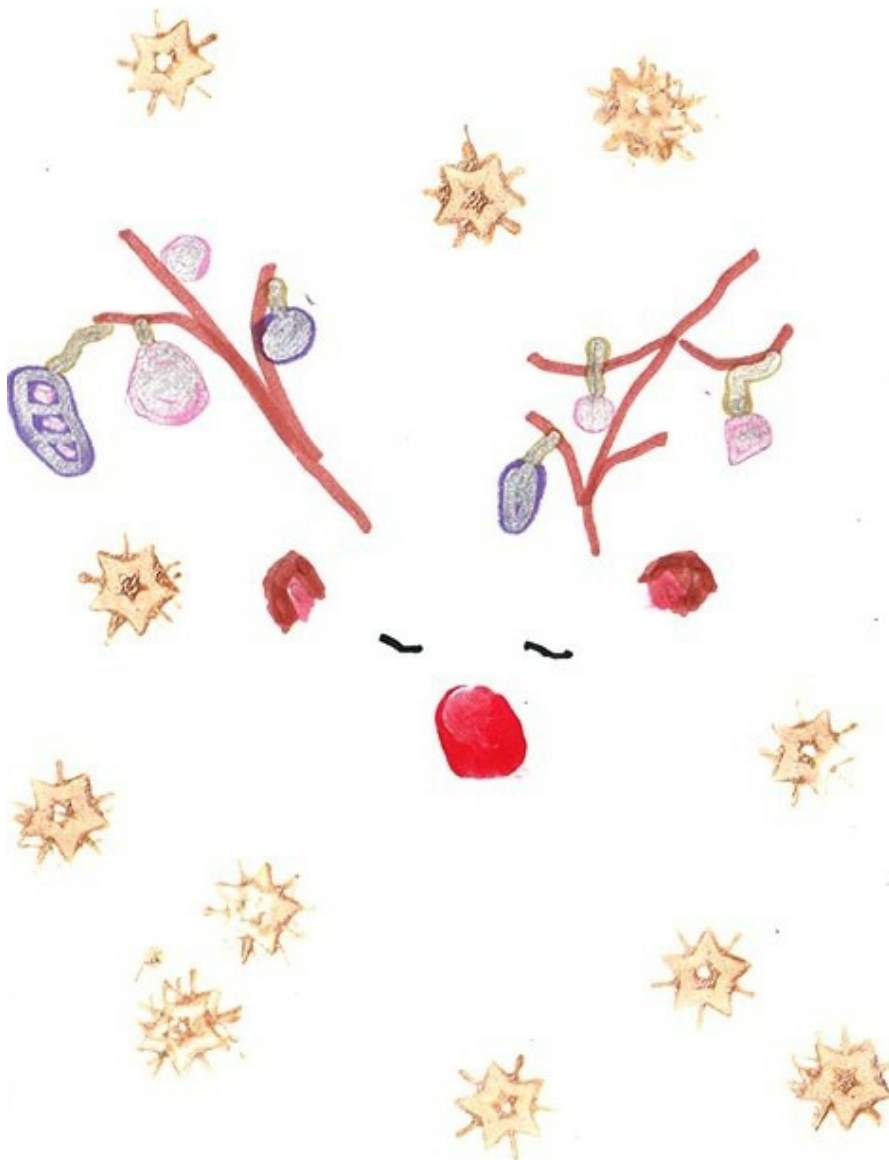




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Village News



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Welcome to the December/January Edition.

It is a great honour to take over as editor of the Eastry Village News. Patrick and his team have left very large shoes to fill.

Being Christmas time this edition includes much information on the seasonal events taking place in the village, in addition to some of the more regular features. There is also a tribute to one of ENV's most loyal contributors, Rose Beer, who sadly died recently.

All the EVN team wish all our readers a very happy Christmas and all the best for 2024.

David Thomas, Editor

Mind the Gap

In previous editions I have written about community, who our neighbours are and being an active bystander. What is common throughout is being aware of the needs of people in our communities, and most importantly being willing to act. The gap between identifying and meeting the need is often YOU!

To this end I would like to pay tribute to Janet Yapp, a special lady who after a short illness sadly passed away in October. Janet was a Director and founder member of the Sandwich Pantry, and managed this community facility on a weekly basis. There is insufficient space to list all her significant contributions, however it was very clear that Janet cared which was evidenced by her actions. If actions speak louder than words then Janet was very loud! She committed her time, energy and organisational skills in helping others and sought no recognition. Janet, with others, was able to identify and meet the need...thank you.

Isolation and loneliness remains the 21st Century pandemic. As winter arrives, colder weather is more prevalent and the Christmas Season is upon us, please continue to look out for each other. Small acts of kindness can and will make the difference...there are no barriers.

Sadly there remains those people who will take advantage of the more vulnerable and their situations. This can be a particular problem over the winter period and may involve rogue traders and scammers. Please be aware that you are not alone and should not be persuaded to make any immediate decision without first referring back to a family member, neighbour, friend, professional advisor or if necessary...me! Trading Standards Checked is Kent's only local safe trader scheme and can be contacted via email: tschecked@kent.gov.uk or phone: 03000 421870.

Peter Gill, Kent Community Warden



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The Eastry Village News Committee

**Wish you a Merry Christmas and a
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Eastry Horticultural Society - all Eastry Gardeners

Another very mixed couple of months has flown past, with strong winds, heavy rain, brilliant sunshine, darker mornings and now, sadly, very short evenings, but we are British so we can cope with anything that nature throws at us, as we were raised to think that there is no such thing as bad weather, just bad clothing and the glass is always (at least theoretically) half full. Just look around you, gardeners out on their allotments or back gardens even in the rain, many guys, including myself, still wearing shorts at the end of October, whilst many others dress as though summer is still with us.

In the club we had a magnificent get together for our Harvest supper, with some very tasty flavours of brilliant soups, all home-made and dished out by Jacki and Brenda, together with some delicious bread roll slices and butter supplied by Lynn, followed by some equally delicious home-made desserts, all supplied by our lady members. All were helped by partners and members to help the evening flow. During the course of the evening we had the annual and always spectacular Marrow Weighing Competition, won this year by Linda B with an astonishing wheel barrow size fruit weighing in at 55lbs. Amazing to look at but what would it taste like, who knows, the other competitors all had very good sized exhibits. Sadly mine did not make it as I managed to kill the plant off long before the marrows were worth picking. Whilst we were all enjoying our meal Rob once again entertained us with one of his great slide shows highlighting our gardens made up from many pics members had sent in over the year. Please continue to keep your pics rolling in throughout the coming year, though preferably not as one big lump.

Coming up we have our Annual General Meeting, followed by our always enjoyable Social Evening. Hopefully we will have some more members wishing to get on to the Committee: now is your opportunity. December will be our Christmas Social evening, at 7pm, with our friendly and well-liked vocal entertainer making it a memorable evening: bring your best singing voice. Meanwhile, what can, or should, we be doing outside. By the time that you read this all of your summer weeds should have been cleared away. Your winter digging could well have been completed, but if like me you are now a no dig gardener, a good three to four inch layer of compost is essential. If you are still a digger, do not dig too deep. Go down beyond a spade or fork depth and you will just ruin the organic, mineral and natural life in the soil. The old fashioned double digging system, thankfully, has now passed away.

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**

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Panto is definitely in the air and there will be some special surprise guests! Will you meet Deal's newest Dame? Who will win a design to take home? You will just have to come and find out – oh yes, you will!

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An Eastry Experience

By Nigel R. C. Spencer MBE, Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Essex

It was a small business card that caught my attention glancing through the Knowlton Guest Folder. I needed a chip shop for our 24 strong family's Belgium Evening. It appeared that a near-by village called **Eastry** had a Fish and Chip shop, so we thought to visit on the Wednesday morning to see if we could order for our hungry tribe.

It was a sunny, early autumnal drive and crossing to the village along narrow lanes proved interesting. We parked near the Church ambling round to the chip shop, which was closed, of course, but a quick call saw our order happily taken by the genial owners. We agreed to collect and pay for our food at 6pm. We were also given a copy of the **Village News** - most interesting and informative...

Outside, the sky was blue, with scudding clouds and a feeling of rural freshness, so my partner An, and I decided to explore more. We strolled down Lower Street soon greeted by the stunning view of **Fairfield House** - a veritable feast for the eyes. We climbed back up the leaf littered path, passing more interesting buildings. An liked the blue/white tiles on the original butcher's shop. We passed the chemist with its interesting bottles and antiques, and read the fascinating History Board. What a truly historic centre Eastry is, so steeped in history yet well adjusted to 21st Century life.

The Butchers had a great meat selection, and the bakers displayed a granary loaf that was delicious. The general stores was investigated and purchases made from the polite shop-keeper, who, like the lady in the Bakery, smiled and was very pleasant. A gentleman reversed his car in front of us and his lady accomplice thanked us for stopping - little social acts of friendship from what we could readily see was a most friendly village.

We retraced our steps to behold the flint grey Parish Church of **St Mary's**. Going inside our ears were regaled by the sound of a violin being played rather well within the acoustic rich, ancient surroundings. The young violinist was charming, and we chatted like old friends about the village and community - which she quickly endorsed. It is so good to speak to folk who appreciate their place of residence, but who would not be enchanted by such a setting? Well, we investigated our surroundings at length, pleased to see such a variety of activities and services on offer. An active Parish, good!

P.S. Collecting my chip order we had laughs with the villagers queuing; I was struck by the owners helpfulness, plying us with extra salt/vinegar. Our meal was a subsequent triumph. Eastry is a superb village, full of life and initiative and Community spirit. Well done to all of you who socially organise the Events and look after the buildings, green spaces, shops and places of interest - you're true guardians of an English way of life that is still so recognisable.

Sandwich August Bank Holiday Duck Race

The local Rotarians were busy selling tickets for this race recently so I joined the queue and was allocated a card with the duck number and then, to my surprise, I read that one of the main co-sponsors was Stevens & Carlotti Ltd.

Many years ago a very young Giancarlo Carlotti and his friend Francesco, were young men working at Betteshanger Prep School (now Northbourne Park since the merger with Tormore school in Deal) where they worked split shifts and therefore had free afternoons. No resting up for them - they would ride their ramshackle bicycles to Betteshanger Nurseries seeking work for the afternoon. They did not care what needed to be done and happily joined in. Anything to earn a shilling or two, including clearing the greenhouses - their willingness to work was amazing. In the autumn at the end of the tomato crop the greenhouses had to be cleared ready for cleaning and digging for the winter. Firstly sulphur would be burnt to kill the plants and all of the pests and diseases. It was, to say the least, not a pleasant job, all doors and windows were then opened to gain some fresh air while the tomato vines were cut down and bundled up then tied with the strings that supported them during the growing season. Tomato plants are not easily composted and were regularly stacked in the corner of a field.

Giancarlo went on to set up Stevens and Carlotti, a very successful local business and Francesco worked there for some time before his untimely death at the age of just 52. The point of this little tale is that Francesco and Giancarlo never quibbled about the strange and unsavoury jobs that they were offered. It is so pleasing that they were intent on getting on in life, and now to see the Carlotti family giving back to this community reminded me of their determination to succeed through hard work and enterprise.

Sheila Smith

A Marathon and a Half in 24 hours for local Charities



Patrick



Stuart

Eastry resident Patrick "Spikey" Clarke (37), his cousin Stuart Butler and other friends have raised an astonishing £1615.00 (and counting) for Cancer Research UK and two other local charities.

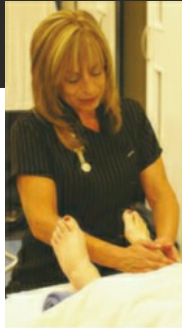
A Marathon and a Half, means that each person has to run 1.5 miles every hour for 24 hours.

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Delivery Scams

We have received reports of Kent residents receiving packages addressed to them but found that they contained items that they had not ordered. A short while after the packages were delivered a courier is reported to have reattended their address to collect the packages, claiming they had been delivered in error and that they will take them back for them. However, it is a scam. As the criminals have ordered the goods and then arranged delivery to the victim, in the victim's name and to the victim's home address, with the criminals then collecting the goods stating that they were delivered by mistake. The first time the victim knows that there is a problem, is when they are contacted for payment of the goods. Often the items ordered are high value Mobile Phones and Laptops. Contact your bank if you've inadvertently paid for the items. Do not hand the items over.

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Mobile Phone Upgrade Scam

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Simon Dundas for Eastry Neighbourhood Watch.

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Rector's Christmas Letter

As we begin this month, we start the wonderful journey towards the stable door, behind which the greatest moment in history took place; the Incarnation of Jesus Christ into our world. The season of Advent, which we now begin, is a time when we prepare ourselves for that miraculous moment. Certainly, we celebrate the festive season by singing carols, decorating our houses, and preparing for the arrival of family from all over the country. But in all this, how often do we take a moment to think about the true meaning behind all of the “glitz and glamour”?

At Christmas, we are invited into a truly humble setting: to join those gathered in a mere stable to welcome the Christ child into the world. We are given an opportunity to make a fresh start for the coming year and are offered a glimpse into the love of God made manifest on the holy night of Jesus' birth.

With the season of Advent and the coming Christmas season, we get a unique opportunity to reach out to those we are separated from for one reason or another, for this is a season of reconciliation. It is a time of compassion and comfort in which we can help those in need and take on new projects or hobbies that will benefit others. But most of all it is a season of giving, either gifts, support or simply the giving of one's time to another.

Advent brings us many great pieces of music that carry deep meaning and reflect our desires to be closer to God, to be one with those kneeling figures in the nativity, and to get as close to the child as possible without disturbing him. We celebrate that he was surrounded, not by the majestic setting of a palace, but by the humble surroundings of a stable full of livestock. The power of that very night changed the world as we know it, and should give us the courage to continue that change, filled with the love of Christ for the world around us.

As 2023 draws to a close, we reflect on what has passed and make resolutions for the year to come. I invite you to join me in making this one together; that we might be more like the Christ child this coming year and will try to make a difference in the lives of those around us, reflecting the love of God wherever our journey takes us.

I would like to end my article this month with a verse from Christina Rossetti's Carol; 'In the Bleak Midwinter';

*What can I give him, Poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb.
If I were a wise man I would do my part.
Yet what I can I give him - Give him my heart.*

This Christmas I would like to extend the warmest of welcomes to any of you joining us at our services. We would be delighted to worship and celebrate with you. I wish you and your family every blessing and a very Merry Christmas!

Rev. Andrew

Eastry Woodnesborough Benefice



December and January Services at St. Mary's, Eastry

Services in December

Sunday 3rd Dec (1st Sunday of Advent)

Holy Communion 10.00 am

Sunday 10th Dec (2nd Sunday of Advent)

Come and Worship Team 10.00am [Church Hall](#)

Sunday 17th Dec (3rd Sunday of Advent)

Holy Communion 10.00am, Carol Service 6.30pm

Christmas Eve (4th Sunday of Advent)

Crib Service 4.00pm Holy Communion 10.00pm

Christmas Day

Holy Communion 10.00am

Sunday 31st December

Benefice Holy Communion 10.00am [at Woodnesborough](#)

Services in January 2024

Sunday 7th Jan Holy Communion 10.00am

Sunday 14th Jan Come and Worship Team 10.00am [Church Hall](#)

Sunday 21st Jan Holy Communion 10.00am

Sunday 28th Jan Holy Communion 8.00am and 10.00am

**Every Wednesday in Eastry Church Hall
10.00 am Holy Communion . Everyone is welcome.**

Churches Open for Private Prayer*

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

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Benefice Website

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The new website is regularly being updated.

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Eastry WI

WI members are getting ready for the Christmas to New Year holiday. For many it involves meeting with family, eating, drinking, enjoying good company, and remembering why we celebrate Christmas.

Our final meeting of the year is at the Village Hall. Cakes are swapped for puddings - a pudding evening is a tradition with us, although not always at Christmas! We will also play games and quizzes: alcohol may or not be involved!

Thinking on traditions, I recently had a conversation with someone very dubious about joining us. Her impression was jam and Jerusalem, knitting, sewing, twin sets and pearls. I think we may have corrected that misconception. I hope so anyway.

Yes some of us make jam, at least that way we know what's in it, but many of us don't. Jerusalem was sung by women suffragettes and as we are also an organisation that campaigns on many things such as better diagnosis for ovarian cancer, cleaner rivers and seas, and alleviating loneliness it still seems appropriate. Members work on quilts for the QEQM Special Care Baby Unit, produce the toppers for the village pillar box and made more than a thousand poppies for the Village Hall railings.

We swapped the twin sets and pearls for jeans or trousers, tee shirts or jumpers some years ago. But most of all it's about friendship and support.

Christmas Meeting December 6th. No January Meeting

Sue Hankins

Sausages in Red Wine - Chris Scott

With Christmas approaching, it's a time for get-togethers and not always for children. So here is a family favourite suitable for an adults only meal.

Ingredients:-

8 good quality Pork or Venison Sausages	225g Bacon, chopped
225g small Onions (or 2 large cut into wedges)	1 Bay leaf
1 tsp dried Thyme	1 clove Garlic, crushed
2 tsp Flour	300ml Red Wine
200g Mushrooms, quartered or sliced if large	Oil and seasoning

In a large saucepan, heat a little oil, brown the sausages all over and then remove them to a plate. Add the bacon and onions to the pan and brown those too before stirring in the flour. Gradually add the wine (not a drop of water or stock, please) and then replace the sausages, adding the garlic, bay leaf, thyme and a little seasoning. Cover the pan and simmer gently for 30 minutes. Then stir in the mushrooms and continue cooking gently for another 20 minutes without the lid.

Our Christmas Cover Competition.

Eastry's wonderful Primary School children submitted fourteen excellent drawing for our anual Christmas edition cover. It was very difficult to choose a winner from the range of excellent entries. However, the winner was Elsa (Reception Class), whose impressionistic design of a reindeer is on the front cover.

Runners up - who will also be receiving prizes - are Jane, Year 1 (shown right), Millie, Year 6 (shown bottom right), and Mia, Year 3 (shown bottom left).

Well done to all those who entered and a special thanks to the staff at Eastry Primary School who organised the competition. We wish you all a happy Christmas.





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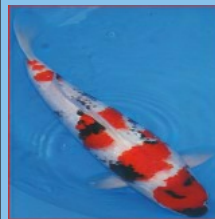
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Memories of Poison Cross Nurseries by Sheila Smith

My grandfather, Harry Frederick Martin, had a career in the Kent Police Force. His plan was to purchase some land and to have a market garden, and this he did in 1926. A year before he returned as outside sergeant at Sandwich, looking after the market, pubs ("and there were plenty"), keeping an eye on troops travelling through Sandwich, and also keeping the local youths in order.

Harry retired in 1927. A number of plots of land were available between Eastry and Staple. The new family home was built in 1932 by Spicers of Ash and was designed by Mr Wood of Sandwich.

My father, Alfred, and two of my uncles were destined to work at Poison Cross. Dad was apprenticed to three different nurseries in Sandwich when he left school at 14. The first was Hopper Nursery at Stone Cross followed by Rose Nurseries under a Mr Wheal, and then to Delf Nurseries for two years.

The second son, Harry, trained to be a carpenter at Kingslands in Sandwich. Norman, the third son, also left school at 14 and was destined to become a plumber, trained at Pearson Dorman Long, which did a lot of work for the emerging Kent coalfield. When not building homes they were responsible for the manufacture of the cable-car tubs to carry coal from Tilmanstone Colliery to Dover Docks.

The Poison Cross site must have looked appropriate to my grandfather as the East Kent Light Railway framed the northern boundary. This gave access to the Welsh anthracite coal needed to work the Nursery's heating boilers

Pettetts Nursery was part of Poison Cross. Reg Clarke who worked at Poison Cross, and lived at Boystown Place, purchased the Pettetts site and started his own nursery.

Alfred Martin, my father, was invited to take on the tenancy of Betteshanger Nurseries during the war by Lord Northbourne. The two nurseries worked in partnership for several years.

Following the death of my grandparents, Harry inherited the house and land as my Aunt Violet was somewhat crippled and needed extra care. A farm shop was opened on the site which kept my Aunt Gladys Martin fully occupied: two of the staff were Jean Wonnacott and Rosie Beer, and this must have been one of the early farm shops in the area.

Sadly, the site is now derelict and it must have been about two years ago that industrial units were given notice to quit, as plans were approved for seven houses and seven new industrial units. The foundations for the houses are now quite visible and we await to discover how the land will be developed.

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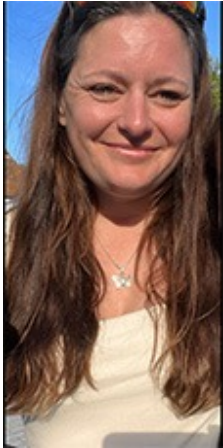
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The family's excited, to put it to the test!
There's just one problem, that's rather dire
I can't fit the monster in my blooming Air Fryer!

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Shirley Hopkins

You Can't Escape
Christmas tree standing proudly in shape,
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Agenda of dancing, games and hysteria.
Special celebratory wishes we send to you and yours,
Merry Christmas to a thunderous applause.

EPC-Councillor Profile: Lindsay Taylor



Lindsay Taylor has been an EPC Councillor for the past three years. As a working mother of 4 primary and secondary school-aged children, she is a busy person but still finds the time to devote to Eastry Parish Council.

Lindsay's priority is to make sure that young people's voices are heard and represented locally. Through her EPC role Lindsay was actively involved in the Gun Park improvements but still thinks there's plenty more to do, especially upgrading the skate-scooter park.

As Chair of EPC's Planning Committee, Lindsay is resolute that all new housing developments in Eastry bring benefits to the local community through developer contributions and a quota for affordable housing for local people trying to get onto the property ladder.

Lindsay is also Chair of the Eastry Allotments Group and can often be found helping her husband cultivating their plot at the far end of the Gun Park. She was particularly proud of a bountiful crop of tasty grapes this year if quick to encourage anyone thinking about taking on an allotment to just do it. Grow your own is well worth it.

If you didn't get the impression already, being organised is Lindsay's day job. For almost one year she has been Personal Assistant to the Managing Director of 'Eythorne Building Contractors'. Her job means that she has got to know the local area really well which Lindsay loves.

As Eastry residents since 2017, Lindsay and her family are relative newcomers, they all love the peace and quiet of village life, and also share a family love affair with motorbikes. Lindsay points out that she rides her Kawasaki 650 slowly around the village!

Profile by Marion Goulay

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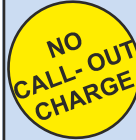
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The Beavers of Ham Fen by Terence Wood

Beavers, like otters, are semi-aquatic, living in freshwater streams but also emerge to gnaw through and fell trees and shrubs, both eating much of them and using the trunks and larger branches to build dams, blocking the stream to create wider watery areas in which they build lodges using more trees. They live and breed in these, mostly emerging at night to continue their 'ecosystem engineering'; so called because it slows the downstream rush of stream water in times of heavy rain, reducing flooding downstream. The water, trapped by their dams is also cleaned as sediments and pollutants settle in the still water. The watery areas created by their dams also allow the growth of many varieties of plants and of animals dependent upon those plants, all previously unknown in the area. They thus increase biodiversity, but also feed upon and so reduce the spread of many invasive exotic plants.

Beavers became extinct in Britain about 400 years ago, but, recognising their value to our landscapes, people began to re-introduce them into Britain. In the late 90s the Kent Wildlife Trust recognised their potential value in re-creating wetland habitats and, working with the Wildwood Trust, fought to gain consent to acquire beavers, first from Norway and later from Germany. Having been quarantined at Wildwood they were introduced, initially as two family groups, at Ham Fen, near us here in Eastry. The fen was surrounded by an electrified fence but, inevitably, over the years individuals have escaped and spread throughout much of East Kent where evidence of their activities is frequently visible, mostly as gnaw marks on felled trees. Occasionally dams and associated new wetland areas can be seen but far commoner are the felled trees. The felling creates a coppicing effect; where a single trunk is felled several stems grow up from the rootstock. As these grow steadily taller they create ever more shade, encouraging, at each stage in their growth, different species of plant with different associated species of animal: insects, snails, spiders etc. etc. Coppicing creates enormous biodiversity; stands of different stages of growth are created as the beavers revisit the site to feed.



In 2022 Kent Wildlife Trust, collaborating with the Beaver Trust, created a Citizen Science programme which allows anyone to learn more about beavers and help in collecting evidence of their activities thus helping map the extent of their spread and the nature of their effects in the area. To find out more visit the Kent Wildlife Trust website.

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Unfortunately *Hi Kent Hearing Charity* are no longer able to attend the every other Friday Coffee Morning due to a lack of volunteers. Free NHS hearing aid aftercare, advice and battery supply is available from Age Concern in Sandwich on the third Monday of the month 9-10am. If anyone would like to volunteer for Hi-Kent please contact them on 01227 760046.

Eastry Parish Council have grant funding available for local community groups that benefit the residents of Eastry. Please see Eastry Parish Council's website or contact the Clerk for more information.

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Gardening on the other side of the fence – no.16

This article coincides with our third anniversary in Eastry and a chance to look back at events in my garden in 2023. There have been no structural changes to the garden this year and just two significant additions to the planting to the mini-orchard– a Concord Pear and a Black Mulberry. The ground cover comfrees and Sweet Violets have established well under the fruit trees and provided a lot of extra pollen and habitat.

In the meadow, there was an increased amount of Yellow Rattle and Wild Carrot and Ox-eye daisy flowered for the first time. I have added more Ox-eyes and Birdsfoot Trefoil. I saw more grasshoppers in other gardens than I have ever seen but only a few in my own. As a wildlife meadow rather than a hay meadow I didn't cut until late September and until mid October in sections but the generous rainfall this summer produced twice as much material for the compost heap than last year.

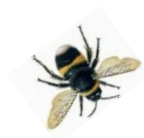
Additions to the perennial planting around the garden included Jacob's Ladders (*Polemonium caeruleum*); *Campanula lactifolia*; *Geranium phaeum* and Rozanne; *Astrantia* 'Roma' and Betony. All of these are good for pollinators. Aside from the early dry spell, new plantings didn't require too much watering this year. After an extremely slow start to the year for bees, the variety seemed good but numbers of bumblebees stayed much lower than usual. Experts are putting it down to the high temperatures last year.

There were two new species to add to the garden bird list – a Grey Heron landed in our Cherry Plum tree, I suspect prospecting either my pond or a neighbour's fish pond and a group of Chiffchaff hung around for a few days at the end of August.

I mentioned in an earlier article that the first Smooth Newt was seen in the pond but I was pleased to find our first toad when emptying my leaf mould cage in September. About ten days later I found what I assume was the same one down the drain of our driveway gutter so I have plugged this with wire mesh to prevent a repeat. A neighbour also saw their first toad in four years so hopefully they are establishing in our locality.

I have identified a further 40 moths this year, with the garden list now at 182 species. My total counts were skewed upwards by large numbers of Boxtree moths which explains everyone's box shrubs being eaten this year. However when we visited Lyme Regis in September there was no damage to the plants we saw there. As an example of how moth species vary through the season and years, a moth called a Green Oak Tortrix which I hadn't seen in 2021 or 22, had a trap count of 132 on the 10th June but zero 2 weeks either side. You will often read how birds time their breeding to coincide with insects and this may well be an example of how specific that needs to be for a particular food source to be available. Here's looking forward to a new gardening year in 2024.

Jeff the Bee Friendly Gardener.



Rounding off the Bee Keeping Year.



The beekeeping year has drawn to a close, with 'putting the bees to bed' for the winter being the last major task. Then all the beekeeper can do is cross their fingers, hope they have done enough to see the bees through. The main task is to ensure they have sufficient food – some 15 – 20 kg of honey.

Honeybees do not hibernate over winter, but cluster. This involves them forming a tight group in the hive. The centre, where the queen is found, remains active, the outer shell is an insulating and rotating layer of inert bees, head pointed inwards. These bees are on duty for short periods, and if temperatures fall too low they will die there. This is why they require a constant source, and large store, of energy.

It is also important no mice take up winter residence. A hive is a desirable 'hotel' being warm and having a ready food supply – bees, honey and wax. Mice can access a gap 6mm so the hive needs a mouse guard over the entrance but with sufficient holes to allow bees their regular cleansing flights where they relieve themselves of hive waste .



The final task is to prevent green woodpeckers damaging the hives. This is a learnt behaviour, but once a woodpecker appreciates a hive can provide tasty food it is very difficult to deter them. Green wood peckers are a protected and beautiful bird species, so as I found last year, you enter an arms race – increasing the defensive wrappings around the hive - to find something which it is unable to penetrate. My woodpecker was particularly persistent and I ended up losing two small colonies (or nucs) and cladding my boxes with ceramic tiles. Traditionally beekeepers wrap their hives in wire mesh, sacking or thick black plastic to deter woodpeckers.

So what do beekeepers do through the winter?

There are always jobs to be done! The winter is the time the beekeeper gets to grip with all those jobs they have put off – cleaning boxes and frames; making up new frames ready for the coming year, tidying those bee sheds and the apiary. It is also the time they plan for the coming year.

Beekeepers are also considering what they may need to do to protect their bees from the Asian hornet, if all the hard work put in this year does not prove to be as successful as hoped. So, whilst the bees maybe having a more restful period there is always something for the beekeeper to be getting on with!

Jackie Aucott

A Tribute to Rose Beer

It is with great sorrow that I have to share with you the news of my mums passing. My mum, Rose Beer, fell asleep peacefully for the last time on the 11th of October. She was so proud of her place in the village magazine and eagerly shared with us all close to her what her next entry was going to be, shortly followed by asking me to pop it through the relevant door on or just before deadline day!

She took so much time, thought and pleasure in handwriting each entry and waited eagerly for it to drop through her door and see it brought to life.

Mum was lucky enough to live in the village for so many years and a village that still knows the meaning of "community" and we feel blessed that so many people cared and looked out for her.

She never sought recognition or reward for any of her words but as her family we truly appreciate all of you sharing your enjoyment of the words she wrote with her as it brought real joys to her knowing that people resonated and enjoyed the words she wrote.

Love you mum

Terry Beer x



As a final tribute we wanted to include some of mums own words for one last time. These are printed on the next page.

The Hands of Time

By Rose Beer

She clasped her hands
As if in prayer
As quietly she relaxed
In her favourite chair

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And wiped away tears
These hands that had soothed
Throughout her long years

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Caressed and consoled
Hands that had always
Been ready to hold

Hands that had applauded
In moments of pleasure
Hands that had cupped faces
As if they were treasure

Hands that had laboured
And toiled to the bone
Hands that had knitted
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Hands that held hands
With a dying friend
Whilst clinging to hope
To the very last end

One day these hands
Will be laid on her chest
One day these hands
Will finally rest.

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