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From the Editor

Welcome to the June edition of Trident.

Once again, we are publishing online only as Church of England has not changed regarding the use of paper copies of information. It also means that those delivering the magazine are not put at additional risk.

Thank you to those who have contributed articles. It is difficult to write something when most meetings and activities have been cancelled! Some are managing to continue in the virtual world, and both parish councils have embraced zoom meetings (other platforms are available). The churches are also continuing to keep in touch with members through virtual meetings, youtube services and regular phone calls. Members of the community are continuing activities digitally - the scout group have been having zoom meetings, and others are continuing yoga, pilates and other activities online.

For those of you without easy access to computers and the internet, we hope you are managing to keep in touch with others via the old fashioned telephone, and even, letters!!

Thank you again to the volunteers in our villages who are helping with shopping, collecting prescriptions, delivering food, making scrubs, walking dogs for those that can't, checking on their neighbours and more. Thank you also to everyone who is continuing to work on the front line, whether in our hospitals and GP surgeries, as carers, in our supermarkets and local food retailers, on public transport, in schools and for all tiers of government.

Many people are working from home, helping with home schooling, and wondering how long this will continue.

Thank you to those who are staying at home where possible and reducing the amount of people out and about.

It is likely that the next issue will be online too - send me any interesting articles for inclusion.

Holly Ivaldi, Editor.

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Eynsford

8.00 am

A quiet, reflective communion service on -1st and 3rd Sundays

9.30 am

All Age Communion with Sunday School

Farningham

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 5th 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

When I originally looked at our rota to write this page, little did I know that I would be writing it in such unusual circumstances, with the lockdown, self-isolation, and social distancing.

The Churches may be closed at the moment but the churches are still meeting in many different ways online. to find out more do visit our website at www.efl-churches.org/worship-resources or visit us on Facebook.

The churches next important festival is on Sunday 31st May called Pentecost. The word Pentecost comes from the Greek 'pentekoste' meaning "fiftieth" and comes 50 days after Easter. This Festival commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus while they were still in Jerusalem. It was from there that the disciples travelled throughout the then known world, teaching and preaching the Good News of Jesus, some journeying 500 miles or so, all without cars, trains, and planes, no telephone, email, or internet. It was just as important to them for folk to hear God's word and the 'Good News' of Jesus, as it is for us today. It is also a time to remember God's hand guiding us through the trials and decisions that are presented to us. Which at this moment is quite relevant with the situation we are now in.

We may not be able to go out around our villages spreading 'Good News', but with all our modern technology we are still able to spread Good News by phone or internet. Keep in touch with folk so that no one feels isolated or alone.

If you do not receive our weekly online news sheet or service liturgy please contact the Benefice Office and we will try to include you in our email list

Do also read the item on Thy Kingdom Come, this tells you how to link in to all sorts of exciting things in the 10 days building up to Pentecost.

There is still much going on, so do please check out the Benefice website, details already given, or the Diocesan website at www.rochester.anglican.org

But most importantly.
Stay safe, Keep well.

God Bless, Peter Sansom, Ministry Team

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

News from Church

Thy Kingdom Come (21-31 May)

Thy Kingdom Come started in 2016, when Archbishop Justin Welby and Archbishop John Sentamu invited every parish in the Church of England to pray between Ascension and Pentecost for people to come to know the love of Jesus Christ. The response was astonishing: churches up and down the country got involved. Over a hundred thousand people took part.

Thy Kingdom Come is now a global wave of prayer and at this time of uncertainty can be a real blessing. We may not be able to gather together in person but we can still unite in prayer wherever we are.

We will be offering short daily prayer meetings via Zoom at 12noon and a prayer sheet for use at home (further details available on the Benefice Weekly News Sheet or email Tina at the office: eflooffice3@gmail.com). Why not go on a prayer walk as part of your daily exercise? You can pray for five people each day by tying five knots in a piece of string and carrying it around in a pocket to remember each person. Try the Five Finger Prayer with your children

<https://ministry-to-children.com/five-finger-prayer/>

There are a number of other resources to be found on the TKC website:

A Family Prayer Adventure Map <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/sites/default/files/2020-04/TKC%20Digital%20Family%20Prayer%20Adventure%20Map%202020%20A4.png>

A Prayer Journal

<https://www.thykingdomcome.global/sites/default/files/2020-04/Prayer%20Journal%202020%20C19V.pdf>

Daily Prayer

https://www.thykingdomcome.global/sites/default/files/2019-03/CW%20Daily%20Prayer%20for%20Thy%20Kingdom%20Come_0.pdf

Special Feast Days Coming Up

Ascension Day – 21st May

Pentecost – 31st May

Tina Watson

Eynsford Baptist Church

During lockdown, many of our normal activities have had to be suspended and we have found time to update our website.

We have added a few more pages and now include previous Trident articles, and reports from activities such as coffee mornings and craft days. We have also added a page giving links to some of the music we use and topics we have discussed. If you haven't seen the video of the man critically stung by a jelly fish and on the verge of death met God, it's well worth a look!

As doors close, new doors open and many people have found new things to do and we thought it would be good to create a space where people could share things they have been doing, so we have made a page on the website called "Community gallery". This is an open page where everyone is invited to post pictures, photos, recipes, poems, anything that can be captured digitally. The page can be found at:

<http://eynsfordbaptist.org.uk/community-gallery/>

We have started the gallery with a few pieces among which is a short video of bluebells in the woods if you haven't been able to get out, and a lovely painting, done as a tribute to the NHS nurses by Olga Moffett.

Most of us don't have personal websites – so why not use ours? You're welcome to submit something for display by sending it to: chris@themoffetts.co.uk

Stay safe!, Trevor W



Good Samaritans

Folks , At the time of writing we have now been in “Lockdown” for over 6 weeks due to the Covid-19 outbreak . For some this has been an extremely tough time : losing a loved one , fighting illness , financial hardship, not seeing family or just pure loneliness . All very real issues . At the same time and to keep a balanced perspective, we have seen some very positive things happen : Our air has become cleaner , families are spending quality time together , more exercise is being taken , people appear less rushed . I think one of the most important things to happen is that for some their value system has been re assessed . True heroes are being recognized rather than “ Celebrity” , look at Captain Tom or our valuable NHS workers . Jesus told the parable of The Good Samaritan (Luke Ch 10 v 30 to 37) where a man on his way to Jericho was beaten, robbed and left half dead . Both a Priest and a Levite passed him by ignoring his plight but a Samaritan saw him , felt compassion , bandaged his wounds , took him to an inn and paid for his care . The Samaritans were supposed to be “ untouchable” outcasts but Jesus shows that a real neighbour is one who helps wherever it is needed. Let us give thanks to God for those who are helping today and also look ourselves for a way to help others .



Please Join us for our "Virtual meetings"

You are very welcome to join us for our virtual meetings during the current lockdown situation . With the wonders of modern technology we are still meeting in a " virtual " way with the use of a PC/ tablet or if you haven't a computer you can just dial in using a normal telephone . You can find out more by looking at our website : <http://dvcc.moonfruit.com/> or by contacting me by phone or email : dvcc.pastor@outlook.com Tel : 07908 045445

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Matthew 6 v 10

Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.

Jesus taught his disciples to pray and the Lord's prayer is commonly said today . One of the lessons of the pandemic we faced is the fact that at short notice our plans were disrupted. It is thus good to know that God's plan is never disrupted as he controls the affairs of men.

It is good to make God's will our plan A and our own will aligning to it. Whatever we set out to do from now we need to know it will be according to his divine will and plan.

I will use this opportunity to remind us of the Lord's prayer :

Our father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name .

Thy kingdom. Thy will be done in earth ,as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and power, and glory ,for ever came. Amen

Let us also trust God to meet our needs daily .

We are having our services by telephone conference call please contact us for details. Watch, pray and be alert.

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

Michael William Good – 5th April 1933 – 16th March 2020

Michael was born in Derby, a city he was proud of. He attended local schools in his infancy, passing his scholarship for the prestigious Bemrose School, where he did well. He immediately took an apprenticeship with Derby Locomotive Works, joining his father who was Work Study Engineer for 25 years. Michael was in his



element working in the Engine Shed and made many lasting friends.

At 21, National Service was served in Singapore and Penang with R.E.M.E. A very happy posting.

Engineering was his life and he went onto join Standard Telephones at Foots Cray in the design and development sector. His profession took him to many countries installing special purpose machines.

After retirement, his main hobby was his model railway but travelling on Amtrak throughout the US widened his interests. He also enjoyed several trips on Concorde.

Michael was a member of Probus, and my sincere

thanks go to all those who gave him lifts and support when it was most needed. He was a gentle unassuming man, much loved and greatly missed.

Thank you so much to everyone for the lovely cards, messages of sympathy, telephone calls, flowers left on the doorstep and all the wonderful support I have received following the loss of Michael.

Peggy, Amanda & Family

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Our centre at Riverside remains closed but you can visit our website at: felhs.org.uk or send any enquiries via: archives@felhs.org.uk

I hope everyone is keeping well and keeping safe.

Helen Smith

Farningham Tea and Chat

Sadly, due to the Covid-19 issue there have not been any of the weekly gatherings since March. However, a weekly telephone call has kept us in touch and several of the group signed up for the hot meal deliveries offered by the Cottage Community at Fawkham. I understand that some have also enjoyed delicious cakes and sandwiches courtesy of the Riverside Tea Rooms. Ellen celebrated her 90th birthday in lockdown and we sent her rosebuds in a trough via a letterbox delivery service. A birthday tea had been, (secretly) planned to take place at Tea and Chat that week. Let's hope we can have a delayed tea party when life returns to normal? At the time of writing Suzanne is in hospital and hopefully she will be home by the time this is circulated. Stay safe everyone.

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Lee Mullins

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The escapades of Gavin the Peacock

The population of Eynsford and Farningham had some light relief this week when spring fever got the best of a local peacock named Gavin. With his mate Stacey sitting on eggs, Gavin began looking for further female companionship without his owners' knowledge or consent. Initially residents were concerned when a report was made about a peacock being hit by a car on the A20 and running off into a field. Local search parties returned empty-handed, but within hours he was reported, rather incongruously, residing on a near-by roof.

His attempts to blend in with the local pigeon population thwarted, the might of the 'Massive' took hold, as his every move was charted, and a week-long merry go round of tracking and tracing began to ensure he made it home safely.



Knowing his innate desire for another mate, his owners took to the fields playing peacock sounds to try to lure him into their clutches. However, the wily Gavin did not fall for such obvious tricks. But local eyes were everywhere, and reports of him in Beesfield, Tillman's Mead, White Post Hill, and even the doctors' surgery in West Kingsdown, flooded social media.

Now an established local celebrity, Gavin took advantage of the notoriety he had always craved. He made his way to the roofs again, this time rousing local villagers at 4am with his musical talents. As daily social media cries of "has Gavin been found" increased, it only fuelled his desire to make the most of this opportunity. He generated photo opportunities even the most seasoned A-lister would admire.

However, while his owner was sourcing a new peahen in a last-ditch attempt to entice him home, Gavin met a kind lady called Deborah, who, just like in Hansel and Gretel, laid a trail of breadcrumbs which led him to her conservatory, and with that his adventure was complete. Alas for Gavin, future breeding seasons will see him confined with Stacey in a pen, to run free when temptation has passed. But this peacock provided much-needed light relief with his escapades, he united neighbours and made many of us smile - for that Gavin, we salute you.

Reports of a three-figure deal with a large Kent newspaper remain unconfirmed as this went to press. *Victoria Buxton*

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Farningham Parish Council met via a video link on Wednesday, 6th May 2020, and present were six parish councillors, the Clerk, Jane Gray, Sevenoaks District Councillor Philip McGarvey, Kent County Councillor Roger Gough and three members of the public,

Covid-19 virus pandemic:

The government lockdown in the face of this outbreak forced the cancellation of our Annual Parish Meeting and our monthly Council Meeting was again held via the Zoom website. The Annual Parish Meeting takes reports from various bodies and individuals active in our community and although these did not get a public airing this year they are available to view and if interested please e-mail our Clerk, Jane Gray, for further information. Thanks were expressed to all these groups, many local and most voluntary, including the History Society, Farningham Cricket Club, Farningham Village Hall, Farningham United Charities, Darent River Preservation Society and Campaign to Protect Rural England.

Chair steps down:

Another annual report is available from our Chairperson Daryl Burns who subsequently announced her decision to step down from this role. Councillors thanked Daryl for her hard work and leadership and are pleased that she can still find the time in a busy working environment to continue as a Councillor and indeed she was elected Vice-Chair. Liz Bourne has agreed to take over the Chair's role and we wish her well; Liz Bourne joined FPC last year and has lived in Maplescombe Lane for over 20 years. Krish Shanmuganathan will continue in his role as Planning Chair and Philip McGarvey will remain Finance Officer. Two members of the public to date have expressed an interest in the Casual Vacancy left by Guy Williams resignation and due process will follow once the virus lockdown is lifted.

Darent Valley Landscape Partnership:

Rick Bayne, the Landscape Partnership Manager, made a video presentation to the meeting, outlining achievements and future plans and hopes for the Darent Valley's heritage landscapes. This informative presentation is available from their website, darent-valley.org.uk

Farningham Woods:

Following a large number of vehicles converging on Calfstock Lane, Sevenoaks District Council and the police advised late last month that they would immediately lift the temporary closure of the car park at Farningham Woods.

Sevenoaks District Council:

Our District Councillor, Philip McGarvey, advised that Stephen Whitehead has been added to the permanent SDC staff as the new Manager of Planning Enforcement and he is working on the backlog alongside new recruit Tom Fry. As we know, SDC has been co-ordinating support for those in extra need during the Covid-19 crisis and full marks go to the staff – especially the Refuse Collection crews – for functioning so well during exceptional times.

Police warning:

Police have attended multiple calls during the pandemic of groups congregating by The Lion and in Farningham Woods. They continue to pay attention to these areas and groups have been dispersed with words of advice and enforcement where necessary. There was also an increase in fraud, catalytic converter theft and theft-shoplifting and residents are asked to stay vigilant and report any suspicious persons via the Kent Police Website or phoning 101 or 999 if the crime is being committed at the time. Action Fraud is the reporting platform for just such acts and their new website is actionfraud.police.uk (or 0300 123 2040). However, be warned that if it is a suspected telephone fraud/scam hang up but do not use that phone again for five minutes (to call your bank or the police) because the fraudsters can hold your line open for two minutes or so, even though you have hung up. Best use a separate phone such as a mobile, or wait the five minutes.

Bus services:

In another response to the Covid-19 pandemic, Kent County Council has worked with Go-Coach and ViaVan to launch a new on-demand bus service operating like a shared taxi, meaning that journeys will be made only when and where they are required. The service will run between 6am and 6pm, Monday to Saturday and will usually pick passengers up within half an hour. It is an App-based service, branded Go2. Cllr Gough said this has been very successful and further details can be obtained by email from info@go-coach.co.uk. Users can download the app in the iOS and Google Play store

Acer House:

The owner briefed the meeting on progress of the landscaping to the front of Acer House, formerly Barclays Bank. Unfortunately Sevenoaks District Council's tree officer has declared the tree to the front of the new extension must be removed because the roots have been damaged during the laying of the hard surface for car parking. A replacement tree is being sought and a yew hedge will also be put in place behind the brick wall adjoining the High Street.

Trident:

Another casualty to the virus pandemic is the delivery of Trident, following the Church of England's advice it should not be distributed as a paper copy. You can access an e-mail version and as a bonus all parishioners can view the copy, free of

charge, on the home page of the EFL Churches website at EFL-churches.org
There is a link near the top of the EFL Churches page.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, 3rd June 2020, 7.45pm in the Farningham Village Hall with a break for public participation at 9pm. Should it be necessary the meeting will be conducted remotely via the Zoom website and details will be displayed on the noticeboard at the village hall and be available from the Clerk.

Cllr. Carol Salmon

Useful sources of Information during the Coronavirus Pandemic

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

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Sevenoaks District Council https://www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/info/20069142/coronavirus_covid-19

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The last few months have been immensely difficult for our community; these truly are unprecedented times. But through all of the hardship and changes to our lives it has been heartening to see our community come together to support and care for the more vulnerable amongst us. It's also been good to see that although some businesses are struggling, some are doing their best to provide for our parishioners, and they in turn are finding local people keen to support them with their custom.

The Parish Council, led by our clerks, has been at the forefront of organising volunteers to ensure those in need are given the help and support they need, so I would like to publicly thank both our clerks, Holly and Naomi, and the numerous volunteers in Eynsford and Farningham for stepping up; what a magnificent job you have been doing.

Conducting business during the Covid-19 pandemic has proved challenging with many procedural matters still needing to take place, some which we are legally bound. To ensure we continue to conduct parish business, the Council has embraced the culture of Zoom. We have now held several successful Council meetings online and we've even had members of the public join us; we have the technology.

Sadly, I have to report that the Council has recently received the resignation of our chairperson Theresa Durrant, due to her need to focus on other matters at this time. Theresa has made a very significant contribution our community, bringing a great deal of experience, commitment, balance and a strong 'can-do' attitude to our Council. Theresa will, and I don't use these words lightly, be greatly missed, by all on the Council and indeed the whole community. I wish Theresa well, and hope that when the time is right she will look to offer her services once again.

Another casualty of Covid-19 has been the Annual Parish Meeting. This is a legal requirement for us to report to the public annually on our activities and would be almost impossible with the social distancing rules in place. However, following a ruling by the Government we were now legally able to cancel the meeting, which we have done; we'll be back next year.

One final item of interest is the rather old, green cast iron box on the High Street, opposite Willow Terrace. Many will have seen it and wondered what it is, and it recently came up as a topic of conversation on the Facebook page, Eynsford and Farningham Massive. From information received, we now believe it's an old electrical housing for street lighting or similar. The Council has now agreed to seek a formal listing of the box with Historic England to help preserve it for the future.

Please all keep safe as we progress through these extraordinary times.

Philip Ward, Vice-Chair

Casual Vacancy

We have a casual vacancy for a parish councillor. This is a great way to get involved in the community and to make a difference. 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 or call 01322 865320.

Holly Ivaldi, Clerk

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Greetings from continued lockdown and isolation; as each day merges into much the same as the last one, I hope we are all managing to keep our sanity to get those long “getroundtoit” domestic chores and garden jobs done while we have the time to do almost anything we care to dream up. So, here is a brainteaser on Eynsford to keep the grey cells ticking over (with apologies to EynsfARA members who have already seen it, well most of it as I have changed some of the questions – good luck in working out which they might be); answers next time; no prizes unfortunately, just a month further along this road of uncertainty.

1. In what way was Anthony Roper related to royalty?
2. Who and when did a well known artist live at “Willow Cottage”, Station Road?
3. For what purpose did the Hart Dyke family once use Eynsford Castle?
4. When did Eynsford Cricket Club play at Lords and who was the opposing side?
5. Between what times is it risky to park in Birch Close?
6. Where can you find the art installation “Essense of Eynsford”?
7. What does ED Till’s arborial acrostic around the Scout Hut spell out?
8. How is Unwins better known these days?
9. Who wrote “There’ll Always be an England” and where in Eynsford did he live?
10. Which county did the former Rector, Gary, move on to?
11. What was discovered under the floorboards when St. Martin’s was reordered?
12. Who and when did classical musicians live at “The Cottage,” High Street?
13. When did Eynsford first win Gold in the SEinBloom competition?
14. What is High Street/Station Road also known as?
15. Who opened Knights Field, the affordable housing project in Bower Lane?
16. Where will you find “Prest a Faire Tient ta Foy”, and what does it mean?
17. What does the church, the butcher and the castle have in common?
18. Where is “The Fairway” and why is it so named?
19. Where could Arthur, Curly, Jane, Tevye, Oliver and Dorothy be found and why?
20. How many miles are we from Piccadilly Circus?

Good luck; all are accessible with a bit of thought and knowledge of the village.

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I received a reminder on my phone that 15 May was the date that the schools from Camphin would be visiting Anthony Roper. Sadly this is not to happen but it will happen in the future even if it is many months away.

Some good news from our treasurer that the quiz evening made a profit of £697.71. I must repeat my thanks for the support from the village and particularly the work of the committee. As promised we are setting aside half of that profit to be used towards the cost of the coach when Anthony Roper visit Camphin.

Having plenty of time at home at the moment I have been checking out what is happening in Camphin in these peculiar times. They have an excellent Facebook page. It seems that there are many similarities between Eynsford and Camphin in the way we have supported each other during the past few weeks.

Like us Camphin is now slowly coming out of lockdown. During this week things are changing. Slowly as here restrictions are being lifted. Schools will begin their planned return this week. The boulangerie should have reverted to normal opening times today. The hair-dresser will open this week. I'm tempted to take a day trip to Camphin for a hair cut. Olivier the Mayor is busy distributing masks, gel, disinfectant and visors. There are many posts of local residents making masks.



A number of us have been in Camphin for the Paris Roubaix cycle race. This is postponed this year till 25 October and for the first time there will be a women's race.

VE day was remembered with just the Mayor and one other, a Chevalier du légion d'honneur laying wreaths at the war memorial.

Let's hope that the planned visit to Eynsford can go ahead at the end of September. I will be sending best wishes to them. If anyone receives news please pass it on to eynsfordtwinning@yahoo.co.uk Gill Govus Chair ACE

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Eynsford and Farningham Ladies' Probus

Another month and little change for us. First of all apologies for the errors in last month's article. All this enforced isolation has probably affected my brain. So just to clarify that our next meeting in June which should be at the golf club with a speaker is cancelled. It looks as if the July outing will have to be cancelled and I am not very hopeful about our summer lunch in August taking place.

All these negatives made be think about what we are missing by the cancellation of our meetings:-

People - the chance for a once a month social lunch with friends

Relaxation in very pleasant surroundings with good food

Opportunity to listen to interesting and informative speakers

Being away from all the chores that wait at home

Ultimately we will return to some sort of normal

See you all soon I hope.

Gill Govus

EynsfARA

Our Special Edition Newsletters continue to be sent to our members, keeping everyone in touch with the current situation regarding our suspended meetings. The newsletters include quizzes, poetry and articles sent in from our members, together with photos of previous trips and holidays. Also in one of the editions we gave information on scams that have been rife during this lockdown period. The committees details are listed at the bottom of the newsletters if you need to contact any of us, At the time of writing it seems pretty unlikely that any meeting will take place before August, especially with the age range of an Active Retirement Association, as with most organisations our speakers have been rescheduled for next year.

I'm personally feeling very thankful for living in such a lovely area, as I'm sure those of you reading this feel the same, enjoy our beautiful village, at a safe distance.

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Our Summer Term is always a busy one and this year is no exception. As I write this our Scout Troop are planning their virtual trip to the Elizabeth Tower and Big Ben. They will also be joined by our Beaver Scouts in climbing the 334 steps!

Plans are also underway for a county camp, with challenges set out by Kent Scouts, a troop meeting and county virtual camp fire.

The past month we have marked St George's Day with virtual parades and services. Coinciding with Clap for Careers, many of our Scouts thanked careers by clapping in uniform on their doorsteps. Some have also been finding other ways to make as much noise as



possible on a Thursday evening.

Our Troop also found many ways of marking the 75th anniversary of VE Day. Indoor street parties, homemade decorations and observing two minutes silence in full Scout uniform.

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Eynsford in Bloom



We have held no work parties during the last month but the village has been looking lovely with the colourful Spring flowers and trees coming into leaf . Fortunately the war memorial looked good with the dark purple tulips still in full flower for V. E. day .

Some areas have begun to look untidy as the flowers are dying back , weeds are growing through and shrubs are getting overgrown . This is an inevitable consequence of the lockdown .

The village will continue to look more unkempt .Therefore we need everyone to keep their own front gardens looking good and colourful . Our hedges need to be kept trimmed back from the pavements and if possible the pavements weeded . This will help the village to be clean and attractive for both residents and visitors.

The cutting of the grass verges , Harrow Meadow and St . Martin's Church yard has helped to tidy the village . Common Meadow is immaculate . The cowslips in Millfield and Nine Hole Wood have increased , flowered for six weeks and set seed . The colourful wild flowers in the front of the Baptist Church are very attractive . The yellow archangel , mignonette and green man orchid are in flower .The skylarks are singing above the wheat . Ducklings can be seen at Riverside.

Eynsford is entered for the annual South and South East in Bloom judging with a photographic Desk Top entry . It will include records of our work dated back to July 2019 and is to be submitted by 31st July . Also , there may be an unescorted walk by one judge who came last year.

Gardening contributes to our daily exercise and achievement . The Eynsford in Bloom volunteers are now keeping in contact through a What's App and are swapping gardening advice .

Future work party dates if lockdown is relaxed
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Saturday. June 6 July 4

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Lots of families are using this time to build memories they won't forget. They want their children to be able to remember this incredible event in the years to come.



In school

Some KS2 pupils painted the Pavilion and playground fences – another great life skill – and they showed marked improvement in technique over the afternoon.

Children celebrated VE day with some Social Distancing Races and a 'Family' tea party.

They decorated commemorative mugs with ceramic pens and listened to much of the music from the era. They decorated the freshly painted Pavilion with bunting they had made throughout the week.



Classrooms and schools are communities. we know that keeping our school community connected, during lockdown, is more important than ever.

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Since the coronavirus lockdown, I have been reminded of the book "La peste", which was one of the set books I read for French A level. The story is set in Oran in Algeria in the 1940s and begins in April with the central character, Dr. Bernard Rieux, coming across a dead rat.

Increasing numbers of other rats are found dead, and it is not long before people die. People do not want to believe it is a serious illness and at first the authorities are slow to act, but they then close the town - no one may leave and no one may come in.

Diana Beamish.

Trident Digital

It seems Covid-19 has forced us to move forward into the digital world and we may never see a hard copy of Trident again. But spare a thought for those without a computer, tablet or iPhone. A third of the subscribers who I deliver to have chosen not to receive the digital copy saying they would sooner wait for the hard copy to return. One neighbour who I know does not have a computer accepted my offer to print off a copy of the May issue. However, as it came in A4 format I only printed off 8 of the 64 pages I thought may be of interest and omitted any of the advertising pages which are obviously paid for. I am wondering if it would be possible to have a more 'friendly' format/page size to print off? Is there someone out there who can make this available? I know there will be many who prefer the digital copy but when the Covid-19 days are over I hope there will still be the option for those who have said 'I'll wait for the hard copy to come back'.

Lee Mullins

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Farningham and Darent Valley Probus : What's Today?

It will come as no surprise to read that there has not been a Probus meeting since the last edition of this magazine. There ends this month's Probus report.

Another month without meeting up with our good friends and fellow members to tuck into a hearty lunch. (That's one each, not one between us.) It's a wonder we haven't wasted away. And another month without meeting up with anybody at all for any social gathering in a bar or pub. It's a wonder we haven't all turned tee-total through lack of practice in bending the elbow. In reality there is not much chance of either of those consequences. Lockdown is quite handy for catching up at home with eating and drinking as my bathroom scales and bottle bin will attest.

It's a funny old world though and one which has changed our social lives most dramatically. Before this war our diaries and kitchen wall calendars were filled with events most days of the week. Now the only active entries are those such as 'Asda delivery today' or 'garden bin collection' or 'Auntie Dot's birthday'. In the current war-time situation these count as exciting events to be looked forward to with keen anticipation. Well, maybe not Auntie Dot's birthday because we've run out of suitable birthday cards. She wouldn't appreciate the only one we have left in our stock. The front cover artwork on the card shows a brimming glass of Guinness, various woodworking tools, a tin of moustache wax, a briar pipe with tobacco pouch, and a fishing rod which really renders it rather unsuitable for Auntie Dot. She hates fishing.

However, in truth, most of us are keeping busy and in good humour but a side effect of the lack of diary entries is that now we are never really sure what day it is. The full diary or calendar used to give structure to the week. A morning organised walk meant for some of us that it was definitely a Monday, and the beginning of another week. If we were at the gym, we knew it must be Tuesday and we knew it was Wednesday because that was Ladies Probus day or WI or Wine Club. Men's Probus marked a Thursday and so on incorporating art clubs, book clubs and all sorts of specialised crafts, sports and endeavours. We each had our own list of meetings and events so knew where we were in time and space. Now, if asked, we are forced to look at a newspaper or our phones to find out what day of the week it is. It wasn't helped on VE Day when Bank Holiday Monday fell on Friday. Even TV programmes are not in their usual places. I don't know how I'm getting by at all without 'Love Island'. I believe Keith Lemon is still being shown on TV but I am still managing to avoid him. Things aren't that desperate.

Still appearing in our diaries are the old, now redundant, recurring appointments which further confuse as they must be ignored. That visitor you were expecting

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a week on Tuesday will not arrive. He will miss the appointment as he's not allowed to mix and anyway he doesn't know what day it is either.

Maybe we could take a guess at the day of the week, after all it's a multiple choice of only seven, but guessing the actual date is much more difficult.

But then we realise that it doesn't really matter. If you're not expected to be anywhere at a certain time on a certain date, then there is no problem in not knowing. So, relax and don't worry about it. As long as you have a rough idea where you are and some sort of clue as to who you are, then in the current situation, you are doing very well.

Joe Irwin

VE Day Celebrations - At a Distance!

Eynsford and Farningham residents celebrated VE Day on 8th May at socially distanced gatherings with picnics in large green areas, tea in front gardens, and drinks at 2m apart!

Cheers!



Hire - St Martin's Church

The Church is suitable for concerts, craft shows, quizzes, sales, coffee mornings. Tea Station for serving drinks. Mugs, plates, glasses available. Toilet, tables and plenty of chairs. Centre of the village.

£15 per hour for regular bookings or £20 for an occasional booking

Contact the church office on 863050

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North Star on top of COVID19

As regular contributors to the parish magazine and advertisers. We would like to let our readers and customers know that, in light of the current situation, Karen and Matthew have completed additional training in infection control and bio hazard cleaning. We are reevaluating our health and safety policy and making sure we have all the relevant PPE equipment in place in order to continue our work. Our work is relatively low risk in comparison to some other trades, so we wanted to let you know and assure you that we are taking every step possible, that we can to ensure our client and staff safety for us to carry out work in the “new normal” way. We will also be offering optional outdoor cleaning of rugs, furnishings etc, as necessary, weather permitting. We would like to offer our clients a reduction on a new virucidal treatment we can apply in addition to our usual cleaning.

In addition to the above, we thought it would be a nice idea to let our clients have the opportunity to purchase vouchers pre cleaning requirements, as understandably some people may not be in a position to have any works carried out at present. If you are interested in purchasing our vouchers, they are available in multiples of £10.00 and can be purchased anytime this month. We will **double** their value for use until July 2020, which is a massive saving for those who want to pre plan.

Watch out for our Lucky Numbers Competition!

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DAY & EVENING APPOINTMENTS - HOME VISITS AVAILABLE

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These are unprecedented times but at Home Instead Senior Care hand-picked, well trained CAREGivers are continuing to provide daily companionship and care to their clients. With minimum 1-hour visits clients and CAREGivers build strong trusting relationships.

Owner of Home Instead Senior Care Shoreham, Petts Wood and Longfield, Jag Yogarajah, said, “Never has the need for home care been so much in the spotlight and we are incredibly proud of our team. Every day they support their clients— whether it’s collecting shopping and prescriptions, helping with personal care or simply having a chat. With families and friends unable to visit, the reassurance of knowing that their CAREGiver will be there for them makes such a difference to our clients.”

The office team, now working from home, ensure that there has been no interruption to the vital training of new and existing staff which is now delivered remotely. Jag said, “It is really important that our staff continue to get the support and training they need to deliver outstanding care.”



In order to keep spirits up during lockdown, Home Instead CAREGivers took part in an initiative where their children as well as the local scout group drew pictures to help cheer up our clients who have been staying indoors since lockdown.

For VE day, CAREGivers celebrated with their clients and brought them each a home-made cake; they even threw surprise tea parties for them, which were a welcome treat.

“One good thing to come from this situation is a new appreciation for front line workers such as those delivering care to vulnerable people in their own homes. Our CAREGivers have been applauded in supermarkets as they shop for their clients and this has given them such a boost”, said Jag.

One client’s family member said, “Carefully selected carers, who provide not only physical assistance, but importantly provide a caring attitude and friendship. My mother has been delighted with all of her carers and is always happy to see them.”

Jag Yogarajah

History Corner – Jan Wilkes

In the Autumn of 1939, I came across a song written by Ross Parker and Hughie Charles called 'We'll Meet Again, a song I have been associated with ever since, and which I have never tired of singing Dame Vera Lynn

'There'll Always be an England' was written by composer and lyricist Ross Parker collaborating with songwriter Hughie Charles. The song was written before the declaration of the war in 1939 and became an enormous success. Throughout the war they continued to write patriotic songs such as 'The Navy's Here' and 'I'm sending you the Siegfried Line', but their most iconic song which means so much to so many must be 'We'll Meet Again'.

Ross Parker joined the army and served as a Captain in India, while in Calcutta his path crossed with Vera Lynn who was on her way back home after entertaining the troops in Burma. How ironic the songwriter and the singer should meet up and have dinner.



Ross Parker at the piano next to Hughie Charles entertain a group of soldiers with their new number 'I'm sending you the Siegfried Line, 12th October 1939

Ross Parker had a long and distinguished career. By 1938 he was considered to be one of Britain's top songwriters. He has had songs in the Billboard Charts, 'The Girl in the Blue Bonnet' reaching no 15 and 'I Won't tell a soul (I love you)' performed by Andy Kirk and his Clouds of Joy reaching no one. He wrote original songs for the Crazy Gang and penned 'Burn my Candle' which was the 19-year-old Shirley Bassey's first recording. As well as being a songwriter, he appeared in films and on stage.

Born Albert Rostron Parker on 16th August 1914 to Albert and Florence Parker in Chorlton, Lancashire. Some time during the 1950's he came to live in The Denes, Pollyhaugh with his family. Despite his busy schedule he did what he could to get involved with the village and kindly gave permission for the lyrics of There'll Always be an England to be changed to There'll Always be an Eynsford and this was performed by the Scouts in their Gang Show. Ross Parker died suddenly on 2nd August 1974 aged 59.

(If you get a chance to watch the film Chitty, Chitty Bang Bang make sure you look out for the Chef...)

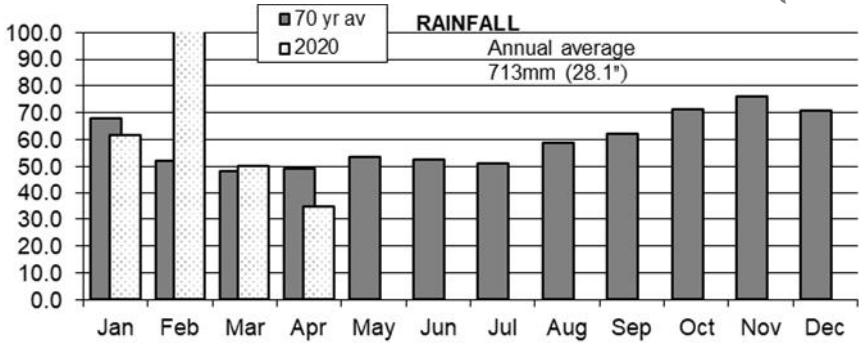
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Eynsford Weather Data

April 2020

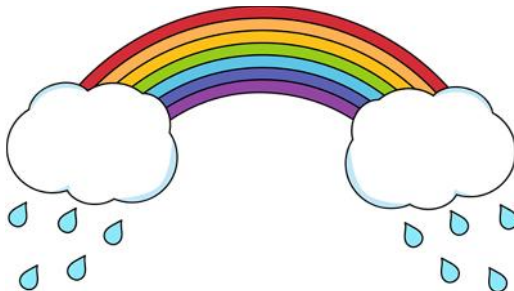
James Alexander



Total rain to	2020	277 mm (10.9")	2018	263 mm (10.4")	end
of April	2019	153 mm (6.0")	2017	142 mm (5.6")	

National Overview. April began dry but fairly cloudy, then from the 4th high pressure and southerly winds brought plenty of sunshine and high day-time temperatures, especially in the south. Until the 27th the month was exceptionally dry, but the last three days saw some heavy falls of rain. The mean temperature for April was 2.0°C above the long-term average. The mean maximum temperature was the 4th highest in a series since 1884, behind 1893, 2007 and 2011, whereas average night-time minima were closer to average. Rainfall was 48% of average, but the wet end raised rainfall totals close to normal in Southern England. It was the sunniest April in a series from 1929 by quite a wide margin, with over 150% of average in many places.

In Eynsford we had 71% of average rain with 35mm (1.4") over 5 days. Up to the 27th we had had rain on only one day (7mm) then, at the end of the month we had some welcome rain.



ALAN CREMER'S QUIZ

WHICH ANNE?:

- 1).Became a Constable?
- 2).Quarrelled with a Freeman?
- 3).Moujnted the watchtower?
- 4).Would not be queen "for all the mud in Egypt"?
- 5).Gave Dumas an heroine?
- 6). Insisted on refreshment before retiring?
- 7).Came from Shottery?
- 8).Came from Maxwellton?
- 9). Came from Nazareth?
- 10).Added lustre to Trafalgar day?

No excuses now.....I expect dozens of entries this month!!!!!!

Send you answers to: alanctela@gmail.com

ANSWERS TO THE LAST QUIZ.

- !)..Fire
- 2). Connaught.
- 3). Zephyrus.
- 4). Iodine,
- 5). Music,
- 6). Exhaust.
- 7). Melancholy.
- 8). Hyperbola.
- 9). Ferio.
- 10). Calisto.

Anthony Roper Primary School dates for 2019/20

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

Term 5: 19th April - 28th May

Term 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

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How to Contact your District Councillor

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Farningham: Philip McGarvey 862870 cllr.mcgarvey@sevenoaks.gov.uk

Eynsford: Alan Cheeseman 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

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
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 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

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
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		8.30 - 12.00	16.30 - 18.30
Dr Jane Lindsay Dr Antony Ellul	Tuesday	8.30 - 12.00	15.00 - 17.00
		9.30 - 13.00	16.30 - 18.30
Dr Maryam Tahmassebi Dr Saijit Shetty	Wednesday	9.00 - 12.30	16.00 - 18.00
		8.30 - 12.00	17.40 - 19.30
Dr Maryam Tahmassebi Dr Anthony Ellul	Thursday	9.00 - 12.30	14.30 - 16.30
		9.00 - 13.00	16.30 - 18.30
Dr Jane Lindsay Dr Saijit Shetty	Friday	8.30 - 12.00	17.00 - 19.00
		8.30 - 9.30	15.00 - 17.00

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

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Podiatry Home visits Debra Wilkinson 860512 Mob: 07984 914 067

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Elderly 01474 328 664 Sevenoaks 01732 456 223

Hospital Discharge Scheme 01732 227000 and ask for Hosp Dis Sch

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Bus Times from May 2020

As a result of the current travel restrictions and reduced demand, Go Coach have suspended all their bus services in the Sevenoaks area, including Route 2 serving Eynsford. In their place they have introduced an "on demand" service marketed as "Go2" whereby, with the use of a mobile phone app currently available to download, 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 for three months from 14 April 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 limit the number of people on each bus to a maximum of 10 so that social distancing can be maintained.

The 429 bus route from West Kingsdown, through Farningham to Swanley and Dartford is currently operating 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 is no services on Sundays or Bank Holidays.

Bus and train services should only be used for travel to and from work, 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 currently closed, the ticket machine, accepting only credit or debit cards, is being maintained. Although detailed timetables for the period from 16 May have yet to be published, it appears that from Monday 18 May, timings will revert to the previous departure times from Eynsford of .05 and .35 minutes past each hour to London, and .11 and .41 minutes past each hour to Sevenoaks on week-days; but remain at .11 and .41 minutes past each hour to London, and .05 and .35 minutes past each hour to Sevenoaks on Sundays.

These times are subject to last minute changes, so it is best to check with 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
To borrow tables	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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