heart, I commit myself to thy care and will lay me down in peace and take my rest.” Amen.

Last month we collectively said goodbye not only to a Queen, but to the mother, grandmother and great-grandmother of our nation. I believe King Charles put it best when he said, “Thank you for your love and devotion to our family and to the family of nations you have served so diligently all these years, may flights of angels sing thee to thy rest.”

God Bless and keep you Queen Elizabeth II. May you rest in peace and rise in glory.

Andrew Brown

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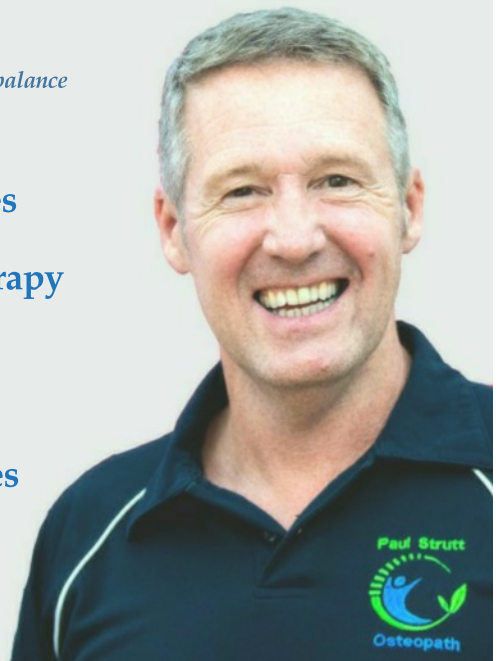
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Watling Street - Betteshanger to Willow Woods (1)

When I received my schedule for the East Kent Ploughing Match I saw that the centre pages had a map of the area which depicts Watling Street. As children growing up in Betteshanger Watling Street was just a farm track from which we went off to explore the surrounding fields, woods and scattered buildings of the area which is part of the estate of the Lord Northbourne.

The cottages were beautifully built and in the main occupied by estate workers or their widows. The Carpenters Yard was a hive of industry, preparing wood for fencing and farmyard repairs. The fence posts were steeped in two large tanks of pitch in the ground, no Health and Safety Rules in those days, we just knew not to get too close, likewise with the saw mill which we walked past on our way to school up a roughly hewn set of steps through the woodland towards the Old Rectory. The Rectory Room was used for social gatherings for estate workers and was used by Scawsby, an annexe of the adjacent Prep School. There were two farm wagons left in the woods to slowly decay.

For many years Mr and Mrs Grenfell, the in-laws of Joyce Grenfell the comedian and actress, lived at the Old Rectory. Hilda Grenfell did a lot of charity work worldwide and we were privileged to see some of her collection of toys from around the world. Their extensive garden was used for Village Fetes and our main contact with the household was when the lady of the house ordered fish from the South Street Fishmonger in Deal. It was put on the Number 76 bus to Staple and the driver would deliver it to our house, the Cloisters, and whichever children were about would take it up to the Old Rectory.

Betteshanger Church is next to Watling Street on the estate. The Northbourne family graves are almost opposite the Church door and the Grenfells were buried nearby. The mansion is now a Prep School and the Church is part of the teaching establishment. The Dutch Gardens and the sundial on the wall behind the Church still exist as does the monumental pond where we studied tadpoles (now fenced in for H&S). The kitchen garden and the ancient greenhouse are no more - there were 6 bothies for the young gardeners and a cottage for the Head Gardener. Also gone is the forge where the Farrier shod the estate cart horses as well as the ponies for riding. There was a herd of Jersey cows and a dairy which became chicken sheds) before conversion into a dwelling and behind the Church was the Coachman's cottage and the stables. It was said that in the olden days the mansion had 100 rooms and 100 staff to maintain it.

Cottages were dotted all round the estate. Mayes Cottage is at the top of the incline, in Watling Street, from the Church. Behind is a wood home to carpets of bluebells. No one knew about not picking the wild flowers in those days, and jam jars and preserving jars were filled with these flowers which actually never looked as good as they did growing and blooming before the Spring foliage of the trees unfurled.

Sheila Smith

EASTRY EVENTS COMMITTEE

Eastry Events Committee was originally set up last year to organize the Queen's Jubilee Fete. As the event was extremely successful, the committee has decided to carry on.....look out for the exciting events we have planned!

There has recently been a few administrative changes and the committee is now: Chair: Laura Lewis, Vice Chair: Karen Shubert. Treasurer: Gary Shubert. We are looking for a new secretary and new committee members - come and join us at our next meeting 20th October from 7pm at The Five Bells.

A huge thank you to Lindsay Taylor, Anne McDonnell, Vic Culshaw, Alison Gurr and Neil Hornsey for all their dedication to the original committee and all the work they did for the fete, they will be missed!

The Safari on 11th September was popular as ever and very well attended. It was fantastic to team up alongside the village hall where they also had a table top sale and served refreshments. A big thank you to Mary for letting us have extra stalls in the garden at the Bells. We raised a brilliant **£202.85** for Eastry Petanque Club. Thank you for everyone's continued support.

Best wishes, **Laura** :) eastryevents@gmail.com

Eastry Parish Council

Eastry Parish Council will have some allotment plots available to rent from October, please contact the Clerk if you are interested, 01304 746036.

The Parish Council are delighted with the refurbishment of the Skate Park, please see photo.

Unfortunately Speedwatch is not running at the moment due to a lack of a leader and volunteers, please contact the Clerk if you are interested in volunteering for this.

The Coffee Mornings have moved to a Friday to coincide with the Mobile Library (9.30am-10am), next coffee morning 30th September, please see poster.



Unfortunately Beating the Bounds has been postponed, the Parish Council are hoping that there will be more interest in this activity next year.

The Parish Council implore people to please be responsible dog owners, clear up after your pet and please DO NOT take your dogs into the no dogs allowed Children's Play Areas.

Eastry Parish Council



Working for the Residents of Eastry



Great British Spring Clean 17-09-22

Thank you to the 30 people who helped with the latest Eastry Litter pick, very much appreciated. 30 bags of rubbish and a broken garden chair collected, with the furthest away litter picker coming from Melbourne, Australia. Eastry Parish Council would like to thank all of you who took part and the 5 Bells for providing refreshments.

Jo Jones, Clerk to Eastry Parish Council



Mary Caspell - 05/07/25 to 17/08/22



Mary Caspell who has died at the grand age of 97 will be remembered as a farmer's wife living at The Heights and then Felderland House with much loved husband Roy, and after his death in 1992 in retirement at Stile Cottage, Lower Street, Eastry.

Mary Waterhouse was born in Shotley, Suffolk where her father Thomas Buckingham was an instructor at HMS Ganges. When he was invalided out her family moved to Johns Green, Sandwich. On the death of her father the family was supported by a family friend George Rock, a master at Sir Roger Manwood's School, and in 1942 Mary was evacuated with the school to Carmarthen in Wales. A happy time for her, and she was the only girl to attend SRMS (unofficially) until girls were admitted. Back home in 1944, at the suggestion of Eastry GP, Dr Fraser, Mary enrolled as a nurse at St Bartholomew's Hospital, London, later becoming Theatre Sister nursing war-wounded service personnel and civilians.

While at Johns Green Mary met and married Roy Caspell, of local farmers Messrs F.H. Caspell and Sons, in 1950 living at No.1, The Heights in Felderland Lane and then Felderland House. Mary enjoyed creating her garden there and bringing up the children Nicholas and Celia. She was a member of Barbara Williamson's Young Wives group and was befriended by Nan Pragnell of Felderland Farm where she played tennis and was taken on shopping trips in Nan's sports car.

Mary enjoyed life on the farm and was actively involved in day-to-day farm operations. Seeking a new challenge she and Roy began the first asparagus enterprise in the area, selling the freshly cut crop daily from the farmhouse wash house, which she always dressed with flowers from the garden. She also worked part time for Dr John Greaves at his Sandwich Surgery, using her nursing skills. Mary was an early member of the Sandwich Decorative and Fine Arts Society and the Hardy Plant Group and enjoyed trips to gardens with good friends Sheila Drew, Margaret Izard and Monica Powell.

On Roy's sudden death in 1992 the farm was reorganised and Mary retired to Stile Cottage, Lower Street, Eastry which she chose because of its history, the lovely garden created by Betty Bottle and its proximity to Pearl Long of the Coach and Horses, a good friend. She enjoyed time with family and friends, developing the garden and observing the bird life from her conservatory with her cat Thomas. In 2014, after a bad fall, she moved to Canterbury to live with her daughter Celia and husband Patrick and then on to Scotland with them in 2017 before moving back to the area she loved and to Littlebourne House Nursing Home in Spring 2022.

Mary will be much missed by her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren and will always be remembered for her humour, her passion for gardening, her courtesy and kindness and her ability to get on with everyone.

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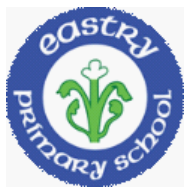
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Nurture at Eastry Primary School



At Eastry, we have a strong nurturing ethos that is evident in so many aspects of our school life. We are looking to develop our existing good practices and build on these to ensure that we embed the best nurturing culture throughout our school. We have therefore signed up to the National Nurturing Schools programme which will give us the guidance and tools we need to achieve this objective.

The programme aims to enhance teaching and learning and promote healthy outcomes for our children. It focuses on emotional needs and development, as well as academic learning in a whole school environment. We hope to be one of those schools that gain accreditation for achieving a higher level of nurturing provision.

This academic year, we are proud to unveil a new nurture classroom. This space will provide a stimulating and welcoming learning environment for children who may at times benefit from undertaking some of their learning in a small group. Mrs Rosemary Harrison and Mr Ben Cockram, (*shown in the photograph right in the Eastry Nurture Room*) who will support much of the learning that will take place within the nurture classroom, have worked hard to prepare the room and resources for the new academic year.



Mrs Kate Plant, Assistant Head Teacher at Eastry said, "Continuing to grow our nurturing ethos is a hugely important part of our school plan. We are excited to be part of the National Nurturing School's programme and can already see positives from this programme embedding themselves in our school life."

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Sunday 30th October:

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Saturday 12th November 7:30 PM:

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Sunday Dec 4th Christmas Fayre:

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Saturday 17th December: SANTA COMES TO EASTRY!!!

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Year Round Recipes - Spiced Apple Cake

Preheat the oven to 190°C/Fan 170°C/Gas 5.

Line a 23cm springclip cake tin with baking parchment.

Ingredients

750g apples, peeled, cored and thinly sliced, 1 lemon zest and juice
 250g self raising flour, 1 tspn baking powder, 1 tspn ground cinnamon, 1 tspn mixed
 spice, 2 large eggs, 100g Demerara sugar 200ml of milk (preferably semi skimmed),
 100ml sunflower oil

Method

As you slice the apples put them in a bowl with the juice and zest of the lemon. Mix flour, baking powder, cinnamon and spice in a large bowl. Whisk egg with sugar, milk and oil in a separate bowl. Pour wet ingredients into dry ingredients, combine the two gently. Stir in the apples, but don't add any lemon juice left in the bowl. Pour mixture into tin, sprinkle a little extra Demerara sugar over the top. Bake for 1 hour, test the centre with a skewer or knife, if it has mixture on it give it a few more minutes. Leave to cool in the tin for at least 10 minutes. Dust with icing sugar or caster sugar when cold.

Sue Hankins

Eastry WI



Welcome to this edition's missive from Eastry W.I. We were blessed with very good weather at the Church Fete, meeting lots of lovely folk. Our cake stall was once again a great success and raised funds for the church as well as our coffers, two of our members helped out on the church run refreshment stall where they were ideally placed to listen to the afternoon's splendid entertainment.

On the 3rd of August we had a very informative talk about the Cinque Ports by Len Howell, we look forward to our next speaker. Then on the 20th August we welcomed members from Sutton Valence W.I., an annual event where we visit each other on alternate years. We arranged to take them on a visit to Sandown Community Garden in Deal which they really enjoyed. We made sure that our friends were well fed and watered. As you can see we do get out and about a bit. As always, we issue an invitation to new members to come and enjoy a warm and friendly welcome from the ladies of Eastry W.I.

Ann Harris

Calling all you Family Historians out there!

Ever wondered if your great-grandmother was a Suffragette, your g-g-grandfather fought in the Boer War or if any of your relatives travelled abroad? Delving into your family history can be fascinating, even the humblest families provide lots of interesting stories. Over the long, winter months it can be an absorbing hobby and much research is free at your local library or on your own computer. Come and join Deal Family History Society – we meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month (7.30pm) at the Landmark Centre in Deal with a guest speaker and refreshments. Come and get started on what could be a fascinating journey!

If you need any more information, contact Lesley Smith on 01304 617035 or email ljaynesmith@talktalk.net

Lesley Smith(secretary DFHS)

Yet again the children of Eastry came to the rescue!

During the night of Friday 26th August (Bank Holiday weekend) a number of toy piglets descended on Eastry and gathered on the village hall railings and in the gardens of "The Parade" asking to be found a home. The notices they erected said the following:-



"Children of Eastry - Please can you help us?"

We don't know what to do. Our parents have said we must find a new home ourselves as our present sty is too small. A new litter of piglets are expected. We knew you had helped our other animal friends in the past by taking them home and caring for them. Please be kind and look after us, we cannot thank you enough." Needless to say by the end of the Saturday all had found new homes like all the toy baby animals in the past.



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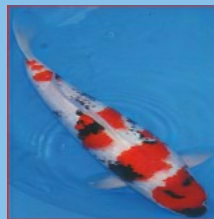
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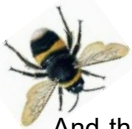
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Spotlight on local talent - Alice Clarke (photographer)

Sixteen year old Alice has lived in the village for 4 years now. She has enjoyed photography for a number of years and is about to study photography at A-level. She has noticed all the beautiful photos in the Eastry Village Magazine, and thought she would share a few of the photos she has taken around the village recently and has also done the splendid cover for this issue. Alice certainly seems to be a very talented photographer already, we wish her well and hopefully we will be seeing more photos from her in the future.





Our Honey Bees (15) - Ray Checksfield

And then came the wasps. As if mother nature had not thrown enough at us, the wasps came in hordes this year. They love bee hives and will overpower small hives and steal everything, grubs, bees, pollen and honey. Many losses have been reported but fortunately mine stayed safe. I put up 6 wasp traps early and closed the hive entrances to 1 inch so that the guard bees have a smaller space to defend.

Sadly, for me, I think this will be my last year keeping bees. At 85 years it is all becoming heavy and hard work and like most modern things today, it has become more and more complicated. I started way back in 1949 at Sandwich Secondary Modern School, as it was then. There were three hives there and the bees were an alternative to gardening. Hooray! I had my first hive of bees in 1953 at Ash and have kept bees ever since, in one form or another. Hopefully, grandson William will take up the bees and hives and I will still aid him if needed. It has been a great hobby and I shall miss it and so will 'er' indoors as no more going through the house wiping sticky finger marks off all handles, door knobs etc.

This will probably be my last entry into the Eastry magazine. One I have enjoyed very much and who knows, hopefully there is someone out there from our village who may take up this wonderful craft.

With very best wishes to you all from me.

Ray Checksfield, Peak Drive.

THANK YOU Ray for such a personal and interesting insight into the ups and downs of bee-keeping. We wish you well and we shall miss you.

Bird Snaring

Bird snaring with wire snares is illegal in England. This type of trap is cruel and causes unnecessary suffering to birds and other creatures. A local resident with some knowledge of this practice has reported two recent incidents of bird snaring in Eastry. Both incidents occurred in the vicinity of the field that lies south of the old hospital and west of Lower Street.

In the first incident a mature hen pheasant was seen to have lost half a leg. This bird has not been seen for a week or more. In the second incident an adolescent male pheasant was seen to have lost multiple scales on its right leg – resulting in it hopping away irregularly when approached.

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There are currently about 26 members spread throughout the village though we could do with a few more to enable us to cover all streets. Luckily Eastry is a pretty safe place to live with little traditional criminal activity. The main area of concern is cyber crime and scams.

Unfortunately online and telephone scams are common. We recently held a session at the parish council's coffee morning and discovered that at least one person on every table had witnessed the parcel delivery scam. Be warned. **You may receive a text message saying a parcel has arrived arrived for you but that you are required to make a payment of £1.45 in order for this to be delivered. It will ask you to click on a link and supply personal and financial data.** The message states that the parcel would be returned back to the sender if you did not respond immediately. **On no account must you click on the link** as it could enable the criminal to obtain important information about you leading to a larger scam or loss of even more money from your account.

If you think that you may have been a victim of this or any other type of scam, then hang up and contact your bank immediately. You can do this by calling 159 where you will be given a list of all participating banks to choose from. This is a new scheme. We suggest you also report any scams to Action Fraud at www.actionfraud.police.uk or call **0300 123 2040**.

There was also a recent scam in the village where 2 men with an Irish accent offered to jet wash your drive for as much as £1000. Speak to a friend, relation, neighbour or neighbourhood watch contact before entering into an expensive contract like this and don't be tempted if they offer a reduced price for cash. Do not leave them alone at your property eg. when they suggest you go to a cash point to obtain payment.

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Eastry Horticultural Society - Eastry Gardeners

Hyde Hall and our wonderful Autumn Open Show

Our very hot sun scorched autumn season started with a brilliant well organized trip up to Chelmsford for a visit to the wonderful gardens at Hyde Hall. It was a great day out enjoyed by everyone. There were sufficient activities going on to keep us all busy for the day. Apart from the beautiful gardens there were literally dozens of stalls set up selling just about everything that a gardener could ever hope for, ranging from beautiful plants and many often rare bulbs, through to tools and even garden ornaments. Quite a few of us unintentionally came home with something that we did not start out with.

Our next event, on another extremely hot day, was the Annual Open Show, which which as usual attracted a lot of local exhibitors, even more pleasant was the number of members of the public who came in to admire the efforts of the members. Despite the hot dry season not being too kind to many growers the show itself was still a wonderful display of flowers, fruit and vegetables all grown by the exhibitors, plus the usual amazing displays of flower arrangements, home cooking, handicrafts and photographs. Among the host of trophy winners the stand out competitor was Trevor Burton who managed to take home six of the clubs top trophies, though in total there were nine different trophy winners. Well done all of you.



The speaker at our next meeting will be giving us the low-down on the 'Hares and Foxes'. Real wild livestock that is - not a local pub!!

J.Surridge

Dover Flower Club

Dover Flower Club meets at Whitfield Village Hall, CT16 3LY on the last Monday of every month. It is open to anyone who has an interest in flowers or floral art. We are always happy to welcome new members and we run a programme of coaching workshops for all abilities, together with demonstrations by well known people in the Flower Arranging world. There are also opportunities to buy accessories for flower arrangements, competitions to enter and raffles to participate in.

Upcoming events this Autumn are as follows:

Monday 24th October: Workshop - participants can make an Autumn Weath.

Monday 28th November: A flower arranging demonstration by celebrated floral artist Robin White entitled 'White Christmas'.

Meetings commence at 7.15 pm. Refreshments available. For more information contact: **Gillian Ogden** 01304 617848 email: roland@driver97.plus.com



Eastry Bowling Club - Short Mat Bowls

Eastry Short Mat Bowls recommences Friday 7th October. We will be getting together starting at 7pm and finishing at 9pm every Friday over the Winter in the Village Hall. If you would like to have a try just come along on the evening- we can provide bowls if you don't have any.

Short Mat Bowls is a fun and social activity for all ages. Come and have a go, it doesn't matter if you have played before or not- all welcome.

Short Mat Bowls equipment has kindly been grant funded by Dover District Council Community Grants"



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SERVICES IN OCTOBER

Sunday	2nd October	10.00am Harvest Holy Communion
Sunday	9th October	10.00am Come and Worship Team
Sunday	16th October	10.00am Holy Communion
Sunday	23rd October	8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am Holy Communion
Sunday	30th October	10.00am Holy Communion- at Staple 3.00pm - 6.00pm All Souls Service

SERVICES IN NOVEMBER

Sunday	6th November	10.00am Holy Communion
Sunday	13th November	10.45am Remembrance Service
Sunday	20th November	10.00am Holy Communion
Sunday	27th November	8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am Holy Communion

SPECIAL SERVICES IN OCTOBER -NOVEMBER

All Souls Service - Sunday 30th October 3pm -6pm

Come to remember departed family and friends. Light a candle, in memory of your loved ones. Sit and reflect stay as long as you need to.

Remembrance Service - Sunday 13th November 10.45am- 12noon

Meet outside the church near the war memorial at 10.45am to remember those who have died during wars and in action. The service continues in church.

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;

Woodnesborough: 9am to 5pm daily; **Northbourne:** 10am to 4pm daily.

*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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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.

Find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/EWBchurches

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To join, you will need to do one of the following:

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The Church Registers - Weddings

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Whispers of History



Eastry resident LucyAnn Curling has released her first book. She's been researching her ancestors for 16 years. Early on in the research she discovered that her 5x great grandparents lived at Ham Manor. When she retired she decided to move to East Kent to live in her ancestors' territories. 200 years ago, on 7 August 1822, LucyAnn's 3x great grandparents Thomas Oakley Curling and his wife Jane set sail from England with eight of their nine children to become settlers in Tasmania. ***Curling Wisps and Whispers of History*** will eventually be a series of four books

telling the story of three generations of the Curling family. Volume 1, *Thanet to Tasmania*, was published on 7 August 2022.

'Discovering many letters written by my ancestors made it a duty to write their story,' she says. 'The letters, along with a journal are mostly in the British and Bodleian Libraries, but I also found lots of material in the Kent Archives in Maidstone.' LucyAnn has made many 'Family History friends' around the world through her research. Several are, like LucyAnn, descendants of Thomas and Jane. Carey Bayliss, who lives in Australia even owns three original letters written in 1819 which she shared with LucyAnn. Two were written by their 4x grandma Catharine Curling to her 14-year-old grandson Thomas at boarding school in Ramsgate and the third was his reply to her. Far from being a chore though, the research has led to many exciting discoveries. It has taken LucyAnn to archives in Ireland, Kefalonia and Malta. 'I'd love to visit Tasmania one day' she says 'and see the site of my ancestors' home'.

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However, here in Eastry, we have a colony that nests in the roof line of St Mary's Church. I do not have any historical data about numbers and the site had not been entered on the national SwiftMapper database but this year there were at least 8 active nests.



Swifts Flock

They are predominantly on the northern side of the nave, with one on the south side and a couple in the lower chancel. On both sides of the knave there are 51 openings between the roof timbers so any decline in numbers here is not to do with the church. Almost certainly their decline is related to the international decline in insects. If you have a friend or family member with any knowledge please let me know.

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 Both oil and gas companies are making a profit
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And yet fat cats are bragging about "cash machines"
 Some even say "the biggest pay outs ever seen!"
 Surely the government can stop this exploitation
 Gas and Electric prices, versus human degradation!

Lin West

Robin

I sit by my window and let my mind unwind,
 Thoughts of loved ones passed, come to mind.
 I've heard robins can signify a special meaning,
 I'm not sure it's true, maybe just me dreaming.

I watch, my heart softly beating,
 Should I stay close or start retreating.
 I silently pray they visit me soon,
 These creatures, souls of our dearly departed.

You're here little robin in the tree,
 Do you sing your song solely for me?
 Is it a message, a sign from a loved one?
 Your presence displays love from someone.

Shirley Hopkins

Gardening on the other side of the fence (9)

Rain, at last. The dry weather broke in East Kent quite a bit later than elsewhere in the country and it took another week or so before the amounts became significant. As a home and professional gardener the effects are more than a bit disheartening but I can only imagine being a farmer or professional grower. During the height of the dry spell I installed water butts number 10,11 & 12 plus another couple of down pipe rain diverters from which I can manually run hoses to top up the pond when rain is forecast.



The effects of climate change may well alter how we garden in the future but, for the time being, I suspect that most of us will continue in the same vein. I had conversations with clients about ten years ago about how we would approach altering their gardens but we then had a couple of damp summers and we mostly forgot about the issue. But if it does become the norm, some of our traditional staples like green lawns, runner beans and apple trees may all become things of the past. (Runner Beans originally came from the Andes in South America and thrive in cooler, damp areas whereas French Beans are better in warmer places. Apparently the French grow Flat Green beans rather than Runners). Our Bramley apple had dropped over 50% of its crop already. But before you consider paving over your front gardens or rolling out the plastic lawns, be aware that your immediate environment will heat up considerably without the cooling effects of plants and trees.

Anecdotal reports from bee and insect enthusiasts from around the country have reported much quieter gardens than normal. We have also been taking part in the Bugs Matter surveys, where we use a supplied template to count the number of insects on our car number plate. First done 2004, there has been a 59% decline in numbers recorded nationally including 2021's results and 72% in Kent. This aligns almost exactly with other surveys taking place internationally. I may be an advocate for greener gardening but, sadly, the causes are far more wide ranging. But I will continue to do my bit and encourage others to do the same. Just last week, it was announced that the sale of peat-based composts to home gardeners will be banned from 2024. Many growers have had mixed results with the use of peat-free composts in the past but the quality has improved and it will require a bit of effort and experimentation to achieve the same results. I have grown all my plants for the past 7 years using Melcourt Sylvagrow. But the industry will face challenges in meeting the increased requirement.

Lastly, yesterday as I write, saw the passing of our Queen. Prince Charles has long been a supporter of organic farming and green gardening even in the face of an unsupportive media, especially in the 1980's. Our monarch is not supposed to meddle in political issues but, as our King, I can only hope he bends the ears of a few of our leaders as we advance into difficult times.

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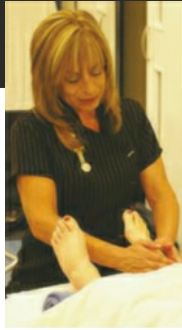
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Animals you can see easily locally: The Common/Smooth Newt

Newts are **amphibians** not reptiles. They have a relatively thin, moist skin not the dry scaly skin of reptiles. They obtain oxygen primarily through this skin so it must not dry out. They are most noticeable in spring and early summer when they seek out a pond or lake in which to mate and lay their eggs. At this point males and females are clearly distinguishable with the males being particularly striking in appearance.



They are vulnerable to predation by fish so are more likely to occur in ponds without fish. They themselves feed on worms and smaller freshwater invertebrates, particularly Gammarus (freshwater 'shrimp') and water hog louse. In the pond the male executes a spectacular mating dance to attract a female. He then lashes his tail wafting pheromones, chemicals to excite her. She then nuzzles his **cloaca** (a vent on the underside) and he releases a **spermatophore** (a packet of sperm) which she picks up into her cloaca. She then seeks out water weed leaves, attaching individual eggs, fertilised from the spermatophore as they are laid. The eggs hatch after 10-20 days (faster in warmer water) into **larvae** ('tadpoles'). These live in the pond for about 3 months before **metamorphosing** into **efts**, miniature adults, which emerge onto land.

The maturing efts, along with mature adults leaving the pond after breeding live on land in damp areas, feeding mostly at night on worms and other terrestrial invertebrates. They 'hibernate' in winter in groups under logs or rocks.

Common newts are fascinating to watch, particularly in ponds and the prospect of having them in a pond provides a strong incentive to keep a wildlife pond, free of goldfish and other exotic fish. Such a pond, with luck and careful management, will acquire lots of interesting invertebrates, including water beetles, dragon and damselfly nymphs and a variety of pond snails.



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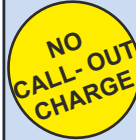
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Bird Watching with Big Nick

I'd started my article for this edition but took a break to visit Sandwich Bay as it was a beautiful day. Whilst on the sea front, I heard the characteristic calls of Sandwich Terns. They were plunge-diving to catch small fish and I was able to photograph them flying past. This encounter changed my thoughts on what to write; the one previously started will be for another time.

This contribution is about the only 3 birds that are named after our county or towns in it; the Kentish Plover, Dartford Warbler and Sandwich Tern, none of which now breed in the places they are named after, and in the case of the Kentish Plover, not even in the UK. The recording and naming of these 3 species is attributed to Kentish-born ornithologist Dr John Latham (1740-1837).



Sandwich Tern - Summer and Winter plumages

The Sandwich Tern was first recorded in 1787 and named after Sandwich Bay where they were found. It is the largest of the UK terns and has a black bill with a yellow tip; in summer it has a black shaggy crown. They migrate in winter to the coasts of

S & W Africa, but they return to the UK in mid March. They no longer nest at Sandwich but do nest at one or two sites in the county.

Latham had named the Dartford Warbler in 1773 as they were found in the vicinity of that town. It is a small, dark, long-tailed warbler, resident in the UK. Its numbers dropped dramatically during several harsh winters of the 1960s but have gradually recovered. One or two have previously wintered at Sandwich Bay, but they generally prefer heathland with gorse and heather such as the Ashdown Forest.



Dartford Warbler, at Sandwich Bay and Suffolk



Kentish Plover –photo taken in Majorca

Finally the Kentish Plover, first recorded in the UK in 1787 when it was described by Latham from specimens sent to him from Kent. By the late 1880s there were thought to be only 15 pairs left in the county. Numbers then peaked at around 40 pairs in the early part of the 20th century, mainly at Dungeness. But in the last few decades it has become a rare migrant with around 10 UK sightings per year. However, it is thought

that with careful management of suitable sites, we could once again see Kentish Plovers back in Kent – fingers crossed!

Nick

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Rose Beer - Memories

I was standing in the White Mill farm Shop the other day and memories of my days working at Martin's Farm Shop at Poison Cross came flooding back. Dear old Mrs. Martin suffered badly with chilblains on her feet and, as the weather got colder - and it was freezing in that shop, she would stamp her feet as she walked to keep the circulation going.

At this time of the year the Cox's apples and nuts would start arriving and David Martin would come back from Laslett's, the wholesalers at Woodnesborough, with the first signs of Christmas. Mrs. Martin would stamp around even harder saying "I (h)ate Christmas". Then, heaven forbid, David would start bringing in the brussels sprouts and she would say - "they won't be any good cos they ain't had a frost on 'em" - such salesmanship!

Oh such happy, freezing cold days in that shop. I had started working there quite by chance when Maureen (who had been there for many years) asked me if I would help out one Christmas. Twenty Christmas's and many summers later I was still there so I certainly 'learnt the trade' as they say.

When I drive past there now it breaks my heart to see the state of the place. A place that is full of stories and memories. If I was half the age and had the 'start up money' it would be a different place that's for sure. God Bless Mrs. Martin and her chilblains!

Take care - **Rose**

I think

I think there is a world above
that's full of peace and filled with love.

I think there are angels fluffy white,
there is no day, there is no night.

I think we are called there one by one
when our life on earth is done.

Rose Beer

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