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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

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Eynsford WI 3rd Wed at 7.30pm in Eynsford Village Hall	863241
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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
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Tuesday

Eynsford in Bloom, Tuesdays, 9.30am, work party, car park.
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 Claire's 11+ Club in EVH for Yrs 4 & 5 3.15 - 6.45
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 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

From the Editor

Winter draws on and the mornings and nights are getting darker. Stay safe, take a torch and wear something that can be seen by drivers.

Its great to see some 'green' articles in this month's Trident following mine last month. Eynsford Parish Council has set up a 'green' working group to look at ways it and the wider the community can reduce waste and their carbon footprint.

I enjoyed Blackadder which was put on by Riverside Players last month - if you enjoyed the TV series you will have loved the production! I didn't manage to see The Noble Spaniard in Farningham, but I did see Jason's moustache, which was impressive!

Remembrance Sunday was well attended as usual and it was good to see representatives from three churches working together. Thank you also to the guides and scouts and to the band for their contributions.

I will be celebrating Eynsford in Bloom's success with them as they recognise those individuals, groups and businesses that have helped to make Eynsford a more beautiful and greener place.

Christmas fairs are coming up at Anthony Roper Primary School and at Farningham Village Hall and St Martin's church. See inside for more details. Lots of work goes into putting on these events, so please support them!

Eynsford and Farningham groups are rehearsing for their January pantomimes - don't forget to book your tickets for one or both of them! The Riverside Players Youth Group is also putting on a short murder mystery show before Christmas!

Revive, the benefice youth group has been meeting in St Martin's church on Wednesday evenings. Amongst other things, they have made cakes for the Seven-oaks Youth Trust, Shoebox gifts for a charity in eastern Europe, and they have had an outing to Clip and Climb in Tonbridge.

There will be one more issue out just before Christmas- so keep on sending your news and articles!

Holly Ivaldi, Editor

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15:32 (MF)(SHOL), 16:47(MF), 17:32(SO), 17:47 (MF), & 18:47 (MF)

From SWANLEY, Bartholomew Way opp. ASDA

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16:16**(MF)(SDO), 17:15 (MF), 18:00 (SO), 18:15 (MF) & 19:15 (MF)

Route 2 to FARNINGHAM & EYNSFORD 09:40, 11:20, 13:00 & 14:40

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

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MF - Mondays to Fridays; SO - Saturdays only; SDO - School days only
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Transport can be provided to hospitals, chiropodists, doctor. Please phone Lillian 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!!

From Monday 16th December until Monday 6th January please ring Chris R. on 867419-after 1.00pm. Please note that there will be no service from 29th December until 3rd January

Lifts for pensioners to Post Office, Sainsbury's, Swanley - Liz on 865529

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Services for the Benefice of Eynsford, Farningham and Lullingstone

Eynsford@9.30

All Age Communion with Sunday School

Farningham

8.00 am

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

11.00 am

Morning worship on 1st & 3rd Sundays

2nd & 4th Sundays, Holy Communion

children's activities during the communion service.

Lullingstone@11.00

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

Advent Sunday this year falls on 1st December, beginning a period of preparation before the Church's big festival of Christmas. The name 'Advent' means 'coming' or 'arrival', so this is a time to think about the meaning of the coming of Christ into the world.

It's easy to overlook Advent (unless you're counting it down on an Advent calendar), as Christmas celebrations seem to start earlier and earlier each year: the shops laden with festive goods, Christmas fairs, carol concerts and office parties.

Advent helps us to hold the tension between the excitement and growing anticipation of Christmas, and the sorrow and penitence we may feel as we remember the pain and divisions that still touch our world. This is represented by the sombre colour purple that is used in our Anglican churches during Advent before this gives way to the white and gold of Christmas.

A particular source of tension this Advent is the General Election on 12th December. Many of us are torn between frustration and despair on the one hand, and hope for a better future on the other. Here is an extract from the Church of England's prayer for this occasion:

"Lord,

We give thanks for the privileges and responsibilities of living in a democratic society. ...

Protect us from the sins of despair and cynicism.

Guard us against the idols of false utopias, and strengthen us to make politics a noble calling that serves the common good of all.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. "

In all the build up to Christmas, Advent encourages us to keep the Christmas focus on Christ: who brings light in our darkness, forgiveness and a new start in our failings; and who shows us what true goodness really is.

Jan Thompson

BRAESIDE SURGERY DOCTORS' TIMES

Doctor	Day	Morning	Evening
Dr Maryam Tahmassebi Dr Saijit Shetty	Monday	9.00 - 12.30 8.30 - 12.00	17.40 - 19.30 16.30 - 18.30
Dr Jane Lindsay Dr Antony Ellul	Tuesday	8.30 - 12.00 9.30 - 13.00	15.00 - 17.00 16.30 - 18.30
Dr Maryam Tahmassebi Dr Saijit Shetty	Wednesday	9.00 - 12.30 8.30 - 12.00	16.00 - 18.00 17.40 - 19.30
Dr Maryam Tahmassebi Dr Anthony Ellul	Thursday	9.00 - 12.30 9.00 - 13.00	14.30 - 16.30 16.30 - 18.30
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Parish Office Eynsford; Jane Gray Farningham

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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!

Church Notices

Christmas Fayres: Farningham - Saturday 30th November, 11.00am-2.00pm in the village hall. Eynsford - Saturday 7th December, 11.00am-3.00pm in St Martin's.

Christingle Services on Sunday 1st December at Eynsford 9.30am and at Farningham 11.00am
We will be making Christingles during the service.

Monthly Benefice Prayer Meeting in St Martin's on Monday 2nd December, 7.30pm.

Lights of Love Services on Sunday 8th December at Eynsford 9.30am and at Farningham 11.00am. Names can be added to the Christmas trees by use of envelopes from Church, Trident, Normans and the paper shop in Eynsford.

Carol Services

Farningham: Sunday 15th December, 11.00am

Lullingstone: Sunday 21st December, 5.00pm

Eynsford: Sunday 22nd December, 4.00pm

Christmas Eve Services

Farningham: Younger children's crib service 3.00pm

Eynsford: Children's crib service 5.00pm

First Communion of Christmas, 24th December

Farningham 11.15pm

Eynsford 11.15pm

Christmas Day Services

Eynsford: Family Service with Communion, 9.30am

Lullingstone: Holy Communion, 11.00am

Lost Ring

Ring found in St Martin's churchyard. Please contact the benefice office if you think it might be yours - 01322 863050.

Tina Watson

Eynsford Baptist Church

Advent Christmas Crafting

Sunday 1st December
2.00 pm – 4.00 pm - free admission

A relaxed afternoon of crafting fun, chat, song and celebration of the season of Advent for all ages. (Children to be accompanied by an adult please).

We will be making Christmas decorations, gifts, with interludes for exploring the real Christmas

*Christmas Wreaths
Christmas Pudding (new this year!)
Table decorations
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and more...*



Mid-Week Christmas Lunch Thursday 12th December 12.30 – 2.30

This month's lunch will be a **festive Christmas lunch** with turkey and trimmings! There will be a quiz, crackers and carols plus our regular 'a smile on your face video clip'.

If you're planning to come and didn't sign-up at the November lunch, please phone Dave on 01959 439741 to book your place.

Christmas Service
Sunday 22nd December 10.30 am – 12.00 noon

School Holidays

24th July - 2nd September

School dates for 2019/20

Term 1: Tuesday 3rd September - Thursday 17th October
Term 2: Monday 28th October - Wednesday 18th December
Term 3: Monday 6th January - Friday 14th February
Term 4: Monday 24th February - Wednesday 1st April
Term 5: Thursday 16th April - Friday 22nd May
Term 6: Tuesday 2nd June - Tuesday 21st July.

Additional holiday days for children (inset days): 2nd September 18th October, 29th November, 1st June, 22nd 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.

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Every other Wednesday:
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Eynsford - Gibson's Court - 11.45—12.15
Farningham - Alban Crescent - 10.15-10.45

How to Contact your MP

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- the date and time of the crime/incident
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- the contact details of any witnesses
- information about any evidence that could help an investigation

Saturday 25	Robin Hood & the Babes in the Wood	EVH	2pm & 7pm
Wednesday 29	Coffee & Craft	St M's	10-12

February

Wednesday 26	Coffee & Craft	St M's	10-12
Friday 28	FELHS Talk on Villages of the Upper Darent	FVH	7:30
Saturday 29	Twining Event (details tbc)	EVH	

March

Monday 9	EVS Committee Meeting	EBC	7.30
Friday 13	EVS AGM	EVH	7.30
Wednesday 25	Coffee & Craft	St M's	10-12
Friday 27	FELHS Mystery Artefact Quiz	EVH	7:30

April

Saturday 4	PolyChor Concert	St M's	7.30
Friday 24	FELHS Talk on Rural Rides in the Delightful Darent Valley	FVH	7:30
Wednesday 29	Coffee & Craft	St M's	10-12

May

Friday 22	FELHS AGM	FVH	7:30
Wednesday 27	Coffee & Craft	St M's	10-12

June

Monday 1	EVS Committee Meeting	EBC	7.30
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August

September

Friday 25	FELHS Talk on Kent History from the Air	EVH	7:30
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October

Friday 23	FELHS Lullingstone down the Ages	FVH	7:30
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December

Friday 27	FELHS A Mummings' Christmas	EVH	7:30
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Send in you dates to efltrident@yahoo.com

Unwrapping Christmas

I wonder if you have ever watched a child unwrap a present at Christmas ? You have spent many hours thinking about and selecting a special gift that would really delight and make their day. You then look on to see it put to one side whilst all the enjoyment comes from playing with the box it came in. Well I think sometimes, we as adults, are a bit like that with Christmas . We get caught up in all the wrappings and the haze of commercialism : Presents , Cards , Food and Drink , Parties etc. (I must say I enjoy them all !) . Can I challenge you this Christmas to stop and take 5 minutes to think about the special gift inside the wrapping that God hand selected for us all, and is so easily put to one side . The good news at Christmas is that God wants to show us how much he loves us and did that by sending his very precious only son to the Earth to convey that message. As the Angel declared to the Shepherds :

“Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people; ¹¹ for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Saviour, who is ¹²Christ the Lord. Luke 2 v 10 to 11

We don't know what the year 2020 will bring for us . There is a lot of confusion and doubt in the world today . Can I encourage you to take the words of the Angel to heart : Don't be afraid and look for the joy that can be found in knowing Jesus . The real Christmas gift!

A warm welcome awaits you every Sunday at 10.15am except the 4th Sunday of the month which is a Cafe Style meeting at 4.30pm

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Psalm 68 v 6

God sets the solitary in families

Christmas is the time of the year most families come together and share the joy of the season. It is also a time churches reach out to people. There are some people that are lonely at this time because there is no one to celebrate the season with, let us remember people around us and show them love. God is a father of the fatherless and also a defender of the widows. If you are in such a situation please cry out to God for help and he would send you help.



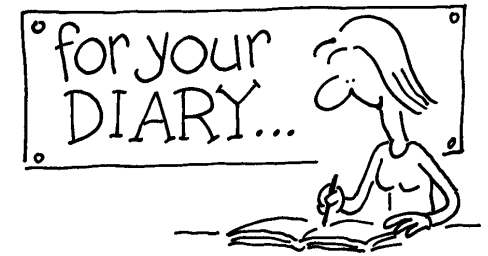
Please join us for our Christmas service on Christmas Day time 11.am-12pm

If you are in need of friendship and fellowship please don't wait till Christmas, join our friendly service. We meet every Sunday at 10.30am at the Eynsford village hall, you are welcome to join us. Please don't stay alone come and taste the goodness of The Lord.

If you, or someone close to you, have had a wedding, baptism or funeral at one of the churches in the benefice, we would be pleased to include a report in this magazine.

Please contact the editor on efltrident@yahoo.com.

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



2019

November

Thursday 21	EPC Council Meeting	EPO	8pm
Saturday 23	ARPS Christmas Fair	ARPS	12-3
Saturday 23	Purple Zeppelin	EVH	7.30
Wednesday 27	Coffee & Craft	St M's	10-12
Saturday 30	Farningham Church Christmas Fair	FVH	11-2

December

Monday 2	EPC Committee Meeting	EPO	8pm
Wednesday 4	Farningham PC Meeting	FVH	7.45
Thursday 5	FWI	FVH	7.30
Friday 6	FELHS—Films from the collection	FVH	730
Friday 6	ACE Twinning Visit to France		
Saturday 7	ACE Twinning Visit to France		
Saturday 7	Eynsford in Bloom work party	Car Park	9.30
Saturday 7	Christmas Fayre	St M's	
Sunday 8	ACE Twinning Visit to France		
Monday 9	EynsfARA: The Glory of the MGM Musicals	St M's	2pm
Monday 9	EVS Committee	EBC	7.30
Monday 9	EFL Benefice Council	SH	
Friday 11	EWI 'Christmas Entertainment'	EVH	7.30
Thursday 19	EPC Council Meeting	EPO	8pm
Friday 20	EVS Christmas Quiz	EVH	7.30

2020

January

Wednesday 8	Coffee & Craft	St M's	10-12
Friday 17	Robin Hood & the Babes in the Wood	EVH	7.45
Saturday 18	Robin Hood & the Babes in the Wood	EVH	2pm & 7pm
Sunday 19	Robin Hood & the Babes in the Wood	EVH	12.30pm & 4pm
Friday 24	Robin Hood & the Babes in the Wood	EVH	7.45

ALAN CREMER'S QUIZ

THE SOUND OF MUSIC.

- 1). What was Ravel's "flute a coulisse"?
- 2). What nationality was "Jingling Johnny"?
- 3). What fiddle was carried in the pocket?
- 4). What "trumpet" was a single stringed violin?
- 5). What bit of brass was a wiggle of wood and leather?
- 6). What is the skeletal rattle in Saint-Saen's Danse Macabre?
- 7). Started grinding as the organistrum?
- 8). What harp was a Dutch child's trumpet?
- 9). What was George Formby's instrument?
- 10). What is "a licorice stick"?

Send you answers to: alanctela@gmail.com

ANSWERS TO THE LAST QUIZ

- 1). "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind".
- 2). "I Vow To Thee My Country".
- 3). "Oh Jesus I Have Promised".
- 4). "When I Survey The Wondrous Cross".
- 5). "Come Down Oh Love Divine".
- 6). "Guide Me Oh Thou Great Redeemer".
- 7). "Glorious Things Of Thee are Spoken".
- 8). "The Day Thou Gavest Lord Is Ended".
- 9). Let Us With A Gladsome Mind".
- 10). "In The Bleak Midwinter".

Congratulations to Peter Davis who submitted the first all-correct entry and receives the statutory bottle of wine!



**The Ministry Team
sends Christmas greetings
to the congregations at our three churches
and the wider communities in Eynsford,
Farningham and Lullingstone**

May the joy of the angels,
The gladness of the shepherds,
The worship of the wise men
And the peace of the Christ child be yours this

Christmas
Rev'd Dorothy
Peter Davis
Peter Sansom
Jan Thompson
Tina Watson

The Bible in 50 words

God made, Adam bit, Noah arked,
Abraham split, Joseph ruled, Jacob fooled,
Bush talked, Moses balked, Pharaoh plagued,
People walked, sea divided, tablets guided,
Promise landed, Saul freaked, David peeked,
Prophets warned, Jesus born,
God walked, love talked, anger crucified,
Hope died, Love rose, Spirit flamed, Word spread,
God remained.

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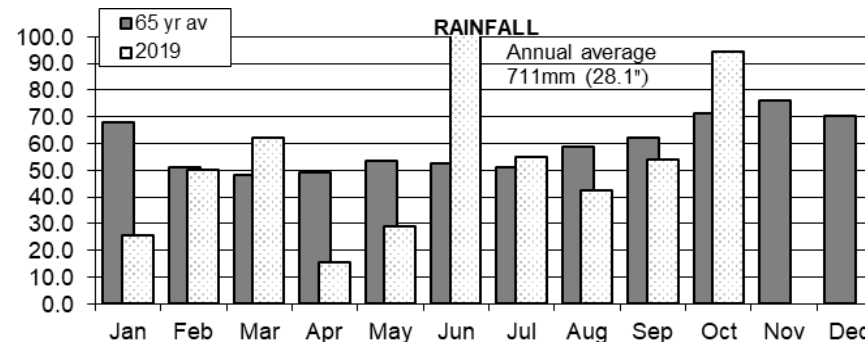


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Eynsford Weather Data

October 2019

James Alexander



Total rain to	2019	573 mm (22.6")	2017	509 mm (20.0")
end of October	2018	507 mm (20.0")	2016	507 mm (20.0")

National Overview. The jet stream tracked over southern Britain for most of the month, resulting in a wet and cloudy month for most of England. The weather briefly turned more settled on the 21st and colder quieter weather affected most parts from the 27th onwards although cloud and rain were persistent in some areas. The mean temperature for October was provisionally 0.4°C below the long-term average, and temperatures were close to normal in the south. Rainfall was 136% of average and sunshine was 84% of average, and some eastern parts had over twice the normal rainfall amount.

In Eynsford we had 94mm (3.7") of rain which is 132% of average. I recorded rain on 19 days which emphasizes how wet the month was.



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History Corner with Jane Wilkes

Listening to the band today at the war memorial, brought back something I read a while ago, a sweet memory from Ethel Darby. Beatrice Ethel Barber was born on the 6th January 1898 to Fred and Louisa Barber. On the 20th April 1925 she married Walter Darby and they lived in Crooks Cottages. Later they worked for Sir Herbert Cohen, Walter as a House Steward and Ethel as a Cook. Sadly, Walter died in 1952. Ethel lived a very long life and died in 2008



'This lovely summer weather brings memories of the Flower Show in the Common Meadow. To me the tents seemed enormous and bursting with beautiful flowers, fruit and vegetables, all grown in the village, the cottage gardens competing with the gardeners of the larger houses. The competition was very keen, and it was not unknown for the prize marrows or other exhibits to vanish in the night before the show! It was all very gay with a Concert Party in white flannels and straw boaters.

The thing I liked most was the village band playing, all dressed up in very smart uniforms and practically everyone dancing on a specially mown piece of grass, the end of a beautiful day. The village band was part of village life. Every Saturday they went around the village and played at different points. I never remember them collecting any money. I cannot imagine how they bought the music and instruments.



Talking of Bands, who remembers the German Band, that called at the villages? I can see them now playing at the entrance to Parsonage Farm, and another memory of a man with a huge white bear on a chain and we all rushed home for a bun to feed it. I think they expected pennies too. We were told the man and the bear slept together in barns or hedges.

Going back to the village band, we used to have wonderful 'Odd Fellows' services in the church. The band marched through the village and came to Even-song and played hymns in the chancel full blast, very stirring then. I think my taste has altered now'

(from Eynsford Friendship Guild, Newsletter No 5, July/August 1968)

Running is popular- Its official!

And Eynsford Running Club is right at the heart of it!

Over the past few months we have seen a real growth in the running population of our local area.

Lullingstone parkrun- Still happens every week at 09:00 and has done for nearly 5 years with over 3,500 participants in that period and a put on with a core volunteer crew of 12 each week.

Lullingstone 10k- The very first race of its kind at this wonderful venue (as I sit and write this, its 3 weeks away!) 250 racers and over 60 volunteers from the local area.

Eynsford Running Club weekly Wednesday- Growing in numbers and averaging 15 runners a week. Please join us at 19:30 meet at The Five Bells before AND after!

ERC are starting a couch to 5k 9 week course for parents of children at Ant Roper school in early 2020 with plans to extend this to the wider community at a later date. If you are interested in registering your interest send an email to: running9to5@gmail.com

Look out for us, and if you are a local runner and not yet involved, come and join us at any of the above.

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Farningham and Darent Valley Probus

The Flying Suitcase

Those of us of a certain vintage, so called baby boomers, can be forever thankful that we were not of fighting age or not yet born when the first half of the twentieth century exploded in the turmoil of the two World Wars. Sadly, some did lose family members during those conflicts and James Morton-Robertson, the speaker at our November meeting, told us how his father was killed while serving as a crew member in Handley Page Hampden bomber P1344 which crashed in Russia in 1942.

When we think of WW2 bombers, names such as the Wellington and the Lancaster come to mind but from 1936 until 1942 there was also a lesser known bomber, the Handley Page Hampden. It was not a comfortable aeroplane, being only three feet wide, and so cramped for its crew members that it gained the nickname "The Flying Suitcase". The seats had to be folded down to gain access to the cockpit and crew members sat one behind the other.

On the night of September 4/5th 1942 Hamden P1344 was one of 32 planes which took off from the Shetland Islands to fly to northern Russia as protection for the Arctic Convoy. Considering the fuel capacity of these aircraft and the discomfort with no onboard heating, this was never going to be an easy mission. 9 of the 32 did not return and P1344 was one of those lost. The plane had to fly slightly off route to lessen a possible dangerous build-up of ice but this brought it over a German position where it was attacked by 2 Messerschmitts. There is also a possibility that the aircraft ran out of fuel. The type of crash damage to the propellers indicates to experts that the blades were not turning when it hit the ground.

Of the crew of 5 only 2 survived the crash. Our speaker's father, wireless operator/gunner Sergeant James Morton-Robertson, was one of those killed. The pilot was badly injured but survived and both survivors spent the rest of the conflict as Prisoners of War.

What remained of P1344 was not discovered until nearly half a century later, minus many parts appropriated by local Russians over the years, and is now undergoing renovation. It can be seen at the RAF Museum, Cosford, including the many bullet holes still evident in its fuselage.

The next Probus meeting is our famous Christmas lunch on Thursday December 12th at Westerham Golf Club bringing festive joy to Polling Day!

Joe Irwin



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Darent Valley Youth Music

Christmas has sneaked up much quicker this year!



Bluewater

Our Jazz band Phoenix have been booked to perform again this year at Bluewater, on **Tuesday 26th November at 6.30pm** at the entrance to the 'Village' on the 'Guildhall' side of the centre. The acoustic is great here as the sound travels a fair distance and many shoppers stop to enjoy the Jazz, so if you are thinking of doing your Christmas shopping one evening, why not come along and have a listen and support our young players.

Sevenoaks Christmas Lights

A busy term for our Phoenix Jazz band members as they are also booked to perform for the switching on of the Christmas lights in Sevenoaks high street on **Friday 29th November at 6.30pm**, outside Nonna Cappuccini's café (Black's yard) So if you are there enjoying the festivities come along and listen in.

Christmas Concert

By far the biggest event in the DVYM calendar is our Christmas concert, this will be held in St Martin's Church on **Sunday 8th December from 3pm until 5pm**. Our wonderful conductor Duncan will be retiring in March next year so this will be his final Christmas concert.

Our young musicians work hard all year round and it shows in the standard of performance that they achieve. This concert, as always will be magical, set amongst the Christmas trees and twinkling lights..... and it is FREE! (voluntary donations are always welcome).

Thank you 'Friends'

I would like to thank our amazing group of 'Friends' for their continued support, their valuable contributions allow us to run workshops and outreach programmes, individual tuition where necessary and subsidize some of our smaller groups. We are very grateful to you and very much appreciate your support.

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Sandra

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For online booking please go to our website: www.riversideplayers.co.uk and scroll down to the 'book tickets' button.

For special seating requirements or for further enquiries please call me on the box office number: **07704 279948**

Performance dates and times are as follows:

Friday 17th and 24th January at 7.45pm, Saturday 18th and 25th at 2pm and 7pm, Sunday matinees on 19th at 12.30 and 4pm.

Look forward to seeing you there!

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Vanessa Elliot

Panto publicity & Box Office, The Riverside Players

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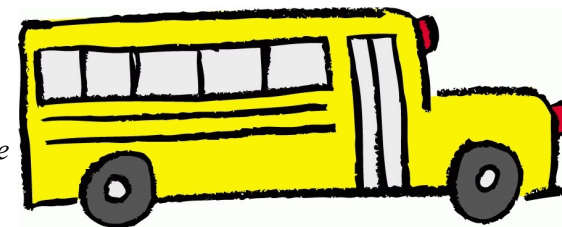
On 18 November major changes have been made to the bus services operated by Go Coach in the Sevenoaks area with most of their routes being renumbered from 1 to 8. The 421 bus to Sevenoaks has been renumbered as Route 2, and the times have changed, generally running about 10 to 20 minutes earlier from Sevenoaks and between 5 and 15 minutes earlier from Swanley. As the first bus to Swanley now leaves Eynsford at 9.23 am, on Mondays to Fridays the Senior Persons Bus Pass is no longer valid on that service, although Go Coach do allow the use of the pass before 9.30 am on payment of a supplement of £1.20 per journey.

Route 2, as it now is, no longer runs via Shoreham village but does serve Sevenoaks Railway Station. There is now a later bus from Sevenoaks back to Eynsford and Farningham leaving at 5 pm. although it only runs beyond Otford if requested by any passengers already on the bus at Otford. How long this later service remains on the timetable is uncertain, as anyone missing the ten to two bus from Sevenoaks is unlikely to want to wait over three hours for the next one, and it is probably too early for anyone travelling home from work. The School Days only bus leaving Swanley at 16:16 will similarly only run to Eynsford and West Kingsdown if requested by passengers already on the bus at Farningham.

Shoreham village has now lost its bus service, apart from an early morning and afternoon school run. The changes appear to have been the result of discussions between the bus operators and KCC who are anxious to find more efficient ways of providing subsidies to operators to maintain rural services. A series of pilot schemes were introduced throughout Kent earlier this year using small feeder buses to main routes or taxi-bus services. One such taxi-bus is currently running to a timetabled route three times a day between Fairseat, Wrotham, West Kingsdown, East Hill, Otford and Sevenoaks with a flat fare of £3 single or £5 return. It is understood that Go Coach may be planning to introduce a similar service for Shoreham and other villages surrounding Sevenoaks that have lost all or most of their bus services.

Regards,
David Toser

*Thank you to David for keep-
ing on top of all of the chang-
es. The updated time tables are
at the back of Trident. Ed.*





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Farningham Parish Council met on Wednesday, 6th November 2019, and present were six parish councillors, the Clerk, Jane Gray, Sevenoaks District Councillor Philip McGarvey, Kent County Councillor Roger Gough and one member of the public.

Village improvements:

We now have a splendid new oak post to support the village sign, thanks to Bera Builders for their efforts, and two new seats in Irving's Corner. The two remaining dilapidated seats are also due to be replaced and our thanks go to the Haughey family for their generosity.

Protection against scams:

The West Kent Police Volunteers and Neighbour Watch Liaison Officer has put together a 20 minute e-learning package on trying to avoid being scammed and it is well worth a look. The menace that is scamming will not go away and if you don't have a computer perhaps you know someone who can show you the website which is www.friendsagainstscams.org.uk

Sevenoaks District Council's Local Plan:

Cllr McGarvey said SDC are very disappointed by the decision of the Government Inspector to suspend the hearing, thereby cancelling the sessions scheduled for November at which the Pedham Place housing proposal was to be discussed. Further updates will be posted on the council's website and a definitive statement on the position is imminent.

Eynsford Road flooding and other road issues:

Cllr Gough reported that various works had improved the flooding situation in Eynsford Road but drainage in South Hall Close was not flowing as it should. Flooding on the corner of Button Street also remains on the drawing board while proposed work on the Scratchers Lane/A20 junction has been postponed until next year. We continue to push Kent Highways for improved safety along Gorse Hill in the shape of white lines and cats' eyes while on the positive side, a consultation is taking place on the extension of the 30mph speed limit in Beesfield Lane.

VE Day:

The Armed Forces Charity is organising a 75th Anniversary of VE Day on 8-10 May 2020. Anyone wishing to become involved should look for further details on their website, www.veday75.org

Eynsford & Farningham Dementia Café

We were so pleased to welcome the Anthony Roper School Kindergarten pupils to the Café this month where they chatted to the members, sang some songs and shared cards. A wonderful time was had by all across the generations with lots of laughter. We also had the famous bingo, chat with refreshments as well as making plans for our Christmas lunch next month at the Rose and Crown in Dunton Green. A fitting end to a wonderful and successful year.



The Café has been running for two years and has been very successful in bringing together people to share experiences, make friends and enjoy being in each other's company. I would like to personally thank our volunteers, Jan Wilkes, Dee Baker, Martin Gee and Kirstie McMillan who have joined both myself and Debbie Moulton, from Vitality Home Health, ferried our members and provided teas and refreshments and great company to the members.

It is time to look forward and we can now share exciting plans for the future of the café so that more can be enjoyed by the members.

From January 2020, the Café will move to Vitality Home Health's new treatment rooms and offices, recently opened, in Otford. This will allow our members to participate in projects that include art therapy, music therapy, exercise and will bring greater inclusion and friendship opportunities. There will also be a GP on hand together with professional care staff, should there be any needs. Local people to Eynsford and Farningham can have car ferrying as this will be available to the new meeting place. Please contact me on the numbers/email below if this service is required.

So from the new year, the Café will meet every 2nd Friday of the month, 10.00am – 12.00pm at Vitality Home Health offices (formerly known as the Crown Pub) by the side of Otford pond. Parking is available both in front and behind the building.

We look forward to continuing the café in its new location and if you have any queries or would like to join us, do contact me on 07980820216 or ferne.haxby@yahoo.com

Ferne Haxby

Dear Editor,

I totally agree with the green ideas in the November "Trident" and Eynsford Parish Council's last two Newsletters - I've always been green! Doing less shopping and recycling are both easy. See you at the jumble sale in February!

As for transport, what could be done to make it easier to go by train?

At present during the week (except perhaps on Fridays) there is no room to park close to Eynsford Railway Station by 9.30 a.m. for an off-peak train, and some pensioners have said they drive to Swanley Railway Station and park there. The answers to that are (a) put in a certain amount of no parking (the length of, say, six vehicles to park) Monday to Friday from 7.55 a.m. to 9.25 a.m. (to fit in with buying a ticket and catching the first off-peak train) near Eynsford Railway Station and (b) organise Southeastern to stop one Victoria-bound/Ashford-bound train an hour (i.e. the one that stops at Kemsing Railway Station) additionally at Eynsford Railway Station.

Oh, and in answer to Sally Costen's query as to why people might have moved away from Eynsford, the reason could be to do with travel concessions - pensioners living outside Greater London do not have the DAILY free rail travel that Greater London pensioners have.

Certainly, there are pensioners living in Greater London who have thought about moving out but do not do so as they would no longer have rail therapy (worth about £15 a day).

Yours sincerely, *Diana Beamish.*

Farningham Guitar Club concert

We would like to give praise to FGC for a fantastic evening of musical entertainment at their recent concert in aid of the Gravesend PHAB. It was a truly enjoyable evening of music from all eras - Elvis Presley, the Beatles, Blues, Rock 'n Roll to Folk and more. These charity nights are an annual event, so look out for the dates next year, support the local charity and enjoy an evening of LIVE music! The jokes were good too!
Lee and Gary Mullins

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

Friends of Farningham:

Our small but tenacious group of village clean-up volunteers has finished for the winter and will resume activities in March. Thanks to all who attended our bi-monthly meetings and worked so hard to keep our village neat and tidy. In our group or not, we can all do "our bit" if we look after the pavement areas in front of our properties, ie cutting back the hedge to make the pavement fully accessible and cleaning up leaves etc. We will announce next year's dates in January and our gallant band would welcome further volunteers.

Grammar School Places:

Kent County Council are seeking views on a proposal to expand Tunbridge Wells Grammar School for Boys by increasing numbers and establishing a satellite of the school on the Wildernesse site in Sevenoaks from September 2021. You may email comments to school.consultations@kent.gov.uk

Our next meeting is on Wednesday, 4th December 2019, 7.45pm in the village hall with a break for public participation at 9pm.

Cllr. Carol Salmon

Farningham Tea and Chat

Due to the forthcoming General Election, and the use of the village hall as a Polling Station, there will be no Tea and Chat meeting on Thursday 12 December. In fact there will not be a meeting until the New Year as the previous week we shall be attending a festive meal at the Hilltop and as there are so many festivities on the calendar at this time it was agreed the next gathering will be on Thursday 9 January 2020. As always new visitors are always welcome to enjoy a cup of tea, delicious cakes and a lot of chat!

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This month members of the council have also attended Darent River Preservation Society's (DRiPS) Annual Meeting. DRiPS was initially formed in response to the threat of the Darent River drying up. They have been fundamentally responsible for helping to safeguard the river for the future and for monitoring and improving waterflow along the river. However, we are now faced with a new threat, in that we are potentially heading towards a water shortage. If no action is taken to preserve water supplies, the river will once again, come under increasing pressure. The recent meeting explored what could be done to ensure the river keeps flowing and how we can educate the public on preserving water. The event was well attended, and guest speakers included MP, Sir Michael Fallon and organisations such as; Thames Water and the Environmental Agency. For those who are not aware of DRiPS or the work they do, you can find out more information on their website <http://www.darent-drips.org.uk/>.

The parish council is responsible for reviewing all planning applications made for Eynsford, against government planning policies. Details of upcoming planning applications can be found in the posted agendas. Whilst the final decision lies with SDC, the parish council can support or lodge an objection against individual planning applications. However, did you know that members of the public can also view and comment on planning applications online? If you are concerned with a planning application that may affect you, then you can comment using SDCs Planning Portal: <https://pa.sevenoaks.gov.uk/online-applications/>

This month the parish council has also considered requests for a new art installation and a new memorial bench at Common Meadow, plus the installation of a publicly accessible electric vehicle charging point.

No doubt many of you are aware that the planned hearings for the Draft Local Plan, which would have given the parish council the opportunity to make a statement about Pedham Place, have been cancelled. The planning inspector declared the draft plan as unsound. A statement from SDC can be found on their website.

The council will be setting its budget for 2020/21 at the end of November. At this meeting councillors put forward proposed projects or expenditure that is needed for different aspects of our work. The council then has the difficult job of juggling the various needs without increasing the budget too much!



NOTICES & LETTERS

St. Martin's Christmas Fayre - Saturday 7 December - 11am to 3pm

Please put this date in your diary. Don't miss this traditional event at the heart of Eynsford. There will be mulled wine, cakes, tea/coffee and sandwiches. Many stalls will be run by church people, and visiting stall-holders will have beautiful hand-made Christmas presents and cards. All this, a raffle with generous prizes, and much more.

£1 entrance includes tea/coffee, children are free.

Stall holders should contact Jan Thompson on holysmoke@talktalk.net

Farningham Indoor Boot Sale on January 18th

Why not start the New Year by supporting our village hall fund raiser ? All sellers tables are taken and its an ideal time of year to cruise around in Farningham's warm and comfortable hall looking for those special items at bargain prices! The Boot Sale runs from 10am-1pm at the village hall to raise funds to contribute towards our maintenance costs. Buyers are admitted free and refreshments will be on offer. So please add this date to your calendar as a "must do" after all those Christmas celebrations! Details: carolsalmon46@icloud.com or 01322 860983

Farningham Church Christmas Market

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Once again the council is participating in the Kent Association for Local Councils Community Awards. We are on the lookout for someone who has or is doing some outstanding community work in Eynsford. Previous winners include Margaret Newbold, Pauline Penney and Sally Coston. Please send you nomination and reason to the parish office or email info@eynsfordparishcouncil.org.uk.

Finally, you may recall in previous articles that the parish council submitted their Highways Improvement Plan to KCC. The plan was to put forward suggestions to SDC on how traffic, parking and congestion issues in the village could be improved. Unfortunately, comments back from KCC were less than favourable, with many of the suggestions being removed without further consideration.

Opening Hours & Surgery
Eynsford Parish Office is open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Please telephone first to ensure someone is there. Alternatively, you can pop in to discuss any issues in person during the surgery, which is held on every last Saturday of the month between 9am and 11am. All are welcome!
Cllr Theresa Durrant

1st Eynsford and Farningham Scout Group Remembrance Sunday

It was splendid to see such a large turnout, for the Remembrance parade, of both Guides and Scouts.



Over the previous weekend, we had supported the Village Fireworks, supplying four tents and the cooking equipment, and on the Sunday we litter picked the field as well as taking down the tents. All the Aluminium cans were recycled by Mr E Holbrook for his Guide Dogs collection.

On Tuesday 5th Nov. at Scouts I invested our new Assistant Scout Leader, Mark Hayworth.



Earlier in October we were introduced to 'Scouts Against Mosquitoes', This is an initiative by The Scout Association to get mosquito nets for Uganda. UK **Scouts** can learn about the incidence of malaria, why bed nets will provide protection **against** these **mosquitoes** and by raising £5 per person, they too could save a life (and earn the SAM badge).

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EYNSFORD WI

In October Jan Wilkes (ably assisted by Roger) launched a new talk on the history of Eynsford – the Good Old Days?



It was a wonderful slide show of life in the village, the people and family life. It's very hard to do justice to such an interesting spectacle in a written article and I don't intend to describe each slide. A precis of the talk will have to suffice so you will be tempted to see for yourself! A few titbits were, Willow Cottage where Graham Sutherland lived, the Forge that was, is now the car park of the Malt Shovel, and Forge Cottage was the home of the Goose family. Parsonage Farm became Parsonage Bank, the Harrow Inn became the Caste Hotel and Eynsford School is now Fountain Court.

What is fascinating is what a tight knit community it was, with everyone knowing everyone, and how many of the family surnames are still represented in the village today. They say change is inevitable but time doesn't change everything as Bridge House and the ford remain as they were 100 years ago.

We meet on the 3rd Wednesday in the month and guests and new members are always given a warm welcome, so please try us out.

Brenda Elliman

ACE Twinning update

Thanks to all those that came to our cheese and wine evening. The support of those that host families here and visit Camphin is much appreciated. Gradually real friendships develops enabling twinning between the two villages to flourish.



Plans are almost complete for the trip to France at the beginning of December. The French group are working hard to make sure we have a good time. Let's hope the weather is kind to us.

It has become the practice that the two villages send flowers for Remembrance Sunday here and November 11th in Camphin. A poppy wreath has been laid at their War Memorial and in Eynsford we have a beautiful flower presentation.

Reports of our trip to Camphin will be included in next month's Trident. *Gill Govus Chair ACE*

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Farningham and Eynsford Local History Society

There is a tendency to think that our ancestors tended to stay in one community, but our November talk illustrated just how wrong one can be. Dr Jean Stirk discussed the motivation behind inward migration, including paper mill workers, who had to go on a proscribed route to find work in another mill if their mill closed. This route traversed the country eventually passing through Dartford and ending in the Maidstone area.

At our next evening meeting we will be showing some films, taken by local people, of Eynsford and Farningham in the 50s and 60s. It includes films of the floods in 1968, the annual donkey derby, and a local group called the Jaguars. It will be held in Farningham Village Hall on Friday 6 December. The doors open at 7.30pm for an 8pm start. Items from the collection will be on display. Members free, guests £2.00. You might even appear in or recognise some of the people in the films!

New - Kent Archives Guide - How to Research the History of your House

We often receive enquiries about this topic, and it might well be worth your while to visit our Centre where we can help out by searching our catalogue for references, photos, maps etc. This new Guide shows you how to set about the research systematically, useful websites and publications, and an abundance of useful tips. Available at £8.95 + £2 postage from Kent History and Library Centre, James Whatman Way, Maidstone ME14 1LQ: www.kentarchives.org.uk.

Please note that although the Centre is closed on Mondays now until March 2020, you can still arrange a visit. It lies between Riverside Social Club, Eynsford, & Eynsford Cricket Meadow, Riverside DA4 0AE.

Enquiries via archives@felhs.org.uk website: felhs.org.uk *Helen Smith*

Anthony Roper Nursery

The autumn term is a very busy one. We have seen new children start and settle into the routine of the Pre-school and watched our children gain in confidence and flourish in our child-centered environment. Over the last two months, the children's families have donated non-perishable food and hygiene items for a local food bank. We have linked this into the theme of harvest and how we can think about those less fortunate than ourselves.

During November, we took part in anti-bullying week. Whilst the children who come to Pre-school are very young, we support them to understand that their words and actions can have an impact on other people's feelings and give them strategies to deal with these.



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Eynsford in Bloom

The seven tubs have been returned to the station entrance, Wards Estate Agents and Raffertys. They have been sanded, treated with Cuprinol, Eynsford in Bloom repainted, refilled with fresh compost and planted with bulbs, ivy and pansies. Many thanks to Colin and Carole who did all of this work on their own.



Twenty four trays of polyanthus have been planted around the War Memorial. Prior to Armistice weekend seven volunteers worked as an efficient team to lay out Joan of Arc crocus, yellow tete-a-tete and white thalia narcissus, Jordan and Pittsburgh tulips and plant them between the polyanthus. Eight heavy bags of leaves were removed from the triangle and surrounding footpaths. At seven am on Sunday morning only two volunteers did a final tidy before the ceremony itself. The wreaths will be wired on to prevent the wind and passing traffic blowing them away.

The summer geraniums have been removed from the nine tubs in the village centre and four tubs at the station and have been replaced with mixed pansies. A damaged Red Robin shrub has been removed from the Riverside tub and replaced with a hebe. It rained heavily on Saturday 2nd November and our monthly work party was cancelled. Work is continuing cutting back shrubs and Autumn leaf collection is underway with twenty three sacks collected so far. It is sad to see the council strimming has destroyed some of our bedding plants on Butchers Lane bank.

I recently visited Anthony Roper Primary School Garden Club. Their plants table was covered with harvested carrots, the children took home three each. The garlic, onions and broad beans are doing well and the children have enjoyed eating autumn raspberries.

Future work party dates:

Tuesdays; 9.30 am Nov 19, 26, Dec 3, 10, 17

Saturdays; 9.30 am Dec 7, Jan 3

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We had a Teddy Tombola stall at the Anthony Roper Primary School Fair on 23rd November. All of the teddies were donated; with all monies raised going towards our fund raising efforts. A big thank you to our lovely PTA and the parents who volunteered to man the stall.

A group of children also visited the Dementia Cafe in November. They took along some 'kindness cards' that they had made and sang some songs. We hope that this will become a regular event, as the children and, hopefully those who attended the cafe, got such a lot from it.

Our Christmas Play is being held on 3rd December. This is always a highlight of the calendar for families, when they see their little ones on stage in their costume for the first time. The children are amazing and cope really well in a very different environment.

Finally, a big thank you to all the team for their efforts. You are what make our Pre-school the special place that it is. **HAVE A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS!**
Samantha Aitchison

I'm dreaming of a *Green* Christmas...

I'm sure Bing Crosby would have raised an eyebrow if he'd have been asked to sing 'I'm Dreaming of a Green Christmas' but then being green probably wasn't something talked about that much then.



Hands up if you have a compost bin...? (I'd just love to think people did actually put their hands up!) and hand ups if your Christmas lunch will be green? (and I'm not talking about the sprouts!). How many of us actually source out meat locally? How many of us support our local shops and farms or even grow our own vegetables for Christmas lunch? There are so many things that we can do from composting our peelings to just buying locally produced food. But do we do it? Or do we slip into easy convenience supermarket mode? At our show in November, you will have seen a host of ideas from eco-friendly gift wrapping and decorations and tips on how to look after winter wildlife. Just being a bit greener this Christmas could be the beginning ... what if we all went a bit more 'green'?

So step away from the plastic coated wrapping paper, put down that tinsel and wish the world a merry Christmas and a Happy New (Green) Year.
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The event relies on a large group of volunteers. The principal contributors to the 2019 show were:

Fireworks; Bonfire construction and ignition	The Fireworkshop team: John Stapleton, Paul Coutts-Smith and William Frankson. Assisted by: Mike Whatling, Michael Swann, James Alexander, Howard Frankson, Harry Powell, Richard Frankson, Alex Frankson.
Guy Fawkes	Ben Newton (tormented by Phil Newton; tumbrel towed by Daniel Alexander)
Guy on bonfire	Years 5 and 6 and Mrs. Suzanne McCoy.
Furlongs field preparation; bar trailers; heavy lifting	James Alexander
Lights, sound, screen	Mike Hill, John Simpson, Jenny Hill, Sarah Hill, Rachael Tyler, Ben Newton.
Tree surgery, mess tents, clear up, bar staffing etc.	Team from the 1 st Eynsford & Farningham Scout Group led by Ken Baker. (Bar supervisor Steve Brady, a retired scout)
Castle security	English Heritage
Castle floodlighting	Richard Frankson
Gate	Chris Dibbs and team
Sausages	Caroline Stapleton and team
Mulled wine	Vanessa Elliot and team
Raffle	Henry & Ethna Benmore and team
Ticket sponsor	Rafferty's
Ticket Sales	ARPS, Rafferty's, Five Bells
Sponsor fund raising; Ticket Audit	Michael Swann
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The Firework Shop; J&R Alexander; English Heritage; The Five Bells; Godfreys of Hornchurch; Rafferty's; Bamboo Business & Training Ltd; TSL Scaffolding.

Thanks are due to all who contributed to the success of the evening, especially the **paying** audience.

Mike Swann

Eynsford Firework Show 2019

The day dawned bright and still. Rugby enthusiasts gathered with friends in multiple houses and pubs in the villages. As the match progressed and the South Africans demonstrated their dominance, so the weather worsened to a howling gale and horizontal rain.

By the end of the match, the teams of volunteers who prepare the field, sausage tent, bars and lighting were united in their concern with the firework assemblers. Will it all get done? Will the show withstand the onslaught of the elements? The rain eased a little by mid-morning, although the wind did not. Amazing efforts were made both sides of the river and eventually all was prepared. The show will go on, although at least two local firework shows were cancelled. The weather resulted in a slightly smaller crowd than usual, reflected in the smaller surplus this year. It is worth bearing in mind that the primary intention of the organisers is that the Village has a fine display which incidentally makes money for local good causes rather than the other way round.

Again, John Stapleton excelled himself, both in the quality and size of the fireworks and the smooth way in which the display progressed. We really are very lucky to have his imagination and skills. He is supported by a very competent firing team.

The volunteer team which sets up the show is well aware that without the help of two of the “sponsors in kind” the show could not exist. Grateful thanks, therefore, to **English Heritage** for its co-operation and permission to use the Eynsford Castle site; and to **J&R Alexander** for permission to use the Furlongs Farm access and the field (not to mention help preparing the field).

This year it is a pleasure to report a surplus of **£3,500.00**.

The proposed distribution is as follows:

Anthony Roper Primary School (ARPS)	£700.00	Friends of St Botolph's Church	£300.00
Eynsford & Farningham Scouts	£650.00	Anthony Roper Pre-School	£200.00
Eynsford Village Hall	£100.00	Riverside Youth Group	£300.00
Eynsford Baptist Church	£100.00	Millfield Trust	£100.00
Friends of St Martin's Church	£350.00	Darenth Valley Youth Music	£250.00
Friends of Farningham Church	£350.00	Farningham & Eynsford Local History Society	£100.00

The beneficiaries will receive their loot by Bank Transfer. If they are uncertain where to address their thanks, the Five Bells will always find them.

FARNINGHAM WI



The speaker at our November meeting, started on a musical note, as she entered singing the opening lines of “My Old Man`s a Dustman” and carrying a black sack full of some of her weekly rubbish. However, most of this was not destined for landfill. With help from the audience, those items suitable for our recycling sacks were soon sorted out and easily disposed of.

Non-recyclable plastics ? Not a problem ! Marj showed us how to make a `plastic brick` , explaining how it could be used and where to send it. Foil cat/dog food sachets, bread and food wrappers, crisp packets ? Simply take along to one of several local collection points.

We checked out some biodegradable products and then explored ways of reducing our use of plastic in the first place : refillable water bottles, coffee cups and cleaning product containers, shampoo bars and conditioners, disposable bags for fruit and veg and even a damp flannel in a bag to replace toddlers` wet-wipes!

Many of us had felt that we were `good` recyclers already but Marj`s talk certainly gave us much to think about and inspired us to do more. She had invited us to bring along photos of our children and grandchildren , making the highly-visual and emotive point that our actions today have an impact on their world in the future.

Our next meeting is our Christmas Meal and Celebration. This is for members-only, but visitors are very welcome to join us again in January.

Marilyn Wells

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Diwali

The West End School Company

The West End School company came to Anthony Roper Primary school and delivered a dance workshop based on Diwali, particularly on the story of Ramayana.

The children enjoyed telling the story of Ramayana through dance.



Harvest Festival

The entire school walked to St Martins Church in Eynsford for their Harvest Festival Service and staff and children kindly made donations of non-perishable food.

The Anthony Roper Primary School children donated a staggering 152kgs of food to the Swanley & District Foodbank. The Foodbank Manager has written a thankyou letter to all involved. Thanking them for their support and overwhelming generosity to help those in our community.



NSPCC

The children participated in a fitness fun sponsored event with Miss Brushett! As a school we raised over £1,500 for the NSPCC

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Roll up, roll up; the now famous EVS XMAS QUIZ will soon be here, and tickets are already selling like hot cakes for Friday December 20th at 7.30pm in Eynsford Village Hall. Teams of 6@£30 a table can usually be relied upon to be made up by many of the village clubs and societies who compete against one another for those highly cherished prizes, both the winners and the limped-home alike. The raffle is always worth a punt too, with a table top of attractive prizes generously donated by local traders and businesses, to whom EVS is very grateful for their continued support. Thank you.

And if you haven't yet managed to get round to buying your very own 2020 Public Art Trail Calendar, they will be on sale on the night @£5 each. They certainly are very attractive, and would make excellent last minute Xmas presies. We are very proud of the whole achievement, but as we well know all good things do come to an end.

Thank you to the EVS Committee members and the village community for all your support with the project.

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Tag Rugby Tournament

On Thursday 10th October 2 teams from years 5 and 6 went to Sevenoaks Rugby Club to play in a Tag Rugby Festival. Both teams played really well and came second and third in the tournament.



RE Focus Afternoon

For Re Focus Afternoon Lower Key Stage 2 classes explored religions in the local community and thought of ways to show unity. The cross curricular link with Geography enabled children to compare places of worship in the village and a neighbouring town using Google maps. The children had the opportunity to be creative by drawing symbols to show unity of all religions and designing a floor plan for a multi faith community centre.

Outdoor Garden

Herschel Class have started to create a garden in their outdoor area which they are attempting to make as cost free as possible. They have so far made a winter flower display in an old pallet, which is looking great already! They would like to thank Miss Rimmer for organising free bags of compost, donated by Dalefoot Compost, along with hundreds of flower seeds from Thompson & Morgan. In addition to this the PTA and Mrs Casey have donated planters for outside all the classrooms and some of the money raised by the quiz night is being used to buy bluebell bulbs which will be planted by the Woodland Club. We are looking forward to an amazing spring display.

The Guy

Many of the children were involved in preparations for Bonfire Night by making a dummy of Guy Fawkes. Anthony Roper keep up an old tradition of walking the streets, carrying "the Guy" to the bonfire, for the evening festivities. The Guy was placed on top of the bonfire, which was set alight; and the fireworks display filled the Eynsford sky.

