

A close-up photograph of a branch with several yellow, fuzzy catkins (flower clusters) and green leaves. The catkins are in various stages of development, some appearing more open and vibrant yellow, while others are still partially covered in reddish-brown, fuzzy material. The background is a soft-focus green, suggesting a natural outdoor setting.

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## From the Editor

The snow has cleared and the sun is out and I think we can start to look forward to spring. There are large clumps of snowdrops in some areas. In other parts of the village I have seen croci and even the odd daffodil! Soon our gardens and verges will be awash with the colour of spring bulbs.

Many of our older residents have now had their first dose of a vaccination against Covid. However, we must not be complacent, and wait patiently for the second dose and the lowering of the risk of infection.

We look ahead to a hopefully more sociable summer in the villages. Many groups are just waiting for the moment they can spring into action and put all of their long awaited plans into place. In the meantime we have to content ourselves with zoom meetings, phone calls and emailed news.

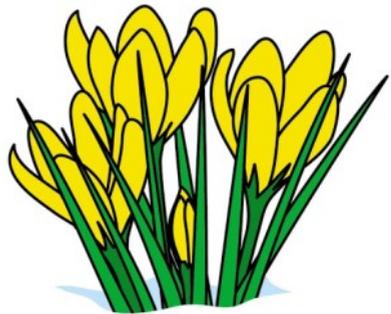
I have updated the section at the back of this magazine with all the clubs, societies and other activities that will be available post-Covid. Thank you to those who sent me up to date information. If something is missing, or there is something listed that no longer happens, please let me know so that I can make changes. Send any details to [efltrident@yahoo.com](mailto:efltrident@yahoo.com).

As this edition will be once again online only, please make sure your friends and neighbours who may be out of the loop know how to access it.

Don't forget to send your photos to Linda Cronin for consideration to be used on the front cover. Images need to be high quality and in portrait format.

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*Holly Ivaldi*  
*Editor*



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**11.00 am**

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Holy Communion on the 3rd Sunday  
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Joint service in the Benefice when there is a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in the  
month.

**Mid-week services**

Wednesdays - Morning Prayer with Litany in Lullingstone; 9.30am

Friday - Communion in Eynsford; 9.30am

## From the Ministry Team

### Lent

Along with some of my friends, we've been indoors for so long now, that we forget what day of the week it is. One way that I try to keep track is by having set meals on certain days. Fortunately, the week beginning 15 February gave us some other markers and dates to put in our diaries: Pancake Day on Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. The last week of Lent is known as Holy Week, which begins on Palm Sunday (28th March) and ends with Good Friday when Jesus died by crucifixion, followed by Holy Saturday when he lay in the tomb. With Lent over, we celebrate with joy the resurrection of Christ on Easter Sunday, the 4th April this year. Lent is a time for Christians to give more time to prayer, Bible reading and good works, as they contemplate the sacrifice made by Jesus on the cross.

Lent (simply named after the fact that the days 'lengthen' at this time of year) lasts for six and a half weeks. There are actually 40 days of Lent, to remember the 40 days Jesus spent alone in the wilderness before beginning his public ministry. Sundays during Lent are not counted in the 40 days because Sunday is always a day of celebration, when Christians remember the resurrection of Christ.

Halfway through Lent, the fourth Sunday is Mothering Sunday, popularly known as Mother's Day, on 14th March. This gives some relief to this long period of Lent, which is a serious time for Christians. Let's hope, with the vaccination of older people by then, we can make more of it this year.

Traditionally, Lent is a time of fasting, of going without, because Jesus fasted for 40 days in the wilderness. In times past, Shrove Tuesday was a time to use up all the rich foods, like eggs, milk and oil in pancakes, before the Lenten fast began. Christians still see this period as a time of self-discipline and many try to give up bad habits and over-indulgence during Lent. But I remember the Rev. Neil Taylor saying, "Don't beat yourself up during Lent!" And this year, our second Lent in lockdown, I think we should enjoy any little treats that might help us get through these difficult times.

Instead of giving up things, why not try to do something special during these six weeks leading up to Easter? We are encouraging members of our three churches to join our homegroups on Zoom and to 'Live Lent' together. That's the title of a little booklet we are using, which gives a daily Bible reading, short reflection and a daily challenge. The focus is on 'Care for God's Creation', which affects us all, and all are welcome to join us (for more details contact Tina in the Benefice Office on [efloffice3@gmail.com](mailto:efloffice3@gmail.com) ).

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York give an excellent summary of Lent in the booklet's introduction:

'Lent is a time for reflection. Before the solemnity of Good Friday and the glory of the resurrection on Easter Day, Christians have the opportunity to remember Christ's withdrawal into the desert for forty days. It is a time to re-evaluate, a moment where we can turn away from the luxuries and distractions of daily life and face God. In so doing, we face light, love and life.'

*Jan Thompson*

## **News from Church**

### **Sunday Services**

#### **Suspension of in person Worship**

With the national lockdown continuing and the Government advising that we should stay at home where possible, the Rector and the three PCCs of the Benefice have taken the decision to petition the Bishop to continue the suspension of in person worship until the end of March. This has been an extremely difficult decision for us to make and will be disappointing for many of you but at this time the safety of us all is incredibly important. We will keep the situation under review and will resume public worship in our churches as soon as it is safe to do so.

#### **YouTube Online Service**

We are still recording an online service each week, with the YouTube link given in our weekly newsletter, on our website and on Facebook (on the Sunday morning).

#### **Zoom Service of the Word – Sundays at 10am**

A live Zoom Service of the Word is now up and running and will be continuing for the foreseeable future. If you would like to join in with this service on Sundays at 10am, please contact Peter Sansom on 07941 432988 [petersansomuk@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:petersansomuk@yahoo.co.uk)

Because the situation is changing continuously at the moment please watch our website and Facebook page for notice about services during Lent.

## **Lent**

#### **Ash Wednesday Service**

You will be able to access a recorded online service for Ash Wednesday. We will be emailing the link as well as posting on our website and Facebook page. This will be a contemplative service including Taizé worship. We will be lighting a candle at the beginning of the service, so please have a candle to hand if you

would like to join in. If you wish to make the sign of the cross in ash on your forehead at the imposition of ashes in the service, please have some ash with you. Alternatively, you may wish to make the sign of the cross without using ash.

## **Home Groups and Lent Course**

Our home groups are continuing to meet via Zoom. If you'd be interested in learning more about the Bible, praying and sharing fellowship with one another, please email [Tina efloffic3@gmail.com](mailto:Tina.efloffic3@gmail.com) to find out more about joining a home group.

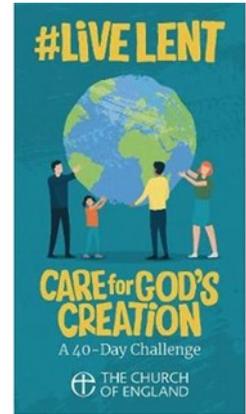
Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, 17th February. Because of the Covid-19 restrictions in place, we will not be able to meet personally, so will be meeting on Zoom within our home groups.

It would be wonderful to see as many people as possible joining groups for Lent this year. We will be following last year's Church of England Lent course, 'Live for Lent: Care for God's Creation,' which was inspired and informed by the Archbishop of Canterbury's 2020 Lent Book, 'Saying Yes to Life' by Ruth Valerio. The weekly themes follow those of the days of creation described in the first chapter of Genesis.

We will be meeting weekly during the six weeks of Lent on the following days, starting week beginning 22nd February:

Tuesday mornings at 11am, Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm, Thursday mornings at 10.30am and Thursday evenings at 7.30pm.

If you aren't already in one of the home groups and would be interested in joining for Lent, please contact [Tina efloffic3@gmail.com](mailto:Tina.efloffic3@gmail.com)



## **Revive**

Our youth group Revive continues to meet weekly via Zoom on Wednesday evenings between 5 and 6pm. The young people, aged 11 to 16 years, regularly attend and are studying the Emmaus Course.

## **Prayer**

### **Benefice Monthly Prayer Meeting**

The next Benefice monthly prayer meeting will be via Zoom on Monday 1st March at 7.30pm. An invitation to join this meeting will be sent nearer the time. If you don't receive an email and would like to join, please email Tina at the office [efloffic3@gmail.com](mailto:efloffic3@gmail.com)

### **Prayer during the Day - Thursdays and Saturdays at 12 noon**

We are continuing with Prayer during the Day to give people the opportunity to

meet together twice a week (Thursdays and Saturdays at 12 noon) via Zoom to spend time together with God. All are very welcome to join when you can (you will need a Zoom invitation). If you would like to be part of these prayer events and haven't received a Zoom invitation please contact the benefice office at [eflooffice3@gmail.com](mailto:eflooffice3@gmail.com)

### **Prayer Ministry**

The Prayer Ministry Team are happy to pray for anyone who would like prayer and perhaps would normally receive ministry during Communion services. Members of the team can offer personal prayer over the phone or via Zoom as well. Please contact Tina via email [eflooffice3@gmail.com](mailto:eflooffice3@gmail.com) if you have a prayer request and the team will pray for you.

*Tina Watson*

### **St Martin's - Eco Church!**

The youth group Revive have continued to meet on a weekly basis via zoom since the first 'lockdown' in March of last year.

Over the months we have had guest speakers covering many topics, both secular and religious and most recently we were lucky to be able to welcome Julie Clarke and Jan Thompson to talk to the youth group about St. Martin's 'Eco Church'.

It was a very informative and interesting session with good discussion and it soon became evident that the young people, both individually and as families, are already following the Mandate of God, through the bible, and doing much to care for our planet.

If you have been married or have been involved in a baptism or funeral in the benefice, we would love to include a report in a future issue.  
Send any information to [efltrident@yahoo.com](mailto:efltrident@yahoo.com)

### **St Martin's Churchyard**

Several people have grassed over the graves of family members, thus enabling the groundsmen to cut the grass regularly. It is beginning to look so much better, cared for and loved in St Martin's Churchyard. Please consider whether you could make it easier for others to care for and maintain yours in the years to come. If you would like advice and help to organise, level and grass it, please contact the Benefice office 863050, or email [eflooffice3@gmail.com](mailto:eflooffice3@gmail.com)

The Eco Church Scheme was outlined during the meeting explaining the areas in which awards of Bronze, Silver and Gold could be achieved and these included, Worship and Teaching, Building and Grounds and Community Engagement and Lifestyle and it is this last category in which the young people seem to be excelling.

Below are some of the things which 'Revive' are doing to promote a greener lifestyle:

- Having milk delivered in re-usable glass bottles
- Using the water from the washing up to water the plants, instead of water direct from the tap
- Buying meat from trustworthy companies thereby ensuring that it comes from free range farms
- Recycling crisp packets at the parish office
- Composting uncooked food waste
- Recycling glass at the bottle bank
- Shopping at the Eco pantry
- Buying vegetables without packaging
- Growing their own vegetables
- Using bamboo cotton buds and bamboo toothbrushes and shampoo bars
- Buying cleaning agents with a spare and then sending the bottles back to the company for refills instead of throwing them away
- Buying Fairtrade foods and non- disposable nappies

Concern was also shown for our carbon footprint and the young people are now looking at the many ways in which they can help to reduce this, such as, energy use at home, car sharing, meat free days and fashion - where do their clothes come from?

Finally, Revive would like to bring to notice "Earth Hour" which is on Saturday 27th March when the World Wildlife Fund is encouraging everyone to switch off their lights between 8.30pm and 9.30pm. This is a global event as an initiative to encourage people across the world to take accountability for their ecological footprint.

We hope that this message from the young people will encourage others to consider ways in which their lifestyles could be changed to help protect God's Creation.

Thank you.

*Lou, Linda and the young people of Revive*

## Can you help the Community Cupboard- West Kingsdown?

The Community Cupboard is a non-voucher food bank helping anyone in need at this time. They cover an area from Dartford to Tonbridge, with both collections and making deliveries, helping several families in Eynsford and Farningham. Their website is [www.communitycupboard.co.uk](http://www.communitycupboard.co.uk).

**How can you help?** Every Monday from 15th Feb. St. Martin's will be opening its porch between 10am - 12noon, to receive donations for the cupboard. These are very difficult times for some families and we need to help all we can. We do not want to encourage folk to make a special trip, but if you can pass the church on your daily exercise walk on Monday's that would be brilliant. For further information please email me at:- [petersansomuk@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:petersansomuk@yahoo.co.uk). Thank you very much

*Peter. (Church Warden)*



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Dear Friends ,

In 2008 my wife and I visited Uganda with a locally run charity called Nisumbi Trust and spent time at the Stephen Jota Children Centre, a primary school at Nansana on the outskirts of Kampala for over 300 children many of whom are orphans from underprivileged back-

grounds ( See <https://www.2bridgesnsumbi.org>) . We spent our time working amongst the children in the school , sitting in lessons , playing football and helping decorate the newly built dormitories . This was a challenging and rewarding time seeing so many children with great needs and yet a real sense of joy and happiness with the little they had.

We met one young man called Abdul Nsereko. He came from a Muslim family but had made the very brave step of receiving Jesus Christ as his Lord and Saviour, becoming a Christian . This had far reaching results , not only did his father reject him but tried to kill him by chopping his head off with a machete . So when we met Abdul he was living in a store cupboard at the school , he had lost everything or had he?

On New Year's eve 2020 we received a phone call totally out of the blue and it was Abdul , he had managed to track us down ! I am delighted to say that far from having lost everything, with God's blessing he now has a successful and fulfilling life. He stayed on at the school, passed all his exams and then made it to University where he passed a degree in Law . Abdul now works as a lieutenant in The Uganda Army legal department and is currently serving in Mogadishu , Somalia with the peace keeping team . He is married and has a baby son. It was quite amazing that He was able to join our Sunday Zoom service from Somalia and share his story.

I wonder how many feel they have currently lost everything and are "Shut in a virtual cupboard" at the moment . Well I believe ,that Just like Abdul , as you put your faith and trust in Jesus he will lead you out of the cupboard and has a bright and promising future for you . I encourage you to reach out today by saying a simple prayer to Jesus . You will be amazed what he can do in your life.

We continue to hold all our meetings online in an interactive style with Zoom . You can see more by looking at our website : [www.DVCC.online](http://www.DVCC.online)

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## **God the Creator**

Genesis chapter 1 v 1

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

The earth we live in and the fullness there of were created by God. He did it with a lot of wisdom that is why we all love what we see. He actually praised himself and he said it was good. It is good to appreciate creation and ascribe glory to the creator. It is good to worship the creator and not the creation. The earth was initially void, things came to place by the spoken word of God and remain till today.

Man the most important part of creation was made in his image. It is a good thing because we are then able to use the creativity we inherited from God to make things like computers, automobiles and other things that make life easy.

He has also given us the free will to serve him .Many people also do a lot of things for humanity that are good, our fellowship with God however is important.

When God created man he really wanted fellowship with man but sin stopped this fellowship.The only way back to him now is true his son the Lord Jesus.

We have a limited time to live on earth so it is better to reconcile with him on earth so we can make it to the second part of his creation which is heaven.

We are wishing all mothers a happy Mothering Sunday on the 14th of March . It is an opportunity to honour our mothers as commanded by God so that our days on earth will be long and for all the sacrifices they make for us.

We thank God for the vaccine roll out. Let us remain safe and kind to everyone. We are praying that by the mercy of God the latter end of 2021 will be better than the beginning.

We have our services by zoom as well please contact our numbers for a link to join us online. If you also want help with digital training please let us know.

# EYNSFORD BAPTIST CHURCH

## Hopes, plans, and daydreams...

You've undoubtedly heard in previous issues of the Trident about EBC's internal process. We wanted to take a moment to share some thoughts about this and ask a couple of questions of you that would greatly help us in our process.



Winter is very much upon us, while not always welcome, the crisp white snow offers a sense of; peace, tranquillity, and pause. Meanwhile in the ground the preparation, the rest, the new growth just below the surface seems almost palpable. Spring always follows winter. While Spring may seem a long way off the newness of spring is coming.

We here at EBC are looking forward to “spring”. Reopening after the winter of covid and lockdowns. Welcoming back groups that share our space, friends to the church, and services full of song and life. We aren't there yet and no one can say exactly when “spring” will be upon us. But hope is rising.

Part of our internal process, that we would like to invite you to contribute towards, is trying to better meet the needs of the village and surrounding families. What do you think Eynsford needs?

Something we are considering is hosting an alpha course. Alpha is an 11-week course that creates a space, in person, where people are excited to bring their friends for a conversation about faith, life and God. It would be a Wednesday night, from 7pm, with a meal included. Would you be interested?

Another question we have is much broader... What do you want from the church here at EBC? What do you hope we will continue? What might we start that would be of value? What do you wish we would do, contribute, or offer?

Our desire is to be a blessing to our community, to love and show the love of Jesus to our community, and to grow in every aspect as a church. We have been so encouraged by the village over the years. If this past years experience has taught us anything it is that we are stronger together.

If you would let us know what you think you can contact us at: [EynsfordBaptist@gmail.com](mailto:EynsfordBaptist@gmail.com) or via text or WhatsApp at: 07434632713

*Joel Schofield*

## FAREWELL ASHLEY RIVETT

The village is mourning the loss of another of its larger-than-life characters following the news that Ashley Rivett passed away on Wednesday (27 January) at the age of 63. Ashley was brought up in St Martin's Drive and many villagers will remember attending primary school and Eynsford cubs & scouts with him. He later followed in his father's footsteps by becoming a scout troop leader.



After leaving Swanley Comprehensive secondary school Ashley worked at The Telegraph newspaper group and then changed careers to become a security guard. He was always involved in village life, assisting the Vicar at St Martin's Church, and making occasional appearances for The Riverside Players. One of his appearances is still amusingly remembered when, during a performance of *She Stoops to Conquer*, he delivered the immortal line 'The Squire has got spunk in him' with such gusto that the audience burst into laughter.

Other village pursuits included being a founder player with Darent Valley RFC after an inaugural match on Harrow Meadow in 1977 between The Five Bells and The Lion Hotel, Farningham. It is fair to say Ashley was an even bigger supporter of the after-match entertainment and other club events. He never missed the annual trip to the Epsom Derby or the Oval Ball. Ashley also helped organise club nights in The Coach House at The Pied Bull in Farningham. Alongside rugby, he was a keen football fan and volunteered for a number of years as a steward at Charlton Athletic. Ashley could often be found socialising in the Five Bells and he also worked behind the bar when David and Di Kerr were the landlords. He made a brief appearance in '20 Miles from Piccadilly', the 1994 fly-on-the-wall TV documentary about living in Eynsford.

He found romance later in life after meeting up again with Sandra, one of his former sweethearts. After getting married they eventually moved to live in Aldingbourne, West Sussex, but Ashley made regular visits back to the village to meet up with old friends in 'The Bells'. In normal circumstances many of Ashley's friends and former work colleagues would have been at his funeral on 11 February at the Reynolds (funeral director) chapel in Bognor Regis to pay their respects. Unfortunately, the pandemic meant numbers were restricted, but once conditions allow social gatherings, those who knew Ashley can meet up in The Bells to give him a proper send off.

*Frank Baldwin*

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Mum was born in 2 Whitewood Cottages, Eynsford as the Salvation Army were singing ‘Hark the Herald Angels Sing’ outside. Her Mother’s family came to live in Eynsford when Alton paper mill closed in 1909. Her father William Jennings was born in the village, sang in the church choir and played in the village brass band for over 30 years. She had three older brothers Gilbert, Norman and Jack.

Her childhood was spent growing up during the war. She went to school in the village and friends made have remained lifelong. She was a bright pupil and at 13 went to Bexley Technical School for Girls completing the Pitman’s Shorthand and Typing Secretarial course. Her first job was in Holborn London. It was while working in London she met our wonderful Dad Peter in 1951. On 20<sup>th</sup> September 1952 they were married in St Martins, the church her family have attended for generations. A few years later Teresa was born, then they moved to Farningham where Christine was born and finally in 1963 to Saddlers Park where Ian was born, it has been Mum’s home ever since.

She had a passion for sewing and knitting. For us girls that meant we had the most beautiful dresses. She made our wedding and bridesmaid dresses and what a wonderful knitter she was too. She enjoyed embroidery and cross stitch; she was so exceptionally talented. Not forgetting her cooking. She was a much-loved Nan to Jack, Ben, Joe Luke, Sean, Ryan and Aaron she loved and spoiled them all, no one could make cakes like their Nan. She was Great Nanny Nancy to Jay, Harry, Ivy and Arthur. Mum shared a happy retirement with Dad and enjoyed many holidays, their favourite was to Canada. They celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary in 2012.

She loved flowers and the garden always looked beautiful, every plant had a story. A crossword or puzzle was always on the go. Mastering facetime on the iPad was not a problem which meant she could keep in contact with friends and family. The last couple of years were not easy for her, she never lost her sense of humour and her beautiful smile and never failed to say thank you to anyone who helped her, she was always so grateful.

Mum’s final resting place is with her husband and our Dad Peter at St Martins Church. Her kind, caring, thoughtful, courageous nature has touched us all and she will always have a special place in our hearts.

*Teresa, Christine & Ian*

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# Sheila Mary Williams

## 19<sup>th</sup> March, 1927 – 24<sup>th</sup> January 2021

It is with great sadness that I am writing to tell of my mother's passing. Sheila was born in Downham, where she lived for four years before moving to Lee with her four-year old sister Doreen, mother, father and grandparents. In 1939, Sheila and Doreen were evacuated to Deal, then Folkestone and eventually to Abertillery in South Wales. Returning to London in 1943 at the age of sixteen, Sheila was determined to find work. After a six-month gardening course in Northamptonshire, she became a journeyman at Tewin Water House in Welwyn, Hertfordshire. In her late teens she returned to her family in Lee working as a landscape gardener. After a while Sheila decided to find indoor work.



There was a shortage of teachers after the war, so Sheila took a foundation course at Goldsmiths, which is where she and my father Mick fell in love. They were married in 1948. Sheila was 21, Mick 25. They moved in with Mick's family in Woolwich, completed their training and both worked as teachers. They often cycled with friends to Eynsford and fell for the area, moving to Eynsford Rise (with Sheila's parents) in 1953. Later that year they adopted Richard and two years later, Stephen. After Richard began school, Sheila decided to start a nursery school from home. This ran happily for many years. In the mid-sixties, she started remedial teaching at Horton Kirby School, followed by natural studies, modern dance and eventually bamboo pipe making and playing until she retired in 1980.

As a child she was infatuated with ballet, and in the sixties and seventies, belonged to a modern dance company, which frequently had shows. Sheila also sang alto for many years in St Martins Church Choir, and in the Darent Valley Choir. Another keen interest for both Sheila and Mick was gardening, and they had an allotment on the Elm Tree site in Station Road. Sheila joined with friends in Eynsford Rise to make music and to share her love of poetry.

Mum was a calm person, happy with life, and she lived it to the full. She had so many talents, an adventurous spirit and she made life-long friends, who along with the family, will miss her deeply.

'All shall be well, all shall be well, and all manner of things shall be well' (Julian of Norwich)

*Stephen Williams, March 2021*

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Whisper it, but spring might be just around the corner, a spring like no other, not only in weather terms but also in our lives as the terrible pandemic seems to be receding. It is the ultimate spring of hope and optimism.

Just look in the newspapers and online – '72 *spectacular perennial plants for £14.99*' ....., '*Amazing colourful begonia plants for £13.99*'. One can imagine the fresh and vibrant colours of spring and summer flowers bringing an eye candy of beauty with heady scents. It is time to start planning!

Plug plants can be started in the greenhouse in heated propagators or on sunny windowsills and then potted on ready for planting in April or May, a constant reminder of what is to come.

Vegetable sowing can begin – some hardy crops like broad beans and lettuce can be planted indoors in preparation to plant outdoors in March, and tomatoes and peppers can be directed to unheated greenhouses in April. Many seeds benefit from an early start, including leeks, parsnips and carrots.

Time also to prepare the flower beds, a quick dig over to aerate them, ready for the bounty in the greenhouse.

So after a torrid few months, with many of us suffering hardship and tragedy, we must learn to look up, to respect each other, to return to our natural caring and sharing ways, and, most of all, to allow nature to take us by the hand and lead us out of the tunnel into the sunlight.

Enjoy spring - in every way! *Malcolm Richardson*

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# Anthony Roper Primary School

We continue to open for a limited amount of children and for those children who are working from home, we have established a remote learning platform which has achieved the goals we set out in January. We are now offering live lessons, as well as externally recorded and internally recorded lessons, which ensures that we have something which works well for the majority of our school community. In addition to this, we continue to work behind the scenes helping individual children and families with more specific needs.

We hope to have all our lovely children back sometime in March but, in the meantime, it is important that we can sustain what we have now set up. This will include Zoom sessions based upon the needs of each year group. These different approaches to remote education will suit different types of content and pupils which is important because as teachers we are not only here to educate but to also look after the mental well-being of our children.

We would like to thank all the parents/carers who are working with us to keep their children as productive and happy as possible.

The children have produced some lovely work and we hope you enjoy these photographs as much as we do. *Marie Spencer*



# Eynsford Parish Council

**The Parish Office, Priory Lane, Eynsford DA4 0AY**  
**01322 865320, [info@eynsfordparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:info@eynsfordparishcouncil.org.uk)**

Eynsford Parish Office is open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Please telephone first to ensure someone is there.



And so, another month of lockdown and no doubt, one or two more to follow. However there are optimistic signs that spring is around the corner in many ways. Snow drops are showing their little heads, daffs are forcing their way above the soil and the days are getting lighter. On a human front, the vaccine rollout is gathering pace with more and more of our older and vulnerable residents receiving the ‘jab’. It may still be cold and wet, but the future is more encouraging that it has been over the last few months.

The recent snow highlighted the disruption that can be caused to both the roads and the pavements. While Kent County Council grit the main roads, often the more minor ones and pavements are not covered. It is for this reason that salt bins are located at strategic points around the village for hardy residents to distribute around ‘at risk’ locations. Please use this salt freely – if the supply runs low please advise the PC and we can ask KCC or replenish. It should be stressed that this salt is only intended for public areas (roads, paths etc) and not for personal use on private properties.

And so to day-to-day matters with which your Parish Council is dealing. We have for a number of years had four sub-committees dealing with various areas of village life – Planning, Highways & Transportation, Community & Environment and Recreation. Each is chaired by a Councillor. Following a review, it was decided the expand the Committees to better reflect our current environment and priorities. So we now have five – the first three as above remain as existing but the two new committees are Open Spaces and Facilities & Environment (born out of Recreation).

During this period of lockdown, the Parish Office is closed to visitors. However black and clear sacks are left outside the Parish office in Priory Lane if residents require more. Please advise the Clerks if supplies run out (see contact details below).

As residents will be aware, the council has recently created the ‘Eynsford Green Team’ to look at all aspects of our natural environment. One of their first tasks is to plant a new hedge on the access road to the Castlefield allotments where old trees had been removed. This will take place when planting conditions are right. The team is always looking for ‘green’ projects and plantings, so do let us know if you have any proposals.

As the office is closed, to contact the clerks please e-mail info@eynsfordparishcouncil.org.uk or alternatively, telephone on 01322 865320. If we can't take your call at the time, please leave a message and we promise to get back to you as soon as possible.

*Cllr. Malcolm Richardson*

## **Anthony Roper Pre-School**

As we approach half term, it is hard to believe that we are already nearly 7 weeks into the third lockdown. We have remained open to all children and families during this period and, whilst numbers are much lower than normal, we are still able to be there for keyworker families and for those who feel confident to send their children to the setting. Our enhanced cleaning, together with a robust risk assessment, continue to ensure, as much as is possible, the safety of the children, the team, their families and the wider community.

The children who have been attending have proven how resilient young children are. They have settled readily back into the slightly altered routines and surroundings of the Pre-school and are learning, developing and having as much fun as they always have during their time with us.

This final week of the first term has presented us with the additional challenge of the snowy, cold and icy weather. Amazingly, and with much appreciation from the Management Team, our lovely team of Early Years Educators have made it in each day and provided fun and stimulating activities for the children. Obviously, the weather has featured big this week. There is something very special about seeing children's enjoyment of the snow; for some their very first experience. It is truly magical to see their faces light up when they are playing outside. A child's wonder at a perfect snowflake is really special and we never forget how privileged we are to be able to share those special moments with the children in our care.

Our next article will probably be looking forward to warmer weather and the prospect of planting in our garden but, for now, we will live in the moment - as young children do - and enjoy the magic of the season.

If you would like any further information about the Pre-school, please visit our website, [www.anthonyroperpreschool.co.uk](http://www.anthonyroperpreschool.co.uk).

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# EynsfARA

Another year, another lockdown, getting repetitive now, but as long as we all remain safe that's all that matters. I hear through the grapevine that a number of our members have received the vaccine which is wonderful news, most having the second jab in April. With this in mind hopefully we will be able to meet by the summer, positive thoughts. As I write this the sun is shining, it's warmer and crocus are peeping out thru the ground, a beautiful day.

We still have a full programme, I just keep moving the speakers to later in the year. Our members continue to send articles for our fortnightly newsletter, kindly produced by Anne Marie, it's so nice to see what you've all been doing.

Stay safe and well

*Jan Williams, Chair*

## Farningham Village Hall Management Committee

We hope the coming year will allow more community events. The hall is ready for hire as soon as it is permitted. We followed Government guidelines to maintain a Covid-secure environment as recommended to protect our users against Covid. The Meadow is always available for hire in conjunction with the hall at very reasonable rates. Our website gives details of the facilities and charges. We have WIFI and our website [www.farninghamvillagehall.co.uk](http://www.farninghamvillagehall.co.uk) shows details and costs. For bookings and enquiries contact our Booking Secretary on 07530297707.

Our AGM is scheduled for February 22nd at 8.00 PM. It will be conducted via Zoom and the public are invited to attend. If you are interested and wish to attend this event, send items for the agenda, volunteer to join the committee or raise any other matter about the committee or Village Hall please feel free to email me at [fvhchair@gmail.com](mailto:fvhchair@gmail.com)



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## 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Decimal Currency on 15.2.1971

The paragraph in the February report from FELHS about the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of decimal coinage on 15.2.1971 brought back several memories. At the same time the postmen were on strike from 20<sup>th</sup> January 1971 for some seven weeks until 8<sup>th</sup> March 1971, which meant that very few of the booklets about the decimal currency due to be delivered to households were in fact delivered. There was, of course, information in the newspapers and on television, where one heard a jingle saying “Use your old coppers in sixpenny lots.” There were some grumbles from local businesses that we should have gone decimal at the beginning of the financial year, as there would have been less accounting problems, but overall it was an easy changeover. Pocket conversion tables were readily available so people knew the recommended conversions for the old pennies, which did not all convert exactly. Both old 9d and 10d became the new 4p, and so one could gain by leaving £X Xs 9d in a bank account just before the changeover.

My mother did not approve of calling the changeover day “D Day” as that, as she rightly pointed out, had been 6.6.1944. Another memory I have is that the popular police television series, “Z Cars”, had an episode which included a man who had just been released from prison and could not cope with the new money.

At the time I was in my last year training to be a librarian (working in a college library) and was due to have my final examination results (the examinations having been taken in November 1970) posted to arrive on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February. As the postmen were on strike, candidates were allowed to ring up The Library Association for their results (which they had never allowed before). Stamped addressed envelopes for these results had been given in back in the autumn, when second class postage was the old 4d. However, second class postage went up on 15.2.1971 to the new 2½p (old 6d) and, when the postmen returned to work, in order to post the results The Library Association had to add stamps to many envelopes – and complained about the cost in their journal.

As for joining the Common Market (also mentioned as being in 1971) we did not in fact join it until 1.1.1973.

*Diana Beamish.*

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## Eynsford Village Hall

Despite having received planning consent for a new hall on Harrow Meadow, Sevenoaks District Council have still not granted consent for the redevelopment of the existing hall site for housing. The delay relates to the requirements of their Heritage Team for a design which they feel is sympathetic to the immediate area. Many discussions have been held with them and a number of designs submitted based on their wishes but so far none have been acceptable. The last meeting was held at the end of 2020 and six outline designs have now been submitted, one of which must be acceptable! Until planning has been achieved for what is a vital piece of the jigsaw, we are unable to move forward with fundraising but we remain eternally optimistic that a positive result will be achieved in the near future.



*Malcom Richardson*

## Farningham & Eynsford Local History Society

### Meetings for 2021

FELHS has re-arranged its Friday 2021 evening meetings to be shown on Zoom at 7.30 p.m. The dates are now on the Trident calendar pages or can be seen on the diary page of our website ([www.felhs.org.uk](http://www.felhs.org.uk)). The talks in 2021 cover: Graffiti in Eynsford, Farningham and Lullingstone Churches; Delightful Darent Valley from Lullingstone to Dartford; Fire Fighting in Kent; Lullingstone Silk Farm; Brick Making and Local Brickfields; Kent History from the Air.

The Zoom link will be circulated to all members with e-mail and they can join the meeting without charge, joining at 7.15pm for the talk to start at 7.30pm. Guests are welcome to register for any talk for a fee of £3.00. Simply e-mail [archives@felhs.gov.uk](mailto:archives@felhs.gov.uk) for the Zoom link. Payment by cash, cheque or BACS to be arranged at first contact.

It is worth mentioning that annual membership of the Society is £10.00 so it might be worthwhile joining if you expect to join more than three talks.

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*Helen Smith*



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Farningham Parish Council met via a video link on Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2021, and present were five parish councillors (including Sevenoaks District Councillor Philip McGarvey), Kent County Councillor Roger Gough and the Clerk Amanda Barlow.

### **Kent Highways Road Safety:**

KCC's new draft five year Road Safety Strategy for Kent consultation runs until 15 March 2021 and is available to read at [www.Kent.gov.uk/visionzero](http://www.Kent.gov.uk/visionzero)

This consultation is KCC seeking input from the public (and councillors) to help KCC find out if we think their proposals meet our needs. KCC invite us all to respond by clicking the link in their "Have your say" box, or by clicking their "Respond" box – I mention this because they are both way down on the introductory page to their consultation.

We would hope that this means that preventative safety measures might move further up Kent Highways Department's priorities now that it costs an average of £2.2 million to clear up after a fatality on the roads.

### **A20 laybys:**

We raised with KCC councillor Roger Gough the dirty and unhygienic state of laybys on the A20, both in the recently extended one on Farningham Hill and in the one approaching Brands Hatch. These are both used as overnight stops by lorries and vans and neither provide toilet facilities. Cllr Gough said provision of toilet facilities in such areas was not practical for a number of reasons and suggested that Sevenoaks District Council be approached to provide enhanced cleaning in these areas.

### **Future meetings:**

We will continue to hold our monthly meetings on the first Wednesday of the month but in a break from tradition we will this year meet in August. As a consequence we will not have a monthly meeting in September. There is additional provision for monthly planning meetings as and when required.

### **Regular updates:**

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Our next meeting is on Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2021, 7pm on Zoom. Please contact the Clerk if you wish to join in. *Cllr. Carol Salmon*

## ARE CARS ELECTRIC?

If you drive a car, you are no doubt well aware of the recent government announcement to end the sales of new petrol and diesel cars from 2030. So what will that actually mean for a village like ours? In ten years time will we all be whizzing around in super silent, tree hugging, electro gliding machines? Will a trip down to Rafferty's or Norman's run the gauntlet of trying not to trip over a multitude of electric cables strung across the pavement to charge cars? Will charging your lovely new motor be as simple as plugging in the kettle for a cup of tea? The future is undoubtedly green but a lot of the choices around cars, charging and infrastructure pose some tricky questions.

Firstly, as all you petrol heads who've read this far without flinching at the mention of the words electric and car in the same sentence will know, it's only "new" cars that will stop being petrol. The average age of a car on the road is around 7- 8 years old. That means a lot of us will still be driving around sitting on top of a fuel tank rather than an outsize battery come 2030. Purchase of a battery electric vehicle (BEV) can set you back



something in the region of an extra £10k on a new and even £7-8 k on a 2-3 year old second hand model compared to a petrol vehicle. So the economy of buying electric needs to be thought through carefully. And that's before we even start to talk about "Range anxiety", the fear that holds many of us back from dipping our toes in the electric waters.

When you're on that family camping holiday trip down to Cornwall at some point you will pull into a petrol station to fill up the tank. If there's no queue, it's all done nozzle to tank and swipe the plastic in a matter of minutes. So what happens when your electric car nears the bottom of that overnight charge that was going to take you all the way to Lands End? A half hour stop at a Rapid Charging point at the service station while you grab a coffee and bun will add 80 - 90 miles. According to Zap-Map, which provides a guide to the UK's charging infrastructure, there are currently around 4,800 locations providing 7,500 individual chargers. Soon charging points will outnumber petrol station across the country!

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However not all charging points are the same and this brings us back to Eynsford. Rapid Charge 50Kw points use DC current and are mostly found along major route roads and not all BEV's are adapted to use them. Fast charging points 7kW will take around eight hours to fully replenish an electric car's batteries from zero charge. The majority of public charging stations offer this rate. So most charging of your electric car will be done at home with a charging box installed to fully charge the car overnight and there is a government grant scheme of £350 towards domestic EV chargers. Great if you've got a garage or drive. As we well know, a cursory glance down the high street says otherwise. So if we are all to be driving shiny new electric cars off the garage forecourt come 2030, where are the people with only on street parking going to charge them?

Kent County Council has been promoting a scheme to help fund charging points but these must be 2m away from the highway so wouldn't be of use for many residents. Possible areas that could be good for charging points are outside the Parish office car park, the village car park, station car park and eventually the new village hall car park. Should we be totally concentrating on charging points for residents vehicles or should the mix also include rapid charging points for those passing through on longer journeys? What comes first, the installation of lots of charging points or a sizeable growth in the uptake of electric cars? Every parking space that is converted to an electric car charging station is one less place to park.

The government has laid down the gauntlet. The car industry is turning its focus on electric car production. So installing charging points in the village is something that is going to happen. Where, for who and who's paying is the debate that has hardly started yet. Here in Eynsford and for the whole of the U.K.

Useful links:

<https://pod-point.com/guides/driver/how-long-to-charge-an-electric-car>

<https://www.zap-map.com>

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*Chris Lewington, for Eynsford's Green Team*

## **Electric Charging Points in Eynsford**

Kent County Council is committed to providing adequate electric vehicle charge-points across the county as a part of their strategic plan to achieve carbon neutrality in Kent by 2050, set out within the Kent & Medway Energy and Low Emissions Strategy. In order to achieve this KCC is working with Parish Coun-

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cils to identify areas where publicly accessible charging points are required for the use of local people i.e. those who do not have access to off-road parking. They are also offering financial support to Parish Councils that put together a case for inclusion in the scheme.

They have a preference for siting charge-points in areas that are owned by parish councils and that are in residential areas, especially those where off-road parking is limited. With that in mind, we are considering the possibility of installing some charging points in the village car park for the particular benefit of residents of Willow Terrace, but also for visitors to the village that need a quick charge.

We'd like to be in the next wave of villages to receive funding from KCC, some villages having received assistance in financial year 2020-2021, but there is some work to do and probably some technical advice required.

*Michael Barker, Eynsford Parish Council & Green Team*

## ACE

Maybe it's Covid but your imagination can certainly run away with you. Well ..... just imagine..... restrictions are lifted. We are out of lockdown and can travel to Europe and are delighted that a visit to Camphin could be organised. The group set off to cross the channel for an enjoyable weekend. There was a vital gift that had to be taken.



It was a surprise to the residents of Eynsford to hear on the local news that one member of the group travelling to Camphin had been arrested at the border crossing in Calais. The headline was “Elderly woman arrested trying to smuggle illegal gods into France.” What on earth could it be?

Well obviously the officials at the French border did not know that the Chair of ACE in Camphin had a passion for a speciality of the local butcher in Eynsford. Have you guessed? Yes sausages. If you visit Camphin it is essential that you find room in your luggage for some sausages for Bruno Chair of ACE. The outcome was sausages confiscated and a warning issued about what would happen next time if caught trying to smuggle illegal goods again.

So when we next visit Camphin I don't know how we will solve the sausage problem. Maybe we can take them frozen!

*Gill Govus Chair ACE*

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## **Eynsford and Farningham Ladies' Probus**

Another month and little change. The good news is that vaccination has happened for most of the group. The golf club looks forward to us being back for our regular lunches. Speakers are planned. Our first meeting will be a social lunch - lots of catching up to do. The ladies' group with contribution from the men have donated some of their funds to Anthony Roper enabling them to purchase iPads for children who do not have access to on line learning. We were even ahead of the Daily Mail's campaign.

Just think before I know it all those jobs I had planned will still not be started and lockdown will end. I wish!

*Gill Govus*

## **Farningham and Darent Valley Men's Probus – A Busy Month**

With the continued lack of Probud meetings and with all the other cancelled gatherings and meetings of friends, there have been a vast number of extra spare hours made available over the last several months.

A year ago, for those very busy rushed-off-their-feet people who wished for some extra minutes to themselves, this added free time could have seemed desirable and that was probably true in the short term. But we should be careful what we wish for. At first the slower pace was quite relaxing but now we are yearning for just a little bit of the old-fashioned socialising. Not too much all at once. Like those poor souls lost in the desert, dragging themselves across the baking sands without water for days on end in that "damned heat", as they always used to say in the old films, upon eventual rescue too much water all at once would be bad for them. I know this as a medical fact because I've seen the movie 'Ice Cold in Alex' several times. Or was it in 'The Good the Bad and the Ugly'? It's so easy to mix up those two. Anyway, I saw it in many a cracked, parched-lips black and white movie so it must be true. Mind you, some were probably filmed in the sand dunes at Camber so there may be some room for doubt. So, when freedom arrives, it may be best to take it in just small sips.

For the time being, to keep ourselves busy, we have been taking on new tasks and looking for new pastimes. Jigsaw puzzles have become popular especially during these winter months. I have completed many of them myself recently. Well I say completed. I consider them to be finished once I've filled the interesting detailed sections but am left with large areas of cloudless blue sky or flat lawn or placid lake to hammer together from seemingly identical pieces. After a few days of walking past the unfinished puzzle with large gaps where the sky should be and being unable to add even one more piece correctly, it ceases to be

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a useful timewaster and becomes an aggravation. So, to preserve my fragile mental state I tell myself it's finished, keep a photo of the box lid edited to make it look like it's the actual completed puzzle and pretend, only to myself, that it's another resounding success. As this hobby has its limitations for someone with little patience, I have been thinking of other time-consuming pursuits to fill the days.

Recently a friend introduced me to a local chap who is a world-renowned authority on budgerigars. I asked him just one question, I think it was "Hello, how are you?" and he regaled me for many a long hour with all the minute details of budgerigars through the ages, their entire history, the relevance of their individual markings and colourings and the joys of keeping and breeding them. I think you will agree it all sounds absolutely spellbinding and very tempting but I realised I would have to continue to look after the birds when we are finally set free from lockdowns and the time available for their care may once again become scarce. What do you do with an aviary full of unwanted budgies? You can't just open the doors, can you? And what would you do with dozens of unwanted little ladders and mirrors? And how do you think of names for them all. They can't all be called Joey, that would be like talking to myself. And how would I answer if I repeatedly asked myself "Who's a pretty boy, then?" Answers on a postcard please. So, no go for the budgies time filler at present.



But actually, January fairly flew by. Following previous months of hardly leaving the house, we were able to enjoy some interesting trips out in January whilst staying within the rules. For the first trip we woke early through anticipation of a wonderful day ahead, put on our Sunday best and travelled to Swanley for our jabs. Then, as that was such a great success, we went back to Swanley a few days later to the Youth Club! Didn't expect to be going there at our time of life but that's where the Covid tests were being conducted. Negative, thanks for asking. And then then we mustn't forget the trip to the dentist. Never looked forward to that before.

How will the next couple of months ever keep up with all that exciting activity? Still, at least we now have a future appointment in the diary, just the one. Follow up jabs are proudly entered in April. Can't wait.

*Joe Irwin 10 February 2021*



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We were fortunate to have Adam Bailey and Donna giving their time and expertise to prune the second silver birch tree in a square tub at the front of the car park . Two and a half hours concentrated work reduced its size to complement the one in the corner which Adam pruned last autumn . Thank you Adam .

Regular volunteers have worked every week by going directly to eight different sites . A great deal of winter weeding , pruning and cutting back has been achieved . In Crockenhill Lane a large Phlomis plant was lifted , divided into twelve and replanted on other sites . Self sown poppy seedlings were spread to nearby spaces . In Butchers Lane , after weeding , forget-me-not plants were lifted , divided and replanted .

Cutting back the Rose of Sharon at the top of Fern Bank wall needs more return visits to complete . The border below has been tidied but some plants need replacing . The perennials at the top of the village hall drive have been cut back and tidied . Buddleia and other shrubs at the A 225 Gap Site have been cut back especially from the pavement . A carpet of twigs under the lime tree at the front of St. Martin's Church yard were raked up before the snowdrops developed . The Lonicera hedge in Muddy Lane and the ivy hedge at the front of the car park have been cut back . The car park border beside Ford House has been weeded and needs new plants , possibly four fuchsias .

Hopefully everyone is feeding the birds in their garden and giving them fresh water daily . Please break the ice in the puddles to give the birds , mammals and other wild life more drinking sites . Nine different birds have been seen at the station including the wren , goldcrest and long tailed tit . Along Lullingstone Lane nine different birds have been seen including moorhen , little grebe , tufted duck , cattle egret , and three grey herons . Three buzzards were rising in a thermal near Oliver Shaw . Red wing are in Harrow Meadow hedges and fieldfare feeding on the ground in the oil seed rape .

Primroses have been blooming all year in Nine Hole Wood . Snowdrops are in full bloom . I can smell the beautiful sarcococca perfume in gardens around the village . Bumble bees have been visiting hyacinths and early crocus . The early long hazel catkins and tiny red flowers may have been ruined by the frost . Thankfully the days are getting longer .

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We have decided to enter the annual S. and S. E. in Bloom event again . Judging will take place between 28 the June and 16 the July according to government restrictions .

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By now, a good chunk of us ought to have had at least the first jab of the corona vaccine (Oxford/AZ strain at the Swanley or another local hub) and be waiting patiently for the second. Two weeks is then needed for antibodies to be effective, though at the time of writing in early February, lockdown continues to be a legal requirement and we should be staying at home except for essential journeys; so even with the jabs, it means we can't do very much yet a while.

It has seemed therefore only wise to postpone the EVS AGM due to be held on March 19th, until a Friday probably sometime in May or June in EVH in the hope that by then we may all feel confident enough to attend; who could have guessed what lay ahead of us at the last 2020 gathering, just as very early information about Covid-19 was starting to hit the headlines.

In addition to hearing from all the local interest groups and 'Millfield' Trustees, I intend that the Agenda for the next meeting will list the local matters which have had to wait their turn, such as winding up the Public Art trail, the proposed installation of an iconic red phone box on the edge of the 'Post Office' car park, and the new village map there also. If you have an interest in any, or all of these matters, please watch out for confirmation of the date; it will start at 7.30 and is usually followed by a wine and cheese buffet.

I look forward to welcoming as many as possible, particularly newcomers to the village.

*Sally Coston, Chair 866102/sally.coston@btinternet.com*

## History corner - Jan Wilkes

I never met Diana Clark but over the years we communicated by letter and over the phone. It is with great sadness that I heard that she had died and I can see from various things said and written that she was held in affection by many people for her great personality and her wonderful singing voice. She wrote to me about her ancestors and hoped one day people would read about them, well here is your chance, in Diana's own words....

### THOMAS COUCHMAN – BLACKSMITH (Part 1)

‘It was strange thinking I with my family to be starting a new chapter in our lives when we left Eynsford to move to Suffolk. I did not realise my ancestors would follow me! I had over the years collected a modicum of information, I could then lay them to rest. That did not happen!

I was born in Eynsford and my husband John Clark was born over the hill in Woodlands. His grandfather and great grandfather had been tenant farmers in Woodlands, all buried in the Churchyard. It's not hard to collect ancestors!!

So, our ancestors have come to Suffolk with us. Fortunately, I have kept papers and photographs that date back to 1800. I found we have family in four villages, in Otford, Eynsford, Farningham and West Kingsdown.

My great grandfather Thomas Couchman was born in Otford son of the village Blacksmith, he worked well with his father, but he was in his early twenties and wanted a smithy of his own. He had met and courted a young lady who was in service in Otford. Her name was Alice Barber, her parents lived in Malt Shovel Row Cottages. Their names were Henry and Ann Barber. Thomas and Alice were married, where their first two children were born Adam and Eve.

When the Blacksmith's Forge in Farningham High Street became vacant, they moved their little family to a stone cottage further up



the High Street. They soon added another seven children to the family. My grandmother named after her mother Alice was one of the Couchman family.

My great grandmother Couchman kept close contact with her mother Ann Barber in Eynsford and visited her often in Malt Shovel Row.

When Alice's father Henry Barber returned from the Crimea War in 1856, he was in the 'Light Brigade'. When Ann Barber's husband and his regiment arrived in Maidstone, Ann and daughter Alice Couchman had walked to Maidstone to meet him!

Most of the Barber male members of the family were builders and brick layers, it was the Barber family who built Rablus Place, Farningham. This is where my grandmother Alice Couchman, daughter of Thomas and Alice Couchman, came to live in Rablus Place. Grandmother Alice had married Sydney Mills from West Kingsdown'

Images: Thomas Couchman Blacksmith; Malt Shovel Cottages.

Thank you to Robert Clark for assistance and support with this article.  
To be continued .....

## **Symptom-Free Covid Testing**

Everyone without symptoms should get tested every 2 weeks, especially if you're leaving the house for a necessary reason, such as going to work or shopping for essentials. Around 1 in 3 people with COVID-19 have no symptoms, so get tested regularly to make sure you are not unknowingly spreading the virus.

You can book an appointment at any of the 24 sites across Kent including:.  
Sevenoaks - Bat and Ball Centre, Cramptons Road, Sevenoaks TN14 5DN  
Sevenoaks - Swanley Youth Club, St Mary's Road BR8 7BU

To take a symptom-free test you need to:  
live or work in Kent; be 5 years old or over; have no COVID-19 symptoms (and not be self-isolating); not have tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 90 days.

To book a test visit <https://kcc.healthit.org.uk/covbook/home>

## ALAN CREMER'S QUIZ

**Who is or was the Lady of:.....**

- 1). The Shawl?
- 2).The Lamp?
- 3). The Lake?
- 4). England?
- 5). Sorrows?
- 6). Shalott?
- 7). The Camelias?
- 8). The Snows?
- 9). Lyons?
- 10). Mann?

***Send you answers to: [alanctela@gmail.com](mailto:alanctela@gmail.com)***

**ANSWERS TO THE LAST QUIZ.**

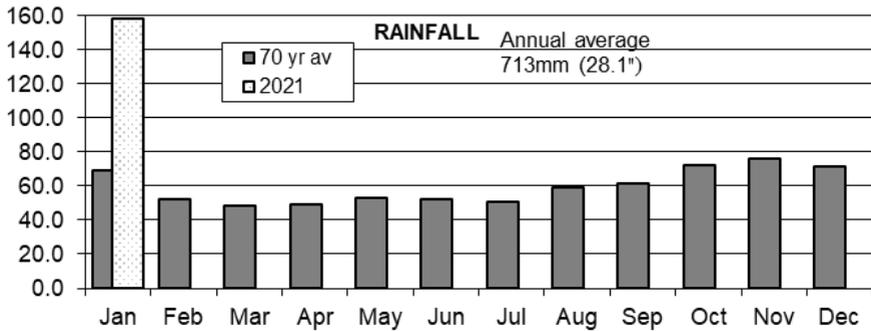
- 1). The Crocodile. Lewis Carroll.
- 2). The Donkey , Chesterton.
- 3). Elephant's child. Kipling.
- 4). Reynard the Fox. Masfield.
- 5). Pigs. Orwell Animal Farm.
- 6). The Beaver. Lewis Carroll The Hunting of the Snark.
- 7). Llama Belloc.
- 8). Rhinoceros Kipling.
- 9). Eeyore the Donkey. A.A. Milne.
- 10).Rats. Browning. The Pied Piper of Hamelin.



# Eynsford Weather Data

## January 2021

James Alexander



Total rain to	2021	159 mm (6.3")	2019	26 mm (1.0")
end of January	2020	62 mm (2.4")	2018	69 mm (2.7")

**National Overview.** January began with a spell of generally cold frosty weather with wintry showers at times in eastern areas. From the 10th a milder and more unsettled regime became established in the south. It was often very wet in the third week, turning colder between the 22nd and 25th, then it was mild and wet, especially in the south, during the closing days of the month. The mean temperature for January was provisionally 1.2°C below the long-term average, which made it the coldest January since 2010. Rainfall was 150% of average, and it was a wet month with some places having more than twice the normal amount. Sunshine was just 78% of average, making it the dullest January since 2002.

**In Eynsford** the year has got off to a very wet start with 230% of average rainfall on 22 days. It was the wettest January since 2014 and the third wettest since 1949. We had several frosts in the first week and then between the 22nd and 27th.

# Community Calendar

ARPS	Anthony Roper Primary School	EVS	Eynsford Village Society
FPC	Farningham Parish Council	EVH	Eynsford Village Hall
DVYM	Darent Valley Youth Music	FC	Farningham Church
EiB	Eynsford in Bloom	FVH	Farningham Village Hall
ECB	Eynsford Concert Band	Fnt Crt	Fountain Court
EBC	Eynsford Baptist Church	ECF	Eynsford Cricket Field
EPC	Eynsford Parish Council	OSH	Olive Seal Hall

ALL DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE/CANCELLATION

**Send in you dates to [efltrident@yahoo.com](mailto:efltrident@yahoo.com)**

## 2021

17 February	EWI It's your duty to be beautiful	EVH	7.30p.m.
18 February	EPC Council Meeting	Online	8pm
1 March	EPC Committee Meetings	Online	8pm
3 March	FPC Council Meeting	FVH	7.45pm
6 March	EiB Work Party	Car Park	9.30am
12 March	FELHS: Rural Rides in the DV	Zoom	7.30pm
17 March	EWI Demonstration capsule wardrobe	EVH	7.30pm
3 April	EiB Work Party	Car Park	9.30am
7 April	FPC Council Meeting	FVH	7.45pm
16 April	FELHS: Firefighting in Kent	Zoom	7.30pm
21 Apr	EWI Culinary herbs	EVH	7.30 p.m.
1 May	EiB Work Party	Car Park	9.30am
5 May	FPC Council Meeting	FVH	7.45pm
7 May	FELHS: AGM	Zoom/EVH	7.30pm
19 May	EWI Annual meeting	Darenth Rm	7.30p.m.
2 June	FPC Council Meeting	FVH	7.45pm
5 June	EiB Work Party	Car Park	9.30am
16 June	EWI Birthday meeting - Seaside Sauce	EVH	7.30p.m.
3 July	EiB Work Party	Car Park	9.30am
7 July	FPC Council Meeting	FVH	7.45pm
21 July	EWI OPEN MEETING Keep fit	EVH	7.30p.m.
7 August	EiB Work Party	Car Park	9.30am
18 Aug	EWI Annual Dinner	EVH	7for 7.30p.m
1 September	FPC Council Meeting	FVH	7.45pm
4 September	EiB Work Party	Car Park	9.30am
15 September	EWI Flower arranging in a big way	EVH	7.30p.m.
17 September	FELHS: Lullingstone Silk Farm	EVH/Zoom	7.30pm
2 October	EiB Work Party	Car Park	9.30am
6 October	FPC Council Meeting	FVH	7.45pm
15 October	FELHS: Local brickfields	FVH/Zoom	7.30pm

20 October	EWI OPEN MEETING Spanish Cookery	EVH	7.30p.m
3 November	FPC Council Meeting	FVH	7.45pm
6 November	EiB Work Party	Car Park	9.30am
6 November	Eynsford Fireworks		
15 November	FELHS: Kent History From the Air	EVH	7.30pm.
17 November	EWI Neal's Yard	EVH	7.30 p.m
1 December	FPC Council Meeting	FVH	7.45pm
4 December	EiB Work Party	Car Park	9.30am
8 December	EWI Christmas Special	EVH	7.30p.m.
17 December	EVS Christmas Quiz	EVH	7.30pm

### **Anthony Roper Primary School dates for 2020/21**

Term 4: 22nd February - 1st April

Term 5: 19th April - 28th May

Term 6 8th June - 21st July

### **The Tuesday Community Bus to Swanley**

Leaves Eynsford Rise about 10.30 and collects wherever you want, including Mill Lane, Old Mill Close, Farningham and then on to Swanley. There you have about one and a half hours before being returned to your door with your shopping. If you would find this service useful, contact Rural Age Concern Darent Valley for details of the modest cost and to book a pick up 01474 879473.

### **Mobile Library Times**

Every other Wednesday:

Eynsford - Pollyhaugh - 11.10-11.40

Eynsford - Gibson's Court - 11.45—12.15

Farningham - Alban Crescent - 10.15-10.45

### **How to Contact your District Councillor**

Sevenoaks District Council 01732 227000 [www.sevenoaks.gov.uk](http://www.sevenoaks.gov.uk)

Farningham: Philip McGarvey 862870 [cllr.mcgarvey@sevenoaks.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.mcgarvey@sevenoaks.gov.uk)

Eynsford: Alan Cheeseman [cllr.cheeseman@sevenoaks.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.cheeseman@sevenoaks.gov.uk)

### **How to Contact your MP**

Laura Trott MP

House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA

Tel: 072193000

Email: [laura.trott.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:laura.trott.mp@parliament.uk)

### **How to Contact Kent Police**

Either call 101 or report online.

The link is: <https://www.kent.police.uk/services/report-a-crime/kent-police-online-reporting/>

## **Fly tipping**

Fly-tipping on highways, footpaths and public land should be reported promptly (at any time) to Sevenoaks District Council on 01732 227000.

## **Recycling in the Villages**

Aluminium foil Iris and Ed Riverdale House, High St, Eynsford  
Old coins Phil McGarvey 17, Tilmans Mead, Farningham  
Bulky Refuse 01732 227000 (Press1)

## **Further supplies of Garden & Rubbish Sacks**

### **Garden rubbish brown bags**

Parish Office Eynsford, Swanley Library; SDC Offices, Sevenoaks

### **Black and clear rubbish bags**

Parish Office Eynsford; Jane Gray Farningham

## **Recycling using your clear sacks**

### **You can put the following clean items into your clear sacks:**

- Newspapers, magazines, other paper and shredded documents
- Cardboard boxes and packaging.
- Cans, including empty aerosol cans, tins, metal bottle tops, jar lids,
- Tetra Pak® and other food, drink and long-life cartons
- Aluminium take-away and ready-meal trays and clean kitchen foil
- Plastic bottles and tops. Plastic yoghurt pots, margarine and ice cream tubs, fruit baskets and trays. Please put black plastic pots, tubs, trays or lids, or film lids in your black sacks.

## **Milk in GLASS bottles**

If you care about the plastic issue, you could help a little by having your organic milk delivered to your door in glass bottles. It would cost you more, but it would ease your conscience! It's 81p for a glass bottle or 95p for organic. Contact [milkandmore.co.uk](http://milkandmore.co.uk) or phone 0845 606 3606 to organise deliveries.

## **What about Plastics?**

We are all trying to reduce how much plastic we use and buy, but sometimes we can't avoid it.

Many supermarkets will recycle your plastic bags and packaging - just ask. There are also recycling scheme for packaging such as crisp packets - see [www.terracycle.com](http://www.terracycle.com)

The Eco Pantry, based at Chart Farm, Seal is a new shop where you can refill your own containers with dried goods, cleaning products and more - worth a visit on Tuesday, Thursday or Saturday!

## BRAESIDE SURGERY DOCTORS' TIMES

	Mornings		Evenings	
Monday	Dr Ellul Dr Shetty	08:30– 12:30 08.30 – 12.30	Dr Ellul Dr Shetty <b>*By appointment only*</b>	16:10 – 18:30 "18.30-19.30" 17.30 – 18.30 <b>Commuter Service</b>
Tuesday	Dr Ellul Dr Tan	08:30 – 12.30 08.30 – 12.30	Dr Ellul Dr Tan	16:00 – 18:30 15.30 – 17.30
Wednesday	Dr Ellul Dr Shetty	08:30 – 12.30 08.30 - 12.30	Dr Ellul <b>"By appointment only"</b>  Dr Shetty	17.30-18.30 "18.30-19.30" <b>Commuter Service</b> 16.40-18.30
Thursday	Dr Shetty Dr Ellul	08:30 – 12:30 08:30 – 12:00	Dr Shetty Dr Ellul	16.20-18.30 16.10-18.30
Friday	Dr Tan Dr Shetty	08.30 – 12:30 08:30 – 09.30	Dr Tan Dr Shetty	15.30 – 17:30 16.40-19.00

### WHAT TO DO WHEN WE ARE CLOSED:

NHS 111 – URGENT BUT NOT LIFE THREATENING      Tel: 111  
 South East Health provide an 'on-call' doctor service outside of normal surgery hours for our patients from Darent Valley Hospital. To access the service please telephone the surgery where you will receive either a message or be diverted directly to the local surgery on call between 1pm – 4pm OR between 6.30pm – 8.00am dial **111** where your call will be triaged and diverted directly to the on-call doctor or service where appropriate. Please use this service rather than dialling 999 or attending the A&E Services if your condition is not life threatening.

### ALTERNATIVE HEALTH CARE SPECIALISTS:

Minor injuries can also be dealt with by **Minor Injuries Unit (MIU)** at: Gravesend & North Kent Hospital, Bath Street, Gravesend open 9:00 – 9:00 seven days a week, or at Sevenoaks Hospital, open 8:00 – 8:00 (x-ray 9:00 – 4:00 only) these are both Emergency Nurse Practitioner (ENP) led clinics. The ENPs are trained in assessing and diagnosing a wide range of minor injuries; i.e. cuts and bruises, strains and sprains, foreign bodies in eyes, minor burns and scalds.

## Local Services

**Transport** can be provided to hospitals, chiropodists, doctor. Please phone Lilian on 863293, 48 hrs notice would be appreciated. Queen Mary's & DVH - £8  
Chiropodist @ Devon Rd £5 Farn. Surgery £2.50 Any parking expenses will be additional to these charges. We do not do lifts to the hairdressers or Bluewater!!

**Lifts** for pensioners to Post Office, Sainsbury's, Swanley - Liz on 865529  
**Wheelchairs and walkers** for short loan, phone Molly Copus on 01322 532029  
**Bus Pass /Rail Warrant** - you must buy that warrant from railway station  
**Hospital Visiting** Please notify Gillian on 866228 if someone would like a visit from the church pastoral team.

**NHS Hearing Aid batteries** EVH 1st Tuesday 2-3pm - ON HOLD

**Podiatry Service** The Mill Clinic Horton Kirby 864499

Podiatry Home visits Debra Wilkinson 860512 Mob: 07984 914 067

**Home Delivery Service of Library Books** including audio books for the housebound phone 01959522488

**Tell us once** service These people will do all the necessary phone calls when you have to cope with a death Phone 08458 247 400

**Lunch ready cooked** Age UK West Kent 01474 350525

**Caring, Cooking** Anne Phillips CRB checked 07931 811 758

**For equipment for the Disabled and Changes to the Home:**

Social Services D'ford 01322 343867 Social Services S'ley 01322 611000

Elderly 01474 328 664 Sevenoaks 01732 456 223

**Hospital Discharge Scheme** 01732 227000 and ask for Hosp Dis Sch

**Washing hair in hospital.** Buy a Reynard shampoo cap – a rinse free conditioning shampoo in a disposable cap. It's very easy to use: the cap is put in the microwave to warm up and then put on the head and massaged for 15 minutes before it is removed, leaving you with lovely clean hair. The cap costs £4 and can be ordered at a chemist.

**Services of Family Mosaic Home Improvement**

Free advice and guidance; Assistance with adapting your home; Help with applying for benefits; Fire, home safety checks

**Handyman services** Grass cutting and decorating services

01732 758 355 Ext: 758355

**Swanley Foodbank** 11 Lynden Way, Swanley BR8 7DN 07798 872573

**National Domestic Violence Helpline** 0808 200 247 (Women); 0808 801 0327 (Men) or visit [www.domesticabuseservices.org.uk](http://www.domesticabuseservices.org.uk)

## Bus Times from February 2021

**From EYNSFORD**, opp. Five Bells & **FARNINGHAM**, Pied Bull (4 mins. later)  
**Sundays and Bank Holidays** – Route 429 to SWANLEY, DARTFORD,  
Darent Valley Hospital & BLUEWATER 09:30, 11:55 & 15:05

**also from FARNINGHAM**, Pied Bull

**Mondays to Saturdays** – Route 429 to SWANLEY 06:07(MF), 06:47(MF),  
To SWANLEY & DARTFORD 07:34(MF)(SHOL), 08:37(SO), 09:37(MF), 10:37,  
11:37(MF), 12:37, 13:37(MF), 14:37, 16:37(SO), 16:52(MF) & 17:52(MF)

**From BLUEWATER, Darent Valley Hospital & DARTFORD**

**Sundays and Bank Holidays** – Route 429 to FARNINGHAM & EYNSFORD  
10:30, 13:40 & 16:10 (departs Darent Valley Hospital 6 mins., and DARTFORD  
Lowfield St. 13 mins. after BLUEWATER)

**From DARTFORD** Lowfield Street

**Mondays to Saturdays** – Route 429 to FARNINGHAM 08:37(MF), 09:32,  
10:32 (MF), 11:32, 12:32 (MF), 13:32, 14:32\*(MF), 15:32(MF)(SHOL),  
15:32(SO), 16:47(MF), 17:32(SO), 17:47 (MF), & 18:47 (MF)

**From SWANLEY**, Bartholomew Way opp. ASDA

**Mondays to Saturdays** – Route 429 to FARNINGHAM 09:00(MF), 10:00,  
11:00(MF), 12:00, 13:00(MF), 14:00, 16:00 (SO), 16:02(MF)(SHOL),  
17:15 (MF), 18:00 (SO), 18:15 (MF) & 19:15 (MF)

**Sundays** - Route 429 to FARNINGHAM & EYNSFORD 11:08, 14:18 & 16:48

MF - Mondays to Fridays; SO - Saturdays only;  
SHOL- School holidays only; \*- to Swanley only

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From 18 January 2021 Route 2 from Swanley to Sevenoaks has been suspended.  
Route 429 continues to operate through Eynsford on Sundays and Bank  
Holidays and from Farningham on weekdays, as detailed above.  
Go Coach “On demand” service is available for journeys between Swanley,  
Farningham, Eynsford, Shoreham, Otford and Sevenoaks.. Download the App.  
“Go2 Sevenoaks” or telephone 01732 463 964 to register. Further details  
available at [www.go2now.co.uk](http://www.go2now.co.uk).

*David Toser*

# Things to Do in Eynsford & Farningham

## Children & Young People

### **1st Eynsford & Farningham Scout Group**

Scouts, Tuesdays 7- 8.30 pm, Edwards Hall  
863069

Cubs Wednesdays, 7- 8.30pm, Edwards Hall  
863069

Beavers, Fridays, 4.30- 5.45pm, Edwards Hall  
863069

### **1st Farningham & Eynsford Guides**

Guides, 7.30 - 9pm, Fridays, Edwards Hall  
07703845778

1st Brownies, 6-7.20pm, Fridays, Edwards Hall

2nd Brownies, 6- 7.30pm, Mondays, Edwards  
Hall [secondfandebrownies@outlook.com](mailto:secondfandebrownies@outlook.com)

Rainbows 9-10.30am, Saturdays, Edwards Hall  
864726

### **Beacon Hill Babies** Music & Dance classes

07958609636

Tuesdays & Thursdays, Eynsford Baptist Church

### **Centre Stage Youth Drama** 07834460686

Thursdays , 6-7.30pm, Anthony Roper Primary  
School

### **Colts Cricket** 07973702440

Fridays in the summer, Common Meadow,  
Eynsford

### **Crafty Tots**

Thursdays, Olive Seal Hall

### **Darent Valley Youth Music (DVYM)** 866177

Fridays, Minims at 4.30, Big Band at 5.30,  
Eynsford Baptist Church

Thursdays, Vocal Ensemble Juniors 6-7pm,

Seniors 7-8 pm, EBC Term Time

Thursdays, Ukulele Group 6 - 7pm, EBC

Saturdays, Enterprise at 9am Wind Band at  
9:45am, EBC

### **Farningham Cricket Club Juniors**

07835881451

### **Musical Tots** [georgia0907@hotmail.com](mailto:georgia0907@hotmail.com)

Fridays, 10am, Eynsford Baptist Church

### **Riverside Youth Group** - Drama 07427607003

Wednesdays, 6 - 7.30pm, Eynsford Village Hall

### **S B Soccer School**

Saturdays, 9.30- 10.30am for Year 1 to Year 6,

Anthony Roper Primary School

**Tiddlers** (Playgroup for babies/toddlers and  
carers) 07894541984

Mondays, 9.30am – 11.30am, Eynsford Baptist  
Church

### **Tiny Tots:** Mothers & Toddlers Group

07584902914

Wednesdays, 9.30-11.30am, Farningham Village  
hall

### **Tots with Tempo**

[hello@thepeoplesdancecompany.co.uk](mailto:hello@thepeoplesdancecompany.co.uk)

Tuesdays (term time) 9:30-10:00 - Music and  
Movement; 10:30-11:00 - Baby Ballet, Eynsford  
Village Hall

## **Adults & All Ages**

**Axstane Players** Amateur Dramatics 01322  
274541

Mondays & Wednesdays, 8-10.30pm, Farningham  
Village Hall

**Badminton** Mon 862077, Wed 863839, Thur  
867894

Mondays & Wednesdays 8-10pm, Thursdays 7.30  
-9.30pm Eynsford Village Hall

**Bell ringing** jack.barker@nhs.net  
Eynsford & Farningham Wednesdays

**Bridge Club**  
Mondays 2-4pm, Olive Seal Hall

**Circuit Training**  
Tuesday 6.30pm, Wednesday 6.45pm, Anthony  
Roper Primary School

**EPIC** (Photography Club) 862275  
4<sup>th</sup> Monday, 8pm, Olive Seal Hall

**Eynsford Concert Band** 07506679015  
Tuesdays at 7.45pm, Anthony Roper Primary  
School

**Eynsford Cricket Club** 07973702440

**Eynsford & Crockenhill Rights of Way Group**  
[www.canderambers.org.uk](http://www.canderambers.org.uk)  
Mondays 9.30am Riverside, Eynsford

**Eynsford Croquet Club** 862275

**Eynsford in Bloom** (Village gardening work parties) 01322 864751  
Tuesdays, 9.30am village car park; 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday  
9.30am, village car park

**Eynsford Football Club**  
Saturday afternoons at Harrow Meadow

**Eynsford Gardeners Club** 866984

**Eynsford Netball Club** (yrs 3 – Adult)  
07864279305  
Mondays 6.30 – 7.30pm, Anthony Roper Primary  
School

**Eynsford Running Club**  
Wednesday evenings - outside 5 Bells – Giles  
Wolfe gilesmad@me.com

**Eynsford W.I.** 862635 jeannievthompson@gmail.com  
3rd Wednesday, 7.30 p.m., Eynsford Village Hall.

**Farningham Church Choir** Practice  
Thursday, 7pm, St Peter & St Paul's Church

**Farningham Guitar Club** 666566

**Farningham Horticultural Society** 862603

**Follies Singers**  
Thursdays 8pm

**Farningham & Eynsford Local History Society**  
01322 864234  
archives@felhs.org.uk

**Farningham Cricket Club** 07835881451

**Farningham WI** 01322 863996  
1st Thursday, 7.30pm, Farningham Village Hall.

**Get Fit**  
Wednesday 6.30 - 7.30pm, Thursday 7-8pm An-  
thony Roper Primary School

**Health with Hames Yoga** 07753212264  
Tuesdays, 7.30-8.30pm Olive Seal Hall

**Irish Folk Dancing** - 864276/07981021276  
Fortnightly on Wednesdays, 7.30-8.30pm,  
Eynsford Village Hall 7.30 - 8.30pm

**Kempo** 07759620739  
Thursday 6.30 - 8.30pm, Edwards Hall

**Line dancing** 01732 870116  
Tuesday 7-9.15pm, Farningham Village Hall

**Pilates** Sue McClinton 07505 364161 smcclin-  
ton66@gmail.com  
Wednesday, 3-4pm, Farningham Village Hall

**Pilates** 07860665531  
Wednesdays 9.30-10.30am, Eynsford Village Hall

**Polychor** 07900842454  
Wednesday, 7.45 – 9.30pm, Anthony Roper Pri-  
mary School

**Probus** Ladies 863186, Men 863186  
**Riverside Wanderers** Vets Football  
07770882085  
Sunday mornings at Harrow Meadow

**Songbird Yoga** [hello@songbirdyoga.co.uk](mailto:hello@songbirdyoga.co.uk)  
07747630969  
Mondays 9.30-10.30am, Tuesdays 10.30-  
11.20am,

**St Martin's Church Choir** practice  
Wednesday, 6.30pm, St Martin's Church

**Tea and Chat** 866325  
Thursday, 2- 4pm, Farningham Village Hall

**Tea Dance** 01322 663649

Mondays, 2-4pm, Farningham Village Hall

**Tuesday Club** 863701, 863069  
Tuesday, 2-4pm, Eynsford Village Hall

**Tutti Wind Band** for adults  
Saturday, 9am, Eynsford Village Hall.

**Ukulele Group** 862779  
Wednesday, 7pm - phone for venue

**Yoga** 864566  
Wednesday, Farningham Village Hall

**Zumba** 07552755005  
Thursdays 6 -7pm, Farningham Village Hall

## Other Useful Numbers

Anthony Roper Pre-School 865469  
School (ARPS) 863680  
Eynsford Baptist Church.07411278637  
Darent V.C. Church 07908045445  
Grace Centre Church EVH 07886510330  
Riverside Box Office 07704 279 948  
Dementia Help Line 0800 500 3014  
Baby Clinic 866327  
Doctor Farningham 862110  
Doctor The Cedars, Swanley 612686  
Doctor The Oaks, Swanley 668833  
Foot Clinic (Age Concern) 01474 879473  
Rural Age Concern 01322 666448.  
Citizens Advice Bureau 01322 875888  
Library delivery service 01959 522488  
Edwards Hall Lettings 863069  
Eynsford Parish Council 865320  
Eynsford Village Society 866102  
EVH Booking Sec. 07780 532525  
Farningham Parish Council 07375062428  
F'ham Vill Hall bookings 07530297707  
Olive Seal Hall 866407



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Concessions for residents.

Contact: 07780 532525 or *via* [www.eynsfordvh.com](http://www.eynsfordvh.com)

## Result of EVH Lottery for last month

(see article in the magazine)

Tickets available at Rafferty's and Norman's



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The Crown, 10 High Street, Otford  
TN14 5PQ

Tel: 01732 755582

Email:

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