

A close-up photograph of a butterfly with white wings and brown markings feeding on a purple flower. The butterfly is positioned in the center of the frame, with its wings spread. The flower is a vibrant purple color and is in full bloom. The background is a soft-focus green field of similar flowers.

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From the Editor

Hello everyone, and welcome back if you didn't manage to see Trident-online. Apologies if you didn't receive the message that we were online only for 3 months due to Covid-19 and the risk associated with paper copies and delivering. This month we are back to a printed copy (and hopefully also online). Thanks to the volunteers who have agreed to deliver your magazines again.

I have included all of the obituaries included over the past months, for those of you who have missed them. If you wish to catch up, you can read previous issues at www.efl-churches.org.

As we start to get back to our new normal, we wish our local businesses all the best in adapting to new conditions and hope that you will support them where possible. We thank our local shops that have been open throughout providing an excellent service.

I have left all the dates in the diary for now until I know if they have been cancelled or not. Let me know if you wish to add or remove any. Please could you also check the details in the 'things to do' and 'useful numbers' sections at the back of the magazine and let me know if anything is incorrect.

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Anyway, enjoy the Trident, enjoy the summer, appreciate friends and family, and enjoy the countryside.

Happy August,

Holly Ivaldi, Editor.

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Eynsford

8.00 am

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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 Associate Rector

Over the past few months our lives have been very different and sometimes in the midst of all of the heartbreak caused by Covid-19, I have found it hard to stay hopeful and I am sure many of you will have felt the same from time to time. But as Christians we are a people of hope – hope in God’s love and saving grace.

During this time we have been holding onto hope on behalf of our families and the wider community, the hope that people can and will change, that mistakes can be learnt from and new opportunities found, that broken relationships can be mended and love shared.

It is ‘a heavy burden’; holding the hope has for all of us over the last few months been hard, whoever we are, wherever we are. Our lives have been changed beyond all recognition as we stay home to stay safe, many of us have been separated from those whom we love, we’ve been unable to go and meet friends or family for a chat, or go to the gym, the pub, the cinema or indeed anywhere else! Life has certainly ‘paused’ from what was normal and yet at the same time life has continued - hair still grows creating new lock down looks! Schooling still happens, just differently. Cooking with Jamie Oliver has become a regular pastime, as has crafting with Kirstie Allsopp. More seriously, new lives have been born and many have known the grief of the death of a loved one. There are times I am sure, all of us have over the last few weeks felt hopeless, and yet been lifted by the images of an army of volunteers making a difference in their communities. Sewing hospital scrubs, food being delivered to those in need and prescriptions taken to those who are shielding. These are just some of the many jobs volunteers in the community have done to give hope to those who need it. Hope is seen, as we have heard, in the tireless working of the NHS staff, hope is there when supermarket shelves are filled and neighbours look after one another, hope is there when prayers are offered.

Jesus says, ‘Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light’.

These verses speak of the deep and special hope that can be found when our burdens are shared with Jesus. When we offer all of ourselves, our good bits and our bad, we recognise the true hope of eternal life which Jesus offers all who

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.
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turn to him. My prayer is that we all take a moment to look beyond the walls of our homes and that we glimpse something of the rest, hope and peace that Jesus brings and holds out to each one of us and that we continue to hold the hope for each other. God bless,

Rev'd Dorothy

News from Church

Update on the vacancy - Re-advertising for a new Rector

Following the decision to re-advertise the post on the Church of England "Pathways" site, we are waiting to hear if there have been any applications. If there are applicants then the schedule is as follows Short-listing: Tuesday, 14th July Interviews: Wednesday, 29th July (provisional, depending on lockdown situation, ability to interview face-to-face, etc). Please pray for the selection panel for God's guidance.

Churches reopening for Public Worship

Following guidance from the Church of England the three PCCs will be meeting to discuss how we can safely reopen our churches for worship whilst adhering to the guidelines on social distancing etc. We will update the Benefice website and the Facebook page with news of the reopening which we hope will be very soon. In the meantime, we continue with our online service and Zoom prayer meetings. If you do not currently receive joining details for these please email the office on eflooffice3@gmail.com and we will include you on the distribution list.

Benefice Monthly Prayer Meeting

A reminder that there will be no Benefice monthly prayer meeting in August as many folk are taking the opportunity since the easing of lockdown restrictions to go on holiday. We will be back on Monday 14 September at 7.30pm.

Revive

Our youth group Revive has now finished for the summer. We are making plans for the return in September when school starts, we will keep you informed of the arrangements.

Prayer during the Day - Thursdays and Saturdays at 12 noon

We are continuing with Prayer during the Day to give folk the opportunity to meet together twice a week (Thursdays and Saturdays at 12 noon) via Zoom to spend time together with God. All are very welcome to join when you can (you will need a Zoom invitation). If you would like to be part of these prayer events and haven't received a Zoom invitation please contact the benefice of-

office at eflooffice3@gmail.com

Home Groups

As we haven't been able to meet in groups physically since the lockdown, some of the home groups have been meeting regularly via Zoom these last few months to share fellowship and study relevant Biblical themes to these challenging times we are facing, both personally and globally. Some home group members are now joining together as virtual groups studying new online courses from Agape.

In September, the home groups will be starting a new course designed by the Bible Society called "The Bible Course". Whether you are new to the Bible or want to go deeper, the course shows how the key events, books and characters all fit together. You'll get to see the BIG picture and discover how the Bible applies to your life. If you would like further details please contact Tina eflooffice3@gmail.com

Rev'd Dorothy

Hire - St Martin's Church

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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

Eynsford Baptist Church

Worshipping God

Although Church Services could resume in July many churches have not organised formal meetings because there are still risks involved and core ingredients such as worshipping God together in singing and having a cup of tea and chat afterwards were not allowed.

Something I have done these last months is sing along at home with Radio 4, BBC1 with subtitles and YouTube too. God doesn't mind if I am out of tune or get the words wrong but He so wants to hear us all. One hymn that has been a theme in broadcast and on line services is

When peace like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say
It is well, it is well, with my soul

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
And hath shed His own blood for my soul



Some of us have suffered sorrows in the last few months, relatives passing too early. It is a long time ago now but when my mother died in her late fifties of cancer not Corona virus I remember feeling empty. I could not pray yet I knew others were praying and that this prayer brought me God's comfort and real peace deep inside in my soul. We had prayed for healing and hoped she would recover but then began to see God's healing in her death. She played the piano for schools and Sunday schools over the years but always had to practice a lot. I was left with a picture of her playing brilliantly along in heaven on an old upright worshipping God with everyone else. *Helen.*

Church Notices

We have added a QR code to make accessing our website even quicker for those with the technology!
If not, you can visit the usual way at: <http://eynsfordbaptist.org.uk/>



Freedom



Sharing God's Love

Freedom , a very emotive word for many at the moment as we recover our activities as lockdown is eased . Maybe a trip to the pub or seeing a loved one . We even held a wedding last Saturday for a couple in the Church . Some terming this the “New Normal” Freedom and man’s quest for it can be seen throughout life and has formed significant milestones in history : Israel’s exodus form Egypt , The fight against apartheid and the World’s fight against Nazism in the last century being a few examples .

We often worry about our physical freedom but ignore our spiritual freedom , many leaving this until it is too late . It is all too easy to live life being trapped and controlled by the mistakes and events of the past . That terrible thing that happened that you have never recovered from . A harsh word spoken or received that has never been resolved. Amazingly theses things can go right back into childhood . The good news of the Gospel is that these issues of the past can be resolved and true freedom found . John 8 v36 : “So if the Son (Jesus) makes you free, you will be free indeed”. Can I urge you that as you begin to explore regaining your physical freedom after lockdown you also explore gaining your spiritual freedom as well . Try talking to Jesus in prayer about the things of the past that still hang over you . He will listen and answer . You can be Free indeed !

We are starting to make some provisional plans for some open air services during August in Eynsford castle but at the time of writing these have not been finalized so please keep an eye on our website dvcc.moonfruit.com or the village noticeboards for the latest information .

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Job 14 v 7-9

For there is hope for a tree, If it is cut down, that it will sprout again....yet at the scent of water it will bud and bring forth branches like a plant.

An elderly couple gave my husband a pot of flower. There was no flower on it when he was given, however we were told to water it. It got to a point it was withering and yellowing but we kept watering it. One day we noticed it was blossoming again.

Likewise the aftermath of the Corona virus situation and lockdown make everything so uncertain. We need to trust God and pray for a recovery as we take the necessary steps forward.

Life can be beautiful if you keep applying the word of God. Encourage your self and do not lose heart all will be well again.

Forever oh Lord your word is settled in heaven and on earth.

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Beryl Jesslyn Johnson

Beryl sadly passed away on the 18th May 2020 at the age of 88 in Poplars Nursing Home with both her daughters by her side.

She was married to Aubrey in 1956 who passed away in 2016. They lived in Eynsford for over 60 years, where they bought up 2 daughters Alison and Karen. She also leaves 4 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren who she adored.

In the early years, Beryl and Aubrey enjoyed their ball room dancing - 'Strictly' had nothing on them! They went to Blackpool and gained their silver award before Alison arrived in 1957. After this they enjoyed their dancing in Eynsford Village Hall at the May Ball, New Year's Eve etc.

Beryl also attended Eynsford WI and helped out at the Sunday School and church. She even tried her hand at flower arranging. She loved the village life and supported where she could. She was a village post lady for many years and loved to talk to all the children. Previously she had worked at the MOD, typing in the London office.

She had a passion for walking holidays in Scotland and Wales, and later in life discovered that there were other places in the world. They heard about Jan Thompson's group visits to Israel and joined the group. They so enjoyed it that they joined tours to Malta, Tunisia and finally China.

Beryl worked hard all her life for her family. Unfortunately, as she got older she lost her independence and went into a care home 18 months ago due to dementia and other health issues, and lost her love for life. She will be laid to rest in St Martin's churchyard on 19th June 2020 with Aubrey. God Bless them both.

Karen and Alison

I have nothing but lovely memories of Beryl. Her beautiful smiling face. The cheerful lilt in her voice. She was a friendly and helpful neighbour over many years. Even in her latter years., Harry and I always received a warm welcome at her door and were given a cup of tea, and a handful of dog biscuits! Beryl was generous to a fault and faithfully collected for charities like the RNLi and Christian Aid. She loved children and helped out at St Martin's Sunday School. We were glad to have her in our church group, until it got too dif-



difficult for her to leave home. She was fun to take on my group holidays: she really appreciated seeing new places and was game for anything. No-one who was there will forget Beryl's camel ride amongst the sand dunes of the Tunisian desert.! It was so good to know Beryl. I have such lovely memories to cherish.

Jan Thompson

Mary Christine Wright 6th October 1947 – 21st May 2020

Mary was born in Woolwich and lived in Eltham for the whole of her childhood and until the age of 22 when she married Paul. She attended the Roper Street Church Primary School and then Haberdashers' Aske's Grammar School at New Cross. She originally intended to go to university but, having met Paul at the age of 16, she decided to go to the City of London College, and shortly after was appointed Medical Secretary to a Consultant at



The London Hospital, Whitechapel, where she remained until her first son, Adrian, was born in 1971. Two further sons, Simon and William, arrived in 1974 and 1976 and the family lived in Petts Wood until they moved to Eynsford in 1993. Mary devoted around 10 years exclusively to raising her boys, but in 1981 she took on a role in the family business. The next 30 years saw Mary rise from a part-time role to a full time Director of the company, retiring in 2011.

Mary never stopped supporting her family and home despite the very full time nature of her working life, but in due course the boys went to College and University, returned home for a while but then Simon & William married and 4 grandchildren arrived. She was extremely proud of her children and their families and liked nothing better than when we were all together for celebrations for birthdays, holidays or for any reason she could dream up. Sadly, Adrian died far too young in 2008.

Mary loved to travel and over the years calculated that she had visited all seven continents and over 60 different countries, many after her retirement in the last 8 years. Add to that the pleasures of London theatres, shopping and dining out and her diary was full. Despite this she allowed herself to be persuaded by Tim Booer to become a Trustee of the Village Hall and soon after the Secretary to the Trustees, a role she filled with distinction for around 17 years. She also loved her home in Eynsford and spent many happy years planning and upgrading the house and gar-

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den. When in 2018 we decided to downsize, she spent the next two years making our new home and garden in Sevenoaks just how she wanted it.

Eynsford filled a large part of our lives. For a while three generations of Wrights lived there, Bill and Eileen, Paul and Mary, William and Kate and their respective families. Sadly Mary's illness meant she was unable to maintain her links there, something she regretted. She fought against the cancer bravely for over a year and achieved her wish to celebrate her Golden Wedding anniversary in April. She died peacefully at home, much loved and greatly missed by her family and friends.

Paul, Simon and William.

John Gallagher Born 1931 - Died May 2020

My husband, John Gallagher, sadly died on the 20th May. Many of you will not know him as although we have lived in the village for over 30 years, increasing health problems meant he had to give up most of his involvement in village activities, although he kept up his walks-with and without the dog- for as long as possible.

He loved Eynsford, to him it was the only place to live although he was increasingly aware that he had to give up things such as long walks, Probus meetings, pub lunches. He will be greatly missed but we are thankful he was able to continue living here for so long.

Olive Gallagher

Betty Alice Kennett 1924 - 2020

Betty Alice Kennett, formally Anderson, nee Sims, was born in Erith in 1924. Betty had a nice upbringing, loving animals, her favourite place to be was her garden shed which held her tortoises, fish, canaries, rabbits and her prized silk worms from Lullingstone castle.(her father had made her a spinning machine to collect silk thread from them.)

Betty went to school in Erith until war broke out in Sept 1939. Betty then took a job at 15, in Belvedere and attended night school to pass her Pitmans Shorthand. This led her to work at Knockholt M.O.D station, decoding Russian messages. She was always happy there, and showed she remembered some Russian when , at 80, she spoke in Russian to one of her granddaughter's tutors!

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After leaving the ministry, Betty joined the Land Army because of her love for the land and animals. There her story with Eynsford begins. She passed her test in "putting to" (the horse to the cart) at "Home Farm", Eynsford, then belonging to the Alexander family. She often mentioned riding through Eynsford stream on her bike! Her first working farm position was also at "Home farm" but in St. Pauls Cray. She was in charge of Nobby, a welsh cob. One of her adventures with Nobby was when a German "Doodlebug" bomb dropped into the field next to the one they were harrowing and showered them with soil! She had stories of all her land army days and loved all the work which included fruit picking, milking, ploughing, crop growing and livestock husbandry.

She met her lifelong friend, Lilian, in the land army and they had many happy times together including, with other girls being picked up by army lorries to go to the army dances. Betty and Lilian often went by train, with their bicycles, to Meopham to join the fun at The Kings Head. The train guards waiting for them as they rode down the hill to get the last train home. Betty and Lilian received their Womens Land Army Veterans badges in 2008 (Betty had served for ten years).



Betty married Don, a horse groom, and lived a country life having 3 children, 6 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. Don passed away in 1993 and Betty got another chance of happiness with Bob in 1998. Bob later died and then Betty came to live with her family for her remaining 6 years, with their horses, dogs and chickens in Knatts Valley. Eynsford was always a very special to Betty and we, her family, thought it fitting to place her floral tribute by Eynsford memorial.

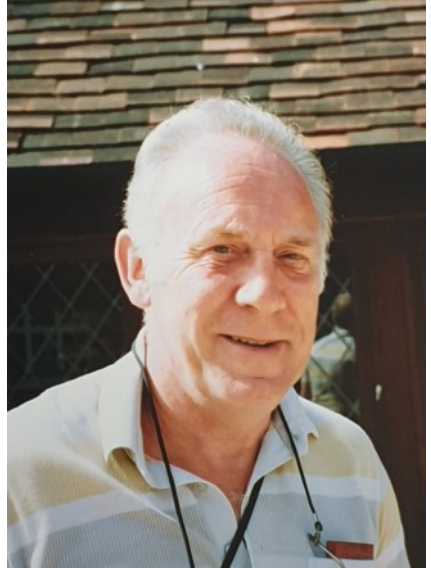
Marion, Betty's daughter.

Ronald George Bowers 30 January 1933- 25 February 2020

Ron, who passed away on 25 February 2020, was born in Tottenham eighty seven years ago. He was six when the second world war broke out and went to school whenever he could. He must have done well because he passed his exams to go to Tottenham County Grammar school where he excelled in all sports - rugby, tennis, cricket and athletics before turning to his great love, football.

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

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



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

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

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

Sue Bowers

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



Farningham Parish Council met via a video link on Wednesday, 1st July 2020, and present were seven parish councillors (including Sevenoaks District Councillor Philip McGarvey), Kent County Councillor Roger Gough, one member of the public and the Clerk Jane Gray.

New Parish Councillor:

We welcomed Latif Oztosun as our newest Parish Councillor and we are now up to full strength. Latif has a special interest in social media and will be working to enhance this aspect of our work.

Friends of Farningham:

A bumper 15 persons attended our first meet of the season with a lot of attention paid to sprucing up the grounds of the village hall, the adjoining flint wall and the church wall. Irving's corner also received a brush up and overhanging branches were removed from the A20 footpath between King's Roundabout and Eynsford Road and the Beesfield Lane/Tilmans Mead area. Many thanks to everyone and after our meeting on Wednesday, 15th July the August dates are 1st and 12th; September 5th and 16th and October 3rd and 14th. Please wear strong shoes and bring your own gloves and any light gardening tools you use at home.

Neighbourhood Watch Schemes:

Kent Police are inviting applications from residents who would like to start a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme. We already have schemes in place in Horton Way, Tilmans Mead, Beesfield Lane and Calfstock Lane. The Police Liaison Officer for this project is Adam Sackett and he can be contacted by phone on 07980 683802 or email adam.sackett@kent.police.uk

KCC Report on Recycling Centre and Road Issues:

KCC Cllr Roger Gough provided a positive update on the re-opening of the Swanley Household Waste and Recycling Centre and said the pre-booked slots were increasing from 20,000 to 23,000 and visitors could now have two slots per month. Residents of Oliver Crescent will have seen drainage work completed on Friday, 3rd July and it is hoped this will provide a solution to the flooding in Eynsford Road. The drainage work in High Street, Farningham has taken longer than anticipated because many problems were encountered.

Playground open:

The children's play area in Oliver Crescent has been cleaned, prepared and checked and is now open again.

Urgent Care Centres:

The walk-in GP surgery provided at White Horse, Northfleet, ended on 30th June. The contract had run out and this was the first step taken towards providing urgent care services at Darent Valley and Gravesham Community Hospitals. Until these facilities are available patients in need should seek advice from their local GP surgery or phone 111. The Minor Injuries Unit at Gravesham Community Hospital, which is in Gravesend, remains open as usual.

Regular updates:

If you would like more regular updates from Farningham Parish Council they are available on Facebook, Twitter or by email. For email updates please contact the Clerk at farninghamparishcouncil@gmail.com to be added to her circulation list; Facebook link is www.facebook.com/farninghampc; Twitter @FarninghamPC

Possible CCTV coverage:

Incidents in and around Farningham have prompted the Parish Council to discuss the possibility of re-installing CCTV coverage in the High Street. We have done some preliminary work with various companies and Chris Shepherd, a former Eynsford resident and expert in such installations, gave a presentation to the meeting in which he underlined our options. We will now carry out a consultation process with local businesses ahead of any next step.

Next Meeting:

Traditionally we do not hold a parish council meeting in August so our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, 2nd September 2020, 7.45pm in the Farningham Village Hall with a break for public participation at 9.00pm. 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. We may now also be meeting on the third Wednesday in the month to discuss any planning issues. Notice of these meetings will also be posted on the notice board and via our social media sites.

Cllr. Carol Salmon

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First the good news: planning permission has finally been given for a new village hall at Harrow Meadow and for the football pitch to be realigned and levelled. Hurrah! The linked application for the development at the existing site is still awaited but we can start to dream. Much fundraising is in in store between us and that dream so refer to the announcement from the Village Hall Trustees for further details.

Also, as lockdown starts to ease, some of the issues that have caused so much disquiet over the last few should have a less unfavourable impact on our lives. Local pubs and clubs are now open and while social distancing was not practised 100% where I was imbibing, the stampede to the bar that some people were dreading did not appear to materialise.

The playground at Harrow Meadow has now been reopened following a comprehensive risk assessment and is free to be used by the young people of the village, as long as sensible precautions are taken to prevent the spread of covid-19. It would appear that users of the playground are likely to be at very low risk.

The parish council is grateful to Lizzie Giles in the tearoom for installing two portaloos in her outside area and making them available to the general public which should obviate the need for the more creative approach to toileting that has been evidenced in secluded corners of the village of late. The parish council will consider installing further portaloos if necessary although history suggests that public conveniences are abused.

The installation of CCTV on Riverside has been discussed with District Councillor Alan Cheeseman. No decision has been taken so far and nothing will be done until a full review of benefits and costs to the community has been carried out. The privacy of residents of the village is paramount in discussions.

In order to address parking issues, it has been suggested by SDC that double yellow lines in key areas could be reinforced with a loading ban so that parking tickets could be issued immediately. Would this solve the problem, or simply move it to somewhere worse?

Additional signage requesting adherence to the bye-laws has been posted around Riverside and supplementary refuse sacks are being placed in order to assist with the littering problem.

Parish Council meetings continue to be conducted online. Members of the general public have joined us in several meetings. Any of you that have been using Zoom and other programmes will be familiar with the problems that can.....arise withslow....connections but matters have been discussed fully and local democracy has not suffered. We continue the search for an eighth Parish Councillor.

The Parish Council is considering increasing the number of allotments at Castle Field in order to accommodate the number of people who would like to grow their own. All current allotments are in use but we could create a few more by extending within Castle Field. To be discussed.

On Friday 3rd of July Laura Trott, MP for Sevenoaks, visited Eynsford, to discuss antisocial behaviour on and around Riverside and other public areas. A select group of parishioners turned out to meet her and ask the burning questions, some of which were fielded by a burly constable alongside. I can't say Ms Trott received a Paxman style grilling and I don't think anyone was taking notes but I thought we put our questions and received some reassurance. I thought Ms Trott was receptive and informed and quite charming. (But when did charm ever get anyone anywhere in politics?)

The Parish Office is still officially closed to the public but we are happy to continue to provide you with bin bags and garden waste sacks (at a cost) at a social distance.

Cllr Michael Barker

Anthony Roper Pre-School

Prior to re-opening to some children on 2nd June, the team were very busy making all the necessary changes to allow us to re-open in as safe a way as possible. Even though we have not been available physically for many families, we have continued to keep in touch via parentmail and have put news, suggestions and updates on our website to help support the children and families during this challenging time.

We are currently operating in two 'bubbles' - a term that has become ever more familiar over the last few weeks. The bubbles operate from two separate rooms and gardens, with the same team members in each bubble. This helps us to be able to deliver fun and quality care to those children who have returned, whilst ensuring that we keep the children, their families and the team as safe as possible during this time. This system will continue in September.

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For the children who have returned, they are getting used to the 'new normal'. We continue to follow the children's interests and, whilst we are unable to completely 'plan in the moment', as we did previously, with a small group we are able to offer lots of individual attention. For example, Robin bubble have shown an interest in construction, creating roads, talking about shapes, size language, designing and building. To extend their vocabulary we have introduced them to the word 'architect/architecture'. Explaining the role an architect plays in creating our built environment. Whilst in Wren bubble, the children have shown an interest in their bodies. This has evolved into drawing around their bodies and painting them, talking about healthy and non-healthy foods, the importance of physical exercise and exploring the digestive system. We have introduced the word 'physiology' to extend their use of language.

We have made extensive plans, in line with the latest Government guidance, to allow us to re-open to all children from September and we look forward to seeing many children returning to the setting and welcoming new families too.

Finally, we should like to say a fond farewell to all those children who will be moving on to 'Big School' in September. This is not the goodbye we would have liked and we miss you all very much. We hope that your next big adventure is an exciting one.

If you would like any further information about the Pre-school, please get in touch in the usual way or check our website for updates www.anthonyroperpreschool.co.uk.

Samantha Aitchison/Donna Gifford
Joint Childcare Managers
Anthony Roper Pre-school and Kindergarten CIO

Farningham Cricket Club

Farningham Cricket Club like all local and community Sports venues has been very badly affected by the Covid 19 pandemic.

To ensure that the club is still here, training our young people, giving exercise and a feel of community to all who attend the club as visitors or playing members and is still flourishing in 2020, we have set up a 'JustGiving' page which we have been featuring on our social media pages, the link is below. Could we ask you to share this page on your own social media pages to encourage those within our local community to have a look at the site and if anyone would like to make a donation they can. We are very aware as a club that many, many people are and have been suffering hardship throughout this pandemic and we as a

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We have and are holding Virtual Quiz evenings which have been great fun and a recent bingo night hosted was very successful. These nights have helped raise much needed funds and have helped break the boredom of lockdown whilst also being an opportunity to see and have fun with friends. If you haven't joined one of these please do you are very welcome and you never know you might enjoy them.

At the ground a lot of work has been undertaken by our committee members and they have been doing a great job. We hope you will soon all have the opportunity to see for yourselves the work that's been done as the lockdown eases and the ground is opened up to members and the public when safe to do so and advised by the ECB.

Barbara Hucker, Secretary, Farningham Cricket Club

The Eynsford Green Team

We have been enjoying great weather lately in the village with a chance to enjoy a few more restrictions to go outside to collect the rays. The lack of rain has meant water is valuable so look at the ways we can all help below:



To Wash or not to Wash ...

The hot weather lately has caused water levels to drop in reservoirs and it is all our responsibilities to ensure that we have enough water at this time. A dishwasher needs about 50 litres of water every time it is used, a lot more than if you wash by hand. Think about saving water by doing or getting someone in the household to do the washing-up instead!! Make it a game not a chore!

A lot of people save water in rain butts and tanks to use on the garden. Our gardening experts in the village will have good information and advice that they can share but using a watering can instead of a hose or sprinklers to water your flowers can make a real difference. Also, the water you wash your veg in, put it on your pot plants??

Other good ideas that have been submitted to us are:

- Take a shower instead of that long soak in the bath
- Turn the tap off when brushing your teeth, we can all be guilty of this

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- Most houses have a water meter installed, this is great for catching the water leaks early
- If your car looks like mine after lockdown, it definitely needs a wash, out with the bucket and sponge, rather than the hose will save water.

That is the question Of plastic!

We had a great idea from a resident that can save on the use of plastic. By washing out plastic packets that rice, nuts and fruit arrive in, you can use these to freeze food. Looking at the recycling bags from the council, it states on them that plastic film can't be put in them so by using the any plastic bags will be helping reduce this waste in the black bags. Thankfully, a lot of food industries are stopping the use of black plastic on food which can't be put in recycling, something to watch out for when shopping.



If you love your takeaway coffee but don't like disposable cups, Lizzie at the Tearooms has a selection of reusable takeaway cups supplied by Oxfam. Buy one for £6.99 (cash only) and drink your skinny cappuccino with a clear conscience and help the world's starving. Be quick while stocks last!

Thank you to Ellie Hatton for this month's poster, just great!
Ferne Haxby

EynsfARA

As we continue through this current worldwide situation we are unable to meet due to government guidelines, as the same with most groups. We therefore continue to send our newsletters twice a month with anecdotes from members, quizzes and general information to keep the members in touch. In a July newsletter we conducted a vote for the trip most enjoyed, the winner was, virtual drum roll, the holiday to Penzance with a trip to The Minack Theatre to see Treasure Island. Some 23 different events made the list, 2nd was the trip to Pashley Manor for the

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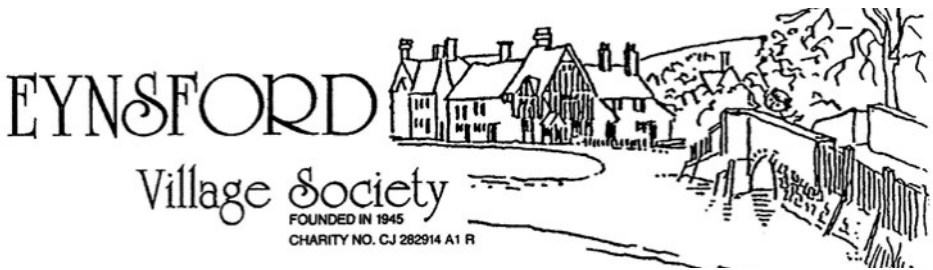
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tulip festival and 3rd the delightful cruise along the Thames on the Paddle Steamer Waverley.

Our Events Sub Committee continue to work on plans for future events in 2021, with suggestions greatly received from the membership. Our meeting programme for this year will hopefully move to 2021, I'm just awaiting final confirmation from some of the speakers.

It is nice to see some members walking around the village or the fields as we do our daily exercise, to wave and shout 'hello, how are you and stay safe', all now our general conversation pieces.

Stay safe
Jan Williams



Hello everyone, and another month has passed me by with very little to show for it except the beginning of an increase in traffic on the road, a few vapour trails in the sky, and passers-by walking very close to one another.

Would it be offensive to state that despite being locked up for almost 4 months now and seeing a few friendly and helpful faces in that time but emailing and talking to many, I have/am enjoying it though I have been nowhere except the letterbox, bottle bank (to get rid of the lockdown evidence), the surgery for prescriptions and more lately, the circuit of a supermarket, masked and gloved.

For anyone who has been personally affected by the CV-19 epidemic with loss, trauma, anxiety or loneliness, I apologise.

Living on the High Street as I do, the absent sound of perpetual traffic has been palpable and very well received; the air outside (well, at the back at least) has been clean, fresh and sky almost lucidly transparent. Nevertheless, it is starting to look increasingly more likely that such improved air quality will resolve itself to continue for some time as airlines implode and more and more of us lose confidence or interest in flying; long may it last. Regrettably, however, road traffic is starting to change though by no means yet back to what it can be at times, but it is only a matter of time. I won't pass judgement on Eynsford beach (aka Riv-

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erside) as I am not directly affected except by the parking overspill half way back to Farningham; enough said. I know much is posted on the Massive, and I have been appalled to have been told recently that the council sends bin lorries every night to clean up; can that be right - surely only on hot days - or is it fake news?

However, I digress; is it possible to put pressure on SDC somehow to retain the pleasure of these localised improvements on environmental grounds? Would there be a groundswell of opinion between us to join forces to try to achieve “community action”?

I remember in the mid 70s when I was in Greece for a while, and the oil crisis was at its height, they controlled cars on the roads by allowing odd and even numbered plates to drive on alternate days (would have to include letters these days) - could that be suggested? Would it be taken seriously, respected, work, enforced?

With Big Brother supposedly watching our every move through speed cameras and ANPR spies, could it be done electronically allowing BB to issue automatic financial penalties to offenders, steep enough to deter even the risk-takers? I expect a certain volume of traffic would take to the back roads, but it has to be accepted that rules always attract dodgers and flouters and scallywags, though it could be advertised as being for the “greater good” implicit in utilitarian philosophy and so socially unacceptable not to conform.

Is there any appetite in Eynsford and our wider community to band together and see if we could make a difference? If so, please contact me and we can discuss what might be possible – Right On, “What do we want, When do we want it.....”!

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

Eynsford Village Hall and Coronavirus

As people will be aware, the restrictions imposed relating to assembling both indoors and outdoors have now been relaxed. However the Government has also now released guidelines for the possible opening up of community buildings, which include village halls. This is obviously a difficult issue where people meet indoors and where social distancing might be compromised. However the Trustees are studying the guidelines and although it is our desire to open the hall if at all possible, nevertheless, we will not if we feel that there is any risk to hirers. Once the picture is a bit clearer, we would hope to contact all our regular and future hirers to outline and discuss the issues.

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Every week we have a Lockdown Quiz at 7:45pm on Fridays. Grab a drink and some snacks, and join us for questions and a fun chat.

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We can't wait to welcome you back to our productions the Eynsford Village Hall once it is safe to do so!

From all at Riverside Players!

Shari Newton

Village Hall Lottery



Due to the relaxing of the current restrictions on gathering, we are delighted to say that we have been able to hold the monthly lottery, social distancing, and the draw was backdated to February! The results are as follows:

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	3rd	£ 49	James Carswell
May:	1st	£123	S Fletcher
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	3rd	£ 49	L Marvin

Malcolm Richardson

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These past 100+ days has proved to be the most singular I have ever experienced, and undoubtedly ever will. Has anyone else noticed that, despite having infinite time indoors, there is no time to actually do anything? Even the furloughed great and good amongst my friends have found that their plans to redecorate, re-landscape and remodel their lives have been scuppered. The realisation that keeping the house ticking over, food on the table, kids entertained, home schooling, and simply keeping the smiles going has taken far more time and emotional energy than what we give it credit for. Stay at home parents like me can't help feel just a teeny tiny bit smug when we think our whole careers have made us experts at lockdown life. Perhaps I am being unfair? Probably, my husband has managed meetings with YouTube blaring in the background, toddlers screaming, pre-teens slamming doors and shouts of "I need a bottom wipe" coming from the loo (not from me of course!). He has done this with a smile on his face and without complaint.

However, I have noticed over the past couple of weeks that his smiles are waning and the strain is showing. My emotional energy was depleted by about week 6 and I have been treading water ever since. I have Obsessive Compulsive Disorder and it has added a certain angle to lockdown which you can well imagine has made the ultimate 'field test' for my recovery. I have surprised myself as to how well I have coped and how I haven't added Covid and germ phobia to my list of obsessions. Once social distancing has been relaxed I deserve a pat on the back. What has been vital to this triumph is three-fold and it is something that we can all do.

Firstly; self-care. Take time to recharge, keep your finger in one of your hobby pies. Speak to your friends. Exercise. Relax. But most importantly self-care also means being honest to yourself and reaching out to your doctor if you find your mental health deteriorating. This leads on to the second on my list; therapy. Get help. No amount of bubble baths and scented candles will fix an engrained mental health problem. You wouldn't light a candle for a broken leg would you? See your GP. Self-refer for talking therapies using the IAPT service or you can splurge on some private therapy. Think of it like getting physio for your brain. Lastly, medicate. There is no shame in taking medication for mental health. I do and it is one of the most important tools in my kit for managing a life with severe, treatment resistant OCD.

As we move out of lockdown and life returns to its new normal, please don't let your mental health suffer. Remember my advice and reach out if you find your mind has taken a bashing over the last 100 days. Don't worry about what people will think (because actually I bet they're struggling too) and put on your warrior pants and get the help you need to get you through the next 100 days and beyond.

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Farningham & Darent Valley Probus Light at Tunnel's End?

Is there a light at the end of the tunnel, can we at last start planning a way forward? The last meeting of our club was on March 5th, our AGM, and like most organisations the least anticipated of all the events on the calendar. So sadly, we did not go out on a high. The spectre of Covid 19 was looming large and the main topic of conversation. When our new speaker secretary announced his programme for the year it was deservedly well received as being an interesting and varied programme. Alas five events on the programme have been cancelled so far and there will probably be a couple more.

However, as I asked at the start of this article, is there a light at the end of the tunnel, well we have to believe there is and start planning now for that moment when we can meet again in a safe environment. It will be the committee's role now to convene and work out a plan of action to find successful solutions to the problems we face in achieving our goal of getting the club up and running again. We will engage with Pedham Golf Club to assist us in this process as we use their premises and catering for our meetings. We will canvas and welcome comments and suggestions from our members and hopefully at the end of the process we will be able restart our meetings. At this moment it would not seem prudent to

predict a precise date for restart.

Moving to the “New Normal” will not be without its problems but, as we all begin to take tentative steps back into the world, we realise that where there is a will there is a way. Over the last few months, we have had to learn to adapt to new rules and regulations, to learn to keep in touch with friends and family via zoom, facetime and the good old-fashioned telephone. There is though no substitute for getting together and chatting in person in a convivial atmosphere, and that is what our club offered and must once again attempt to provide.

Philip Elliman, Secretary

A Recipe

Whilst sorting through boxes in the garage during lockdown I came across a cookery book purchased on our travels in New Orleans and the Deep South some 40 years ago! The book contains 600 ‘traditional recipes’, which I had tried at the time containing fish, chicken and vegetables but I had not come across the following recipe which I thought I’d now share with you Trident readers! American measures can be converted on the internet.

LOUISIANA SQUIRREL GUMBO

Roux

7-8 Tablespoons flour

3-4 Tablespoons corn oil

Use an iron pot. Add the oil and heat until warm. Stir in the flour and stir constantly over a medium heat until mixture is a pretty caramel brown. Be sure to scrape the bottom often to keep the roux from burning. Remove from fire and set aside.

Gumbo

*4-5 small squirrels cut into cubes.

3qts cold tap water

1 onion – chopped

¼ cup spring onions – chopped

1lb smoked sausage cut to bite size pieces

¾ cup of chopped fresh parsley

Red chilli pepper to taste

Put roux in a deep gumbo pot (any heavy pot will do I’m sure). Add the water and cook on a medium heat, stirring, until the roux is blended with the water. Add chopped onion, the cubed squirrels, salt and red chilli pepper.

Cook for 30 minutes then add the cut sausage pieces. Cook for an hour or until the meat is tender. When done add spring onions and parsley and cook for 15 minutes more. Taste for seasoning and add more if necessary. Enjoy.

(The New Orleans School of Cooking)

*If anyone is short of squirrels we can oblige with 2 or 3 from our garden!!

Lee Mullins

This term Half of the Year 6 cohort (Herschel class) came back on week- w/c 8th March and the other half (Galileo class) the following week – w/c 15th March. These children attend school on alternate weeks.



Also this term, we have welcomed a ‘bubble’ of children from Comet class in reception and they have enjoyed many water based activities. They don’t seem daunted by their return to school and have settled back quickly and with confidence.

Children and staff have continued to decorate the school fence throughout the lockdown period.

Have you come across any ‘Covid snakes’ in your travels? If you haven’t seen one, they are stones that are painted with colourful designs, and laid end to end to resemble a snake.



The idea being that the ‘Covid snake’ can bring communities together, through a craft project, when they are unable to congregate due to lockdown. Although we have now been able to welcome groups back into school, there are still many children being educated at home, a joint project is a good way to bring them all together. The plan is to lay the stones on the pavement, close to the school fence, between the entrance and exit gates. The children have painted their own stones, making them as bright and colourful as they can, and then added them to the snake.



As it is a community project there’s no reason why parents, or other members of the local community, can’t paint their own stones as well!! Look out for our growing snake during the coming weeks. Hopefully, when you walk, cycle or jog past the school it will make you smile. □

Term 6 Sporting Event: SEVENOAKS DISTRICT SPORTS LOCK-DOWN - MINUTE TO WIN IT TROPHY!

The last term at school is usually full of sporting events, one of the most exciting being the Sevenoaks District sports competition. This was due to take place on Wednesday 17th June and normally includes 23 schools with over 1,000 pupils taking part from across the Sevenoaks cluster. To replace this, the sports co-ordinator of Sevenoaks decided to set the ultimate lockdown challenge for all the schools, which requires the whole family to take part and then to send in their scores to be added to the school's running total. The winning school will win the Minute to Win It Trophy. Watch this space!

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NOTICES & LETTERS

Congratulations!

Andrew Claxton of the Five Bells pub and Emma Stacy welcomed a baby boy, Henry James Claxton, into the world on June 24th 2020.

Wendy Stacy

Farningham Village Hall & Market Meadow Now Open to Hire

Farningham Village Hall and its adjoining Meadow will be open for hire and all activities which are in line with Government regulations from August. The hall has been very recently redecorated and refurbished. You can hire the main hall with, or without, the Market Meadow. The facilities are ideal for parties, weddings and many family celebrations, activities, or events. Our website shows details of the hall, the costs of hire and typical weekly activities. See

www.farninghamvillagehall.co.uk

Why are we losing our dog waste bins in Farningham ?

Why has Farningham Parish Council decided to remove all its dog waste bins? The rationale given is both confusing and confused. The report of the July FPC meeting says “ As well as using the dog waste bins, owners have been placing dog waste in the SDC street litter bins for some time now.” So the dog bins are used and street bins are also used, so the need for dog waste bins is obvious.

Since the lock down more dogs are walked more often so demand for these bins is not reducing. The FPC noted this increased need in its report that “sadly there has been an increase in dog fouling since lockdown rules were relaxed and there are still anti-social owners who selfishly throw their plastic bags of waste into the grass on Sparepenny Lane and along the river path”. This is likely to become worse without the dog waste bins.

The FPC notes that “ there have been no reported problems following the fire-enforced removal of the bin in Cinder Path and we will therefore be removing all the dog waste bins in July”. The removal of one dog bin on a route that was closed for so long because of a fire is hardly a sound indicator of the lack of a wider need for these bins - especially when the growth in need and usage is so clearly apparent and recorded by the FPC itself.

Please can we have more not less bins at a time when it is so important to encourage disease management and control dog fouling?

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One Step Closer to a New Village Hall!

The Trustees of Eynsford Village Hall and Eynsford Parish Council are pleased to report that planning consent has now been granted for a new Village Hall on Harrow Meadow, together with the re-alignment of the football pitch to create, literally, a level playing field.



This has been the culmination of many years of hard work by the Trustees and The Parish Council and it is great news for the village who at last will have a modern Hall fit for the 21st century.

We are still awaiting news of the application to redevelop the existing hall site to create three houses but we hope that this will be decided within the next couple of weeks.

Now planning consent has been granted, the hard work will begin to raise the money. It is estimated that we will be seeking some £900,000 (even taking into account funds held and money raised from the existing site). Some of the money will come from grants, and perhaps from local and district councils, but a huge fundraising effort will be needed, assisted, we hope by local residents.

In this respect, we are looking for someone to co-ordinate fund-raising. It would be useful, but not essential, if you have had experience of fund-raising activities, applications for grants, approaching potential donors and developing methods for raising funds.

It is difficult to estimate the time commitment although some time would be needed between Monday to Friday in order to keep in touch with organisations during opening hours. However such hours can be discussed and estimated.

This is an exciting project and we already have a dedicated group of people from the hall trustees and Eynsford Parish Council.

If you are interested, please contact James Staniland on 07870688865 or James_staniland@hotmail.com, or Alan Saunders on 07939 244347 or alan@robins.f9.co.uk who will provide more information.

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Keep Safe and Carry on Gardening (or allotmenting)!

Eynsford Gardener's Club is facing a double whammy! Jason and Jo are relocating for work (we think Jason just couldn't cope with losing the pumpkin competition last year!). And much like the rest of the World, we have had to put everything on hold which meant cancelling our events so far this year.



But the show must go on, and we are still planning to hold the potato competition on Saturday 29 August, from 9–11 am. The competition will be held in a new location, in Eynsford station car park. So carry on watering, feeding, singing to (yes it really works!!) your potatoes.

It is likely that we will need to cancel The Annual Show in September, as we cannot run this under current guidance for safe distancing. We may try to organise something in its place. Gardens, and allotments have provided a vital distraction, and a sanctuary for many people during lockdown. We have had more time to spend in the garden and the allotment, and I'm sure our garden is not the only one to be looking better than ever! Many people will have had more time to work on arts and crafts, or to make that perfect loaf of bread. So it would be a shame not to be able to display your wonderful produce somewhere; somehow.

We are recruiting new members to our lovely Committee. You certainly don't need to be an expert gardener, or even have your own garden. We usually meet four times a year to plan the shows and would welcome someone who can contribute to these meetings, bring in new ideas, and to help at each of the shows. We have a lot of fun when we hold the shows and it's wonderful to contribute to events that showcase the amazing talent that we have in the village. If you are interested in joining us, or finding out more, please speak to one of our committee members, or our contact details are on the website.

Finally, just to say, we will miss Jo and Jason. The Club has achieved so much under their leadership and we wish them well in their new adventures.

Please look at our website for information about future shows. <https://www.egclub.co.uk/>

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History Corner – Jan Wilkes

Thomas Booker 1858 – 1944 Eynsford Man's Notable Record (Extract from an article in Kent Newspaper 1937)

'Does a Kent man hold the record as a family retainer? He is Mr Thomas Booker aged 79 of 6 Riverside, Eynsford and his claim to the distinction is based on 73 years in the service of the Hart Dyke family at Lullingstone Castle. During that period, he has toiled a keeper boy, cow boy, gardener, carter boy, groom, estate carpenter and even today despite his advanced age he performs the duties of odd man to Lady Hart Dyke's silk farm at Lullingstone Castle.

Service to the Hart Dyke family became to be a tradition in the Booker family, for Mr Booker's father the late Mr William Booker, was employed by the same family for 60 years. Between them they have put in over 133 years work on the estate.

A native of Eynsford, Mr Thomas Booker began work at the age of six for the late Sir Percival Hart Dyke, as a keeper boy at Lullingstone Park and later was transferred to New Barn on the same Estate to become a cow boy. Subsequently for three years he was employed in the Bothy garden at Lullingstone Castle. His next move was back to New Barn where he worked first as a carter boy and then for 10 years as a groom.

At the age of 21 Mr Booker got married and he and his wife are now within 17 months of celebrating their diamond wedding.

Eventually Mr Booker and his father was sent to learn the work of estate carpenter and he has followed that occupation for 50 years until about four years ago.

Mr Booker has also taken a prominent part in the social life of Eynsford, and he can still entertain an audience with recitations from a repertoire of at least 20 old time songs.

He has been a bell ringer at the Parish Church for 45 years, was formerly a drummer in the old Eynsford Drum and Fife and Brass Bands and a tenor chorister at the Parish Church for 18 years.'



Thomas Booker planting mulberry trees at Lullingstone Castle

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Eynsford in Bloom



Eynsford is entering the annual South and South East in Bloom event with Desk-Top judging from our portfolio due in by the end of July . A judge may make an unescorted walking tour looking for a clean village with colourful gardens and roadside borders . We are aiming for GOLD again .

In St. Martin's Church yard compost was bagged up to fill two deep holes possibly dug by badgers seeking honey made by solitary bees and to cover the newly cleared Laurie Greenwood (film maker) grave prior to grass seeding .Two slow worms and many Roman snails (both protected species) have been seen . More compost was used to raise the soil level in the car park borders and at Riverside to cover the roots of the Astible plants where the soil was washed away in the winter .

Butcher's Lane Bank has been weeded , perennials cut back , polyanthus and bulbs planted . Winter and Spring bedding has been cleared for red and white geraniums to be planted at the three Eynsford signs , top of the village hall drive , the Boys and Girls sign , four tubs in the Church yard and one at Riverside . Thank you Brenda for looking after the boat . One morning eight volunteers worked at the Gap Site by the A 225 near the station . The shrubs needed cutting back , weeds (especially bindweed) and old leaves removing . A rough track was cut in the wildlife triangle to vary the height of the grasses for the invertebrates .

Five people worked to tidy Fern Bank border . The perennials were cut back , weeds removed and two sacks of compost spread .There is an abundance of garden snails at this site and mice eat the hazel nuts . The Lonicera hedge in Church Walk was cut on Saturday with two ladies bagging up the cuttings and weeding . Work has continued in the car park every week to trim the seven cotoneasters , seven privet bushes , seven flowering cherry trees , shrubs along the back border and tidying the front flower borders .

Pyramid orchids are still in full flower in our gardens , hedgerows and fields . More Marble White butterflies have been seen than ever before.

Future work party dates :

Tuesdays : 9.30 --- 11.30 am July 21 , 28. August 4 , 11 , 18 , 25

Thursdays : 6 ---7 pm. July. 23 , 30. August. 6 , 13 , 20 , 27

Saturdays : 9.30 --- 11.30 am August. 1st , Sept . 5th

All work parties meet at the back of the main car park opposite St. Martin's Church , or join us at work on site . Coffee and biscuits are provided . Due to Covid -19 we all bring our own gloves , tools and hand sanitiser .

Keep safe , *Pauline Penney* 864751

1st Eynsford and Farningham Scout Group.

Today on BBC's Breakfast they reported on 'The Great Indoors Weekender'.

https://m.youtube.com/watch?feature=youtu.be&v=qBjX_yS7YBM

This event took place all around the world, over 120,000 girls, boys and leaders camped out in their own houses flats or gardens and communicate using Zoom. Groups like ours met up with other Groups that we know. This helps us all feel included despite the forced separation from friends and family.

Activities have included astronomy 'Eyes to the skies', yoga, tower building, building a camp and sleeping in it for the night, joining a camp fire, acts of kindness to care homes and recipes to reduce food waste, all from our own homes. When we get back to face to face Scouting, we will need more Leaders, so come along and enjoy the fun.

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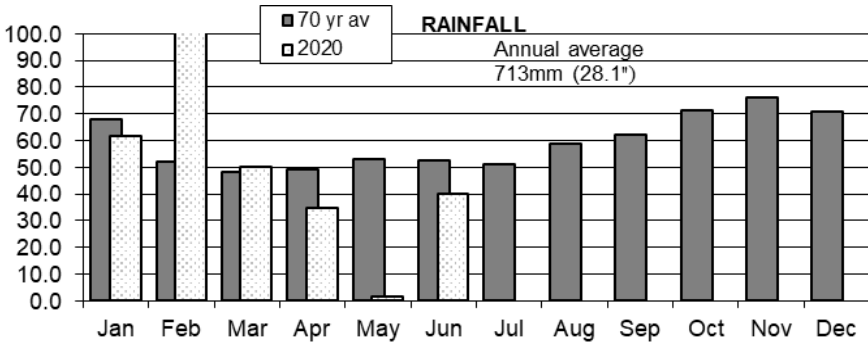


Eynsford Weather Data

June 2020



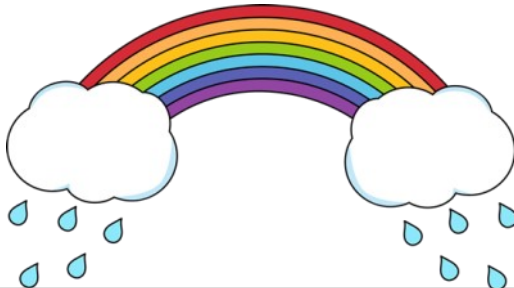
James Alexander



Total rain to	2020	319 mm (12.6")	2018	316 mm (12.4")
end of June	2019	327 mm (12.9")	2017	287 mm (11.3")

National Overview. June began dry and sunny with high pressure, then turned cool and changeable with northerly winds. It was generally warm and humid mid-month with showers and longer spells of rain and thunder in places. There was a hot spell from the 23rd to 25th followed by cooler changeable weather. The mean temperature for June was provisionally 0.9°C above the long-term average. Rainfall was 143% of average, and it was generally wetter than average except in parts of the south-east. Sunshine was 102% of average.

In Eynsford we had 40mm (1.6") rain, over 12 days, which is 76% of average. We mainly had lots of small amounts of rain, which is not very useful. The maximum temperature in the month was 31°C on the 24th and 25th.



ALAN CREMER'S QUIZ

What kind of garment would have been worn:

- 1). As a skirt at the court of Queen Elizabeth 1st.?
- 2). As a waistcoat by Hamlet?
- 3). By Robin Hood to carry his horn and sword?
- 4). By Hotspur over his armour?
- 5). As an outer garment by Beckett when celebrating Mass?
- 6). By Crookback at Bosworth to protect his neck and shoulders?
- 7). And by his Chaplain to keep the cold from same?
- 8). By Xenophon as a mantle on his travels?
- 9). By Caesar as a mantle on the day he overcame the Nervii?
- 10). By Sir Winston in a blitz?

Send you answers to: alanctela@gmail.com

ANSWERS TO THE LAST QUIZ.

- 1). The plague of Athens.
- 2). The Black Death.
- 3). Moses and Aaron.
- 4). Lice. (The ten plagues of Egypt.)
- 5). Mercutio. (*Romeo and Juliet*).
- 6). Sir Toby Belch. (*Twelfth Night*)/
- 7). Calais.
- 8). The Great Plague of London 1665.
- 9). Camus. (*La Peste*).
- 10). Oberammergau Passion Play.

Community Calendar

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

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ALL DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE/CANCELLATION

August

Saturday 1	Eynsford in Bloom Work Party	E Car Park	9.30
Monday 3	EPC Committee Meetings	EPC	8.00
Thursday 6	FWI: Silk and Silk Painting	FVH	7.30
Monday 10	EynsfARA The Customs & Traditions of the City of London, Mark Lewis	St M	2.00
Thursday 13	Monthly Midweek Lunch	EBC	12.30
Wednesday 19	EWI August dinner	EVH	7.30
Thursday 20	EPC Council Meeting	EPC	8.00
Saturday 29	Plant Hunters Weekend	Lull Castle	11- 5
Sunday 30	Plant Hunters Weekend	Lull Castle	11- 5
Monday 31	Plant Hunters Weekend	Lull Castle	11- 5

September

Wednesday 2	FPC Council Meeting	FVH	7.45
Thursday 3	FWI: Plants for the Flower Arranger's Garden	FVH	7.30
Saturday 5	Eynsford in Bloom Work Party	E Car Park	9.30
Saturday 5	FHS Autumn Show	FVH	2.00
Monday 7	EPC Committee Meetings	EPC	8.00
Thursday 10	Monthly Midweek Lunch	EBC	12.30
Sunday 13	EGC Annual Show	EVJ	2pm
Monday 14	EynsfARA Under Billowing Sails, Wilf Lower	St M	2.00
Monday 14	EVS Committee Meeting	EBC	7.30
Wednesday 16	EWI Craft - bead making	EVH	7.30
Thursday 17	EPC Council Meeting	EPC	8.00
Friday 18	Millfiled Quiz	FVH	
Saturday 19	Mexican Celebration Weekend	Lull Castle	11 - 5
Saturday 19	Simon Johnson organ recital followed by light lunch - lunch time		
Sunday 20	Mexican Celebration Weekend	Lull Castle	11 - 5

October

Thursday 1	FWI: Adventures of a Stunt lady	FVH	7.30
Saturday 3	Eynsford in Bloom Work Party	E Car Park	9.30

Monday 5	EPC CommittenMeetings	EPC	8.00
Wednesday 7	FPC Council Meeting	FVH	7.45
Thursday 8	Monthly Midweek Lunch	EBC	12.30
Monday 12	EynsfARA Britain through the eyes of The Picture Post 1950, Howard Smith		
Thursday 15	EPC Council Meeting	EPC	8.00
Wednesday 21	EWI OPEN MEETING Talk on Agincourt	EVH	7.30
Friday 30	Abba Chique tribute band	FVH	
Saturday 31	Halloween Magic	Lull Castle	12- 7

November

Monday 2	EPC Committee Meetings	EPC	8.00
Wednesday 4	FPC Council Meeting	FVH	7.45
Thursday 5	FWI	FVH	7.30
Saturday 7	Eynsford in Bloom Work Party	E Car Park	9.30
Saturday 7	Eynsford Fireworks @ Furlongs Farm		
Monday 9	EynsfARA Underground Britain, Geoff Britain		
Thursday 12	Monthly Midweek Lunch	EBC	12.30
Saturday 14	EGC Winter Show & AGM	EVH	3pm
Wednesday 18	EWI History of puddings	EVH	7.30
Thursday 19	EPC Council Meeting	EPC	8.00
Friday 20	FHS AGM & Prize giving Supper	FVH	7 pm

December

Wednesday 2	FPC Council Meeting	FVH	7.45
Thursday 3	FWI: Christmas Party	FVH	7.30
Saturday 5	Eynsford in Bloom Work Party	E Car Park	9.30
Saturday 5	ARPS Christmas Fayre		
Monday 7	EPC Committee Meetings	EPC	8.00
Wednesday 9	EWI Entertainment	EVH	7.30
Saturday 12	Christmas Fayre.	St. M's.	11 - 3
Monday 14	EynsfARA TBA		
Monday 14	EVS Committee Meeting	EBC	7.30
Thursday 15	Christmas lunch	EBC	12.30
Thursday 17	EPC Council Meeting	EPC	8.00
Friday 18	EVS Christmas Quiz	EVH	

Send in you dates to efltrident@yahoo.com

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

Farningham - Alban Crescent - 10.15-10.45

How to Contact your District Councillor

Sevenoaks District Council 01732 227000 www.sevenoaks.gov.uk

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

Eynsford: Alan Cheeseman cldr.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
Dr Maryam Tahmassebi Dr Saijit Shetty	Monday	9.00 - 12.30	17.40 - 19.30
		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

Podiatry Service The Mill Clinic Horton Kirby 864499

Podiatry Home visits Debra Wilkinson 860512 Mob: 07984 914 067

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

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

Lunch ready cooked Age UK West Kent 01474 350525

Caring, Cooking Anne Phillips CRB checked 07931 811 758

For equipment for the Disabled and Changes to the Home:

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

Elderly 01474 328 664 Sevenoaks 01732 456 223

Hospital Discharge Scheme 01732 227000 and ask for Hosp Dis Sch

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

Services of Family Mosaic Home Improvement

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

Handyman services Grass cutting and decorating services

01732 758 355 Ext: 758355

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

National Domestic Violence Helpline 0808 200 247 (Women); 0808 801 0327 (Men) or visit www.domesticabuseservices.org.uk

Bus Times from July 2020

Go Coach have replaced all their bus services in the Sevenoaks area, including Route 2 serving Eynsford, with an "on demand" service marketed as "Go2" whereby, with the use of a mobile phone app "Go2 Sevenoaks", 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, Sevenoaks, Westerham, Edenbridge or Tonbridge (or points in between) as well as Queen Mary's Hospital, Sidcup and Tunbridge Wells Hospital. The service which was introduced on 14 April now operates from 6 am to 7.30 pm on Mondays to Fridays and 7 am to 7 pm on Saturdays at a similar cost as normal bus fares and with Concessionary bus passes accepted.

The 429 bus route from West Kingsdown, through Farningham to Swanley and Dartford has now returned to its normal timings on Mondays to Fridays with departures from Farningham, Pied Bull to Swanley at 06.07 and 06.47, then from 07.34 to Swanley and Dartford and every hour from 09.37 to 14.37, then at 16.52 and 17.52. Return journeys from Dartford, Lowfield Street leave at 08.37, then every hour from 09.32 to 13.32. The 14.32 departure terminates at Swanley, but the 15.32, 16.47, 17.47 and 18.47 continue through to Farningham and West Kingsdown. Departure times from Swanley, Bartholomew Way are every hour from 09.00 to 14.00 then at 16.02, 17.15, 18.15 and 19.15.

On Saturdays there is only a bus every two hours leaving Farningham, Pied Bull at 08.37, 10.37, 12.37, 14.37 and 16.37; returning from Dartford, Lowfield Street at 09.32, 11.32, 13.32, 15.32 and 17.32 and from Swanley, Bartholomew Way at 10.00, 12.00, 14.00, 16.00 and 18.00.

The Sunday service to Bluewater has been reinstated, leaving Eynsford Station at 09.30, 11.55 and 15.05 and Farningham 4 minutes later; returning from Bluewater at 10.30, 13.40 and 16.10, from Darent Valley Hospital 6 minutes later, Dartford, Lowfield Street 13 minutes later and from Swanley at 11.08, 14.18 and 16.48.

Frequent bus services operate between Dartford, Darent Valley Hospital and Bluewater every day, including the 477 bus route, operated by Arriva, from Swanley, currently running every 40 minutes on Weekdays and every 90 minutes on Sundays.

You should continue to use public transport only if no other means of transport is available. Face coverings are required to be worn on buses and trains.

All times are subject to last minute changes, so it is best to check with www.go-coach.co.uk for their Go2 and 429 services, and with www.arrivabus.co.uk/kent-and-surrey for the 477 and other buses to Bluewater 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
Men's 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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Contact: 07780 532525 or *via* www.eynsfordvh.com

Result of EVH Lottery for last month

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Tickets available at Rafferty's and Norman's



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