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Eastry
Village News



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Having received no interest at all from our advert in the last Eastry Village News the remaining two committee members have had to re-assess the future of this splendid and rather unique magazine and whether, indeed, it has one. We are fully aware that social media has become the hare to our tortoise but we are equally aware that there are a number of people, of all ages, who still appreciate the printed copy.

We are in urgent need of three or four volunteers to take on the mantle **before our AGM in October 2023** to ensure the magazine can still continue to be produced.

First and foremost we need an editor. This person ideally needs to be reasonably computer literate, have typing and communication skills and some concept of design. On average there is about 2-3 days work every other month collating our received articles and designing the layout. This can be more or less depending on how enthusiastic the editor wants to be. We have a pretty good publishing programme and would offer training as necessary to do the job. The programme is very comprehensive and I am sure I have only scratched the surface on what it can do and can create. There might be someone out there with an idea to change the way it's done, it could perhaps become an online edition only but we are not sure how successful that would be.

Secondly we need a treasurer. We are financially secure thanks to our loyal advertisers who provide nearly all our income and most of our costs are for the printing. Mainly, the transactions are online through our bank, the Nat West. Requests for payment from the advertisers are sent by email and records are kept on spreadsheets. Each year the accounts are scrutinised by a professional accountant. **Finally, we also need a Distribution Supervisor** with to deal with our stalwart distributors who get the magazines out throughout the village.

We don't know the answers but, like most of the village organisations, we do need the volunteers to do it. It would be a shame to see the Eastry Village News go but perhaps that's the way things are at the moment.

If you are interested in any of the committee positions please contact Patrick Clarke evneditor@gmail.com or Brian Manton bnmanton@aol.com

Our future lies in your hands and the clock is ticking!

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Contact Hayley Sanders on 01304 615487



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Eastry Horticultural Society - Eastry Gardeners

We started off with a potentially disturbing talk on “how to commit the perfect murder”. The members were divided in to two groups - murderers and detectives and after a bit of friendly debate the subject gradually moved to the poisons that can be found in our gardens. So many of our regular garden plants are in fact very poisonous especially via our skin so it was seriously recommended that we should always wear gloves when handling them or especially when using our weed killers. Our next very interesting evening was spent on the subject of the Castles of the Downs between 1538 and 1547. The Downs are in fact the stretch of water laying between Ramsgate, Deal, Walmer, Dover and seaward to the Goodwin Sands and was considered to be a very safe deep anchorage. The castles, built by Henry VIII were in fact gun forts and were built in fear of invasion by the catholic hoards reaching out from Europe. These Forts (castles) are well worth a visit for any of you who have never seen inside them or are just interested in our local history.

Then there was of course the eagerly awaited Summer show. Despite the obnoxious wet and cold spring weather followed by the abnormally dry and extremely windy early summer conditions, none of which did much to help the gardeners, the display of flowers was amazing. Sadly the veg's though good did not display the same high quality nor quantity of the flowers exhibited. The one exception was the Club's pot grown potato competition with the winner John B producing an exceptional 6.25kg. There was a staggering thirty one competitors with the weights grown ranging right down to Marion's 0.3kg – all from the same variety but grown to your own specification. It was brilliant watching the two very young competitors, who although both were near the bottom of the weights table were really excited by the whole event and they had enough to take home to mum for a nice dinner treat.



Steve P took the trophy in the Sweet Pea classes with some beautiful blooms, the quality of which was equaled by Olive F and Gillian O in the hotly disputed classes for Roses. 'New girl' Sarah B was overjoyed when taking the trophy for her Mixed Garden Flowers. Dian S came top in the Floral Art classes, Trevor B comfortably took the pot grown Hosta

trophy while Marion S walked off with three trophies including Best in the Domestic classes, the Jubilee class and of course for her phenomenal last place in the potato competition. Our next biggy is an eagerly awaited trip to the exceptional Wisley Gardens which really need to be visited four times each year as they change so much with the seasons.

John Surridge

Dover Flower Club

We welcome new visitors to our club which is open to anyone with an interest in flowers. We meet on the fourth Monday of the month at 7.15pm at
**Whitfield Village Hall, Manley Close (off Sandwich Road),
 Whitfield, Dover CT16 3LY**

A full programme of events is planned throughout the year, including flower arranging, demonstrations, talks, workshops and garden visits.

Monday 25th September, A Flower Arranging Demonstrations
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For all enquiries please contact:

Mig Kimpton 07831 838851 or mig@migkimpton.com

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Eastry Bowling Club

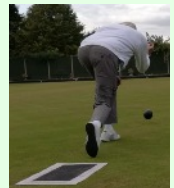
Anyone of any age and any ability can come and have a go.

A diary date for anyone interested in having a go at bowling. As from 7pm on Thursday 15th June the Club will be offering free sessions every Thursday at the Green in Church Street, Eastry (opposite the Church) for anyone who would like to try bowling. Qualified coaches are available and the Club will provide bowls. All you need to bring to is a pair of flat shoes. The location of the Green is a lovely setting and sessions will be relaxed and fun. **Everyone is welcome.**



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For anyone who is already bowling -the season is underway and Eastry have started playing friendly games against other clubs. A mixed bag so far but great to get out on the Green particularly when the weather is good. We are always looking for new players to join the team so if interested please call
07523 369411 or 01304 362926



Eastry Parish Council are looking to recruit

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Eastry Snooker Club is located upstairs in Eastry Village Hall and has two full sized tables maintained to a high standard. Both tables have been recovered in 2023 and are lit using the latest LED technology. There are also the usual range of rests and club cues available for new members.

Eastry Snooker Club is open to members until 10.30pm, seven days a week unless special events are being held in the main hall. There is an active WhatsApp group for circulating club information and organising a game if regular partners are unavailable.

If you used to play and fancy picking up a cue again, or simply would like to check out your ability to hit a little white ball in a straight line on a big green table just contact either:

Alan 07938 210168
Simon 07733 084282

Website: www.eastrysnookerclub.co.uk

Potential new members first playing session is without charge and coaching is available for anyone new to the game.

Members must be at least 18 years old and resident in Eastry or the surrounding parishes.



Eastry Parish Council NEEDS YOU!

EPC needs one more Councillor. Every year Eastry's Annual Parish Council Meeting takes place to formalise the Council's roles and priorities. Don't worry if you missed it! If you are interested in helping your local community, we'd **REALLY** love to hear from you. We need an individual who can dedicate some of their time to help make Eastry better for everyone. You can still join Eastry Parish Council through a short application process involving an interview with the Chairman and Vice Chairman. Get in touch today clerk@eastry-pc.gov.uk

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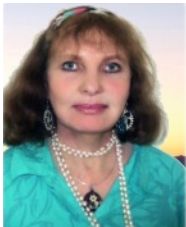
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Don't miss what promises to be an uplifting and world class evening of Chamber Music: "The Power of Three," October 28, 7.30pm, St Mary's Arts Centre, Strand Street, Sandwich, Kent, CT13 9LE. Tickets are £18.00 for seniors, and students. General admission is £20.00 at the door. Chamber music works will include Sonata

for piano and violin, no 1 in A Minor by Robert Schumann, keyboard sonatas by Antonio Soler, Songs in Folk Tone, Opus 73 by Antonin Dvorak, selected Arias from Neun Deutsche Arian by Georg Frideric Handel, violin works by Pablo de Sarasate and more. www.stmarysartscentre.org.uk.

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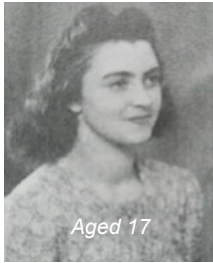
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Grace Wray - Full Circle - Her 100th Birthday



Aged 17

Local resident Grace Wray will be 100 years old on 15th August 2023. Born in the local hamlet of Hammill in 1923 she has lived through the coronations of three monarchs. Her life story is a mixture of Dickens and Soap Opera. The family home was basic to say the least. Abject poverty it would probably be labelled today with no sink, little comfort and a bucket outside for a toilet. The youngest of three daughters life was hard for the family in those early years. Grace attended Eastry primary School and,

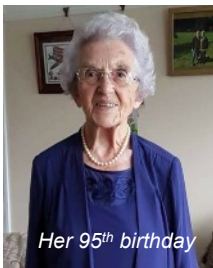
as she grew, would be helping pick hops in Autumn and wringing wurzles for cattle feed in October. Her mother did everything she could to earn money and could turn her hand to anything and her father sought work locally on a seasonal basis and also was the favourite caddy of Douglas Bader when he played at the Royal St.George's Golf Club.

Although life was hard and money was short the family made the most of it and found enjoyment and fun wherever they could. Sadly Grace's mother died aged 43. Grace believes that she was just worn out by the harshness of life. At 14 Grace left school and went to work as an office junior at a firm of solicitors in Ramsgate and from there went off to be a housemaid at a local private school. Just before the war she was taught ballroom dancing and she fondly remembers the RAF Big Band from Manston and the Royal Fusiliers dances.

During the war she met Bill, a soldier, in Eastry Village Hall and they married on 29th May 1943 in Eastry Church. They had 2 children although life from then was its usual mixture of fun and heartache, of positivity and insecurity - moving to London, then back to Kent then back to London. She and Bill divorced and 17 years later they re-married. There have been health issues for all the family and yet Grace's stoicism and indefatigable energy has held them all together for all these years as the family grew with grand children, great grandchildren and great great grandchildren She and Bill and the Normandy Veterans association raised the funds to put a plaque to the Normandy Landings in Canterbury Cathedral which was unveiled by H.M. The Queen Mother. On Bill's retirement they managed to buy a small holiday property in Spain and were fortunate to be invited to live in a tied cottage in Goodnestone where they enjoyed many happy



Bill aged 17



Her 95th birthday

years before moving to a bungalow in Eastry. Bill has since passed away but Grace is as fit and lively and as full of fun as she ever was. A born and bred Eastry girl who has lived a long, full and very interesting life.

On completion of her memoirs "Full Circle" in 2010, her 87th year, she says that she hopes to celebrate her Ruby Wedding in 2011 and see the Olympics in 2012 - both of which she has done. **At 100 years old I wonder what she is aspiring to now?**

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Kent Community Warden Service Review

Public Consultation



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The financial challenges KCC face, mean we are having to consider savings across a whole range of services. Our wardens work with communities and partners in lots of different ways - from supporting scam victims, helping communities affected by flooding, reducing social isolation and loneliness and helping residents to navigate care and support services.

To make savings we are proposing to:

- Redesign the service, ensuring there is a core Community Warden presence across the county, with teams covering two districts.
- Retain the remit and community-based way the service currently works but cover fewer communities.
- Use data and information to identify where to place wardens for most impact.

Find out more and tell us your views at kent.gov.uk/communitywardenreview

Consultation open from 12 July to 3 October 2023.

For queries or to request hard copies of the consultation material, please email CommunityWardenReview@kent.gov.uk or phone 03000 422688. For any alternative formats, email alternativeformats@kent.gov.uk or call 03000 421553 (text relay service number 18001 03000 421553). These numbers go to answering machines, which are monitored during office hours.



Dear Eastry residents, a consultation on proposed changes to the Community Warden service has been launched. The consultation runs from 12 July to 3 October. As set out in the 2023/24 budget, to help meet the financial challenge KCC is facing, the Community Warden service has been asked to reduce its annual budget by £1 million by 2024/25. Setting this year's budget was the most challenging it has ever been, due to increasing demands on KCC services and the cost of providing them.

To achieve this level of saving it has been proposed that the service is redesigned, ensuring that there is core Community Warden presence across the county, with teams covering two district authority areas. This would retain the community-based way the service currently works, but use data and information to identify need and where best to place wardens so they can have the most impact.

Eastry Neighbourhood Watch - Latest



Officers around the county are currently investigating a number of burglaries. Thefts from cars and car vandalism have risen recently. Some of this has affected Eastry which normally has a relatively low crime rate. Details below:

Eastry Allotment shed break ins occurred on 30th June, 2nd and 3rd of July. I believe in the evening/early morning. Fuel and tools such as strimmers seemed to be the target. Police are aware. A dash cam and small box containing a wallet and bank cards were stolen from a car in Cooks Lea on 13th May. If anyone has any information that could solve these crimes please let the police know. Alarms such as deterrent alarms which emit a loud noise when a building is tampered with are available fairly cheaply from B&Q, Argos, Amazon, eBay etc. Keep buildings and vehicles locked and without objects displayed that could entice a crook. A window can be easily smashed to extract a wallet, iPad, phone etc. Bags, even without valuable contents, can lead to a smashed window, damaged paintwork and a costly repair bill.

Recently there have been a large number of thefts and damage to motor vehicles especially in Folkestone and Canterbury where a lot of cars are targeted in one go. Could be gangs involved. There is a chance Eastry could be targeted in the future. The police are likely to allocate more resource and in a timely manner if crimes are reported individually by several people. Let them know ASAP and spread the news around the community so everyone can be alert. You can contact Eastry Neighbourhood Watch and we can help with this (contact in the front of Eastry Village News). Eastry is a safe place to live but we need to be alert. Prevention is better than cure!

Simon Dundas

Community Warden Service Review Public Consultation - *continued from previous page*

Please view the proposals in full and submit your views by visiting kent.gov.uk/communitywardenreview and completing the online questionnaire. We would very much welcome your support in raising awareness of the consultation, and the opportunity for partners and residents to submit their views on the proposals and how they would affect them. Please pass this information on as appropriate.

The consultation document and questionnaire are available in printed format. If required, please contact me and I will deliver to your home. Thank you for taking the time to have your say.

Regards, Peter Gill / Kent Community Warden Service - Community Warden/Sandwich, Eastry and Ash. Public Protection service / Environment Planning and Enforcement / Growth, Environment and Transport | Mob. 07703454190 www.kent.gov.uk/communitywardens.

Rector's summer and September ramblings

What a way to start the month we have had; spectacular sunshine and the sweet smell of flowers in the air! Truly a beautiful beginning to the Summer. On the 4th July I was officially Rector of Eastry and Woodnesborough Benefice for a year, and I can honestly say that I would not have changed a thing. Getting to know each of our five wonderful villages has been a real privilege and honour. As we enter our second year together, I hope we can continue to explore how best our church can continue to serve its community.

This month marks the end of the school year and the beginning of the summer holidays. It's a time of transition for some of our school children preparing to start new classes and new schools. It's a time that families can spend together enjoying what I hope will be a wonderful holiday. But, more than that, it marks the beginning of so many exciting community events - both in our villages and across the local area. There will be fetes, summer socials and so much more; those wonderful occasions when we as a community can gather together to celebrate with those around us. So, as we enter this summer, I encourage you to come along to all the events that are being advertised. Join in and get stuck in! If you happen to see me at one of the many summer fairs on offer, please do come and introduce yourself - it is always lovely to meet more members of our community.

Lastly, as the weather gets hotter, please remember that our churches across the villages are always open and are one of the coolest places to be during warm days. So please do feel welcome to stop by if you are passing, and rest a while before heading back into the heat of the sun.

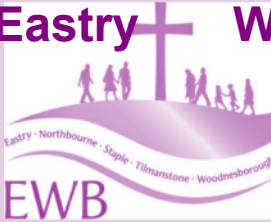
As I bring this month's article to a close, I would just like to say a big thank you to all the hardworking churchwardens across our Benefice. At the end of June, many of us travelled up to Canterbury Cathedral, and together the wardens were sworn in at a special ceremony conducted by the Archdeacon of Ashford. It was a really special event and a real joy to see so many of them both starting and continuing in this much-valued role. Thank you so much for all you do to keep our churches going.



Picture of our church wardens at Canterbury Cathedral on 20th June 2023.

As our magazine won't come out in time for the beginning of the new school year I wanted to write a little bit about starting a new chapter of life. Many of our children will be moving either into their next class or starting at a new school and I wanted to take this opportunity to wish them the best of luck! It may feel a bit strange being in a new classroom or new school, but this will be an exciting new year for you with lots of opportunities! So embrace those wonderful experiences, make new friends and try new things. Wishing you Gods blessings in this time of transition. **Andrew**

Eastry + Woodnesborough Benefice



August - September Services at St. Mary's, Eastry

SERVICES IN AUGUST

- Sunday 6th August** 10am Holy Communion
- Sunday 13th August** 10am Come and Worship Team
(in Church Hall)
- Sunday 20th August** 10am Holy Communion
- Sunday 27th August** 8am Holy Communion
10am Holy Communion
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SERVICES IN SEPTEMBER

- Sunday 3rd September** 10am Holy Communion
- Sunday 10th September** 10am Come and Worship Team
(in Church Hall)
- Sunday 17th September** 10am Holy Communion
- Sunday 24th September** 8am Holy Communion
10am Holy Communion
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Wednesday Holy Communion

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Check Church website or Facebook for updates

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Benefice Church Contacts are:

Rector - Reverend Andrew Brown

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Benefice Office Tel: 01304 611323 - ansaphone checked daily.
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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Eastry WI



August 2nd - Watching The Detectives - Peter Allen

September 6th - What is the Point of Wasps - Clive Nuttman

October 4th - West African Drumming Workshop - R. Latham

Eastry WI had Paul Beard as our speaker at the June meeting. Paul is a fundraiser for the children's charity Barnardo's. After showing slides and talking about the history of Barnardo's, he went on to explain the services they provide and that in 2020-21 they supported 357,276 children, young people, parents and carers. He concluded his talk by telling us about his own experience as a foster carer with all its ups and downs, not an easy journey.

Our craft group continue to meet every Tuesday 09.30 at the Church Hall in Church Street. Visitors welcome, either to learn a new craft work on an existing project or just for coffee, cake and chat.

Lunch club and walking group also happen in July but walking group will take a break in August. A coach from East Kent Federation will be going to the Knit and Stitch Show at Alexandra Palace in October. I'm not a knitter, but the thought of all that fabric gives me goose bumps!

Meetings are the first Wednesday in the month 19.15 for 19.30. *Sue Hankins*

With the summer holidays approaching, here is a recipe with which to entertain the children. It is so easy that a child can make it relatively unsupervised.

Peanut butter cookies

200g Peanut butter (smooth or crunchy) - 175 g Sugar - 1 Egg

Prepare two baking trays by lining them with baking parchment and heat the oven to 350 F, 180 C Gas Mark 4. Put the peanut butter and sugar together in a bowl and work them together with a fork. Beat the egg and then incorporate it into the mixture, beating well.

Using two teaspoons, take spoonfuls of the mixture and place them on the baking tray allowing room for them to spread. You should get between 16 and 24, depending how big you make them. Use a fork to press each one lightly (you will find it helps if you dip the fork in water each time).

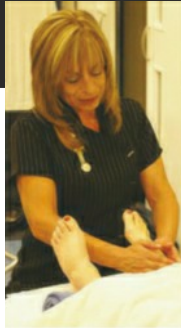
Bake for about 10 minutes until golden. Leave on the tray for a few minutes to allow them to harden before transferring to a cooling rack.

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Beacon View Vets Update

Hi Everyone! We hope that you are enjoying your summer and the good weather.

At Beacon View we recently invested in a modern Cystoscopy system. Cystoscopy is a diagnostic tool used by our vets to examine the urinary tract in pets, most commonly in dogs and cats. It involves the use of a cystoscope, which is a rigid endoscope equipped with a light and camera, to visualise the inside of the bladder and urethra. The procedure is performed under general anaesthesia and is used to diagnose a range of conditions affecting the urinary tract, including bladder stones, tumours, and blockages.

Cystoscopy allows the vet to examine the inside of the bladder and urethra in great detail, providing valuable information about the health of these structures.

Cystoscopy has several advantages for pets:

- **Accurate Diagnosis:** Cystoscopy provides a clear view of the inside of the bladder and urethra, allowing the vet to accurately diagnose conditions such as bladder stones, tumours, and blockages.
- **Non-Invasive:** Unlike traditional surgical procedures, cystoscopy is a minimally invasive procedure that does not require incisions or extensive tissue damage.
- **Early Detection:** By visualising the inside of the bladder and urethra, cystoscopy can help detect problems early on, before they become more serious.
- **Biopsy Sampling:** Cystoscopy allows the vet to take biopsy samples if necessary, which can be used to identify specific conditions affecting the urinary tract.
- **Retrieval of Foreign Bodies:** The vet can use the cystoscope to retrieve foreign bodies from the bladder and urethra, which can cause discomfort and health problems.
- **Less Painful:** Cystoscopy is performed under general anaesthesia and is minimally invasive which leads to rapid recovery times.

Cystoscopy is an important diagnostic tool for pets with urinary tract problems. Its ability to provide detailed information about the health of these structures and its ability to assist in the diagnosis and treatment of conditions affecting the bladder and urethra make it a valuable resource for our patients.

Throughout the Summer it's crucial to be aware of potential hazards that can affect our beloved pets. When it comes to summer barbecues, it's important to be mindful of the foods that pose risks to our pets. Some human favourites, like chocolate, onions, and grapes, can be toxic to dogs and cats.

We hope you enjoy the rest of the summer and enjoy spending some quality time with your pets! As always, let us know if you need anything.

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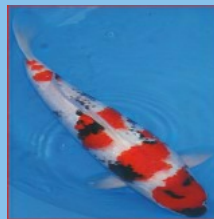
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Eastry Primary School News



As the school year ends, we say goodbye to four long standing members of our school community. Between them they have served the school for 70 years and have each had a huge impact on the education and wellbeing of Eastry children.

Three of the four are retiring: Mrs Kate Plant, Assistant Headteacher and SENCO, who has been with the school since 2007; Ms Annie Rye, who has worked across the school as a teaching assistant for 25 years and Mrs Jo Sugden, who has also supported many children in her role as teaching assistant for 17 years. Clare Williams, our year 6 teacher and English lead, who has worked at Eastry for 13 years, is leaving us to embark on a new challenge when she takes up a teaching post in Canterbury in September. All will be greatly missed by their colleagues and the children.

The new school year will see us welcome a number of new faces to our staff. Miss Stacey Gilmore will be joining us as our new assistant headteacher and SENCO; Mrs Christa Rumsey, Mrs Tracey Perry, Mrs Casey Rogers and Mrs Phoebe Sola will be joining our amazing team of teaching assistants.

EASTRY EVENTS TEAM

EASTRY FUN DAY - 2nd JUNE

Another spectacular & successful event at Eastry Gun Park in June.

The sun came out for us and everyone enjoyed all the entertainment.

Eastry's Got Talent was exceptional - well done to everyone who auditioned and took part!

A huge thank you to all the Volunteers, Entertainers, Dance Groups, Stall holders, Caterers, Charities/Groups, Smiths Fun Fair, The Five Bells Beer Tent, Eastry Fire Crew, Graham Baker, Dover Police Cadets and all the sponsors, raffle & alcohol donations.

Thank you to all the visitors who joined us - we were able to raise a fantastic £350 for the Girl Guiding Groups in the village.

Last but not least, we would like to thank all the village for all their ongoing support.

If you would like to become part of our team, the next meeting is September 14th 7pm at The Five Bells.

Text: 07368957235 Email: eastryevents@gmail.com



Eastry Twinning Association

ETA were delighted to welcome their French counterparts to Eastry on Friday 26th May for their Covid belated 40th anniversary visit to Eastry.



A formal welcome on Friday in the village hall to old friends and encouragingly, some new friends on both sides, including 3rd generation twinner 15 month old Louison, was followed by a very enjoyable and relaxed Saturday. We spent an interesting, sunny morning at the delightful Belmont House gardens near Faversham before attending a picnic, kindly hosted by Debbie and Keith Cook, in the garden of their splendid barn conversion in very rural Baddlesmere. Tables were laden with all sorts of delicacies and drinks (prepared by the members) in the shadow of an enormous ham that Debbie had cured for the occasion.



Later, after a quick wash and change, we went by coach to Broome Park where the French were suitably impressed by the building. We had a splendid dinner then dancing to music by "Tara" plus a couple of bonus songs from Dave Palmer and Jeannette and Rob showed us the modern way to "get down and boogy" with wine class in hand and no spillages!

On Sunday the Annual Petanque Match was held at the Five Bells and we let the French win the ashes in spite of our best efforts! A lunch of Roast Beef and all the trimmings for forty plus followed in the Old Fire Station (well done Mary and team) before we wound down with a few drinks, listening to live music, in the sunny pub courtyard. At five o'clock the farewells started with hugs, kisses and handshakes with many "à bientôt" and "til next year" and a few tears were shed.



Old friendships have been rekindled and new ones established over a very pleasant few days. Thanks must go to Nick Smith and Carol Sedgwick for their hard work on the organisation, Jeannette for the translating and Patricia for sorting the French arrangements. Looking forward to next year already. If you think our Twinning with the village Longprès le Corps Saints might be for you contact Nick Smith nicksmith1@tinyworld.co.uk to find out more.

Nick & Lesley Smith photos

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Due to this reason, Age Concern Sandwich has just launched Greet, Eat and Meet which follows the successful Meet, Eat and Heat initiative launched last year, offering a healthy 2-course meal in a friendly environment at a subsidised cost of £4 thanks to funding from Dover District Council. Therefore, saving you money on your home utilities and food costs.

Because Age Concern Sandwich is committed to providing social support to the over 50's and vulnerable people in Sandwich town and surrounding areas, the Greet, Eat and Meet (GEM) initiative is running throughout the summer months on Mondays and Fridays until October.

For further information on any of our services and activities, or to know more about our centre generally, please call us on **01304 614237** or send an email to: office@ageconcernsandwich.com

Poets' Corner

Worrying to death

I'm worried I won't find Heaven; my directional skills are so poor
 I'm worried I won't find Heaven, knock on the wrong, blooming door!
 I'm worried I won't find Heaven; some say it's good for a rest,
 others say, they're not going, some say Earth is a test!
 I'm worried I won't find Heaven, so I am making sure I do
 I'm taking my "Satnav" with me; it's the sensible thing to do!

Poem Power

I am dancing with adjectives, and naming with nouns
 I am doing with verbs, and I can't put them down
 I try to avoid them, they are persistent and loud
 They shout in my brain, I am a voice in their crowd!

Sentence after sentence, they all want a line
 Once they are on paper, they're absolutely fine!
 They all have a poem; I'm their puppet for sure
 And if I don't write them down, they'll knock next door

Lin West

Waves

Rumbling & tumbling, those spectacular waves,
 Curling and splashing, like watery caves.
 The swish of the pebbles, as they ebb and flow,
 The spray of the water as it exhilarates the show.

Birds float along on each rippling tide,
 Their presence exudes arrogance and pride.
 The shifting sands on this ever changing seashore,
 Will constantly beckon to come and explore.

The rise of the waves and the depth of the ocean,
 Two forces meeting, a rhapsody in motion.
 The raw rapacity of this amazing energy,
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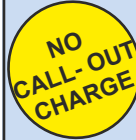
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EPC-Councillor Profile - Mark Jones Chairman



This time it's the turn of Eastry Parish Council Chairman Mark Jones. Mark has lived in Eastry for over 30-years, you may be familiar with Mark's Tree Surgery family business which he runs with his wife Jo and 3 staff, but you may not have known that Mark has been a fire-fighter with Kent Fire & Rescue Service for 27 years and is currently a Station Manager. He started his career serving for 3 years as an on-call fire-fighter here at the local fire station serving the community he is passionate about, before transferring into a whole-time role where he now serves.

Mark has been on the Eastry Parish Council for eight years, Chairman for the past two years and he also serves on the Finance and Planning Committees.

Mark is passionate about Eastry, he wants to make it a thriving place to not only to live, but a better place for local business and services too: "With far more flexible working patterns these days, I'd love to see more local businesses flourish in Eastry, it's been heartening to see so many local businesses get involved in the local cost of living initiatives and supporting the village. I believe creating a sense of community, supporting local services, shops and village activities will make Eastry and the area, a fantastic place to live, work, relax, raise families and enjoy what great things Eastry has to offer. With a thriving village community and interest, Eastry can continue to flourish and grow. I and my fellow councillors, with your support, will try and achieve that for the benefit of us all."

EPC is currently looking for volunteers to lend a hand from litter picks and Speedwatch to leaflet drops and communications. We've love to hear from you, contact Clerk@eastry-pc.gov.uk

Driving the kids to school - Many residents living near Eastry Primary School are extremely concerned about the level and speed of car traffic and inconsiderate parking. Given the deadly event in Wimbledon earlier this week, please drive with care and consideration of others when you drop off your kids by car. Consider parking further away and enjoy a walk with your kids to school.

Respect - Sadly, the new play equipment on Gun Park has been vandalised with graffiti. Concerned about escalation of anti-social behaviour at the Gun Park and the recent spate of break-ins and theft from the allotments, our new local Police Constable PC Matt Bensted has been advising on better security including cameras and will be speaking to the children at Eastry Primary School about respect and creating a better neighbourhood.

We can all do our bit too, and encourage our children and grandchildren to respect each other and property. Remember if you witness or hear about a crime then please report it to Kent police.

EPC Councillor Profile - continued

Be warned! 11 parking tickets issued in Eastry - At the time of writing, there have been 11 penalty charge notices issued in Eastry High Street over the past 12 months. Eight were for being parking on double yellow lines and 3 were for being parked on the pedestrian crossing.

High Street Car Park - At the request of EPC, Dover District Council have filled in the potholes at the entrance to the car park, maintained the overhanging and ground vegetation and repainted the bay markings including disabled bays.

Parking on Church Street - Access to Church Street continues to be an issue for our emergency services and weekly bin collections. Most recently an ambulance was hindered when responding to a 999 call on Church Street due to inconsiderate parking. Please think about others when you park, even for a short amount of time. Following an informal survey by EPC on attitudes to parking and the possibility of introducing double yellow lines in part of Church street, EPC have formally requested KCC's Highways to investigate installing double yellows to tackle inconsiderate parking. EPC is also looking into the feasibility of installing a gate at the rear of the High Street car park to give direct access to Eastry Bowling Club for members, it is thought this may help ease parking constraints on Church Street, especially on competition days.

Speeding on Felderland Lane - Persistent speeding on Felderland Lane is still a problem. Sadly another car crash last month at the A258 Deal Road junction required two ambulances. Both ends of Felderland Lane - junction A256 Dover Road and A258 - have had two crashes each in the past few years. EPC is taking this seriously and working with Worth Parish Council to hopefully introduce new speed signage along the lane. KCC have already repainted the 'SLOW' signs on the carriageway. Highways officials from KCC recently walked the lane with residents and are aware of the rat run and speeding problem.

20mph zone update - We asked KCC to introduce a 20mph zone for the central area of Eastry in our Highway Improvement Plan earlier this year. KCC's process of allocating resources for 20mph zones across the county is to begin with speed surveys, where results are recorded for 24 hours a day over a seven day period. If the average speed is between 20-24mph, then a 20mph zone can be considered, if the average speed is over 24mph then the scheme does not meet the criteria to be introduced. The Parish Council are pleased to report that the average speeds along the High Street, Gore Road and parts of Gore Lane are below 25mph, Woodnesborough Lane, the remainder of Gore Lane, Lower Street and Sandwich Road travelling south the average speeds recorded are below 30mph and unfortunately Sandwich Road travelling North the average recorded speeds exceeded 30mph. Sadly, for Eastry at this time, we are unable to progress further with a 20mph zone as our results do not meet the current criteria. EPC will not give up and will apply for a 20pmh zone next year. In the meantime, please slow down.

Eastry Parish Council

Gardening on the other side of the fence (14)

Here we are in July and fortunately the dry spell we had from May 12th to June 17th is almost a distant memory. It was very early in the year to be suffering yellowing lawns but they have already recovered despite June going on to be the warmest recorded since 1940.

As I don't heat my greenhouse, some of the early year veg sowings really struggled with the cold spring but it didn't hamper hardy annual and perennial flowers. I have been taking part in the project restoring the flower beds along the Rope Walk in Sandwich and have been growing plants for that. The challenge for the more local participants had been keeping the new plantings watered. In the veg garden I am experimenting with growing potatoes and lettuces in pots purely in my own home made compost and the results are looking very promising. I also grow strawberries in plastic hanging baskets and I had the best fruiting this year after refreshing them with Vermicompost which is the output from a wormery.

As a dedicated 'green' gardener, composting is the only soil amendment that I make on the ground but my composting is enriched by the liquid from my wormery as well as three other inputs – namely Comfrey liquid from rotted down leaves; nettle feed from water-soaked leaves and liquid from my weed-drowning bucket where I put any roots of bindweed, dandelions and docks etc. These deep-rooted weeds pull up minerals from the subsoil and make a great addition to your garden. The last major components are generous additions of wood ash and shredded cardboard. Admittedly, I do sometimes feel I spend more time composting than elsewhere in the garden. But if you consider the amount of time, expense and fuel that is expended getting rid of garden waste it really is one of the most planet-friendly changes you can make in your garden. Also the amount of plastic required to support gardening, whether it be pots, bags or weed and feed bottles are other areas that require dedication in order to avoid. I can recommend a nursery in Faversham called Edibleculture for anyone seeking to reduce their gardening footprint.

Following the disappointment of losing all of our first tadpoles to various predators, I am pleased to have seen the first emergent dragonfly from this pond. It was a female Southern Hawker which lays its eggs on damp wood which I witnessed in



the summer of 2021 just after the pond had been created so it was nice to see the cycle completed. Despite the continued lack of bees in any significant numbers, I have seen an upsurge in visiting hover flies which are the dominant pollinator at the moment and I have also been catching moths in larger numbers than the same



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More on behaviour...

Whilst I am a great fan of David Attenborough I wish he and his producers were less enthusiastic about violence between males; stags, walruses, crocodiles we have seen them all. Such violence, whilst it plainly does occur, is not the norm. Whoever is the victor all parties risk serious injury which reduces their life chances and their successful reproduction, passing on their genes to the next generation.

We all recognise the meaning of terms 'hawk' and 'dove' in relation to individual humans in the news. But, place two male doves in a cage together and one will kill the other. Place two male hawks in a cage and once it is clear which is dominant the other will adopt **submissive behaviours**, lowering its head and chest and mewing pitifully. These act as **sign stimuli** inhibiting aggression by the other. Hawks, as predators, are equipped to inflict injury so have evolved these aggression inhibiting behaviours to minimise damage to fellow hawks.

In human society it is generally the female who is more conspicuous, more attractive to most eyes but not so in most of the animal kingdom where males are more colourful, more endowed with antlers, tusks etc. These act as **sexual stimuli**; they represent threats to other males and attractants to females, who are generally inconspicuous, less likely to be spotted and killed whilst raising young. Males are expendable in many species, where their sole role is to fertilise eggs, often from multiple females.

In many animals, particularly in birds and mammals males defend a **territory**. This may be small, just around the nest whilst they gather food to bring to the nest collectively. This is the case with sea birds like puffins and guillemots, defending nest territories onshore, feeding together at sea. Others defend a larger area around the nest providing food for both parents and offspring. In defending either territory type the males display their sexual stimuli (for example the robin's red breast). This should intimidate other males invading its territory. They then generally exhibit submissive behaviours and retreat. Faced with a female the male will **display** its sexual stimuli seeking to attract her to mate. She, meantime will accept only if the display is good!

If an intruder male occupies a neighbouring territory on retreating it will then face the other across the territory boundary. Result? Confusion; advance and you become the intruder. Frequently this leads to **displacement activities**; in birds often pecking the ground as if collecting nest material. It is worth reflecting on this in relation to human situations. Rival gangs of youths facing each other across *their* territory boundaries frequently resort to vandalism or chanting obscenities.

Territory **size** will vary considerably, with larger territories being found in areas where food is most plentiful. These territories belong to the most **dominant** males, which will be the **fittest**, (healthiest, largest, strongest, most fertile etc.) They, in turn attract the fittest females and these pairs will generally contribute more offspring to the next generation. Given that these **fitness** characteristics are largely **inherited** this results in a population which is best **adapted** to survive

Terry Wood.

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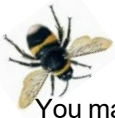
Many vulnerable children and young people in Kent urgently need safe and loving homes in their local communities so that they can stay near their schools and friendship groups and not miss out on the vital care and support they need.

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This could mean that there will not be enough suitable homes in the very near future and Kent's vulnerable children and young people could miss out on the support they need to give them the best opportunities and outcomes in life.

If you feel that you would be able to help us or if you would like any further information please do get in touch.

Kind Regards, Kent Fostering



All pollinators need your help

You may already be aware of the threat to our pollinators posed by the Asian hornet. This threat has become more imminent with four positive sightings in East Kent and the removal of one nest within the last 4 months. The Asian hornet is a voracious predator against which our native pollinators have no defence.

Beekeepers and honey lovers are particularly concerned, since honeybee colonies are like an 'eat all you can diner'; with some 50 000 bees in one hive their odour preferentially attracts the hornets. The hornets prevent the bees from foraging, plucking them from the air as they fly from the entrance. Eventually when overwhelmed, the hornets will enter the hive and rob the honey and larvae.

From one fertile female hornet, which arrived in France in 2006, it is now endemic and has also spread to Jersey Spain, Portugal, Belgium. It has caused significant harm to both the beekeeping industry and to native pollinators on which farmers rely for crop pollination. There is no doubt that it will survive in the warmer parts of UK.

The Asian hornet can sting, but it is particularly defensive around its nest. The smaller primary nests are often found in sheds and attic spaces and the one in Kent under a Bar-B-Q. This is another reason for beekeepers and non-beekeepers to work together to keep these insects from gaining a foothold.



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Later in the year they may vacate their primary nest in favour of a larger secondary nest. These are often built high up in trees and in Asia can reach 2m in size and contain over a thousand hornets. Weather conditions in this country mean such giant nests will not be produced. Even so, in Autumn, over five hundred fertile queens could be produced from one nest; these could over winter and establish primary nests the following Spring.

Whilst the Animal & Plant Agency are working hard to locate and destroy nests, this is expensive and time consuming. This fight will continue only until a threshold number of nests have been established and then, like other invaders, we must learn to live with them. So please help. The more eyes on the look out for these critters the better.

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Bird Watching with Big Nick



On a recent visit to Sandwich Bay, I photographed a gull which looked a bit unusual. My first impression was of a Mediterranean Gull (not that uncommon in the south east now, despite its name!) However the shape of the bill and colour of legs and bill - a darkish maroon colour - was much more in keeping with a Black-headed Gull than the scarlet legs and bill of the Mediterranean Gull. Fortunately for me it had a coloured leg ring with lettering which I was able to read.

I sent off the record and had an email back confirming that it was indeed a hybrid between the 2 species mentioned. Even more interesting was that it had actually only recently been ringed just 32 days earlier near Lodz in POLAND, some 1193Km away! This gave me the inspiration for my column. This was not the first time I have photographed and reported birds with coloured leg rings or even the detailed small metal leg band which are more widely used in ringing; but these are much harder to read 'in the field' and you need to be very close to photograph them!

Nearly one million birds were ringed in 2021 in the UK but recovery rates are low, usually – in the past at least, - when the bird was found dead or injured. However the increase in bird photographers has probably helped with reporting numbers in recent years. If you ever find a ringed bird you can report your sighting via the Euring website <https://euring.org/> and hopefully you will receive information about the bird.

Without this ringing data we would have little idea of where birds came from or how far they travelled, or how long they live, so it provides some very valuable data. In recent years a more sophisticated system has been used, that of attaching a tiny radio transmitter to the bird and then using a series of aerials to detect them as they move about. It was this system that recorded the movement of a Common Whitethroat first picked up by a mast in Germany and tracked across Europe to Sandwich Bay, covering over 600 Km in just under 4 days!



Here are 2 other birds I have photographed that have rings. The Ringed Plover (left), photographed at Reculver, was coincidentally another Polish bird, ringed at the mouth of the river Vistula on the Baltic coast. The last bird, the Shag, (right) was ringed on the Isle of May, Fife, in June 2019, photographed



at Ramsgate Harbour in Feb 2020; it was the first sighting since it had been ringed.

Every reported sighting adds a little more information about the amazing behaviour of different bird species, so keep your eyes peeled.

Nick

Rose Beer - Me, Pregnant!

I wonder how many times I have written the words “when I was younger” or “when I was a young girl”, but at the risk of being boring here I go again. When I was a kid we had one bath a week in front of the fire so not a lot of water was used. On a Monday morning Mum would fill the copper in the scullery and do the weekly wash - washing machines that do so many cycles of washing for a few bits were unheard of and I can't remember there ever being a water shortage.

Nowadays we have a few hot days and there's a hosepipe ban - all called a heat wave! It's not a heat wave it's our blooming summer for goodness sake. Having said that I'm beginning to wonder, between you and me, if I could be pregnant. The Met Office tells us the last hottest year on record was 1976 and I was expecting my son and the one before that was 1964 and I was expecting my daughter now that must be a record! So next month I might have something very interesting to write about!!

Back in the days.

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

When children happily wore National Health glasses
and desks and ink pots were all in our classes
when cars were so rare you could play in the street
and Doctor's made house calls and Police walked the beat.

When neighbours were friendly and helped out each other
of Dixon of Dock Green and Listen with Mother.
It was dumplings for dinner, bread and dripping for tea
and our annual holiday was one by the sea.

Do you remember the days of Bubble and Squeak
and a saucepan of stew had to last all the week.

Back in the days of being a lad
I can't help smiling for the fun that I had.

Hop scotch and roller skates and snowballs to lob,
back in the days of a tanner and a bob!

Rose Beer

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