

The
Eastry
Village News



October
November
2023



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Does Eastry still want the EVN? Overwhelmingly YES!!

THANK YOU to the number of people that have offered to help out in our hour of need and the number of messages of support we have received as a result of our closure warning in the last issue. We are able to see a future for the Eastry Village News with several new people involved. I have thoroughly enjoyed my years as editor, it has brought back happy memories of studying Graphic Design, at Ravensbourne College of Art, in the mid 1970's, long before personal computers came on the scene. We had to physically trace letters and words onto the page when creating our designs and then go and set it in metal type before printing it by letterpress. Now it's just a matter of cut, copy and paste - a welcome relief!

I feel I've achieved what I wanted with the magazine, freshened it up and added some colour and, on occasion some humour, but now we need new ideas, energy and input. I shall still be involved with the EVN and I am delighted to welcome David Thomas as our editor elect. He is more than capable and will guarantee a smooth transition. I thank him along with Terry, Marion, Jennifer, Martyn and Becky who all volunteered their help and has enabled us to refresh the committee and look forward to the years ahead.

The Eastry Village News is a rare and unique thing for our growing village. It is there to be informative and interesting and it is open for anyone to let us know of any village related news that perhaps could be included. I have enjoyed a great relationship with all our regular and irregular correspondents and I thank them for their continuing support. The same applies to our loyal advertisers without whom the magazine could not exist. Thank you Brian Manton for helping me prop it up for the last several months and for your work over the last 14 years in several capacities. Thank you to the many people who have contacted me to say thank you and to send best wishes. Here's to the future.

Patrick Clarke

Eastry Village News - Annual General Meeting 2023

The Annual General Meeting of the Eastry Village News
will take place in the **Parish Hut**, Church Street, Eastry
on Tuesday 17th October 2023 at 7pm
(after a 6.30 to 6.50pm committee meeting).

This is an open meeting and all are invited to attend to meet the
new committee and to see their ideas for the future of the EVN.



Eastry Village Coffee Morning ***Village Hall 9.00-12 noon***



**Fridays 13th & 27th October and
10th & 24th November.**

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**Hi Kent Hearing Charity attend the first coffee morning
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**Friday morning from 9.30am - 12noon,
at the Scout Hall, Wilmott Place, Eastry.**

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Eastry Horticultural Society - all Eastry Gardeners

What a way to start our summer. Jackie organized a fabulous day out, this time up at the glorious and ever changing Wisley Gardens which need visiting several times per year in order to experience the seasonal changes. The gardens and its many intriguing artefacts are both extremely interesting and very attractive and with the blessing of gorgeous weather the trip was enjoyed by everyone. With a full coach, though sadly not too many club members, our Bayliss coach got us off to an early start. Our driver Neville earned his money on that trip, the traffic was horrendous at both ends of the day, but we got there, enjoyed our day and got home safely. Next up was a very interesting talk about the flora, fauna and history of Dungeness, not I must add of the Nuclear Power Station. It was amazing to see the vast amount of development that has been achieved in order to give nature a real boost, much work has been and is still being achieved by the many volunteers, with lots of help and finance from the RSPB.

We had an extremely amusing talk and picture show of interest to gardeners of any ability, ranging from the window box enthusiasts right through to our extremely clever showmen. Starting off with an amusing trip, with a sing-a-long included, over to Birchington at Christmas time where, just like parts of our own village of Eastry, everything was clad in beautiful hand knitted often very comical displays. The accompanying music had most of the entire audience enthusiastically singing or humming along to "The sun has got its hat on".

The programme then moved way over westward to the intriguing gardens of TV star Carol Kline, then on to Morwellham Quay where 30k tons of copper, manganese and arsenic were shipped out annually. We were then taken north up to Rutland and the wonderful Barnsdale gardens originally developed by the great Geoff Hamilton of TV gardening fame, then on to Hyde Hall and Foggy Bottom at Bressingham Park. Finally came an amusing display of diminished human brain power with a series of public signs displaying incorrectly spelt words, poor grammatical notices and amusingly vague labels out on display for us all to read, obey and smile at.

Then came our big show, which despite the recent un-seasonal weather conditions was very well attended. On display was an excellent display of well over a dozen different varieties of Dahlias from Small Ball types through the Collerettes up to Butterfly, Cactus, Decorative and the enormous Dinner Plates, all were in a great variety of colours and head shapes. Then came the beautiful Roses, gorgeous Gladiolas and Hydrangeas and the 20 varieties of mixed flowers. In the veggie sections there were all the seasonal favourite's of runner beans, sweetcorn, tomatoes, potatoes, marrows etc, more than enough to keep the growers happy and well fed for a few weeks. The handicrafts, as is now the norm, were spectacular as was the domestics where some great cooking had been achieved. Equally spectacular were the photographs on display and the superb Floral displays. At the end of a wonderfully successful day there were six different trophy winning members. Leading the show was Trevor B, followed closely by Marion S, then came Sarah B and Mick B, Jacki B and Rob B. The day was completed by a super Tombola and a plant sale stand. Everyone was happy to make use of the excellent tea and coffee supplies.

Roll on the spring show. Speaking of which if you are really interested in growing, flowers, fruit or veggies, even if only for your own tables but are never quite sure about what to do and when to do it why not come and join us at the Gardening Club. We are a great gang of very friendly and very helpful amateur gardeners. We meet at the village hall on the second Tuesday of each month.

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 23rd October, Workshop - Tutor: Trudie Easton
Monday 27th November, Demonstration by Graham King
 entitled '**A Magical Christmas**'. Competition '**Christmas Magic**'

For all enquiries please contact:

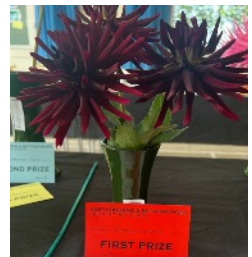
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Items for use in flower arranging are on sale and free refreshments are available.

Northbourne & Betteshanger Horticultural Society

The Society recently held their Annual Autumn Show in the Parish Hall & despite what was a challenging summer weatherwise there was a good turnout of entries. The Show was open to both members & non-members & covered a wide range of classes. These included not only vegetables, flowers, cookery & preserves, handicrafts & photography as well as a children's section to try their hand. The Trophies were presented to the winners by the Society's President Lord Northbourne.

The winners were David Smith, Julia Pidgeon, Naomi Wall, Pat Skelton, Su White, Ivy White, Clare Cook, Gill Harris, William Ogden and John Skelton.



Gardenening Tip - planting bulbs

By now you should have sorted your flower bulb requirements for next spring. Unfortunately not all bulbs grow just where you might want them to. Here is a small selection for you to consider. Bulbs for shady spots include Anemones, Snowdrops, Grape Hyacinths (Muscari), Bluebells, Crocus and of course Daffodils and Tulips. Most of those will also thrive happily in sunny spots many of which can even be planted in the lawns, whilst Dwarfed varieties of most can easily be used in rockeries. After flowering do not cut back or mow over for around six weeks to allow the bulb to recover and strengthen ready for next year.



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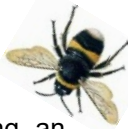
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Asian Hornet Update - Urgent Action required!

My last article on the Asian Hornet proved rather timely. Since writing an unprecedented 20+ nests have been found and destroyed in the Dover, Folkestone and surrounding areas; given there are normally none this is extremely worrying. This non-native species, if allowed to gain a foothold, will have a devastating impact on both our flora and fauna. It is a voracious apex predator; it feeds on insects which flowers rely on for pollination and will remove the food source needed by our much-loved mammals, birds and other animals. Whilst these may not become extinct, their population size will be affected. As many organisations have worked hard over recent years to increase numbers of native plants and animals this would be heartbreaking.

Some people believe that honeybees are its main food source and so is a problem only for beekeepers. This is wrong. Whilst the Asian hornet does feed on honeybees, a study of its gut contents shows they form only part of their diet. It is an opportunist, feeding on any insect of a similar size.

What has been done to stop its invasion?

Beekeepers and members of the public are working with the National Bee Unit. The NBU inspectors have the resources only to locate and destroy a nest **once there has been a confirmed sighting**. They are relying on beekeepers and the public to report sightings via the Asian Hornet Watch app or via alertnonnative@ceh.ac.uk

Beekeepers are placing monitoring traps at 1km intervals, in as many places as possible. I have caught and reported hornets found in three such traps. This is a huge task and your help is needed. The Asian Hornet has an orange face and a



mainly black body with a broad orange band. It's about the size of a 2 pence piece with yellow lower legs. It does not fly at night. Put out a traditional wasp jam trap, if a piece of sponge is used at the bottom of the trap by-catch can be released. **Once an Asian hornet has been trapped by law it cannot be released!** Leave traps out until November. At this time of year Asian Hornets are found on ivy bushes preying on insects and feeding on ivy nectar.



Why the urgency?

In a few weeks fertile, female hornets will be released and disperse from undiscovered nests. They are known to travel 70km; nests may produce a hundred or more. It is therefore imperative to do as much as we can now to lessen the problem for next year.

Any help you can give will be greatly appreciated and after we know how successful we have been in the Spring I will update you then.

Jackie

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Magic lantern shows at the Baptist Chapel

I expect there are still a few people in Eastry who will remember these events. I'm referring to the time in the late 1940's or even the 50's. I doubt that many households had mains gas or electricity so these outings to the Baptist Chapel in Lower Street were a treat. It must have been wintertime because I do not remember any curtains and we had to sit in the dark to watch the Bible stories on the screen. Hitherto the most excitement that we had were the occasional Magic Painting books that kept us entertained on wet days and the colourful pictures that emerged just by applying water with a paint brush from a jam jar. The entertainment in the Chapel always concluded with a slide of a man asleep in a bed with a series of mice leaping over the bed - achieved by a rotary slide superimposed over the original. That was the closest we got to moving pictures!

Some households managed to get a TV for the Queen's Coronation but we did not until the family moved to the Cloisters, near to Betteshanger Church in 1957. The army had occupied the house during the war so it had a generator for electricity. The top corners of the doors were chipped away to allow the cables to be strung around the house. We did have a radio, powered by accumulators, that needed regular recharging at Eastry Garage opposite the chemist. The radio was not for entertainment but for the news and the weather forecasts. The shipping forecasts were evidently the most reliable for our local farmers. I have almost forgotten the wind up gramophone with some old dance music and renditions of the Laughing Policeman and the Teddy Bears Picnic. No doubt the youngsters of today will wonder just how we survived!

Sheila Smith

Short Mat Bowls

Short Mat bowls will resume on Friday October 6th at Eastry Village Hall from 7pm to 9pm. We break for refreshments half way through the evening. The cost is £4 a session (no charge for refreshments) and like lawn bowls we ask that you wear comfortable, flat shoes.

Short Mat is a great game and it's very different playing indoors compared to outside on the green. It's gentle exercise mixed with a bit of skill and a bit of a laugh.

It doesn't matter if you have played before or would like to try your hand, you will be most welcome. You don't need any special equipment as we can provide bowls.

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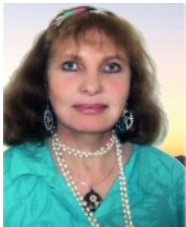
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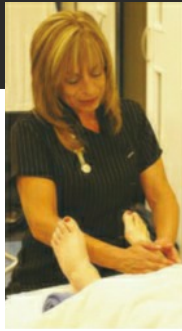
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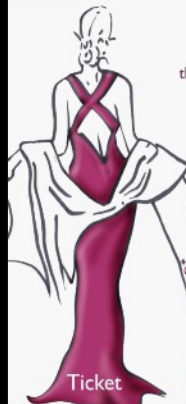
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Police have notified us of 3 current scams – fake Email pretending to be from McAfee anti virus, others offering Christmas boot fair pitches and a third sort via email of social media offering Investment opportunities.

If you think that you may have been a victim of this or any other type of scam, then contact your Bank immediately, which you can do by calling 159 and report it to Action Fraud at www.actionfraud.police.uk or call 0300 123 2040.

Bogus Meter Readers – a boy and girl aged about 19 have been calling to read electric and gas meters for EDF in Gore Lane Eastry. One lady was suspicious and called the customer service number on the back of any EDF statement. They said they had not sent anyone out and in fact her meter readings were all up to date. I called 101 on her behalf and spoke to an agent who logged the incident details before calling the lady themselves for more information. **We all need to be alert.**

The first point of call for crime or suspicious activity is the police but if you also let us know then we can keep a look out, spread the word and help in any way we can.
Simon Dundas



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Mustard Seed Relief Missions - Love in a Box 2023

I have been asked to co-ordinate the "Love in a Box" collection this year for all Churches in the Eastry Benefice. Rev'd Andrew Brown has asked for all donations to be picked up by the charity from Eastry Church Hall this will be at the beginning of November, date to be confirmed.

The leaflets are available in Eastry, Staple, Woodnesborough, Tilmanstone and Northbourne Churches. I can collect and deliver the boxes/donations to Eastry.

Donation options: See leaflet for suggestions Complete "Love in a Box" or any items that can go into boxes that we can make up. Donation of money to help with the cost of delivery.

Contact Anne Platt anneplatt7@gmail.com or 01304 695046 or 07724080826

St.Mary's Events

On Sunday 5th November 2023 at 3pm there will be a

Concert in the Church

given by 5 very talented musicians.

Piano, oboe, clarinet and soprano will be in action.

More details to follow

Eastry Church Christmas Fayre

in the Church on Saturday 18th November 2023

from 10am until 1pm.

There will be stalls, refreshments and activities for children.



Remembrance Sunday

12th November, 2023

Eastry Branch

Village organisations and Individuals are invited to muster in Church Street from 10.30 am on Sunday, 12th November, to prepare for the short parade to the War Memorial. The short commemoration service at the War Memorial will be followed by the Remembrance Sunday Service in St Mary's.

The Branch will also be mustering on The Parade, Eastry, at 10.45 am on Saturday, 11 November for a short ceremony to commemorate Armistice Day. Villagers and local organisations will be more than welcome to join us. **Lest we forget.**

Eastry Woodnesborough Benefice



October and November Services at St. Mary's, Eastry

SERVICES IN OCTOBER

Sunday	1st October	10.00am Harvest Festival with Baptism
Sunday	8th October	10.00am Come and Worship Team Church Hall
Sunday	15th October	10.00am Holy Communion
Sunday	22nd October	8.00am NO Service 10.00am Holy Communion
Sunday	29th October	10.00am Benefice Holy Communion At Tilmanstone 3.00pm - 5.00pm All Souls Service

SERVICES IN NOVEMBER

Sunday	5th November	10.00am Holy Communion
Sunday	12th November	10.45am Remembrance Service
Sunday	19th November	10.00am Holy Communion
Sunday	26th November	8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am Holy Communion

SPECIAL SERVICES IN OCTOBER -NOVEMBER

All Souls Service - Sunday 29th October 3pm -5pm

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 12th November 10.45am- 12noon

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

01304 273836 rev.andrewewb@gmail.com (Andrew's rest day is Monday)

Details of our online Church Service are shown below

Church Office - Tel: 01304 611323

Benefice Office, The Church Hall, Church Street, Eastry CT13 0HH

Wednesdays 11am to 1pm and Fridays 10.00am to 12 noon

Tel: 01304 611323 (answerphone checked 3 times a week) email:

eastrybenefice@gmail.com (checked daily)

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



Sunrise is later each day, sunset is earlier and we all know what that means - Autumn is here, winter is on its way and Christmas is lurking not far away.

Eastry WI had a Picnic in the Park (opposite the Church) before the weather got horribly hot. Our walking group hopes to squeeze in a few more outings before winter arrives and our craft group will hunker down, hopefully in the warm, knitting and stitching. Some of us are busy making small quilts for the cots in the Special Care Baby Unit at QEOM hospital, they need about 200 a year.

Meanwhile we will soon be planning our programme for 2024-2025. But to finish this year these are our plans for our 1st Wednesday monthly meetings.

October 4th - West Indian drumming workshop.

November 1st - Craft workshop

December 6th - Games and puddings night.

Pork Casserole - Chris Scott

1 Onion, peeled and chopped, 1 Green pepper, de-seeded and chopped,
1 Leek, washed and chopped, 60g Button mushrooms or larger ones halved or
quartered, 1 heaped teaspoon Curry powder, ½ tsp salt, ½ tsp pepper,
30g Plain flour, 700g Pork, diced, 1 Tin of tomatoes (chopped or not as you prefer),
pinch of mixed herbs, 1 Chicken stock cube, Oil or lard of your choice

Heat the oven to 335F, 170C, Gas 3.

Mix together the flour, salt, pepper and curry powder either in a dish or a plastic bag (which stops a lot of mess). Toss the pork cubes, a few at a time, in the flour and transfer to a plate.

Take a large frying pan, heat your chosen fat and add the onion, green pepper, leek and mushrooms. Fry for a few minutes until the onion and leek have softened and transfer to a large casserole dish. Then fry the pork cubes until they have browned a little. You might have to add a little more oil and stir occasionally so the pork doesn't stick. As each batch is browned, add it to the casserole and continue until all the meat has been added.

Tip the tomatoes into the pan together with the herbs, stock cube and a little water and stir it around to release the residue in the pan and help flavour the casserole. Pour it all over the food in the dish, stir, then cover tightly and cook in the oven for about 2 hours.

While the casserole is cooking, you could bake potatoes on the top shelf, though at this temperature, they will probably take as long as the casserole to cook.

The children of Eastry came to the rescue!

During the night of August Bank Holiday Sunday, a number of toy baby mice descended on Eastry and gathered on the Village Hall railings and in the gardens of "The Parade" asking to be found a home. It is 7 years since the last lot of toy mice came to Eastry. Since then there have been many other toy baby animals each year, all finding homes.



The notice they erected at both sites said: "Please can you help us? We are homeless alone and frightened, Our Mummy and Daddy have told us there is no room in the house for us any longer. So, we must find a home for ourselves. Could you take one of us home with you and look after us? We need somewhere sheltered from bad weather and only eat small amounts of cereal occasionally; we like cheese or chocolate as a treat. We know you are kind, and we thank you for helping us."



As with other years all baby toy mice were found new homes. 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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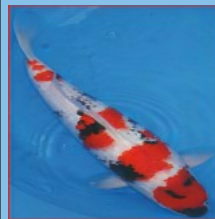
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News from Eastry Village Hall



Future table top/craft fair sales dates:

Date	Event
Oct 8th	Table Top sale and Craft fair 09:00 - 14:00
Nov 12th	Table Top sale and Craft fair 09:00 - 14:00
Dec 10th	Christmas Table Top sale and Craft fair 09:00 - 14:00

Tables are currently available for all dates: £10 for the sales in October and November and £15 for the Christmas sale.

Contact: evhevents@outlook.com

Wanted:

Eastry Village Hall is a registered charity and as such has obligations regarding the collating and reporting of critical financial data. It has become clear that our current level of bookkeeping is struggling to match the reporting requirements of our governing organisations and that we need to update our current systems.

We are therefore appealing to local residents with accountancy experience to join us and assist in upgrading and modernising our financial reporting.

If you would like to volunteer to bring your skills to the team and help us to keep this valuable amenity in the centre of the village, please contact us here: evhsecretary@outlook.com

Poets' Corner

Autumn

Hello Autumn, it's now your turn to shine
 Show off your vivid colours, goodbye summertime
 Rich, bright oranges, reds, browns and golds
 Another precious season, waiting to unfold

Foraging natures gifts, baskets of berries and veg
 Scampering field mice, disappear through the hedge
 Halloween, crackling bonfires, royal mists serene
 Hibernating trees, self-protection so supreme!

Shorter days, longer nights, a woolly, when we walk
 Catching up after holidays, plenty of airport talk
 Sitting on the patio, stealing the last of the evening sun
 Faces as red as Hunters Moon, when the day is over and done!

Linda West

School Sports Day

School sports day was always a big event,
 Less than perfect was bound to cause torment.
 The grass was cut to absolute perfection,
 Painted white lines just for our direction.

Parents attended, and cheered such occasions,
 While teachers tried to avert the odd pitch invasions.
 Flat race, egg and spoon, obstacle to name but a few,
 So many races we had to get through.

Funny looking back though, how memories distort,
 The sun always shone so brightly, for our annual school sports.

Shirley Hopkins

EPC-Councillor Profile - Nick Kenton

“Enhancing Eastry’s green space can have an immediate and positive effect”



Nick Kenton has been an EPC Councillor for 23 years. This makes Nick the longest serving and most experienced Eastry Parish councillor. Nick is happiest in Eastry, he has lived here all his life, having been born and brought up on the family farm in Felderland Lane.

After leaving school Nick decided that outdoor life was for him, he then embarked on studying agriculture at Harper Adams University, Shropshire before returning to the family farm which he has run ever since. A keen sportsman, Nick played hockey for Deal for almost 20 years and still enjoys long distance hiking with his wife, they have ticked off the 192-mile Coast to Coast route as well as all the Lake District peaks.

When Nick joined Eastry Parish Council in 2000 he wanted to become more involved in village life and in particular help develop and maintain the many green spaces within the village. During this time, he is proud to have overseen the landscaping of the village parade and the creation of the skate park and play areas in the Gun Park. Nick considers that enhancing green space can have an immediate and positive effect on the look and quality of an area. To help further enhance the quality of life in Eastry, Nick is keen to tackle antisocial speeding, parking and noisy vehicles – all of which are top priorities for EPC.


Over the years, Nick has served on all the Parish Council's sub committees and presently serves on its planning and finance committees. Nick is also an elected Dover District Councillor, and for 18-years has until recently, held a cabinet position with responsibility for the district's waste management plan. Nick believes his role at Dover dovetails nicely with EPC as it helps to give advance warning of decision making which can have an influence on Eastry.

Perhaps disappointingly for Eastry, Nick does not have an ambition to hold higher office since he dislikes the cut and thrust of day-to-day politics and doesn't consider himself overtly political. He says there is always plenty more to be done in Eastry.

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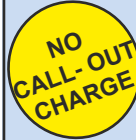
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The Red-Billed Chough in Kent

The crow family, ravens, crows, magpies, jays, rooks and jackdaws are the subject of much criticism, 'thieving', 'predatory', 'scavengers', agricultural pests' etc. but one family member, the chough is different. With its curved red bill and red legs a joy to watch.....except we can't! It became extinct in Kent about 200 years ago, due to destruction of its habitat, short cropped grass and coastal heathland and to persecution; never abundant many were shot or trapped to be stuffed and added to collections in museums and large homes. Today there are small populations in South west Scotland, coastal Wales, particularly Pembrokeshire, Northern Ireland and the Isle of Man. The chough is the county symbol for Cornwall, present on its coat of arms. Legend has it that when King Arthur died he was turned into a chough. Until recently extinct there, as well, a small but growing population was re-introduced to the Cornish coast not long ago.

Choughs feed on worms and insects, particularly leather jackets (crane fly larvae) and beetle larvae, probing through short grass into the soil with their curved beaks. They nest in small colonies in crevices and on ledges on cliff faces. Their acrobatic flight, much of it courtship flight, around the colonies especially is spectacular. They build a nest of stems and roots and line it with wool or hair. The female lays 3 to 5 eggs and both parents share the raising of the chicks.



Here in Kent the Kent Wildlife Trust is working with the Wildwood Trust to re-introduce choughs to the cliffs around Dover; the first few have been released in the area recently. The Wildwood Trust is dedicated to the preservation of native British species of mammals, birds and reptiles mainly, often with captive breeding and re-introduction into the wild. Their success with water voles, once abundant but heavily predated by mink, escapees from fur farms, so scarce these days, is remarkable as is their education work to help the general public and particularly young people, to understand the value of these animals and their habitats in our culture.

Why is it important that choughs return to our chalk grasslands and cliffs? Because they are so liberating to watch; in current parlance they are 'good for our mental health'. But more than that. Their extinction was due mainly to destruction of those grasslands, rich as they are in wild flowers and associated insects, butterflies, grasshoppers and many more. If the re-introduced choughs are to survive and thrive it is imperative that such grasslands as remain be preserved but more should be created. They were largely destroyed for agriculture, turned into cereal fields and for building. Chalk soils are thin and very vulnerable if used for intensive agriculture and housing is better built on brown field sites. The re-introduction of the choughs is thus linked to a wider effort to preserve and augment our precious wildlife habitats.

Terry Wood

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Gardening on the other side of the fence (15)

My wildlife-friendly approach to gardening has had increased media coverage this summer following comments by Alan Titchmarsh and Monty Don regarding the current trend for garden 'rewilding'. After 2022's Chelsea Flower Show's winning garden was rewilding themed and this year's show promoted the use of wildflowers, both of the UK's highest profile TV gardeners were quoted as to being worried that this trend would lead to a decline in traditional gardening skills and Mr Titchmarsh has even been in the House of Lords discussing the issue.

Rewilding as a concept has nothing to do with gardening but the term has now been widely adopted by the media and many organisations to promote nature-friendly practices in many different fields. The reintroduction of lost species, whether it be storks or beavers used to be called 'species reintroductions'(!). But they are reported as rewilding. Rewilding as it was originally coined in the 1990's, in the USA, was to do with the restoration of wildlands and ecosystems. Wolves in Yellowstone park is the most well known example where their presence has altered the wider landscape and many other species have benefitted. American scientists are mildly critical of the European approach where the main practice is the introduction of more domesticated animals in farmland landscapes that then replicate the grazing of previously wild herds of cattle or horses. Being in Kent, hopefully you will have heard of the experiment in Blean Woods using European Bison to see what impact they have compared to the use of Longhorn Cattle or Exmoor ponies.

On the home front, a more varied approach to gardening can hugely increase its biodiversity. Neatly edged lawns and traditional plants can still sit alongside less highly managed areas. Leaving plants stems late in autumn and winter, or providing piles of leaves, sticks or twigs, which can be done neatly (or even in metal gabions) are the little touches that make the difference. It is not necessarily lower maintenance or completely hands-off which the media tend to exaggerate.

Meanwhile all my customers with Box plants or hedges have seen them completely defoliated this summer by Boxworm moth caterpillars. As ugly as it looks, they will not have killed your plants. They will re-grow but it may happen every year and you may decide you'd rather remove them and replace them. This moth arrived here from Asia in the early 2000's. Gardeners who won't use chemicals have reported success with hosing off the caterpillars or hand-picking. There are also anecdotal reports that robins and blue tits are starting to eat them. Apparently they have a bitter taste and it may take a while for more birds to get used to them.



I have yet to see an Asian Hornet (left) but nests in Kent have been found this year so please learn to identify them as they pose a major threat to our native bees..

Jeff, the Bee Friendly Gardener



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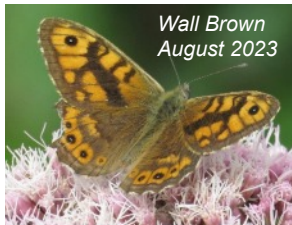
I'm a little late in reporting the news, but I'd like to mention a notable success in the bird world! Some of you may have already read in the local press that one of the UK's rarest birds, the Black-winged Stilt, has successfully reared a family of 4 chicks on the new RSPB reserve of Lydden Valley, known to many as just 'Worth Marshes'. Not only did this pair raise chicks, but other pairs attempted to nest there as well. It is thought that high temperatures and droughts at their normal breeding grounds in Spain and France may have forced the birds to seek suitable alternative places to nest. The RSPB have created many shallow lagoons and pools at Lydden Valley providing an ideal environment for the Stilts and similar marsh-loving species such as Avocets. Indeed, many pairs of Avocets now nest there.



As I have started at Worth Marshes I may as well continue there; it is fast becoming a very important site and it is not unusual for some interesting species to visit. Just last month,

five Spoonbills were on one of the lagoons; these are now regular although unpredictable visitors and who knows may one day breed here (a small colony breed in North Norfolk, so it is not impossible that they could colonise our area).

Just to prove it is not only birds that I photograph, I saw a butterfly new to me last month at Worth. It was a Wall Brown, or sometimes just referred to as Wall, for its habit



of landing on bare surfaces – such as walls, rocks or even just the ground. This species was once found throughout the UK but has suffered severe declines over the last few decades. It is now confined to primarily-coastal regions and has been lost from many sites in central, eastern and south-east England.

By the time you are reading this, the first arrivals of winter visitors should be around, such as Fieldfares and Redwings, both members of the Thrush family. Their numbers will build during the winter months, dependent on weather conditions here and in Europe; they are often seen in the orchards feeding on fallen apples.

Nick

Sorry, no trick or treat



I will not open my door to you

If you are worried about people coming to your door on the evening of Halloween, Please cut this out and display in your window or door.

Rose Beer - Habits!

I wonder how many of you do and say the same things as I do each week? Every week as if the habit of a life time. I buy the East Kent Mercury, glance through in disgust muttering "nothing in it!", "Waste of money," go straight to the obituary column and if no-one I know has died say "don't know why I bother!" Oh dear what a misery I am. Now having said that at one time it would be all about Deal and Sandwich, now week after week it seems to cover more about Dover and Folkestone and the Medway towns but in saying that a few weeks ago something interesting caught my eye as it mentioned Faversham Carnival.

You all know I was brought up in Faversham and week after week I attended the Girl Guides there. Faversham Carnival was the last one of the circuit each year and was rather lovely because it was done as a torchlight procession. One year (probably my last) our float was Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves. That night we all dressed appropriately with our Guide leader as Ali Baba and we each had a jar of Vaseline and a tin of cocoa powder which we covered ourselves in. We all thought we looked "just the part" and that year we won the cup for the most humorous float.

A Love Story

When you drive along the Boughton bypass towards the M2, if you were to look to the right you will see a big manor house right on top of the hill. When I was twelve years old my uncle and aunt, a very respectable couple, had an apartment there. My uncle, a retired policeman, was the gardener and my aunt the cook.

Arriving home from work one evening he found a little girl (Edna) crying on his doorstep, she had run away from a local children's home and...and this wouldn't be allowed nowadays...they took her in. She was twelve years old the same age as their son and they brought them up as if she was his sister.

When they were both twenty one they got married and I was bridesmaid and a couple of months ago I read in the afore mentioned East Kent Mercury that Edna had died. They had been together for 72 years! What a lovely story which goes to prove that the East Kent Mercury can hold many lovely stories and I eat humble pie!!!!

Best wishes Rose Beer

Our best wishes to Rose for a speedy return to better health

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