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## From the Editor

Welcome to the May edition of Trident. This month is a first for the magazine, we will be publishing it online only due to the Coronavirus Pandemic that is affecting all of our lives at the moment. This means that it will also be accessible to non-subscribers. If that is you, and you find Trident to be useful and interesting, why not subscribe and support its production? Everyone involved in creating this publication is a volunteer, but we do have to pay the printer (in normal circumstances). Any surplus is donated to local groups and charities.

I hope everyone is keeping well. We particularly think of all of the front line workers, and also those who are sick or are isolating at home.

We are lucky to have a wonderful team of volunteers looking after those in our villages who are struggling at the moment - thank you. There are lots of others who are also doing their bit to keeping us all going, from our local shops, to our teachers setting online work and supporting the children of key workers, to council workers, supermarket staff and delivery people.

I have taken out the diary section altogether this month as there is so much uncertainty at the moment. I didn't want to leave/delete the wrong dates! I have it all saved, so it can be re-inserted once we know if we are allowed to go out.

Those of us that are more able have been able to spend some time getting to know our local bit of countryside better, enjoying walks, runs and cycle rides on our own or with our families. Many have enjoyed seeing the bluebells in Chalkhurst Woods and Farningham Woods.

I was worried that we would not have many articles this month, but its turned out we have plenty! Thanks to those who have written something for the magazine.

Next month may or may not be in the same format. We always welcome input from new contributors, just get in touch at [efltrident@yahoo.com](mailto:efltrident@yahoo.com).

Stay Safe and Stay at Home!  
*Holly Ivaldi, Editor.*

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**11.00 am**

Morning worship on 1st & 3rd Sundays  
2nd & 4th Sundays, Holy Communion  
children's activities during the communion service.

**Lullingstone**

**11.00 am**

A traditional service using the Book of Common Prayer  
Holy Communion on the 3rd Sunday  
Sunday School during the Service on the 4th Sunday

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

Dear Friends,

I am writing this in early April for the May edition of Trident, which is yet another casualty of the Coronavirus in that it can only be published online. For me, today is Palm Sunday, the beginning of Holy Week, when Christians enter with Jesus into Jerusalem and walk with him his last days, to his death on a cross. My palm cross from last year reminds me that the crowds who welcomed Jesus into the holy city, waving palm branches, were baying for his blood by the following Friday. But, as Peter Davis reminded us in the April edition of Trident, Good Friday gave way to Easter Day, sorrow turned to joy and ‘the Easter message gives us hope in a bewildering world and hope to face the uncertainties of the future.’ Prophetic words indeed as we live through these strange, sad and frightening times.

The empty cross reminds us that death by crucifixion was not the end of Jesus and that love conquers all. And haven’t we seen that in these last weeks and months? Hospital staff of all ranks risking their own lives to care for others; those in other essential services and industries carrying on to keep us all going; world communities sharing information together to fight this deadly virus; and neighbours reaching out in love to help each other.

When someone asked Jesus ‘Who is my neighbour?’ he told the parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke’s Gospel chapter 10 verses 25 to 37). It’s the story of a man who was mugged and left for dead as he travelled the dangerous road from Jerusalem to Jericho, which winds through gorges in deserted places. Three people came along, but the only one who stopped to help was a Samaritan – a foreigner. When Jesus had finished his story, he turned the tables on his questioner and asked him ‘Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?’ He replied, ‘The one who showed him mercy’; and Jesus said, ‘Go and do likewise.’ Both Jews and Christians have the commandment: ‘Love your neighbour as yourself.’ Jesus added to this the ‘Great Commandment’ to ‘Love one another as I have loved you.’ We give thanks for all those who are showing love for their neighbours during this crisis.

*Jan Thompson*

<p>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 <a href="mailto:efltrident@yahoo.com">efltrident@yahoo.com</a></p>
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## Christian Aid Week 10-16 May 2020

Christian Aid Week each year gives us the opportunity to show compassion to our neighbours, not just in these villages or even in this country, but throughout the world. This special week each year is the main fund-raiser for this charity, enabling it to bring emergency and development aid to some of the poorest communities in the world, whatever their religious beliefs. Its motivation is Christian, but this week enables many other kind-hearted people to participate. Unfortunately, the Coronavirus has put paid to the usual envelope deliveries, door-to-door collections, Big Brekkies and other fund-raising events that we had planned for 2020.

Last year, together, we raised £2,500 in our three villages, moved by hearing of the dangers for pregnant women in Sierra Leone. Christian Aid was able to build many new health centres and has supported community savings groups to help pay for transport to their nearest clinic. This year, the campaign was to focus on Kenya, where poor farmers have been pushed to the brink of survival by the climate crisis. They have often had to struggle against severe droughts, but these are now more frequent and more intense. Women and children are forced to make long and dangerous journeys to find water, walking on average 8km/5 miles a day. Christian Aid is supporting work to catch and save rain-water when it does fall. A sand dam, for example, is the cheapest method. It needs little maintenance and will last for 50 years, providing a reliable source of water all year round for up to 1,000 people.

But, of course, it is Covid-19 that is occupying everyone at the moment. Christian Aid has experience of working with the Ebola crisis and will build on this experience should this spread to poorer countries. They say:

‘If infection rates start to develop as they are in Europe, then people in poorer countries will be hit even harder. Many are already living with reduced health resilience because of extreme poverty, or in overcrowded humanitarian camps and in countries which do not have the healthcare infrastructures needed to combat widespread disease. We will be working on the ground to help prepare communities to limit the impact of Covid-19.’

We also need to remember that this is a global pandemic and we are all in this together. If Covid-19 sweeps through poorer countries, - when restrictions on travel are lifted in the West, there is the danger that it will all start up again here. Only together can we beat this virus.

It would be great if we could raise another £2500 this year to support Christian Aid in this vital work. We cannot make this easy for you by knocking on your door, and we cannot keep a tally of what you give, but PLEASE

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THANK YOU SO MUCH for being a good neighbour. *Jan Thompson*

## Church News from the Associate Rector

Normally we would be planning for all sorts of events and giving you the dates for your diaries, but we are not living in normal times right now. The Church, in common with all other organisations, has had to temporarily suspend all our activities but we are all looking forward to the time when we are able safely to join together again face to face. It has been wonderful to hear the many ways that folk are keeping in touch and making sure that all who are isolated and vulnerable are cared for. We are so blessed to live in such amazing communities.

During the closure of our churches, clergy have been encouraged to maintain a pattern of daily prayer at home. I will be saying Morning Prayer on behalf of us all at home at 7am. If you would like to join me, please pray at this time. If this is a little early for you, then I encourage you to pray at a time that suits you. I will also be saying Compline (night prayer) at 7pm if you would like to join in. You can find versions of Morning and Night Prayer on-line (Time to Pray app - everything you need for Prayer During the Day, with variations according to the day of the week and the season of the Church's year. Download for free. More resources for prayer and on-line services can be found on the Benefice website (<http://www.efl-churches.org/worship-resources/>). I pray that knowing that we are held together in prayer will bring comfort during this time when we are not able to meet in our churches.

I realise that many who are on their own at this time may be finding it difficult not to be able to go into our churches so I am trying to bring everyone together by producing services that we can all read at a set time in our homes. I have also produced some material on YouTube for those who would like to listen as well as join in the liturgy. I plan to continue with this pattern as far as possible until we are once more able to join together in public worship. I know that many of you are using other technology to come together to worship which is absolutely wonderful, keep up the good work.

As we do not know when these restrictions will be lifted, it is more important than ever to appreciate those things which are live giving. Just looking around at our beautiful surroundings; the wonderful gift of friendship that we have been rediscovering as we have more time; being able to spend time with our families, even if this is sometimes at a distance via Skype or Facetime; caring for one another. Thank you all for your faithfulness in prayer, stay safe, God bless.

*Rev'd Dorothy*

# Eynsford Baptist Church

A few months ago, when most of us were getting weary of all the talk about Brexit that dominated the news, none of us could have imagined the extraordinary season that lay around the corner. Yet here we are! A few reflections.

I am sure that I speak for the whole community when I express profound gratitude to all those, especially in the National Health Service, but also other essential services for their hard work and commitment at this time. Whilst most of us are *staying* at home to save lives – you are taking the risk of *leaving* home to save lives. This is a season when thousands of ordinary people have become heroes. The list of other heroes is too long to mention, but those who work in care homes surely deserve a mention too.

Before the pandemic ends, probably most of us will know of someone – directly or indirectly who has died. We offer our condolences to those who have been bereaved.

Essential to our collective mental health is keeping our thoughts positive. Some food for thought:

- ◆ How much harder and less effective would the response to this pandemic have been before advances in digital technology and the Internet? Back in the 14<sup>th</sup> century, the Black Death killed an estimated 100 million people. In those days there was no science, no modelling, no testing, no video conferencing and so on.
- ◆ How much more catastrophic would things be for our nation if the government had not stepped in with a package of help and support for businesses, employees and the self-employed? Of course, there will be a price to be paid in the future, but undoubtedly businesses and jobs are being saved.
- ◆ Times such as these provide opportunities for ordinary people to perform acts of kindness and selfless generosity. Long after Covid-19, there will be a legacy of memories of sacrificial care, concern and neighbourliness. The values on which our nation has been established are very much in evidence.
- ◆ We enjoy fresh, clean water with which to wash our hands!

The apostle Paul instructed, “Let your requests be made known with thanksgiving.” This we certainly do as we pray for an end to this dreadful season.

*Chris Moffett*  
Pastor Eynsford Baptist Church

## **Weathering the storm**

I wonder how you are coping with life at the moment . We all find ourselves under lockdown, weathering the storm of Covid-19 . Normal life has changed beyond all recognition , almost everything that seemed sure is uncertain .

As a church we recently thought about a situation experienced by Jesus and the disciples where they faced a very real storm . This can be read in Luke Ch. 8 v 22 to 26 .

It is interesting that the scene is set by Jesus saying "let us go the other side" (v22) and that is a real picture of all our lives, we are transitioning and on a journey where we have not yet reached our final destination .

Jesus and the disciples all launch out in a boat for the other side. Jesus stays with the disciples but takes a "back seat " by falling asleep . How often does our Lord leave us to our own devices. He is not a dictator but leaves us with free will to live and decide as we feel fit . Verse 23 clearly states that a gale of wind arose and they began to be swamped , they were in danger and feared for their lives . I wonder if this is how you feel at the moment . You are in a boat that has set sail, you have lost sight of the coast with all its familiar landscape and safety . Then suddenly everything is rocking and shaking. All that is familiar and normal is suddenly changing . The things that gave you security are gone . You possibly feel vulnerable , under threat and in danger .

Can I encourage you that whilst Jesus never promised an easy journey he did promise " Never to leave you or forsake you" ( Hebrews 13v5) . The disciples found this out . Jesus was still asleep In the boat , he was not troubled by his environment as he knew it was in subjection to him. The disciples woke him and Jesus met their need by calming the storm and then challenging their faith (Luke 8 v24 to 25) .

Can I urge you today to take your fears and doubts to our Lord in prayer. He will listen and calm the storm of your heart . He will reveal himself to you . He has promised us all that as you put your trust in him you will "reach the other side"

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Psalm 107 v 19

Then they cry unto The Lord in their trouble, and he saveth them out of their distresses

Lord you love the world and it is not your will for people to perish with this epidemic but to know you. We are grateful to the government and the world health organisation for slowing the pandemic but there is still distress .

We now cry unto You Lord for mercy that brings healing. We pray Lord for all who are sick please heal them. We remember families who have lost loved ones lord please comfort them. We pray for anyone alone and isolated please send them help.

We pray for people who are scared for their jobs and finances please give them hope. We pray for the churches please build your church. We pray for the healthcare workers and those keeping the country going by providing food and daily needs please strengthen them.

After this epidemic is over please let the world be a better place. God give our leaders all the wisdom they need now and after covid -19 is over.

May God's protection be upon us all , in Jesus name we pray Please stay safe and well. Our programmes and services are online at the moment please call us if you want to join us for details.

All programmes will be as scheduled after the lockdown including the picnic.

**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)

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He played football for Crouch End Vampires. It was there that he met Jack Wells who got him a job in the city in reinsurance when he left school. He stayed with the same company in its various guises until he retired.

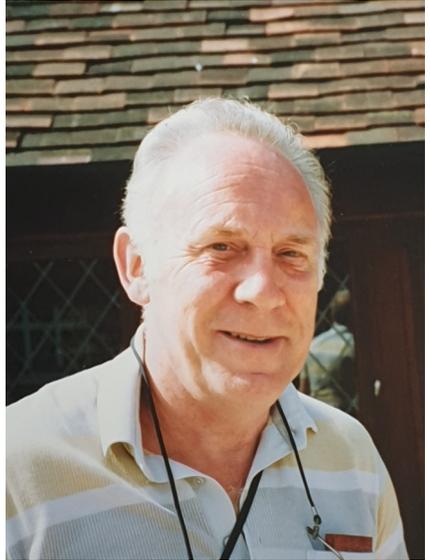
Ron met me at the same firm and we were married in 1962. Having spent a short period of time living in Haringey, we moved to Farningham. Ron came to love Farningham. He joined Farningham Football Club playing with the team for many years, He also joined Farningham Cricket Club where he became club secretary playing for the club for twenty six years and eventually becoming a life member.

He was Treasurer for Farningham Horticultural Society and took up golf in his retirement and was an ardent fan of his beloved Spurs who he supported for eighty one years.

Ron was a loving Father to his three sons who he was so proud of and an adoring Grandfather to 'his girls'.

He will be really missed by his family and many friends.

*Sue Bowers*



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## Interpreting the Darent Valley Landscape

With all of us being advised to take our exercise close to home, I wondered if Trident readers might like to refer to an interpretive walk that I wrote back in 2012 for the Royal Geographic Society's online series [www.discoveringbritain.org](http://www.discoveringbritain.org).

The text and audio recording for this walk can be viewed, printed or listened to at: -

<https://www.discoveringbritain.org/activities/south-east-england/walks/darent-valley-walk.html>

In it I relate about the farmed landscape as you walk along the Darent Valley between Shoreham and Eynsford railway stations (or vice versa if starting from Eynsford!).

The described route starts in Shoreham, looping up along 'the Terrace' footpath to gain panoramic valley views before returning to pick up the river path. Heading downstream it passes Castle Farm before continuing on and linking to various historical points in Lullingstone and Eynsford village.

This walk is titled "*From Hops to Lavender*" and includes 21 stopping points from where I describe how the valley's local geology and geography has influenced land use and farming enterprises during past decades and over the centuries. Additional topics embraced include the artist Samuel Palmer, the river Darent, Shoreham's chalk cross, flint stones, Lullingstone Castle silk, transport developments and the Eynsford tree mnemonic.

Even if you are unable to get out yourself or if we are restricted from such activity by government, you may enjoy the text as a reminder of the beauty, diversity and history of our valley.

Keep safe, keep well.

*William Alexander*





Farningham Parish Council met via a video link on Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020, and present were seven parish councillors, the Clerk, Jane Gray, Sevenoaks District Councillor Philip McGarvey and Kent County Councillor Roger Gough.

### **Covid-19 virus pandemic:**

The government lockdown in the face of this outbreak forced postponement of our Annual Parish Meeting organised for 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020 and the requirement for our monthly Council Meeting was held via the Zoom website. The next Parish Council meeting on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May will be also be held virtually via Zoom and the Annual Parish Meeting will precede it at 7.00pm. Members of the public are asked to send any questions or comments prior to the meetings to the Clerk or alternatively contact the Clerk to get a login to join the either meeting; details will be placed on the noticeboard at the Farningham Village Hall and on the website. The virus outbreak has also forced the temporary closure of the car park at Farningham Woods and the play area in Oliver Crescent while Friends of Farningham meets have been postponed until further notice.

### **Support network:**

It is very encouraging to see the network of support that has grown following the virus outbreak. A volunteer group of Farningham and Eynsford residents has been formed and our local businesses have also reported an upsurge of customers. Farningham Butchers have had many more customers, some not seen for a number of years, and they are also operating a home delivery service. Many expressions of grateful thanks have been aired by residents and the same appreciation has been offered to Rafferty's local shop and Norman's Butchers in Eynsford. Riverside Tea Rooms has also made deliveries to residents and community spirit is undoubtedly uplifted by these expressions of generosity. 'Cook' (via Sevenoaks District Council) has offered to provide a weekly cooked meal for elderly and vulnerable residents and though this is not up and running yet, it will be shortly. Please contact the Clerk if you wish to be put on the list or can suggest a suitable resident. When we are finally out of the grip of this deadly virus it can only be hoped that local residents will remember these kind thoughts and deeds and support our local shops – please use them or lose them. Our Clerk, Jane Gray, is one of the volunteers available to assist those in need and her contact details are above.

### **Housing issues:**

Sevenoaks District Council's Chief Officer, People and Places, Sarah Robson has issued guidelines to residents concerned at their housing situation in the

wake of any financial difficulties caused by the Covid-19 outbreak. The Government has announced that private and social landlords will not be able to evict tenants; there is further information on the Sevenoaks District Council website [https://www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/info/20001/housing/512/coronavirus\\_and\\_housing](https://www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/info/20001/housing/512/coronavirus_and_housing) or contact direct by telephone 01732 227000.

**Kent County Council:**

Cllr Roger Gough reported that a ‘Kent Together’ 24-hour support network has also been formed in the face of the virus pandemic and can be contacted via the internet on the KCC site or by telephone on 03000 419292. The resurfacing of Cinder Path, between Oliver Crescent and the High Street, has been completed and further investigation into the flooding in Eynsford Road has revealed the drainage system that runs under private properties may have been tampered with during building operations in the past.

**Dog waste bins:**

We have decided to remove the five dog waste bins from the village and now ask residents to deposit their bagged dog waste into the Sevenoaks Council street litter bins. Notice was received from KCC that dog waste now needs to be mixed with other rubbish and so Councillors made the decision to remove the dog waste bins and install new litter bins at the High Street end of Sparepenny Lane and at the Farningham end of Millfield. We learnt that dog waste and items put in the village litter bins are collectively treated as contaminated waste and all of this is incinerated thus having separate bins is unnecessary. We will monitor the situation to see if more litter bins are required. Unfortunately, our volunteer litter pickers continue to discover quite large numbers of discarded plastic bags full of dog waste, particularly on the Darent Valley walk along Sparepenny Lane and on the river walk. This is a nationwide scourge akin to fly tipping and very sad to see. There are also some problems at the moment because Sevenoaks cannot empty the litter bins as frequently as usual. It should be noted that the use of these bins for household waste is not permitted by SDC but some residents ignore this and overflowing bins become even more of an issue.

**Farningham Woods:**

The Parish Council have released funds for remedial work to improve security, the drainage and surface of the car park at the woods.

**Bonfires:**

Everyone is reminded not to light bonfires as it is unneighbourly.

**Shand Hall:**

The Hall was transferred to St. Peter and St. Paul’s Parochial Church Council on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2020 as a community building for Farningham.

### **Casual Vacancy:**

The Parish Council would like to thank Guy Williams for his valuable contribution to the Council; he will be much missed. Accordingly, there is now a vacancy for a Parish Councillor. Please contact the Clerk (contact details above) with a few details about yourself if you wish to be considered for Co-option.

### **Sevenoaks District Council – Grass Cutting**

Sevenoaks District Council's maintenance team have been redeployed helping with refuse collections and we have been informed the greens in Alban and Oliver Crescents will not be cut for the foreseeable future. Sevenoaks District Council is the only Council in Kent to maintain a weekly refuse and recycling collection. Most other Councils alternate between the two; the Parish Council is therefore happy to support this. A very public-spirited parishioner in Alban Crescent has cut both greens with his own lawn mower and the Parish Council would like to record grateful thanks. The Parish Council has stepped in and arranged for a contractor to cut the grass in Oliver Crescent.

Our next meeting Parish Council meeting will be on Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> May 2020; please see first paragraph for details. The Clerk holds a list of parishioner's email addresses and the Parish Council are keen for relevant information to be circulated, particularly at this unprecedented time; please email the Clerk if you would like to be included on this list via [clerk@farninghampc.co.uk](mailto:clerk@farninghampc.co.uk)

*Cllr. Carol Salmon*

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

News for the Ladies' Probus Club? Meetings for April and May cancelled and watch this space for June. It's a routine meeting once a month and not until it doesn't happen that you realise how much you appreciate it. It's the chance to get together with friends, have a good lunch and listen to interesting speakers. Let's hope it's back to normal soon when it is safe to do so. There's lots to look forward to with an outing planned for June and our usual summer lunch with the men's group joining us in August. Hopefully later in the year we will learn more about The Flying Squad, the Jewels and Wardrobe of the Duchess of Windsor and other fascinating topics.

Best wishes to all members and hope to see you soon at the Darenth Valley Golf Club.

*Gill Govus*

# Eynsford Parish Council

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



We hope this article finds you well.

It has been a difficult and challenging few weeks due to the Coronavirus outbreak, but on behalf of the parish council, we would like to thank all of those brave workers and volunteers who are keeping us safe and also helping to keep the country going. Whilst it is easy to focus on the doom and gloom of constant news bulletins, it is wonderful to see our community standing strong and coming together ‘virtually’ to help our neighbours and friends. The Eynsford community is certainly strong, and it is very moving to hear and see residents showing their support on the streets, every Thursday at 8pm.

We would also like to thank everyone for respecting the guidelines to stay at home and maintain social distancing and urge people to continue to do this in the coming weeks, when the weather may be a temptation to gather outdoors. Please note that the government is updating their website constantly about the outbreak. For more information visit: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-social-distancing-and-for-vulnerable-people/guidance-on-social-distancing-for-everyone-in-the-uk-and-protecting-older-people-and-vulnerable-adults>

As with every other organisation impacted by the outbreak, the parish council took the step of closing the office to members of the public in order to safeguard employees. You are still able to contact the parish council by email, however, please allow extra time for a response. If you are an allotment or car park tenant, we ask that you contact the parish council to provide consent to be contacted by email. This will ensure that the parish council can keep you up to date with essential information.

Another side effect of the outbreak is that the parish council has not been able to hold planned meetings, in order to protect both the clerks and members of the council. However, good news came this week. The government has finally announced they will be relaxing legislation to allow parish councils and local authorities to hold virtual / online meetings. Please keep an eye on the parish council website for more information, on the next meetings being held and how you can join in the meeting as a member of the public.

We have now found that councils may cancel their Annual Parish Meetings that

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normally have to be held within a specific timescale. The council has therefore decided to cancel its meeting that was scheduled for 1st May in the village hall.

Please note that the 'Family Fun Day' in April has been cancelled. Again, please check back to the website for updates on this.

Keep safe, keep well!

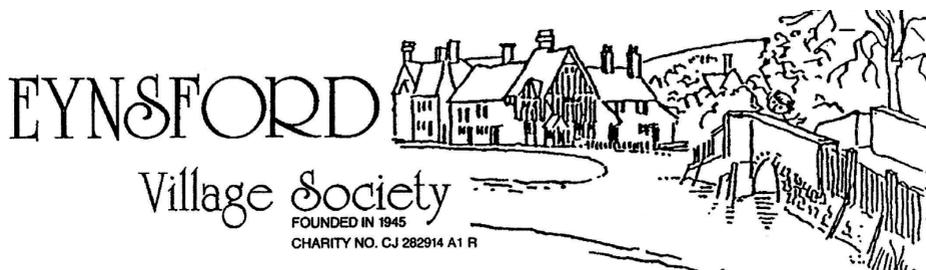
*Theresa Durrant*

## **Casual Vacancy**

Since writing this article, Theresa has decided to step down from the parish council due to work commitments. Theresa made a large contribution to the council and its work and development over recent years and will be missed.

We therefore have a casual vacancy for a parish councillor. If you would like to serve the parish of Eynsford and have a little time to spare, please contact me at the parish council for more information on [info@eynsfordparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:info@eynsfordparishcouncil.org.uk) or call 01322 865320.

*Holly Ivaldi, Clerk*



Well, what a difference one edition makes. The last one is full of events to look forward to over the coming summer months, and I guess this one is cancelling them all. I have been dragging my feet on whether to pull the VE75 evening dance on May 8<sup>th</sup>, intending to leave it as late as I dare just in case some miracle came along or HMG decided to intervene for the sake of the particular sentiment of the evening. Half the tickets were sold before CV struck, so I am sure it could have been a great night. However, once EVH Trustees decided to close the Hall down indefinitely, the decision was made for me.

It was the date that mattered so to reorganise it doesn't really appeal. I understand there might be interest nationally in joining up with VJ Day to celebrate on August 15/16; not the most attractive date bang in the middle of holiday

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Due to the current COVID-19 outbreak, the Trustees have closed Eynsford Village Hall until further notice. We apologise for any inconvenience this may bring.

Under the terms of the monthly Lottery, the draw must be held in the presence of two Officers and one Trustee. Due to social distancing rules, this is therefore not possible. The Lottery however will resume, and be backdated, as soon as circumstances allow. So far some £25,000 has been raised towards the new hall and the Trustees thank everyone for their continued support.'

*Malcolm Richardson*



time and summer weather. If you were really keen (and some were) and would like EVS to rethink it, please let me know.

Very many thanks to the brave 20 or so souls who turned up on a cold Friday evening last month to support our AGM just as the viral uncertainty was becoming a concern; it was very much appreciated and though the wine flowed as freely as was always intended, we cut out the buffet to minimise risk. All the usual clubs and societies reported either in person or had sent a report; specific thanks to our Secretary, Phil Blakemore, who had the unenviable task of reading them all out loud. The bombshell of the evening had to be that he has decided to hang up his Agenda after 15 years in the job, producing excellent Minutes and keeping a generally positive but watchful eye over the group, me and the Committee in particular always with the needs of Eynsford foremost in mind. He had the good sense, also, to chose a wife Sue who is an excellent graphic designer and puts her talents to good use in our posters and flyers. Fortunately, she will stay on in that role. I will really miss Phil's common sense, support, competence and dependability though we still have another year before he steps down at the next AGM in March 2021. He will be a hard act to follow. THANK YOU, PHIL. I am in negotiations with a possible successor.

While I am tidying up EVS matters, the village map repairs will happen soon, and the Public Art Trail artwork at the station is safely stored in the Ticket Office while SER decides what to do about the waiting hut which is now out of bounds and condemned, eaten alive by ivy. Tim, our Station Master, tells me that as it is a listed building, it will have to be replaced with an identical structure, fortunately. I am delighted as it is an attractive Victorian design and suits the artwork very well. Good for sitting in too. He is in the process of organising temporary seating from Network Rail while we wait, and wait, and wait.

Keep well everyone, and let's look after one another. BTW, in case you haven't discovered it already the fairly new tenant in Rafferty's, young and enthusiastic Joe, has stocked up well and is now able to offer a range of fresh vegetables as well as his usual, now expanded lines; he is willing and able to deliver so please don't fret at home wondering how to manage; give them a call on 861438.

While we are all now confined to our cabins, I am likely to be dreaming up all sorts, so watch this space!

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

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We thought it might be of benefit to send you some ideas of activities you can do at home with the children. These have all come from the team so we hope that you will give some of them a try. Remember to follow your child's lead and go with it!

### Inside

Playdough or slime are always winners. Here's a link to a recipe for playdough with items you may have at home <https://pagingfunmums.com/2013/11/01/soft-as-a-cloud-playdoughusing-only-2-ingredients>.

Why not add spices, cocoa powder or natural resources you find in the garden or out and about on your once a day exercise. Sticks, cones, leaves all add to the creativity that your child naturally possesses. You'll be amazed at what they create. Gloop - this is simply cornflour and water. You will need a container, such as a washing-up bowl. Simply add water to the cornflour and let them explore its properties. When mixed it feels wet. Grab a handful and take it out of the water, it dries out again. Magic!

Self-help skills - this is the perfect time to work on those self-help skills with your child. There's no rush to be anywhere, so use this opportunity to help them learn how to dress and undress; even those tricky zips and buttons can be achievable with lots of patience and practice. Put on their own shoes, wellies, etc. Learn how to open their own packages at lunchtime. How to use a spoon, or even a knife and fork. Pour their own drinks. Clean away after themselves. Why not let them do some washing-up. Household chores are not a bore to young children, they can be really fun. Let them use the dustpan and brush, clean the table. You will be so glad that they are able to do these things and the teachers at primary school will be very grateful!

Food - if your children keep asking for snacks all the time because they are bored, why not make a tuck shop list with healthy things on it such as carrots, apples, etc. These are generally cheaper than unhealthy snacks such as crisps and biscuits. You could give them a budget to spend each day, using monopoly or real money. It will help them to begin to understand that things have to be paid for and that once the money has gone, it's gone!

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Junk modelling - don't throw those boxes out! Save them up and let your children use their imaginations. You'll be impressed with what they make.

### Outside

If you have a garden, make the most of it. If you don't, use your once a day exercise opportunity to explore the world around you. Collect natural resources and make a collage.

If you do have a garden, the opportunities are endless. Here are just a few. Make an obstacle course. Let the children design it. They can even draw a plan of how they want it to look.

A treasure hunt. Hide various items in the garden. Give the children clues to follow. Get them to draw a treasure map.

Make a weather station. Collect rain water in containers and compare them over time. You can add measurements too. Make a wind chime, A wind catcher. Use ribbons to see the effects of wind.

Grow seeds/plants. Help the children to look after them. What do they need? Just run around and let off steam!

The opportunities for play are endless. Children naturally play, whatever their environment, but you can make it more interesting and stimulating. Just let your imagination go and follow their lead.

We will be in touch again over the coming weeks but please remember that we will be closed over the scheduled Easter period. We will up-date you as to whether we will be able to open again after that.

*Samantha Aitchison/Donna Gifford*

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As you can imagine there has been no choice but to cancel all events for the twinning association in the near future. You start to think about what is important about twinning with Camphin. Yes visits are important and as soon as this crisis is over we will be planning for the visit from the French group hopefully as planned in September. For me at the moment it is more important to speak to Bruno and hear that he and his family are safe and as far as I know so are our other friends in Camphin.

Having had to recognise that I am of a certain age with underlying health issues I need to stay at home - this is difficult to accept. In times of stress I find cooking a most relaxing occupation. So for this article I thought I would share a typical dish from the Camphin area. Camphin is very close to the Belgian border and this is reflected in the cuisine of the area. So my choice of a recipe to share is **Carbonnade Flamande - Beef cooked in beer**, virtually all ingredients available locally.

## Ingredients to serve 4 - 6

- 1 1/4 kg stewing beef
- 400ml Belgian beer or dark ale
- 3 garlic cloves crushed
- 2 bay leaves
- 3 tbsp plain flour seasoned with salt and pepper
- 2 - 3 tbsp olive oil
- 250g diced pancetta
- 2 carrots
- 2 onions
- 1 leek
- 1 tbsp tomato purée
- 350 ml beef stock
- Bay leaves if available



## Method

Marinate beef overnight in the ale with bay leaves and garlic. Reserve the marinade. Pat meat dry and toss in seasoned flour  
Heat 2tbsp oil in large flameproof casserole. Fry beef in batches until browned. Remove meat and set aside  
Lower heat to medium and fry pancetta until crisp and golden. Scoop out pancetta and set aside with beef  
preheat oven to fan 140c / conventional 160c / gas3. tip carrots, onions, leek into the casserole and fry. Takes about 12 minutes. spoon in tomato purée. cook for 2 minutes

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Enjoy. With all this spare time i have I am also trying to find materials that would be suitable for starting a French conversation group. More information to follow

*Gill Govus Chair ACE*

## **EYNSFORD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE**



In accordance with Government guidelines there has not been a meeting in March and there will not be meetings in April and May. However, we would like to thank all the volunteers who have been stoically delivering groceries and medication to those who are self-isolating. It is times like this when one really appreciates every small act of help and kindness.

Thank goodness for modern technology which allows us to keep in touch and not feel forgotten or alone. We can now phone, email, face time, whatsapp, zoom, skype etc .etc. and although not quite the same as seeing one's nearest and dearest it's a wonderful substitute.

Thank you so much to the local traders; Rafferty's, Normans and Farningham Butchers for going above and beyond and let's hope when this is finished, we will repay them by continuing to patronise them.

Finally, let's all play our part by staying in and staying safe. Every life is precious so take care and obey the rules to protect ourselves and others.

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*Brenda Elliman*



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## Recipe for a Salad

To make this condiment your poet begs  
The pounded yellow of two hard boiled eggs;  
Two boiled potatoes, passed through kitchen sieve,  
Smoothness and softness to the salad give;  
Let onion atoms lurk within the bowl,  
And, half suspected, animate the whole;  
Of mordant mustard add a single spoon,  
Distrust the condiment that bites so soon;  
But deem it not, thou man of herbs, a fault  
To add a double quantity of salt;  
Four times the spoon with oil from Lucca crown,  
And twice with vinegar, procured from town;  
And lastly, o'er the flavoured compound toss  
A magic soupçon of anchovy sauce.  
O green and glorious! O herbaceous treat!  
'T would tempt the dying anchorite to eat;  
Back to the world he 'd turn his fleeting soul,  
And plunge his fingers in the salad-bowl;  
Serenely full, the epicure would say,  
"Fate cannot harm me,—I have dined to-day.

*Sydney Smith 1771 - 1845*

Sydney Smith was one of the foremost English preachers of his time, a champion of parliamentary reform, and of Roman Catholic emancipation. Famous for his wit, charm and good nature, he once advised against contact with "poetry, dramatic representation (except comedy), serious novels, melancholy sentimental people, and everything likely to excite feeling or emotion not ending in active benevolence." He suggested that a friend afflicted with low moods should take "short views of human life – not further than dinner or tea."

In times of trouble, a "magic soupçon" of cheer gives delight. Salad is not normally at the top of our list of comfort food, but Smith's recipe is brimming with sustenance for body and spirit.

*Jean Shepherd*



# NOTICES & LETTERS

## Concert Postponed

St Martin Singers visit to St Botolph's has been postponed until next year.

*Joanna Comer*

## Mother's Day

My Mothers Day present this year was not flowers or choccs but toilet roll and two tins of baked beans. What a kind gesture!

Looking forward to Easter!

*Di Grant*

## TO OUR LOCAL VOLUNTEERS ; THANK YOU !

To all of you who have offered your help by posting us your "HELLO" letter and offers of help and assistance during this self-isolating period - thank you all !

It was very heartening to receive your note so early in this crisis and just to have a name and phone number to call if we need to. It's very good to know that there is quite a group of local volunteers working with our Farningham and Eynsford Parish Councils to make this generous offer of help with picking up shopping, urgent supplies, posting mail or making a friendly phone call. I am sure there are many others in our area who would wish to join me in saying thank you ! *Viv Parker*

*If you haven't received a Hello card, please contact the parish council for details of your volunteer/s.*

## Jottings

I should like to commend the local community spirit during the coronavirus outbreak, and thank the local shops for deliveries.

Normally Eynsford Rise misses out on road sweeping with the vehicles parked for the railway station, but now with few vehicles parked there on weekdays, I asked Sevenoaks District Council to take advantage of that and would they please sweep Eynsford Rise, noting where grit and stones from potholes were. The reply was that the sweeping was scheduled for 13th April (Easter Monday! - maybe they meant that week), but the road sweeper



turned up on Friday 27th March and cleared the grit and stones. I wrote to thank them, saying how much better it is for walking.

Eynsford W.I. is not able to meet, but the committee has had a video meeting on the computer!

I attach a photo of the crocii Eynsford W.I. planted last November in Harrow Meadow.

*Yours, Diana Beamish.*

### **From Braeside Surgery:**

If patients are asking friends or relatives to collect we would prefer a signed note authorising this which we can then keep on file.

If this is not possible due to isolating, we would ask for a message to be left on our dispensary voicemail advising who will collect.

### **Mike Good**

It is with great sadness that we must report the passing of one of the longest serving members of the Farningham and Darent Valley Probus Club. Mike Good joined our club in July 1999 and quickly became a most popular and active member including serving a longer than normal term as Chairman. He was a very regular attendee at our meetings until overtaken by ill health and will be missed by us all. Our thoughts are with Peggy and the family.

*Joe Irwin, Farningham and Darent Valley Probus*

## **Useful sources of Information during the Coronavirus Pandemic**

**UK Government** <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

**NHS** <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

**Sevenoaks District Council** [https://www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/info/20069142/coronavirus\\_covid-19](https://www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/info/20069142/coronavirus_covid-19)

**Eynsford Parish Council** [https://www.eynsfordparishcouncil.org.uk/page-coronavirus\\_\\_covid\\_19\\_\\_support\\_area.html](https://www.eynsfordparishcouncil.org.uk/page-coronavirus__covid_19__support_area.html)

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## Farningham & Eynsford Local History Society

The current situation is causing us all to make more use of the internet to occupy our time so perhaps with more time at home you might like to take a look at our website [felhs.org.uk](http://felhs.org.uk) - it is easy to navigate from the left-hand column on the Home Page.

The 5 Communities gives you a brief history of the area we cover - Farningham with Maplescombe, Eynsford with Lullingstone, and Crockenhill. The Notice-board and Diary are updated and give requests for help and events. There is a full list of our publications, over 40 of them, and how to obtain them under Publications. Several years of back Bulletins are on the Bulletin page, which has an index for ease of search. The Bulletins contain interesting articles about the history of the area as well as information about the Society. Contact [archives@felhs.org.uk](mailto:archives@felhs.org.uk) if you would like information on Bulletins not on-line because there is a full set which can be accessed if you cannot find what you are looking for. Finally, WW1 gives the whole exhibition display sheets the Society held in 2014 to mark the centenary of the beginning of the First World War. Sadly, there is some history repeating itself in Section 41, which covers the flu pandemic of 1918.

As with other groups all our events and our AGM have been postponed and the History Centre remains closed until further notice but we hope that the end of this isn't too far away and we can resume our interesting programme. In the meantime we wish everyone well.

*Helen Smith*

## EynsfARA

As I write this our meetings for April and May have been cancelled due to this strange time in the world. We are sending our members a newsletter every fortnight, by email, just to stay in touch, members have been asked to submit copy for the newsletter. At this time the committee are trying keep our members in touch, all be it virtually, we do not have many members without email, hard copies are being posted. Advice is given regarding scams, visits to museums prior to the lockdown and a quiz, I look forward to seeing other news from our members. Details of committee members are also included for any members to contact, for any help needed or just for a chat.

Whilst writing this I hope that all members are well, keeping safe and continue to do so.

*Jan Williams, Chair*

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## Darent Valley Youth Music



How our world has changed in a short space of time!

As you can imagine, all bands finished just before our big Spring Concert that never was. Although we did not get the chance to celebrate Duncan's time with us before his retirement, we will certainly run the concert and celebrate with him at a later date when all is safe.

I am hoping that during this testing time for all, that our band members will remember to practice, practice, practice!

Think how great they will be when the concert actually goes ahead!

We all need something to lift our spirits at this time and what better way than to listen to some music.

We are all influenced by music in some way or another and can all name a song or a piece of music that has a strong emotive effect on us bringing back vivid memories of a time or place in our lives that was or is very important to us.

Sometimes these are sad memories but even so they help to remind us of people or places that we hold dear.

Try to focus on the music that gives you positive energy, music that makes you happy and if you are unable to think of anything straight away then think about the lyrics to 'What a Wonderful World'; a simple but beautiful song reminding us of all the wonderful things in life that nature has given us and what a privilege it is to be alive and to experience it in all it's glory.

Stay safe and remember that this too will pass.

*Sandra*

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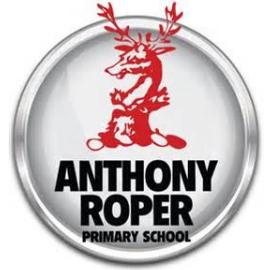
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Children have been continuing to work hard at home and learn loads of new skills. They have been gardening, baking, learning to tie their



shoelaces, joining in with online PE lessons, sewing and , using chalk to draw shapes in the playground, to name but a few of the amazing things they have been up to.

At school children have been busy doing PE, playing football, yoga, phonics, reading, maths and much more. Children made rainbow pictures which have been laminated and tied to the school fence, you can see lots of rainbow pictures springing up in windows throughout the village making people smile. Children are encouraged to put up paintings to “spread hope”. Remember to have a look, see how many you can spot.



*By Marie Spencer*

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# 1<sup>st</sup> Eynsford and Farningham Scouts

Over the last few weeks our Scout Troop have worked on many challenges and Scout badges. These have included the Meteorologist, DIY and Chef badges. Scouting at home has meant Scouts have had the challenge of making their own flag and pole to start their Scouting adventures. Our yearly pre-Easter event, 'The Great Egg Drop' has now become an event for whole families in and around the villages.

On 1st April our Scouts plus our Beaver Scouts and some Cub Scouts joined around 18 million other members of Scouting worldwide in making home camps and dens to sleep in. For this our Scouts were asked to plan their camps, from assessing the risks involved to planning and cooking their meals and running a programme of activities. Many siblings joined in too and some extended their camp for extra nights.



Every Thursday we have been joining many others in the villages in showing our appreciation for NHS workers.

The upcoming Summer term will involve lots of badge work to help our Scouts continue their journey towards earning the Chief Scout Gold Award by the time they reach 14 and become Explorer Scouts.

Many of the Scouts badges and challenges are posted onto the Scout Groups Facebook Page. Please feel free to take part in any at home, even if you're not a Scout. Staying at home, Scouting at home.

*Terry Malone.*  
Scout Leader



## **Farningham and Darent Valley Probus**

### **All Dressed Up and Nowhere To Go**

After our March AGM, all hell broke loose all around the world. I don't think that our meeting actually caused the chaos but then I'm not a scientist. The outcome was that, obeying the laws of the land in these strange times, regretfully Probus had to cancel all planned meetings until further notice. The Chinese have a lot to answer for. I mean, Wine Club was cancelled too!

Some other organisations took to utilising the conference software Zoom to continue with gatherings at an extended social distance but some of our Probus people are quite camera shy, especially in these days of high definition. That's when you really can see the join. In my case too, it would break the exclusivity clauses of my modelling contract. So, no public zooming for me. We did try it at home but what happens behind closed doors is none of your business.

At the time of writing my last report a month ago, there was no expectation of lockdowns. Indeed, had lockdowns been mentioned at all, most of us would have thought it referred to after-hours drinking sessions in the pub. It turned out to be almost exactly the opposite. It was only in that last report that I insisted this would be the very best time for those interested in becoming new Probus members to come along and give us a try. Events have moved on very quickly and it turns out I was completely wrong. It would have been a very lonely time to come along and anyone turning up would have found the doors locked. In fact, I couldn't have been more wrong. Still, first mistake in twenty years. Ahem.

But then who knew what was waiting around the corner for us all? We think with genuine sympathy of all those folks who have been very badly affected by the virus whether health-wise, physically or mentally, or financially but give thanks on behalf of those of us who are surviving fairly intact throughout this whole surreal situation.

For the lucky ones it is, or has been, depending on progress by the time you read this, merely a severe nuisance. Not just a nuisance because we can't go to the pub or a restaurant or the theatre or cinema, although that is quite bad enough. Nor because certain items had to be rationed. Who knew Heinz Baked Beans would become the gold standard? I expected the price of a can to be quoted on Bloomberg. No, it was more of a nuisance because we have had to deal with all those long outstanding jobs around the house and garden. All those horrible little boring jobs which we were 'goingtogetaroundto'. And the funny thing is that that list doesn't shorten as you finish one job and move on to the next. Mysteriously another appears at the bottom of the list. It's magic.

The hope is that when the good news of the date of our release is finally announced, which it surely will be, all the niggly jobs will actually be done and we will be free to fill the parks, pubs, restaurants, theatres and cinemas once more and our time will again be our own without that long list hanging over us. Some hope!

In the meantime, we can take solace in living in an area where we have been able to get our permitted exercise locally without car travel. We have had beautiful walks and enjoyed the scenery, gaining special enjoyment from strolling by the ford and marvelling at the visitors paddling while exiting their drowned vehicles. There could be hours of fun in that but of course we are not allowed to linger, we must keep moving.

So, there are other ways of cheering ourselves. When I was feeling a little miserable one cloudy day, someone said why didn't I listen to a particular radio station, Gold, which plays music from what I consider to be 'my era', oldies I suppose. They said they will play stuff you will know very well but have not heard for ages and you'll enjoy it. I thought that was a good idea so tuned in with much anticipation. I needed to hear something uplifting. I immediately recognised the first song by a group called The Fortunes and thought that's a good sign but, as I sang along, I realised the first lines of the lyrics were "I see that worried look upon your face, you've got your troubles, I've got mine". Very helpful, thanks a lot.

*Joe Irwin*

## **History Corner – Jan Wilkes**

Leslie Bryant was born on 23<sup>rd</sup> December 1920 and lived at No 1 Elizabeth Cottages. He attended school in Eynsford. By 1939 he was still living in Elizabeth Cottages and was a piano repairer. He later moved to Plymouth getting married in 1946. He spent the rest of his long life in Plymouth and died in 2004. He penned his recollections of Eynsford from when he was a boy and this was published in Trident July 1992 (*These are Leslie's memories I have not altered them in any way*)

### **A PREMIER VILLAGE**

"Go up to Mr Gee's now get me eight pounds of preserving sugar and go Now!" I went at once, one didn't argue with my grandmother, a stern yet kindly lady, Superintendent of the Sunday School, member of the Parish Council and one who did not brook any form of resistance to her wishes. Mr. Gee was in fact Peter's Gee's grandfather and owned the main village store and post office at the end of Willow Terrace where the shop still stands.

Eynsford in the 1920's was, I suppose, the perfect example of a truly English village – a mix of the famous in both the practical and literary sense and some extremely technical ability. In the cottage next to Mumm's the grocers – opposite the Castle Hotel – lived Leslie Hore-Belisha who introduced the Belisha Beacon. Up on Eynsford Hill with a view of the village which must have been second to none, Sir Arthur Mee wrote his many books and publishes the Children's Newspaper. I still have a copy of his '1940 Our Finest Hour' on the fly leaf of which it says 'to my friend Mrs Bryant, guardian of the village children' a reference to her work in the Sunday School.



(Gees shop at the end of Willow Terrace)

Parsonage Farm – where R & G Edwards are – was an active farm with huge barns and a stackyard full of grain stacks. At the appropriate time each year Bruce Dolling's steam tractor and thresher would arrive in the stackyard and all five or six stacks of grain would be threshed. If we are lucky, we young boys would be allowed to climb up into the engine. If we were not so fortunate, we armed ourselves with large sticks and endeavoured to kill the rats which scampered from the disintegrating stacks. Bruce Dolling's engines and threshing machines were kept up Priory Lane where the Fire Station – now a residence – once stood.



(Parsonage Farm)

Between Harry Mills, the butcher and the Five Bells was a fascinating little sweets and sundries shop run by Mr & Mrs Cyril Pinkstone. Cyril was a very kindly man – to the point that small children who hadn't quite enough money with them were often allowed to take the sweets away.

Opposite Mr Pinkstone was Eynsford's star attractions – so far as industry went –

The Gibson's Iron Foundry, where some of the best manhole and drain covers were made and supplied to the authorities all over the UK. Plough and field rollers were also made, and the blast furnace was a spectacle to behold, particularly on winter nights when a myriad of sparks and the glow of the furnace lit the night sky. The then new Water Works was constructed at this time with two enormous diesel engines with fly-wheels weighing 80 tons geared the huge pumps. Mr Rolfe was the chief engineer and lived with his family on the site. His assistant engineer was a Mr Eves who constructed a miniature steam traction engine, making every part himself in his backyard shed. It was a superb engine and caused great excitement among the village children. At fetes and charity events it would pull several adults or children on short rides with obvious benefit to the charity concerned.

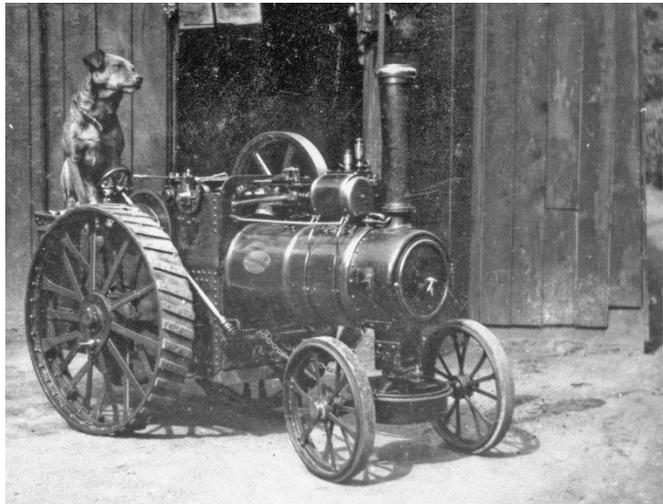
One could go on and on: the schools – the primary school Headmistress was a Miss Lily Bradshaw – a lovely talented lady who had as her assistant an absolute disciplinarian with a voice like rolling thunder – one Miss Townsend. We were all scared stiff of her and it wasn't until later years that we appreciated fully just what a great teacher she was. You didn't just learn or else – you learned!

The Senior School's headmaster was a Mr Leslie Hillier, also a great believer in absolute discipline but the results he achieved were a credit to the school.

There was so much more but to sum it all up – a lovely village – at that time 4<sup>th</sup> in the official list of 'beauty spots of England' – a friendly village with much generosity available when anyone needed help – oh yes, and an inbuilt determination to beat Farningham at anything they attempted – football, cricket, church and civil events etc. which I have to confess we didn't always manage.

PS I still remember the sack of broken biscuits outside Mun n's shop at 1d per pound.

(Mr Eves miniature traction engine)



Due to the Coronavirus pandemic our work parties are suspended for the foreseeable future .



Fortunately the Spring flowers throughout the village have given a very colourful display . At the station the naturalised primroses and nearby banks of daffodils are glorious and have been flowering for six weeks . Thirty fritillaries have been counted in flower in the triangle , and from the footpath I counted seventeen . The cherry tree above the polyanthus and bulbs planted last October around the war memorial will be in flower for Easter . The bulb and pansy displays at the station , the boat , Riverside , the shops and village signs are all looking good . We have welcomed the change in the weather but already plants are wilting and will need watering but we must remember water is precious .

Due to the lockdown South and South East in Bloom have created a Desk Top judging for this year . The information can be a presentation of annotated photographs of horticultural , environmental and community work dating back to last July and submitted by 31st July .We are fortunate to have Chris Lewington , who joined us three years ago , to compile our entry .

We are lucky , especially in these difficult times , to live in beautiful countryside , many of us with gardens in which we can work and relax . Spring has sprung all around us . The birds are nesting . Brimstone , Peacock , Red Admiral and Tortoiseshell butterflies will have overwintered as hibernating adults and can be seen daily . The Orange Tip butterfly overwinters as a chrysalis but have emerged and feed on the garlic mustard . Pipistrelle bats have been watched in flight to catch insects about 8 pm in Pollyhaugh . A buzzard has been seen above Millfield .  
None planned for April .

Future work party dates if the lockdown is relaxed  
Tuesday. May 5 , 12 , 19 , 26  
Saturday. May 2 , June 6

I hope everyone is safe and well.  
*Pauline Penney*

## **DARENT DRIVING TUITION**

**Christine Dabreo DVSA ADI**

**Lady instructor -FRIENDLY & PROFESSIONAL**

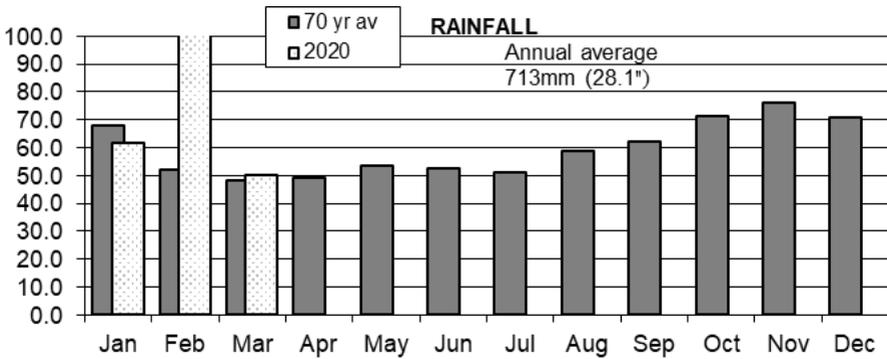
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# Eynsford Weather Data

March 2020

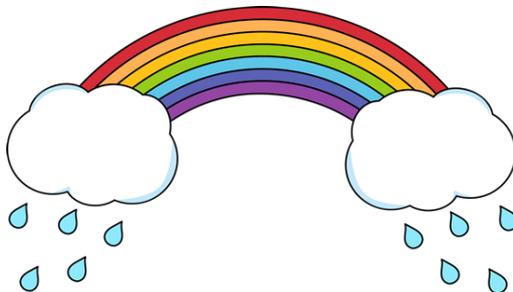
James Alexander



Total rain to	2020	242 mm (9.5")	2018	191 mm (7.5")
end of March	2019	138 mm (5.4")	2017	135 mm (5.3")

**National Overview.** The weather was generally unsettled with westerly winds during the first half, and after a cool showery start it turned milder. The weather turned more settled after mid-month and there was a spell of widespread dry sunny weather with warm days and cool nights. The mean temperature for March was provisionally 0.2°C above the long-term average, and it was generally warmer than average by day but a little colder than average by night. Rainfall was 77% of average. Sunshine was 146% of average, making it the 8th sunniest March in a series from 1929.

**In Eynsford** we had 50mm (2"), which is just above average over 15 days. Virtually all the rain fell in the first 15 days then the second half of the month was dry and cold with winds from the north and several frosts.



# ALAN CREMER'S QUIZ

COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:

- 1). Earth, air water.....?
- 2). Ulster, Munster, Leinster.....?
- 3). Eurus, Boreas, Auster.....?
- 4). Chlorine, Bromine, Fluorine.....?
- 5). Arithmetic, Astronomy, Geometry.....?
- 6). Intake, ignition, compression.....?
- 7). Sanguine, phlegmatic, choleric.....?
- 8). Circle, parabola, ellipse.....?
- 9). Barbara, Cellarent, Darii.....?
- 10). Io, Europa, Ganymede.....?

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

ANSWERS TO THE LAST QUIZ

- 1). "The Mousetrap" (*Played in "Hamlet"*).
- 2). Matilda's Aunt.
- 3). Mansfield Park.
- 4). "*The Mikado*". (Visit of the Crown Prince in 1906).
- 5). "*Chantecler*". (Rostand).
- 6). "*The Merry Wives Of Windsor*".
- 7). *Joan of Arc*.
- 8). "*Pyramus and Thisbe*". (In "*A Midsummer Night's Dream*").
- 9). Hamlet. (In "*Great Expectations*").
- 10). Sub-title of "*The Critic*"

## **School dates for 2019/20**

Term 4: Monday 24th February - Friday 3rd April

Term 5: Monday 20th April - Friday 22nd May

Term 6: Tuesday 2nd June - Tuesday 21st July.

Additional holiday days for children (inset days): 1st June, 22nd July.

Summer Fete - 27th June 2020

Sports Day - 8th (or 9th) July 2020

## **2020/21**

Term 1: 3 September - 22nd October

Term 2: 2nd November - 18th December

Term 3: 5th January - 12th February

Term 4: 22nd February - 1st April

## **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 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/>

Make sure you have (if available):

- the date and time of the crime/incident
- details of any stolen or damaged items (ie IMEI number for your mobile, vehicle registration)
- the contact details of any witnesses
- information about any evidence that could help an investigation

## **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  
Used stamps Brenda Town 6, Willow Terrace, Eynsford  
Old coins Phil McGarvey 17, Tilmans Mead, Farningham  
Bulky Refuse 01732 227000 (Press1)

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

### **Garden rubbish brown bags**

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

Doctor	Day	Morning	Evening
<b>Dr Maryam Tahmassebi</b> <b>Dr Saijit Shetty</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>9.00 - 12.30</b>	<b>17.40 - 19.30</b>
		<b>8.30 - 12.00</b>	<b>16.30 - 18.30</b>
<b>Dr Jane Lindsay</b> <b>Dr Antony Ellul</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>8.30 - 12.00</b>	<b>15.00 - 17.00</b>
		<b>9.30 - 13.00</b>	<b>16.30 - 18.30</b>
<b>Dr Maryam Tahmassebi</b> <b>Dr Saijit Shetty</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9.00 - 12.30</b>	<b>16.00 - 18.00</b>
		<b>8.30 - 12.00</b>	<b>17.40 - 19.30</b>
<b>Dr Maryam Tahmassebi</b> <b>Dr Anthony Ellul</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>9.00 - 12.30</b>	<b>14.30 - 16.30</b>
		<b>9.00 - 13.00</b>	<b>16.30 - 18.30</b>
<b>Dr Jane Lindsay</b> <b>Dr Saijit Shetty</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>8.30 - 12.00</b>	<b>17.00 - 19.00</b>
		<b>8.30 - 9.30</b>	<b>15.00 - 17.00</b>

Please allow 3 **working** days before collecting prescriptions

### 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

**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 April 2020

As a result of the current travel restrictions, from 14 April, Go Coach will be suspending all their bus services in the Sevenoaks area, including Route 2 serving Eynsford. In their place they are planning to introduce an "on demand" service marketed as "go2" whereby, with the use of a mobile phone app or by contacting Go Coach by phone on 01732 463964 you can order a bus to collect you from a local stop and take you to Swanley or Sevenoaks (or points in between). It is planned to offer this service during the course of the present emergency situation from 6 am to 6 pm on Mondays to Fridays and 8 am to 6 pm on Saturdays, at the same cost as normal bus fares, Concessionary bus passes will also be accepted.

They plan to use smaller buses than usual and limit the number of people on each bus to a maximum of 10 so that social distancing can be maintained. The mobile app was not available at the time of writing but to register you are asked to email Go Coach at [office@go2now.co.uk](mailto:office@go2now.co.uk).

From the same date, the 429 bus route from West Kingsdown, through Farningham to Swanley and Dartford will operate an amended Saturday service (generally once every 2 hours) every week-day. The first bus from Farningham to Swanley and Dartford is at 08.37 followed by the 10.37, then 12.37 (to Swanley only), then 14.37 and 16.37. Buses return from Dartford, Home Gardens at 09.30, 11.30, 15.30 and 17.30 and from Swanley, Bartholomew Way, at 10.00, 12.00, 14.00, 16.00 and 18.00. There will be no services on Sundays or Bank Holidays.

Bus and train services should only be used for travel to and from work by key workers, to shop for food, or for medical supplies or appointments.

Bus services continue to operate between Dartford and Darent Valley Hospital including the 477 bus route, operated by Arriva, on weekdays from Swanley to Dartford, Darent Valley Hospital and Bluewater at 07.42, 8.57, 10.12 and every one and a quarter hours until 21.27; returning from Darent Valley Hospital every one and a quarter hours from 06.08 until 21.08. A Sunday service is provided every 90 minutes from Swanley at 09.10 until 18.10, returning from Darent Valley Hospital at 10.08 and every 90 minutes until 19.08.

Trains continue to run from Eynsford and Swanley stations. Although the ticket office at Eynsford is now closed, the ticket machine, accepting only credit or debit cards, is being maintained. Generally a Sunday service will operate every day from Eynsford to Swanley, Denmark Hill (for Kings College Hospital) and London, Blackfriars at 08.41 and every 30 minutes until 22.41, and to Sevenoaks on weekdays at 06.05, 07.05, 08.05 and then every 30 minutes until 23.05. On Sundays the first train to Sevenoaks is at 08.05 then every 30 minutes until 00.35. These times are subject to last minute changes, so it is best to check with [www.nationalrail.co.uk](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk) before travelling. *David Toser*

## MONTHLY CLUBS

Eynsford WI 3rd Wed at 7.30pm in Eynsford Village Hall	863241
E i B work parties First Sat 9.30am PO Car Park Eynsford	864751
EynsARA 2nd Monday in St Martin's	862951
Farningham WI 1st Thurs in Farningham Village Hall at 7.30pm	863996
Ladies Probus 1st Wednesday at the Shoreham Golf Club	863186
Probus 1st Thurs at Pedham Place, Swanley	863189
Camera Club (Epic) 4th Monday in Olive Seal Hall at 8pm	862275

## THINGS TO DO — PLACES TO GO!

### Monday

Walk every Monday 9.30am, start Riverside. All day walk on last Monday  
 Tiddlers Mon. 9.30-11.30 Baptist Church for Mothers/Carers and little ones  
 Pilates at 9.30 in EVH  
 Bridge Club Mondays OSH 2-4  
 Tea Dance Mondays 2-4 in FVH  
 Eynsford Netball Club Mon. yrs 3-Adult 6.30-7.30pm ARPS  
 Brownies Mondays 6-7.30 Edwards Hall  
 Darvale Explorers Mondays 7:30 to 9:30pm in the Scout Hall  
 Badminton EVH Monday evening 8-10pm  
 Photography Club (EPIC) 4th Monday 8pm Jan-Apr & Sept - Nov OSH

### Tuesday

Eynsford in Bloom, Tuesdays, 9.30am, work party, car park.  
 Beacon Hill babies Music and dance Tuesdays and Thursdays in EBC  
 Claire's 11+ Club in EVH for Yrs 4 & 5 3.15 - 6.45  
 "health with hames" Yoga Tuesdays 10.30-11.30 EVH, 19.30-20.30 OSH  
 Circuit training Tuesday 6.30 ARPS  
 Line dancing Tuesday FVH 7-9.15 Beginners & Intermediate  
 Adult Dance Class 7-8 WKVH Tuesday sallyannoca@hotmail.co.uk  
 T:868166  
 Get Fit 6.30 - 7.30 ARPS  
 Tuesday Club Tea, cards, scrabble, chess whatever! 2 until 4 in EVH  
 Scouts Tuesdays in the Edwards Hall 7. - 8.30 pm  
 Eynsford Concert Band Rehearsal Tuesdays at 7.45 ARPS  
 5678 Dance workout for adults Tuesday 7-8 EVH

### Wednesday

Yoga Wednesday FVH 864566  
 Circuit training Wednesday 6.45 ARPS  
 St Martin's Church Choir practice—Wednesday 6.30pm  
 Polychor rehearsals Wednesday 7.45 – 9.30pm ARPS

Pilates on Wednesday 3-4 FVH

Pilates in EVH 9.30 - 10.30

Tiny Tots: Mothers & Toddlers Group Wed 9.30-11.30 FVH

Cubs 7-8.30 Wednesday Edwards Hall

Riverside Youth Drama 6 - 7.30pm Wednesdays EVH 7-18 year olds

Irish Folk Dancing - fortnightly on Wednesdays in EVH 7.30 - 8.30pm

Ukulele Group 7pm - phone 862779 for venue

Eynsford Running Club 7.00 Begg 7.40 Inters Meet Millfield gate Eyns end

Bell ringing at Farningham Wednesdays 8pm

Bell ringing Eynsford Wednesday 8pm

Wednesday Badminton EVH 8 -10pm

### **Thursday**

Crafty Tots Thursdays Olive Seal Hall

Yoga in EVH Thursday 10am

Tea and Chat in FVH Thursday 2- 4pm for everyone

F'ham Church Choir Practice Thursday 7pm Follies Singers 8pm

Ukulele Group Thursday 6 - 7 EBC in term time

Get Fit Thursday 7 - 8 pm ARPS

Kempo: Thursday 6.30 - 8.30 in Scout Hall

Children's Dance Classes EVH Thursdays 4.15 - 6.45

Centre Stage Youth Drama in ARPS 6-7.30 Thursdays

Zumba Thursdays 6 -7 FVH

Badminton Thursday evening in EVH 7.30—10.30

DVYM Vocal Ensemble Thurs 6-7 Juniors 7-8 pm Seniors EBC Term Time

### **Friday**

Musical Tots 10am Friday Baptist Church

Chess Club for young people Friday 6-7.15 St Martin's Term time

Friday Brownies 6pm -7.20 in the Scout Hall/Edwards Hall

Guides Fridays 7.30 - 9.00 Edwards Hall/Scout Hall

DVYM Minims at 4.30, Big Band at 5.30 Fridays in EBC

Colts Cricket Common Meadow Friday evenings in the Summer

### **Saturday**

Tutti wind band for adults in EVH 9am.

Eynsford Gardeners Club See 'What's on' for dates

Darenth Valley Youth Music Enterprise at 9 Wind Band at 9:45 in EBC

Rainbows 9 to 10.30 in Edwards Hall

Eynsford Football Club, Saturday afternoons at Harrow Meadow

Boxing Fitness. Skill and pad drills at EVH.

S B Soccer School @ARPS 9.30- 10.30 for Year 1 to Year 6

### **Sunday**

Riverside Wanderers Vets Football Sunday mornings at Harrow Meadow

**Children & Young People**

Baby sign group	07768447657
Baby Sensory	07786 448701
Little Bright sparks	07768447657
1st F & E Brownies	
2nd F & E Brownies	866863
Rainbows	864726
Beacon Hill Babies Music	07958609636
FCC Juniors	07835881451
Cubs	863069
Clare's 11+ Club	07789 796 283
Guides	07703845778
Rangers	07939926084
Anthony Roper Pre-School	865469
Musical Tots EBC Georgia	0907@h'mail.com
Netball	866244
Tiddlers on Mondays (EBC)	07894541984
Tiny Tots (FVH)	07584902914
School (ARPS)	863680
Scouts	863069

**Church**

Bellringers (E & F)	862479
Eynsford Baptist Church	07411278637
Darent V.C. Church	07908045445
Grace Centre Church EVH	07886510330
Rector	863050

**Drama and Music**

Axstane Players Farn.	01322 274541
Centre Stage Juniors	07834 460 686
Darent Valley Youth Music	866177
5678 Dance Workout	868166
Eynsford Concert Band	07506 679015
Farningham Guitar Club	01322 666566
Follies Singers	
Riverside Box Office	07704 279 948
Riverside Youth Drama	07427 607 003
Polychor	07900842454
Ukelele Group	866177

**Health**

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
Yoga Thurs EVH	862391
"health with hames" Yoga	07753212264
Osteopath	07956 246307
Rural Age Concern	01322 666448.
Citizens Advice Bureau	01322 875888
<b>To borrow tables</b>	01732 461462.

**Leisure**

Bridge Club	
Photography Club (EPIC)	862275
Eynsford Gardeners	866984
F'ham Horticultural Society	862603
Ladies Probus	863186
Library delivery service	01959 522488
Local History Society	865122
Probus	863186
Eynsford WI	867831
Farningham WI	863996
Riverside Social Club	863114
Tea and a chat FVH	866325
Tea Dance FVH	01322 663649
Tuesday Club	863701 or 863069
Lullingstone Visitor Centre	03000 411811

**Parish Affairs**

Eynsford in Bloom	864751
Edwards Hall Lettings	863069
Eynsford Parish Council	865320
Eynsford Village Society	866102
EVH General	07925 254 658
EVH Booking Sec.	07780 532525
Eynsford Tree Warden	07412 038634
Farningham Parish Council	866066
F'ham Vill Hall bookings	07530297707
Farn Vill Hall caretaker	07710228599
Olive Seal Hall	866407

**Sport & Physical Activities**

Aerobics Tues, Thurs, Fri	864581
Badminton Mon EVH	862077
Badminton Wed EVH	863839
Badminton Thurs EVH	867894
Cricket ECC	07973 702440
Cricket FCC	07835881451
Croquet	862275
Irish Dancing	864276
Linda's Line dance FVH	01732 870116
Kempo Club	07759 620739
Netball	07864279305
Pilates on Wednesdays EVH	07860665531.
Pilates on Weds FVH	07505 364 161
Riverside wanderers (Vets)	07770882085
Running Club	861560 07860840932
Zumba FVH Thursday	07552755005

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