

EGERTON UPDATE

The quarterly magazine for the village of Egerton, Kent

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A Neighbourhood Plan for Egerton!

Around 120 people packed the Millennium Hall to consider whether there should be a Neighbourhood Plan for Egerton. Organised by the Parish Council, the meeting was a response to both recommendations made by the committee which produced the Parish Plan who suggested that a neighbourhood plan should be the next step in shaping the future of the village, and also national government policy which has led over 1,000 neighbourhoods to progress such plans.

Guest speaker at the event, Keith Harrison, chief executive of Action with Communities in Rural Kent, explained that while the Parish Plan was aimed more at establishing the aims and ambitions of the village, a Neighbourhood Plan was about planning issues and, if passed by the village and the borough council, would form part of the Ashford Borough Plan. Residents would be asked to consider what they would like Egerton to be like in the future. In order to be adopted, the Neighbourhood Plan would have to receive a mandate from the people of the village through a referendum and it would have to be in

line with the Local Plan of Ashford Borough Council. The current ABC plan for Egerton has a proposal for 15 open market houses between now and 2030.

The starting point would be to form a steering group to initially gather more information and to garner sentiment in the village towards producing a Neighbourhood Plan or not.

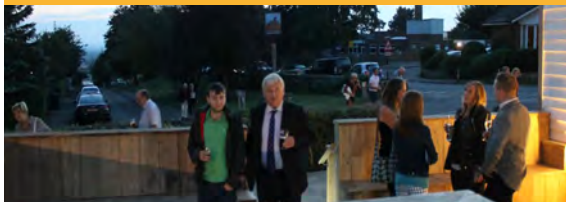
Following the presentation there was a question and answer session, and of the approximately 120 parishioners present, at a show of hands, virtually all supported moving forward with a Neighbourhood Plan with five against and one abstention. Egerton Parish Council Chairman, Richard King, declared that as there was over-whelming support of most of the audience there would be another meeting on **Wednesday 30th November at 7.30pm** to form the steering group.

Anyone from the parish who would like to take part in this is asked to go along to the meeting or get in touch with the clerk of the Parish Council, Heather James on telephone 01233 756501 or email clerkeger-tonpc@hotmail.co.uk.

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Barrow House opens its doors...

Villagers flocked to the opening night of the Barrow House on September 21st. Friends and neighbours were able to meet at the village pub for the first time in nearly a year and many took the opportunity to do just that!

After many months of seeing work going on at the premises, residents were finally able to experience the newly-refurbished pub for themselves and to also take a look at the new guest rooms which are on the first floor of the building.

...and thanks village for support

Dear Egerton,

Thank you for your warm welcome to the village. We were thrilled to see so many people at our opening night and since then we've been working hard to make the pub a warm and welcoming place.

Recently we introduced a delicious menu and we hope you'll find there's something for everyone – from traditional pub classics, soups and sandwiches to small plates designed for snacking and sharing, smoking flavours, chargrilled treats and tempting puds. We've also launched our website, so you can finally book online for lunch or dinner.

As we continue to settle in, find our feet and get to know the village, we're on the lookout for a rental property and would be really grateful if you could let us know about any accommodation available in Egerton. We're also hunting for a housekeeper, so please get in touch if you'd like to join the team!

We hope to see you soon.

Best wishes,

Team Barrow House



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The plans can cost several thousands of pounds to create and Mr Harrison estimates that it can take around 18 months to complete the process. They are a relatively new concept – over 100 plans have been “made” in the UK and around 1,000 are currently underway. Two neighbouring villages – Pluckley and Charing – are currently producing Neighbourhood Plans.

A Neighbourhood plan is....

- A community led planning framework for guiding future development, regeneration and conservation of an area
- Part of a broader District or Unitary Authority local plan
- Led at a local level by a Parish Council or Neighbourhood forum

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Bryan's Birthday goes off with a

On Tuesday September 13, one of the hottest days of the year, the Bomb Disposal Squad was called out to Egerton as Bonnie Gipps writes....



The 13th September 2016 was a significant date for the Gipps family of Egerton House. Sixty years previously, to the day, Bryan's father bought Egerton House on Bryan's fourth birthday. So as it was a special day, Bryan and Bonnie decided they would clear one of the sheds in order to stack logs from the recently felled lime trees that were rotten to the core. Whilst clearing the shed Bryan found a couple of World War II mortar bombs.

"Look what I've found" he said. "I'll put these with the others in the stable block. I've been meaning to ring the police about this for 15 years!"

Bonnie went inside and rang the police straight away. Forty-five minutes later the police arrived and they rang for the army. Later a white van with 'Royal Logistics Corps - Bomb Disposal Unit' emblazoned on the side came roaring up to the house. The squaddies took care of the 'stash' of WW II 'memorabilia' that had been collected by various generations of children who lived on the estate. Most of it was taken away by the army but there were a few 'unstable' shells that needed to be blown up in the private woods on the Egerton estate. The shells were buried first so the noise from the explosion was muffled but it made the house shake!

Happy Birthday Bryan! And apologies to anyone who was scared by the explosion.



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**Egerton Cricket Club
chairman
Steve Wellard re-
ports on the club's
2016 Season**



Cricket Team scores a good season!

As nights draw in and days get colder it is nice to be reminded of what a glorious summer we had on the field at Egerton Cricket Club. It also allows me to say a big "thank you" for all the great local support we continue to receive from the community, and the volunteers in the club who make things happen.

From our first fixture on the 23rd April to the last on the 2nd October 2016, it has been a successful season for the Club. We were blessed by good weather on the whole (we only lost 7 games to rain). We played 63, won 31, drew 3, lost 29 and finished a creditable ninth in the top division of the Kent Village League. Egerton performed well away from home too and took winning form to Wiltshire on its annual tour, with victories in all three games. Over 50 adults and 30 juniors played at some point over the summer, with two regular Saturday teams and one on Sunday. A good start to the season was helped with the delivery of a much needed reconditioned roller (courtesy of work by Julian Mills) and a grant towards ground covers from the England & Wales Cricket Board. We also took possession of a new scoreboard, courtesy of support from Hugo Fenwick and delivery organized by former club chairman, Malcolm Iles. Work on the square in the winter made our wicket one of the best on the village circuit for batting and proof

came in seeing runs being scored a plenty (17 hundreds and 55 fifties over the season). The bowlers fared less well, particularly at home, with just two 5 wicket hauls but 3 hat-tricks were recorded in the season.

The big event of the summer was our July Cricket Week (a once every three-year affair). BTF and the Dragons (by one run!) proved too strong for the club side but there were wins over the Old Boys and Kent Village League XI. The Friday Zone cricket also proved a great day. Off the field, Cricket Week was a great success: we raised enough money to cover the costs of the roller revamp and will put the rest toward investing in coaching courses and equipment for the juniors. We also set out with the intention to put something back to the village and community and have made donations of £250 each to Click Sargent (supporting one of our junior players Josh Wilkinson's chosen cancer charity) and Egerton Pre-School. However, just as exciting as cricket week and the adult cricket was our debut and launch of a junior team in the Ashford & District U13 league.

This was complemented by the continued growth of softball cricket coaching on a Thursday evening for boys and girls. Next season we are planning on launching an U15 team (we are looking for players and qualified coaches). In the year when Ashford and Tenterden were forced to withdraw junior teams this was certainly a great achievement. Many thanks to our volunteer committee and parent support for making this happen.

With the season now closed, we will turn our attention to our awards dinner on the 19th November (at the Swan, Charing) and getting set for the annual Cricket Club Quiz (the Millennium Hall, Egerton) which takes place on Saturday 28th January 2017.

If you are interested in attending either of these then feel free to drop me, Sarah Elworthy or Paul Hope a line or visit <http://egerton.play-cricket.com/> for contact details. If we don't see you at one of these, we hope to see you next summer.

**DIARY DATE: Annual Cricket Club Quiz Saturday
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Parking will be restricted on the day on both The Street and around The Glebe. Residents in these areas are usually able to park in the School car park that day and there is also parking available around the village hall.

Festive celebrations start December 3rd

Egerton's traditional Christmas Fair will take place on Saturday December 3rd on the Glebe from 2.30pm to 4.30pm. The Fair is a fund-raiser for all the village clubs and societies that take a stall or pitch at the event.

Last year the event moved indoors to the Village Hall due to inclement weather but this is quite a rare occurrence and organisers are hoping that the weather is kind on the day.

The village's Christmas Tree will take pride of place on the Glebe and the many stalls and tables manned by village clubs and societies will offer good cheer!

The organising committee is hoping to hold carol singing and perhaps there will be a few performances from groups and individuals to add to the atmosphere.

Competitions include a children's colouring competition organised by local artist Cathy Hill (entries are available via The School or the Village Shop) and a cupcake competition for the best "Christmas-themed" cupcakes (please supply six which the organisers can then sell to raise money for the pre-school). Please bring your colouring competition and cupcake entries along on the day. Judging for both competitions will take place around 3pm.



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School Festive Diary

Sue Hubbard, Egerton School Business Manager reports on a busy season of events coming up

With term 1 of this academic year already behind us, we are getting ready to welcome the prospective parents who are looking for a space in our reception class in September 2017!

Our Open Morning takes place on Wednesday 16th November from 9am until 11am. Prospective parents are invited to visit the school where there will an opportunity to meet members of staff, take a tour of the school and to collect a copy of our current prospectus.

Term 2 includes the busy run up to Christmas. We have several dates for your diary;

- The KS1 nativity performance will take place in St James' Church on Monday 12 December at 6pm;
- Our Reception class will be putting on a short performance for parents on Tuesday 13 December at 2.30pm, this will take place in the school hall;
- KS2 will also be singing in the church at the Advent Service on Thursday 1 December from 6pm – 7pm.

In addition we have lots of exciting activities for our children.

- On 4th November the Friends will be running a disco, one for KS1 and one for KS2.
- On Wednesday 30 November we will be turning our school hall into a cinema for the children, to show a blockbuster film, what a great opportunity for parents to do some Christmas shopping!
- On Thursday 15 November we have our annual visit to the Marlowe Theatre to watch the pantomime Dick Whittington.

All the children and staff look forward to this whole school outing.

For those who are looking for those last minute Christmas presents why not visit the Friends Craft Fair held in the Millennium Hall on Saturday 19 November—further details will be in the school newsletter.

Tired & Emotional Quiz winners

At the inaugural Rose & Crown Quiz night in September a group of local ladies took top spot. The team, "Tired & Emotional" led by Sue Johnson were each presented with a commemorative mug and £30 each in prize money.



Popular Quiz tests knowledge



Around 20 tables of teams of six took part in this year's autumn Headcorn Scouts Quiz. Held on Saturday 15th October,

participants enjoyed 10 rounds of questions plus an Olympic themed bonus round. A supper of quiche, salad and cake was enjoyed by all. Table 15 were the overall winners. Headcorn Scouts announced at the event that it had finally paid off the loan for the Headcorn Scouts Hut. Headcorn Scouts will be holding two Quiz events in 2017—Saturday 25th March 2017 and Saturday 14th October 2017.

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Hamlet outdoors in 2017



Egerton House Arts came into being to encourage young or new artists and to give them the opportunity for exposure to the public. The events take place at Egerton House either in the beautiful music room or in the garden, writes Bonnie Gipps.

This year we had a 'mini-fest'. The wonderful Martin James Bartlett, winner of the 2014 BBC Young Musician of the Year played a varied programme of pieces on 30th July. The audience was enchanted and delighted by his playing on the Steinway piano, which he said was better than many of the London venues where he'd played! People are still commenting on that wonderful evening.

The following Tuesday and Wednesday, Egerton House were the hosts for Changeling Theatre Company performing 'She Stoops to Conquer' and 'All's Well that Ends Well' on the South Lawn. The audience loved the plays and the venue as the trees protected them from the wind which was in evidence on both those evenings. The parking wasn't too far away for those who had difficulty walking and the newly restored outside toilet meant there was no need for a hired chemical one!

The players loved the venue for the space and the fact that the acoustics were so good (because of the trees their voices didn't get lost over the ridge). Many people bought picnics and found that sometimes they or their food became part of the play! Delicious ice cream from Pluckley Farm Shop was also on offer. Next year Egerton House Arts will be hosting Changeling Theatre Company on Friday 28th July 2017 in their 20th year when they will be performing Shakespeare's 'Hamlet'.

FLYPAST AND REMEMBRANCE



Sheila and Alan Palmer wish to thank all those who attended the Service at the Memorial in Bedlam Lane.

They reported that it turned out to be a beautiful day weather wise, ideal for the Service conducted superbly by The Revd Canon Sheila Cox with music provided by Malcom Wood and the Last Post and Reveille provided by Roger Ely on his bugle. The hymn singing, they said, was a joy to hear. The flypast was provided by a Spitfire and Hurricane from the BBMF.

"We did think that this was to be our last, but thankfully Sue and John Palmer [who still farm the airfield] have offered to continue this.

"Please support them as you have us, thank you. What about supporting us on November 13th at the Remembrance Service in St James Church, Egerton at 10.45 am?", they said.

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Now renamed as Egerton Computer Centre, the facility will continue to offer the same services of computer help, photocopying, scanning, lamination and ancestry research, or even just a coffee and a chat for anyone wishing to drop by.

The computer clinic will continue to be open every Saturday between 10am and 12 noon and it is also possible book a 1-to-1 individual session – at a cost of £10 per hour. Anyone wishing to take up such a session should contact the Centre on 07990 574214 for further details. The Centre can also offer gift vouchers as a great idea for a Christmas present.

The installation of the new furniture has resulted in some of the previous office equipment becoming redundant and



if anyone has a need of an office chair, there is a small supply (similar to the one pictured) available. Anyone interested should contact the Centre.

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Pets and people

Concert-goers enjoyed a night of Swing Music from Miss Holly Chambers plus a moving performance from The Military Wives Choir (Brompton) at a special event to fund raise for two good causes on Saturday 8th October in the Village Hall.



The charities which benefitted from the event were the Smokey Paws Project, an animal charity, and also The Military Wives Choir Foundation Charity. Fund raiser for Smokey Paws, Chris Wheal, organised the event in association with the Smokey Paws charity plus Kent Fire and Rescue Service.

The Smokey Paws project aims to ensure that all 53 UK Fire and Rescue Services carry pet oxygen masks. Pets suffering from smoke inhalation have a better chance of being saved with a mask that fits. The project in Kent was launched in November 2015 and in less than a year, successful fundraising has ensured that ALL of Kent's fire engines now carry a pet oxygen mask kit like the one pictured (right).

The kits had already been used in around 70 rescues in Kent at the time of the concert.



Cricket Honour



Paul Hope of Egerton Cricket Club has been awarded the Pauline Cane Memorial Award for his contribution to cricket by the Kent Village League. The award was presented to Paul by the ex Kent and England wicket keeper Paul Nixon. Fellow club member Paul Chapman described Paul as "the perfect role model for our colts" and added that his passion for developing the youngsters is great to see and will enable the club to keep growing and improving.

Friends meet in pub!

The Egerton Friends are now meeting in the Rose and Crown every Wednesday from 11am. Following this Summer's Open Garden meetings the group has now raised £ 51045.73 since it started in 1999 with the majority of the monies coming back into village causes.

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Autumn/Winter Film Society Programme

Thursday 24 November - 7.00 for 7.30pm

"The Martian"
(2016)

Set in 2035, director Ridley Scott's smart, thrilling and surprisingly funny science-fiction film is a faithful adaptation of Andy Weir's bestselling book. There is a splendid performance from Matt Damon as an astronaut on Mars who is presumed dead after a fierce storm and is left behind with only a meagre amount of supplies when his fellow astronauts are forced to leave in a hurry. The stranded space traveller must utilize his wits and spirit to find a way to survive on a hostile planet and let mission control on earth know that he is still alive. This is an enthralling and rigorously realistic outerspace survival story and presents the most plausible version possible of a manned mission to Mars, made believable by the star charisma of the hugely likeable Damon and the detail of his day-to-day existence.

151 mins.

Here's what's coming up over the winter months from Egerton's Film Society. Performances are shown in the Village Hall

Thursday 29 December - 6.30 for 7.00pm

"Zootropolis"
(2012)

Walt Disney Animation's very funny, and very likeable holiday treat from directors Byron Howard, Rich Moore and Jared Bush is set in a city populated by all creatures great and small, from tiny rodents to towering giraffes. Rookie cop Judy Hopps, the first rabbit on the force, is determined to prove that she's much more than a "dumb bunny". Assigned to parking patrol, Judy picks up the scent of a missing mammal case, and manages to corral a sly fox into aiding her investigation.

108 mins.

Admission to performances is priced at £4.00 for all members and £5.00 for guests/non-members.

Thursday 26 January - 7.00 for 7.30pm
"Hot Fuzz"
(2007)

Director Edgar Wright successfully sends up the buddy cop genre with this biting satirical, sometimes violent and hugely entertaining parody. Simon Pegg stars as a grossly over-achieving London policeman transferred to a tranquil and supposedly crime-free village in Gloucestershire in this very funny, very British murder mystery which mutates into a gleeful yet ironic pastiche of dozens of American action movies - including the usual high body count. With a series of cameos and delightful running gags, Wright marshals a remarkable cast of British veteran actors including Nick Frost, Jim Broadbent, Rafe Spall, Timothy Dalton, Steve Coogan, Martin Freeman, Edward Woodward, Billie Whitelaw and Bill Nighy who all play it straight. Pegg and Frost have a high time sending up every Hollywood police movie convention imaginable.

115 mins.

Phone box threat

Egerton Parish Council has written to British Telecom to object to the proposed removal of the telephone box (Tel: 01233 756339) in the centre of our village. The proposal to object was unanimously approved by the Parish Council members. The reasons for the objections were:

1. The village of Egerton is a small, isolated community and this is the only public telephone box in the village and its surrounding area
2. There are no public buildings or facilities in the village that remain open and accessible outside of business hours or late at night where an alternative public telephone could be used, especially in the case of an emergency
3. Egerton is very poorly served by the mobile telephone operators and the signal is non-existent in most parts of the village. Furthermore, it is very weak in areas of the village that are able to access a very limited connection with a mobile phone cell. This is evidenced by the Parish Council's repeated, yet currently unfulfilled, attempts to persuade a mobile phone operator to install a booster or a new phone mast in the village
4. Our village has a high percentage of elderly residents, many of who have not yet embraced the concept of mobile telephones and who still look to our last remaining telephone box, which is situated right in the heart of our village, as a comforting emergency feature
5. Our village has no street lighting whatsoever, so it is very dark at nights and so there most likely would be little willingness or ability for people to knock on strangers' doors to ask to use a telephone, in an emergency for example. The telephone box, when its light is working, is a welcome and reassuring 'beacon' in our village for residents and visitors.
6. We have already lost two other telephone boxes in the village and the current BT proposal intends to remove telephone boxes in our neighbouring villages as well - Charing Heath and Pluckley - meaning that the nearest facilities will only be in the neighbouring but distant urban areas. Ashford is almost 10 miles from Egerton and Maidstone is 14.5 miles from our village.



7. Little general use of this telephone box does not mean that it is not an essential emergency feature of our village. The village has a formal Emergency Plan in place which relies on the availability of a public telephone box. In major incidents, land lines are often the only means of continued access to a communications system - for example in the London terrorist bombings of 7/7/05 the mobile telephone system was closed down by the security services and telephone boxes were the only means by which the public in Central London could contact their relatives and loved ones. Our village unfortunately experiences power failures on frequent occasions but the telephone box always remains functional in such circumstances. The Parish Council said it would be happy to discuss this matter further and invited representatives from BT to visit our village before the consultation deadline of December 3rd, 2016.



Laugh-A-Minute tops £7,700

Egerton's Laugh A Minute Event has now raised a magnificent total of £7,700 once all sponsorship monies were counted.

The event, which was held in June was raising money for children's cancer charity Clic Sargent and to support local boy Josh Wilkinson.

The charity supports children with cancer and their families, both physically and emotionally.

Sylvia Homewood, and Beryl Wynter were the biggest collectors of sponsors, raising about £400 each.

Ladies Rusty Rackets

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Riders get on their bikes for cancer charity

Twenty-eight riders set out on a 44-mile cycle to raise money for the Clc Sargent children's cancer charity. Event organiser Stephen Fooks writes



Fact File:

- 28 riders
- 44 miles
- £1,200 raised
- First riders home: 1pm
- Last riders home: at 2.45pm

The morning of Sunday September 18th had started a bit misty at 6am but with bunting and signs going up, the kettle was on when the first riders started to assemble at 8.15.

By 8.30 the mist had lifted and the morning was turning into a glorious day. The ride departed from Willow Cottage Stables at 9.20 and soon became strung out over about a mile from first to last rider. The first hill came at about 2.5 miles climbing up Church Road towards Boughton Malherbe. From the church we turned left towards East Sutton and had a great downhill into Headcorn and on to Frittenden, turning towards Smarden and on to Bethersden, where at 22 miles we had our halfway break. Our halfway point was very kindly organised by Lorraine Carlton and family and all riders were cheered in by the Fooks and Carlton children. When we had finished all the home baked cake, melons, grapes and oranges we headed off towards Great Chart, from here turning towards Godington Park and through to Westwell. A lovely meandering road took us to Charing and up the very steep hill, The Wynd, from there following Bowl Road and finally dropping back into Egerton. When we finished the ride and were met again by very enthusiastic children cheering us home. More home made cake, melon, grapes, oranges, tea and coffee were devoured and a fair amount of post ride chat was had. Thanks must go to all the helpers, cake bakers, donators and riders that made the day as enjoyable and successful as it was. We are already planning for next year! Stephen organised the event in support of local boy Josh Wilkinson and his family who are being helped by CLIC Sargent as Josh goes through treatment. Josh's father Martin took part in the bike ride.

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What's your emergency?

Kent County Council has issued guidelines to help residents know what to do in an emergency. In this issue we cover Flood, Fire, High Wind and Cold Weather

FLOOD: If Flooding Happens:

- report property flooding or river blockages to the Environment Agency on 0800 807060;
- if there's raw sewage in your property, keep out. See if you can stay elsewhere until it's been decontaminated.

After a Flood:

- find out if it's safe to return to your property by checking the media and local authority website;
- for further advice on what to do before, during and after a flood, check the Environment Agency website www.environment-agency.gov.uk

FIRE: Be Prepared:

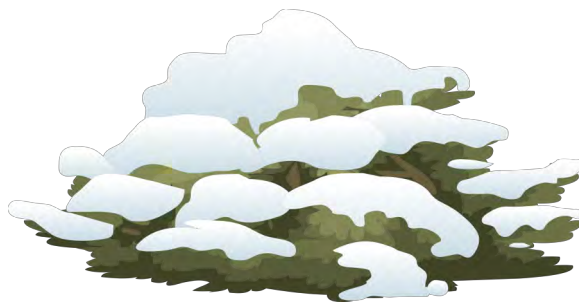
- contact Kent Fire and Rescue Service on 0800 9237000 for free home fire safety advice and services;
- fit and maintain smoke alarms - at least one on every floor. Test your smoke alarms weekly;
- make sure you have planned your escape route in case of fire and that everybody in the house knows what to do;
- plan an escape route should fire break out at night (most fire deaths occur while people are sleeping);
- don't overload electricity sockets;
- never leave cooking or candles unattended.

If Fire Breaks Out:

- get out; stay out; dial 999 and follow the Fire Service advice
- if you're moving or trapped in smoke, stay close to the floor where the air is.

HIGH WIND

- secure or store loose objects outside so that they cannot be blown and create a hazard;
- close and fasten doors and windows securely;
- stay indoors as much as possible. **Don't** go outside to repair damage during a storm;
- find shelter in a substantial, permanent and enclosed building;
- slow down if driving on exposed routes such as across bridges; find less exposed routes if possible;
- don't touch electrical or phone cables that have blown down or are hanging loose.



HEAVY SNOW AND EXTREME COLD

Be Prepared:

- make sure you've got enough insulation around your water tank(s), loft and external water pipes;
- check you have de-icer, salt/grit and the necessary tools to keep your home safe and clear of snow;
- keep your heating to the right temperature, e.g. 18 degrees C/65 degrees F bedroom and 21 degrees C/70 degrees F dayroom.;
- to keep up-to-date with the latest forecast and for information about cold weather alerts, visit metoffice.gov.uk

When Cold Weather Happens:

Walking Outdoors: wear several layers to avoid losing heat; cover your head; keep moving your arms and legs to help the blood circulate;

- wear practical footwear that's warm and has a good grip.

Travelling: consider whether you really need to make the journey;

- if snow or ice is forecast, make sure you and your car are fully prepared for the trip;
- take warm clothes, food, water, fully charged mobile phone, torch, spade and possibly a reflective jacket;
- tell somebody when you expect to arrive and the route you plan to take;
- make sure there's enough screenwash in the washers and carry some spare for top-ups;
- remember it can take 10 times as long to stop in these conditions;
- if you start to skid, ease gently off the accelerator and avoid braking;
- if braking, pump the brakes, don't slam them on;
- if you get stuck, stay with your car and tie something brightly coloured to the aerial.

In and Around Your Home

Keep paths around your property clear of snow by using salt or grit; knock down any icicles to prevent them falling on passers-by; consider getting together with neighbours to clear footpaths and community areas. Check on elderly and vulnerable neighbours to make sure that they are OK.

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Well-being and community safety on agenda

Our borough councillor, Geraldine Dyer reports

In May 2016, Councillor George Koowaree was installed as the new

Mayor of Ashford and has by now visited many parts of the borough, performing mayoral duties and meeting residents. He is always delighted to be invited to events, and likes to present awards at schools, athletic competitions, and other occasions.

Meanwhile, after my mayoral year, I have returned to normal duties as Borough Councillor and Member for Weald North Ward - Egerton and Smarden. My responsibilities are now part of a varied portfolio which takes in health and wellbeing, and community safety. There are regular meetings of the Community Safety Partnership, where partners work together to prevent crime in the borough and protect the residents. In health and wellbeing, Ashford has a poor record in terms of smoking and obesity, and task groups are working to persuade residents of the

advantages of a healthier lifestyle. The draft Local Plan 2030 was published for consultation last month. This shows the Council's aspirations for the borough, and it gave residents a chance to comment on proposals which will affect the whole borough for years to come. I sympathise with those who tried to operate the online system which proved something of a challenge, and may well have discouraged some from participating in the consultation process.

The Community Grant Scheme has supported many village projects financially. The Preschool, Egerton Millennium Hall, St James Church, Egerton Film Society, and the Christmas Fair have all benefited from this Ashford Borough Council fund, which I have the pleasure of dispensing. If there are other projects in need of support, please contact me. There is still some money left for this year.

It has been a pleasure to meet residents

at my Borough Council 'surgery' on the first Tuesday of each month. This provides an opportunity to discuss planning matters, or other council-related issues of concern. Parish Council meetings, also on the first Tuesday, are a great chance to see first hand how the village is cared for on a daily basis, and residents often go along to comment on a village matter or planning application.

The duties and responsibilities are shared by the Parish Councillors and I am always very impressed by their hard work and that of the Parish Clerk.

Finally, I'd like to mention Damian Green, our MP, who is now a Cabinet Minister with responsibility for Work and Pensions.

He is a very dedicated representative of his constituency and works extremely hard on our behalf. It is a well-earned promotion and I wish him every success.



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Runners try out a 'Tri'



For the second year running, Egerton Running Club held its fun Triathlon around the roads and lanes in the village this September. Winner of the Tri was Al Jones of Egerton Forstal. The club would like to thank Sarah and Jonathon Elworthy for hosting the BBQ which followed the sporting event.



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The next issue of *Egerton Update* will be distributed in February 2017. Between now and then we welcome your photographs, and reports, of all the news that is happening in your club or society. We would also love to receive details of what you have been up to over the autumn months and what is coming up in Egerton during the festive season and winter. All you do is email your contribution to **egertonupdate@gmail.com**. The final copy date for editorial contributions will be January 13th 2017. Please, where you can, send us a photo to illustrate events and meetings reports.



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Millennium Hall Update



Chairman of the Village Hall Committee Sue Johnson reports:
Emergency Telephone: Because mobile phone reception can be poor, there is now a telephone situated in the Foyer

(on the wall with the outside light switches) which will dial one number only (999) and does not take incoming calls.

Price Increases: Overhead costs are rising all the time and the Management Committee has reluctantly decided to increase the hourly rate from 1st January 2017 (the last rise was in 2013). The new rates will be: Village rate: £7.50/hour.

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All other booking fees remain unchanged.

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Players onboard for Musical

Egerton Players' next production will be *The Railway Children - A Musical*; with Book and Lyrics by Julian Woolford and Music by Richard John.

Adapted from the novel by E. Nesbit, this is a classic coming of age story set in the era of the steam train. The whole musical takes place in the memory of Perks, the Stationmaster, with the emotional core of the musical being Bobbie's rite of passage to adulthood over one long, adventurous summer.

The Director of this exciting show is Wendy Thomas, with Musical Director, Ciara Crossley-Roberts and Technical Director, Neil Crossley-Roberts. Performances will take place Thursday 16th February - Saturday 18th February 2017 at 7.30pm with an additional matinee performance on Saturday 18th at 2.30pm in Egerton Millennium Hall. Tickets are priced at £9.00 for adults and £6 for children and will be on sale soon. Tickets will be available at the Players Quiz Night on 26th November (see page 24) at the Millennium Hall or check the website: www.egertonplayers.com for further details.

Egerton Players is a thriving village society with over 50 fully paid up members. We are always keen to recruit new members to the group. If you're interested in acting, singing, directing or helping out in general we're happy to welcome anyone who wants to get involved. Please email our Secretary, Vanessa, at secretary@egertonplayers.com for more details or a membership application form.



Hot September

This temperature of 34.7 degrees Celsius was recorded at 2pm on Rock Hill Road on the hottest September day for 100 years – September 13th 2016.

Going “Batty” in Egerton

Gale King writes:

In mid-September, a cheery band of volunteers gathered in St. James' churchyard, Egerton, for the annual cut-down and rake-up of the area of grass which is left long during the summer to encourage wildflowers and provide food and shelter for insects, birds, small mammals and reptiles.

(In June, children from the local Primary School were thrilled to be shown slow worms found under the mats laid down here to attract them). We were spared the arduous task of actually cutting the long grass, as Peter Wilcock had worked hard strimming the area a few days before. This had allowed the cut grass to dry out and flower seed to fall before the rake-up.

Raking up the grass is important, as it helps to encourage more delicate flower species and discourage coarser ones.

Many hands made (relatively) light work of the raking up and, fortified by mugs of coffee and delicious cake baked by Sarah Widd, we then set about cutting back bramble and dead branches, particularly where they were encroaching on the perimeter path and around the bug hotel. The un-named grave plot under the ash tree to the left of the grassy path leading from the West door, which was sown with wildflower seed this spring and produced a pleasing display over the summer, has also been weeded and will be re-sown in the hope of more flowers next year.

On 23rd September, a bat walk led by Kent Bat Group expert Shirley Thompson, as in previous years, once again proved very popular. The children were excited to find bat droppings inside the church and to catch sight of the bats outside at dusk and to hear, with the aid of bat detectors, their echolocation calls (heard as a series of clicks) as they darted about over our heads, silhouetted against the evening sky.

We learned that there are at least two similar but different species present – the common pipistrelle and the soprano pipistrelle. As the name suggests, the latter is distinguished by its higher frequency calls. One pipistrelle weighs only about 5 grams (equivalent to a 20 pence piece), but can eat up to 3,000 small insects in one night.

We are looking forward to more 'adventures' in the churchyard in 2017. In the meantime, look out for displays of work by the children from Egerton Primary School in the children's corner at the back of the Church.



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Dancers, Dogs and Dickens - all at the WI

Angela Plant reports on Egerton's WI

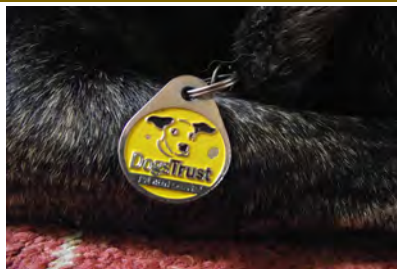
At the August meeting our president, Liz Wyndham, gave us the good news that Sandy Filmer had become a proud and lucky grandma on two occasions within five days when her daughters both gave birth to sons.

Congratulations to Sandy and both of her daughters.

The speaker was Lee Reynolds where she gave a presentation on her *life as a "Tiller Girl"*. Lee is a lively slim lady who is still dancing though not as vigorously as she was as a "Tiller Girl". Ten of our members were persuaded to go out to the front and demonstrate a few of the routines which included high kicks - well done to them. Lee also recounted some amusing tales of when she was a speaker on cruise liners. The competition for an "Olympic Games" theme cake was won by Claire Foinette.

Claire Foinette stood in for Liz who was on holiday for the September meeting and welcomed a new member, Jenny White.

We had a complete team of six to represent us at "The Top Team Quiz" which took place at Canterbury on Wednesday 27th October, and all of the members wished them the best of luck. The September speaker was Lara Murphy who works at the Canterbury



"Dogs Trust" re-homing centre and was accompanied by Tizzy a thirteen year old "Scottie" who occasionally wandered around but spent most of her time asleep on her bed. We were told about the history of the "Dogs Trust" which was founded in 1891 and was called "The National Canine Defence League"; it remained under this title until renamed in 2002 to its present title. There are now twenty-one re-homing centres in the United Kingdom and Ireland.

Lara also went on to explain some of the work carried out by them and that the vast majority of dogs are found good new homes where they are looked after and cared for and live quite happily.

The "Dogs Trust" are only funded by donations, legacies, sponsors and fund raising events. It was an interesting and excellent presentation.

There was no competition this month but there was an exhibition of candlesticks on display.

The October meeting was opened by Liz Wyndham who went on to give an update on members who had been unwell two of whom were so much better they were able to attend the meeting which was good news.

The charity coffee morning held at Sara Martin's home on Friday 30th September was well attended and raised over £200 for McMillan nurses.

Five of our members went on an outing to Windsor castle where there was an exhibition of some of the Queen's dresses on display. They were mainly evening dresses and all were lovely as was the whole day, thoroughly enjoyable.

The speaker at the October meeting was Jennifer Ide whose topic was *Charles Dickens at Gads Hill*. Jennifer read out many of the letters Charles Dickens had sent to friends and relations, also some that he had received in reply. Charles Dickens bought Gads Hill in 1855 and lived there permanently from 1860. It was a very interesting subject which was accompanied with slides.

FUTURE EVENTS

Wednesday 7th December : Egerton WI Christmas Party.

Monday 12th December : Group Carol Service at Smarden church.

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Sixteen exhibitors showcased their wares to visitors to the event covering aspects of wedding planning such as wedding invitations, transport, bespoke cakes, guest entertainment, gifts and favours, bridal wear, make-up and floral suppliers.

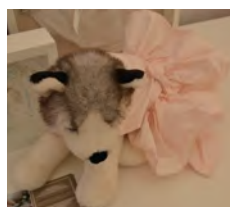
Many of the exhibitors are Kent-based companies including Maidstone-based, and family-run bridal wear supplier, Jodi and wedding cake makers, Orange Rabbit Cakes, also based in Maidstone and Dungeness-based “couture” celebration cakes supplier, Beachcomber Cakes. Other Kent-based suppliers included Cupcake Avenue and Ashford based make-up artist Ruth Ashcroft.

Entertainers such as Spencer Wood, Magician and the “Halfway to New York” house band were also on site alongside wedding photographer Greg Allen and Wine supplier, Department 33.

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A Macmillan Coffee Morning was held at Box Farm, the home of Sara Martin, on Friday 30th September.

She was assisted by her friends and other members of Egerton WI and the final total raised was a magnificent £331.20. Some wonderful cakes and biscuits were donated, including some beautifully decorated cupcakes made by Jacque Jeffries granddaughter, Samantha. It was a beautiful morning and many guests sat outside in Sara's lovely garden for their refreshments. This is the first time Sara has held a charity coffee morning but has already decided that she will do the same next year.



A glorious plate of Macmillan themed cupcakes plus many other home-bakes were enjoyed by all



Thank you for lighting up our village

Jan Burgess writes:

There is something very welcoming about the lighting round St James at night, especially so when returning on a dark winter's night and looking forward to getting home. There are a few, it has to be said, who would still prefer to see the village in darkness, but the majority have made it clear that the lighting should stay – and here is the right place to offer a big thank you to Rob Stevens. Rob, who most of you know, lives opposite the church, has for years minded the floodlighting. Each new season he changes the timer, so that only the dark hours are lit and when

there's a problem, such as a new bulb needed, it's Rob who attends to it. The installation of the floodlighting was originally organised and paid for in Christmas 1991 by a village member, David Parslow, who later moved away, but it has been Rob ever since the installation who has taken care of it. Yes, there is a cost involved and over recent years we have welcomed several donations from people in the village and also the Parish Council and the church is grateful for this help. With autumn here, winter on the way, and Rob in attendance, St James will continue to glow brightly for us.





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Sunday 27th Advent Sunday 09.30 The Eucharist

DECEMBER

Sunday 4th Advent 2 09.30 Matins

Sunday 11th Advent 3 09.30 The Eucharist

Sunday 18th Advent 4 08.00 Holy Communion
10.30 Benefice Communion in Charing Heath
18.00 Carol Service

Saturday 24th Christmas Eve 15.00 Crib Service
23.30 Midnight Eucharist

Sunday 25th Christmas Day 09.30 Family Eucharist

JANUARY 2017 (Please note change to Pattern of Services)

Sunday 1st Naming of Jesus 09.30 Family Service

Sunday 8th Baptism of Christ 09.30 No Service in Egerton

Sunday 15th Epiphany 2 09.30 Matins

Sunday 22nd Epiphany 3 09.30 The Eucharist

Sunday 29th Epiphany 4 10.30 Benefice Communion (Venue to be confirmed)

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Down memory lane



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was the photo taken?
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or to [jona-
than@elworthys.com](mailto:jona-
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A good sign!



Following the story in the last issue of *Egerton Update*, we are very pleased to now report that the missing road sign at the junction of Crockenhill Road and Forstal Road has been replaced by Kent County Council, with a smart, brand-new sign.

Harry comes "home" to Egerton



Harry Bragg (1923-2016)

Former Egerton resident, Harry Bragg, finally came home earlier this month when his ashes were scattered and a tree planted in his memory in the lower recreation ground.

Over forty of Harry's friends and local residents were present as Harry's daughters, Beverley and Bebe (Barbara), planted a Himalayan Birch tree and gave a eulogy about their father. Harry's widow, Dorothy, who lives in Avalon near Sydney,



Australia, was sadly unable to make the journey to England to join them.

Harry and Dorothy moved to Egerton in the early 1970s and Harry, who played an active part in village life here (as reported in the obituary in our May issue), had always considered the village to be 'home'. They moved to Australia in the early 1990s to be nearer to their two daughters, but still regularly returned to Egerton, Harry's last visit being in 2007.

After the ceremony, everyone gathered in "The Barrow House" which, as "The George", had been Harry's favourite 'local', to lift a glass and share their memories of a good friend who had lived a long and exceptional life.

Births, Marriages & Deaths



FUNERALS

Joan MANUEL (Egerton)

Joan died on Friday 15th July 2016 aged 79. Her funeral took place at St. James the Great, Egerton, followed by cremation at Charing Crematorium, on Tuesday 2nd August 2016.

Philip William PITCHER (Egerton)

Philip died on Sunday 25th August 2016 aged 93. His funeral took place at St. James the Great, Egerton, followed by burial in the churchyard, on Tuesday 13th September 2016

Yvonne Mowyth HUGHES (Egerton)

Yvonne died on Saturday 10th September 2016 aged 80. Her funeral took place at Charing Crematorium on Friday 23rd September 2016.



Harry's daughters wrote a letter of thanks to his Egerton friends



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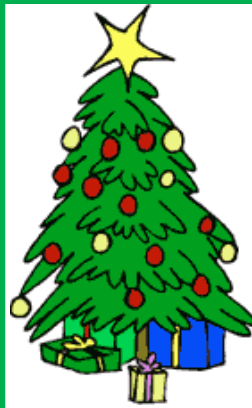
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Christmas (December) Services at Egerton: St.James

Sunday 18th - 6pm - Carol Service

(Come early to get a seat at this popular service)

Saturday 24th - 3pm - Crib Service

(Children may like to dress up as one of the characters in the nativity story... a king perhaps or a donkey, or Mary, or a shepherd.)

Saturday 24th - 11.30pm - Midnight Communion

(Come and celebrate the dawning of Christmas Day with carols, prayers and the sharing of Communion.)

Sunday 25th - 9.30am - Family Communion

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We ask that each person makes just a £10 donation for the church.

To join this amazing adventure you must reside in Egerton and sign up before the 4th November by emailing John at john@johnandjuliette.com or calling John or Juliette on 01233 756197



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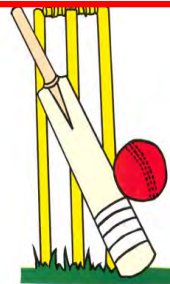
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Obituaries: Remembering

Priscilla Harper writes

Philip was born on the 19th March 1923 in Banbury, Oxfordshire. His father died when he was nine, leaving his widowed Mother Margaret to bring him up along with his sisters Joan and Edeth.

As a young lad he had a pet Jackdaw which used to take shiny objects and put them in a tree. Philip would then climb the tree to retrieve them.

As a teenager he did a paper round and was a member of a band which was known variously as the Easington Coronation Band, the jazz band or Kazoo band. Grandad called it the Poorah Band.

Before joining the army he worked delivering laundry for the co-op and beer for the brewery. During the war his army unit was stationed at Newlands, Charing. While here the soldiers would frequent the local pubs and it was here that he met his wife to be Beatrice Rye. Their marriage nearly did not take place as there were unfounded rumours that he was already married. The commanding officer was called to swear that Philip was in fact single. The marriage went ahead at St James by special licence on the 9th June 1944. There was no time for a honeymoon; a few days later he left as part of

the D day landings. He left for France on D6. As a soldier in the REME he became part of the 79th Armoured Division and travelled through France and Belgium to Berlin. He did not talk much about the war but used to say how Berlin was devastated and he felt sorry for the beggars and starving children. His unit made a collection to buy toys for the orphans.

On his return there was his wife and his five year old daughter Priscilla. Three years later Jennifer was born. He spent the next 40 years working for John Le Trobe driving bulldozers and other plant.

In later years he worked at Ashford tip bringing home an assortment of otherwise unwanted items such as a sign marked "Steptoe's yard."

The highlight of his year was to return to Easington Road in October when the fair arrived in Banbury. Priscilla and Jennifer would go with him every year to enjoy the fair and of course the delicious Banbury Cakes which you cannot find in Kent.

In the 70s his grandchildren Kevin and Gina would go there until they finished primary school.

Philip liked to tell us that he went to High



School..... The one on the hill. And that he went to Oxford..... to deliver the milk. There was also a story about falling off a sledge, landing on a frozen cow pat and breaking his nose.

He enjoyed going out of a weekend to grasstrack and then to the coast for cockles. Along with his nephews he went to wrestling matches at the corn exchange Ashford and the Market Hall in Maidstone. He went to Speedway in Canterbury, and the World Championships at Wembley. At Margate he would always go on the Scenic Railway. Another firm favourite were traction engine rallies. On one occasion I was on his shoulders... I was somewhat shorter then. I had been lifted up to see what was happening when his trousers fell down. The family found this so amusing it was sometime before anyone pulled the trousers up again. So now you know why he wore braces.

If you visited after dark you had to be careful not to be pecked by Billy the parrot. He would often be let out and would wander around looking for things to bite on including your shoe laces.



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Philip Harper & Joan Manuel

While learning to drive he let Gina drive home from the fish and chip van. He must have thought she was going too fast as he put his foot down as if braking. Unfortunately his foot went into the supper of fish and chips. Philip loved food especially anything sweet. He particularly liked doughnuts. After three in one go he would not want his dinner. And if you asked why did you eat three he would say "somebody made me".

His wife noticed his memory was not so good and in 2011 he was diagnosed with vascular dementia. After her death in 2012 he was looked after by his family with help from carers. Living on his own he enjoyed visits and was lucky enough to have his neighbours Liz, Mary and Margaret who would call in and make tea, and his weekly visits from Debbie, Carolyn and Sheila. He enjoyed Cali the dog and Sheila's daughter Betsie. Another regular visitor was David who had known Philip for 50 years.

A highlight of his later years was in 2010 when his wife was guest of honour at the opening of the new Headcorn Scout Hut. She was known for her marmalade but Philip was very much involved in the process cutting up peel. When the new hut was opened he was thrilled as they were both driven there by Alan Carr in Shirley Bassey's pink Rolls-Royce.

Joan's family writes:

Joan was born on the 14th March 1937 at British Legion Village Aylesford where she lived with her Mum, Dad and brother Lawrence.

Her mother Hilda came from Cheshire and was the eldest of six, her father Alfred came from Folkestone and was the youngest of six. Most of her father's brothers and sisters emigrated to Canada after the first world war and later her brother emigrated to Australia. In the Spring of 1944 Joan was evacuated to Wales and on arrival at a small town near Aberystwyth as a seven year old showed the determination that all of you will recognise by refusing to leave the station until a family agreed to take Joan and her brother together.

As a teenager Joan served an apprenticeship as a hairdresser and there she met her life-long friend Angela Maddocks. With many relatives abroad, Joan had plans to emigrate to Canada. However, at a dance in the Star ballroom in Maidstone she met Roy and somehow he managed to persuade her that it was worthwhile her staying in the UK a little longer (perhaps it was the national service air force uniform!). They were married in 1958.

By this time Joan had risen to become manageress of the Reed Paper Group hair-dressing salon and lived at Allington for several years, where Donna and Jonathan were born. Roy's job then gave them the opportunity to live and work in Corbridge, Northumberland, and it was here that they both joined a choral society and developed their lifetime interest in music. After a few years they returned to Kent and lived at Platts Heath, before moving to Egerton in 1980.

Joan had tremendous energy and enthusiasm and over the years entertained many of the relatives in style, with one of the Canadians remarking, "How can she produce all that food on that little cooker!"

Joan regularly visited most of the overseas family in Canada, America and Australia and enjoyed many cruises to various parts of the world. Moving to the countryside enabled Joan to develop one of her other passions, gardening, with the beautiful garden at Brown's Kitchen testament to her hard work and creativity.

Joan loved Egerton life and in the Egerton Community Joan applied her energy, humour and her wide range of practical and emotional talents to great effect, and we think these were perfectly summed up by Janine in her lovely tribute in Pew News:

On the 15th July, our Joan left this life. I say "Our Joan" because her whole life was devoted to others. Joan's family was the most important part of her life. They were all loved and highly thought of. Then there was the church: how St James enjoyed the time and care given to it by Joan, acting as



verger for weddings, funerals and baptisms, singing in the choir, preparing Mothering Sunday posies, delivering church Christmas cards, cleaning the church, being a member of the flower guild, ordering candles – the list just goes on and on. How often, in the week, would Joan have popped into the church and changed the altar cloth? And never a moment of self congratulation: she just wanted things to be carried out correctly. Then of course, there was the village. Joan took part in so many village activities over the years, indoor bowls, table tennis, Egerton Players, the walking group: she shopped in the village shop and loved the Farmers' market. Everyone who met Joan was greeted with a smile and a chat and if you ever visited Brown's Kitchen there would be a plate of homemade cakes on the table. Joan was part of the village and we all miss her friendly, smiling face and helpful ways. A very special person."

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Seasonal Fayre

Helen Baird runs Pluckley Farm Shop. Here she talks about an unusual phobia—a fear of apples!

What is Malusdomesticaphobia? If you suffered with this condition then you would truly miss out on a treat. Malusdomesticaphobia is the fear of apples. Nothing ceases to amaze me! What a shame that would be living here in Egerton. Not only is the humble apple one of the nations favourite fruit (second only to the banana), we are blessed to have beautiful farming orchards in the village. Give me orchards, wheat fields and pasture over a country park any day! With the autumnal sunshine pull on your boots and explore our footpaths! I personally love the footpath walk through Court Lodge to Egerton House. The new fruit tree planting there does not detract from its beauty as I enjoy seeing our countryside properly farmed and managed, and not just as a “green space” outside of our towns.

A Few Fruity Seasonal Facts:

- China is the largest grower of apples, with the origin thought to be in Asia;
- America is the second largest grower despite the crabapple being it's only native species, the rest being taken over by European settlers;
- Apples are part of the rose family, as are pears and plums;
- There are apparently 7,500 varieties of apple! If you ate an apple a day it would take 20 years to try one of each.
- When “apple bobbing” have you ever wondered why an apple floats? It is because 25% of an apple is made up of air;
- The science of apple growing is known as Pomology – perhaps this is why the Brits are sometimes referred to as Poms – I don't know?
- An apple is often seen in paintings of Adam & Eve and yet the bible does not refer to it;
- Whilst an apple is high in nutrients, vitamin and fibre, one apple also contains 130 calories. Most of the goodness is in the peel.
- Apple pips contain cyanide! The body is able to tolerate small amounts, such as apple pips.
- Lastly, and most importantly, taking apples from trees on private land is THEFT! Don't deprive the farmer of his crop.

(All information taken from the internet)

I normally give a seasonal recipe but you're not getting my Mum's apple pie recipe. We're keeping that a secret for the farm shop. There are only so many fruit desserts one can make when there is a glut of produce so why not try preserving them. Try apple chutney or apple jam. See the WI website www.thewi.org.uk/what-we-do/recipes



Gardening group AGM

The PEGS AGM on the 20th October, 2016 was a very jolly affair, over 56 members came and enjoyed a delicious fish and chip supper from the Chequers Fish Bar in Lenham as well as participating in a light hearted gardening Quiz which was won by Jill Thorne. The photo competition of Sunsets and Sunrises was won again by John Smith. Chairman Patsy Morss welcomed everyone with a glass of wine and dealt very efficiently and quickly with the business of the AGM, so we could get on with the more important business of chatting. Five members joined the committee and eleven people joined the society. Patsy told everyone about a Plant Splitting afternoon on the 13th Nov. At The Hollies (next door to the Rose & Crown Pub) 2.30-4.00pm. Bring and buy surplus plants 50p-£1, all money goes to a chosen Charity, bring your own cup for tea and coffee, everyone welcome, also new members, gardening knowledge not required. Or E-mail us at pluckleygardeningociety@gmail.com and Patsy will get back to you.

Autumn gold in Egerton



As the days grew shorter during October, the magnificent trees of Egerton once again put on a glorious display of Autumn colour, none more so than this splendid tree in the 'triangle' at Pembroles Cross.

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2017 - A year of changes

In each issue of *Egerton Update* I aim to provide some tips around important areas of financial planning. In this, our fourth issue, Martin Wilkinson gives an overview of 2017 and some of the key financial planning areas individuals and families could benefit from, with our help where appropriate.

Could this be the year that defines our long term future?

- The ongoing effect of the EU referendum with the possible start of 'Brexit',
- A new President of the USA,
- Thousands of businesses being hit by ever closer Auto Enrolment deadlines,
- The commencement of the Main Residence Nil Rate Band for Inheritance Tax,
- A record increase in the ISA allowance,
- Further restrictions to tax relief on Pension Contributions.

Do you make the most of your tax efficient allowances and reliefs each year?

The UK is a highly and aggressively taxed nation - are you aware of the

legitimate ways in which you are able to reduce or mitigate your own tax liabilities?

1. The Marriage Allowance Here's a little gem (as a Christmas present!)

The Marriage Allowance lets you transfer £1,100 of your Personal Allowance (the amount of income you get before you start paying tax) to your husband, wife or civil partner - if they earn more than you.

This reduces their tax by up to £220 in the tax year (6th April to the following 5th April).

To benefit as a couple the lower earner must have an income of £11,000 or less.

You can get Marriage Allowance if all the following apply:

- you're married or in a civil partnership
- you don't earn anything or your income is under £11,000
- your partner's income is between £11,001 and £43,000

It's easy to apply for – let us know if you'd like any help.

2. ISA Allowance

The limit for the Individual Savings Account (ISA) (saving free from income tax and capital gains tax) will be increased in April 2017 to **£20,000** and you are able to invest this into either Cash or Investments and transfer between the two.

- The average return on a Cash ISA is **just 0.83%** with over £240 billion invested in this low interest, short term savings vehicle that takes much less advantage of the tax free allowances as it makes no capital gain (and saves the tiniest amount of income tax)

- Junior ISAs are available to a current maximum of **£4,080** per tax year. It can be a great way for Parents or Grandparents to help the next generation in a tax efficient way and there is also the option to transfer the Child Trust fund into Junior ISAs which will help to gain more control for parents over their child's fund when the child reaches the age of 18.

3. Retirement Planning

Working people currently aged 45 will be the first generation ever to

retire with lower retirement income than their predecessors... however;

- We now have freedom of choice with regards to how we are able to withdraw from our retirement funds. No longer is it absolutely necessary to have an Annuity as more flexible routes are available for everyone.

- Upon death, a pension fund is able to

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- As the fund is under your control, so is the tax that is paid when withdrawing funds so planning and taking advice is key!

- Do you have any unused annual allowance from previous years that you could use in pension planning? Can we help you maximize this valuable allowance before it is changed/reduced further?

4. **Capital Gains Tax**

Do you have an asset (such as a second property, taxable investments or a business) that you need to sell but are not too sure about how to mitigate the Capital Gains Tax liability or an Income Tax bill?

- There are some specialist investments which provide Government approved tax relief where it is possible to reduce/defer/mitigate both Capital Gains Tax and Income Tax.

5. **Inheritance Tax**

- Are you fully utilising your small gift allowance and regular gifting from income to gain an immediate reduction in any possible Inheritance Tax liability?

- Are you aware of and using your annual gifting exemptions and inter-spouse transfers to reduce the burden on your estate and beneficiaries?

- Have you heard of the new Main Residence Nil Rate Band that starts to come into effect in April 17 and could, by 2020 provide a £1 million "Nil Rate Band" estate (i.e. free from Inheritance Tax)? There are conditions attached so please do let us know if you need help understanding whether it is relevant to you and your family.

And finally.... ask yourself:

Are there a number of very important financial decisions I will need to make; Some immediate?

- Others impacting me or my family further down the line?

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Imagine what you can do

Yvonne Fernando NLP Master Practitioner & Life Coach looks at Creative Visualisation and how it can help you to realise ambitions using the power of your imagination.

As the year winds down we often find ourselves thinking about where the time has gone, whether the year ended up being what we thought it would and if we could have done anything differently. It's a time for reflection, thinking forward and considering whether to make some changes or plan for the future. It could be something small, something fundamental to our way of life or a gradual series of baby steps, which will move us forward. In essence this might sound quite straightforward, but change and finding direction isn't always easy. Really knowing who we are and what we want from life is the key. You might imagine this is something we all know instinctively, but that is far from the truth.

At one point in my life, getting in touch with my feelings and expressing myself, was quite a hard thing to do. It certainly never came easy. When I first learnt about Creative Visualisation (*the technique of using your imagination to create what you want in your life*), I discovered the ability to express feelings that, otherwise, I couldn't have done. It also enabled me to gather my thoughts and feelings in one place, where I could reflect on them quietly and privately. This powerful technique has proved to be transformational in my own development and many of my clients have had amazing results using it.

One of the great things about Creative Visualisation, is that it's self-reliant - you only need your own mind to practice it. You can do it anywhere at any time, whenever you need to set a goal or find direction. In his

seminal book, *The Art of Creation*, Arthur Koestler suggests that mental imagery is an absolute prerequisite to successful creativity and successful thinking. Vision is our most developed sense, which the brain heavily relies on. In fact, memory is mainly visual - it's much easier to visualise where something is than by following a set of directions learnt by rote. And memory is at the heart of our problem-solving, decision-making and creative-thinking.

As it grows in popularity, many celebrities extol the virtues of Creative Visualisation and claim it's played a significant role in their success. Advocates include Oprah Winfrey, Tiger Woods, Anthony Robbins, Bill Gates, Will Smith and Jim Carrey to name a few.

Success and clear direction is something most of us want more of. Sometimes we can lose sight of what we 'really' think, feel or want, but understanding this is central to gaining an insight into our true feelings and unlocking our potential to progress.

One way to do this is through Creative Journaling combined with Creative Visualisation. Usually when we think about a journal or diary, we think of the written word. But a 'Creative Journal' is so much more and the process of creating one allows us to explore our thoughts and feelings in a fun, relaxed way.

It's very easy to do and no artistic skills are required.

You can attend a workshop to learn the basics of Creative Journaling or start on your own.

In a workshop setting, it's really valuable to share ideas and many people enjoy the support of a group dynamic. But if you decide to go it alone, *Shakti Gawain's* book, *Creative Visualisation*, is a great source of information.

"Hello 2017" Workshops

Yvonne is running Hello 2017 at The Bakehouse Biddenden, 29th December 2016 and Hello Again 2017 on 26th January 2017. Using Creative Journaling and Creative Visualisation, these inspiring workshops will allow you to reflect on 2016 and set yourself up in a positive way for the year ahead. For details please contact Yvonne or book online.

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All aboard with Over 60s

Sheila Palmer reports on this active organisation

August's meeting included our annual summer lunch. This was a super meal, very much enjoyed by all who attended. Eric Spears gave an enlightening talk with slides on the Kariba Dam and the Zambezi River.

August 25th found 30 members on board one of Carr's coaches bound for the Spar Valley Railway. After boarding a steam train, we were served very tasty fish and chips, which we enjoyed while chugging along through the High Weald to Groombridge. After a short stop, we returned to Tunbridge Wells whilst eating delicious tubs of ice cream. Our driver, Christopher Chantler, son of Gerald Chantler who was born and bred in Egerton, was celebrating his 33rd birthday. The train's staff later brought him a large bun adorned with a sparkler and a candle, and, of course, we all sang Happy Birthday. The melodious tones must have been heard a long way along the other coaches!!

In September we enjoyed a talk presented by Melanie Gibson-Barton - *"Bruges-is more than just chocolate"* Melanie is a superb



speaker, a real joy to listen to. She remarked on lace making, Swans, Guild of Archers, dancing, houses, chips {potato chips}, and Museums. But there is plenty of chocolate too. This was also an Open meeting when we hoped we'd all take along a friend or neighbour who might like to join us. We had a few but yet to find how many will become members.

September's outing was equally stimulating. Our first stop was at Manston Air Museum. A short history of our own village airfield is presented among so many of the artifacts. After coffee/tea we continued our trip to Margate where we were booked into the Walpole Bay Hotel, Museum and Gallery for a buffet lunch. For those who have not visited this wonderful historic building, here is a short precis. It was built for clients showing good judgement in 1914. It was eventually purchased by the Bishop family who have returned it to its former glory. Every room has a sea view and its bygone era can be experienced now by guests.

They specialise in fresh home cooking which we all sampled and awarded 10 out of 10. Some members toured the Hotel rooms enjoying the wealth of things to do with Margate and its surroundings - fireplaces, maid's sculleries, toys, typewriters, clothes - just to name but a few. The Napkin Gallery is most impressive. Each one has been a gift from guests, framed and hung on the walls. Those who wish not to roam, sat on the flower bedecked verandah taking in the sea air.

The village Xmas Fayre will be held on December 3rd. The Club will once again be responsible for the Tombola. Our membership has dropped drastically but come on Members - let's try to perform as well as other years. All items can be given to Sheila, or brought to meetings. We all also congratulate Doris Missing on her 90th birthday.

Future Dates to note. Monday October 10th will be reported on in the next issue. Jeff Turner will be speaking on *"For the want of 5 shillings a village was lost"*. November's meeting will be a special one - it is the Club's

50th anniversary. The Mayor of Ashford will be attending, also Carol and Richard Bosworth and *"Pip the magic clown"*. Members and friends please join us. Our AGM will be held on December 5th. Xmas lunch will be at Lathe Barn on December 13th leaving Egerton at 11-15 am.

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Diary Dates

Over 60's AGM:
December 5th

Christmas Lunch:
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Your Letters & Notices

Stories of the Last World War

People who were interested to read about Norman Cornwell's medal from the Legion d'Honneur in the last edition of Egerton Update may like to know that there is more about his wartime experiences as well as those of other Egerton residents on the BBC's WW2 website.

In 2004 Egerton Telecottage was one of a national network of computer centres who helped to record the memories of those who experienced the last world war and logged the stories on the internet. By searching the web under BBC-WW2 Peoples War-Egerton Telecottage you can find a list of all the fascinating stories recorded by local people.

In addition to Norman Cornwell's story "*Fighting in France and Holland after D Day*" -complete with a picture - there is also the gripping story of the late Joe Pack, Bomber Pilot "*My Escape through Belgium and France*" which reads like a wartime action novel.

Alan Palmer contributed several pieces recording his extensive memories of "*The Building of Headcorn Airfield-*" as the wartime airfield at Egerton was called, while the current Headcorn Airfield was named Lashenden. He described the "Canadian and American Squadrons at Headcorn Airfield" as well as the creation of the "Battle of Britain Memorial at Headcorn Airfield."

Local resident Peter Hope has a story "*A shed Full of Mills Bombs*" recording his boyhood experiences during the war in Maidstone. There are also stories from Bob Turk, Jean Brace and Robert Leney of Biddenden who was in the Royal Observer Corps.

Viv Foulds

In Memory of Philip Pitcher

I would like to thank everyone who attended the funeral of my Dad. Having the support of so many friends has helped me cope with the past few months. A special thank you to the people who regularly visited Dad while he was living on his own.

Priscilla Harper



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Our County Councillor reports

By Charlie Simkins , KCC Councillor for Ashford Rural West

The past nine months have been a busy period, with my time divided between fielding the concerns of constituents from Challock to High Halden and my obligations at County Hall.

I was pleased to host an evening meeting in the Egerton Cricket Pavilion at the end of May for the Chairmen of the twelve Parish Councils in my division where a senior KCC officer spoke on the issues facing the Highways department. As you can imagine these comprise a large portion of my postbag. In this regard the 'Find and Fix' programme this summer has been welcome and I believe successful in helping to maintain our rural roads. However as we all know many potholes remain unattended. I would implore you all to report these on the KCC website and to let me

know if they are not fixed. I have also been involved in discussions with Parish Councils regarding the cleaning of road signs and clearing of ditches and hedges and I am encouraged by the work achieved.

As most of you will know the first phase of the proposed development of 5000 houses at Chilmington Green is scheduled to start within the next eighteen months and considerable thought is being given by the developers, Ashford Borough Council and KCC with regard to the quality of the community infrastructure, namely schools, medical and shopping centres.

I have been nominated as the KCC representative to serve on the proposed Community Management Group and I am also working with a committee comprising members of adjoining parish councils to discuss with ABC and KCC the implications of increased traffic flows in the locality. In this regard the improvements to

the A28 will be a vital component in relieving traffic congestion in the area. Increasing volumes of traffic, particularly lorries, is evolving as a major problem throughout this division and I shall continue to attempt to highlight this at KCC.

BREXIT

Undoubtedly the Brexit vote has had an unsettling influence on many people and reflected an element of protest by those who felt forgotten by central government. It therefore makes it even more imperative for local government to become closer to residents in their communities. Central government must loosen its grip and grant greater powers to local authorities in such areas as the delivery of health and social care. KCC will be doing all in its power to achieve these important changes.

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The Garden in Winter



Tips for the amateur gardener from the Dobbie's website

November

Flowers

Prune back Roses and tidy up deciduous shrubs. Conditions on mild days are still ideal for planting later flowering spring bulbs such as Lilies and Tulips, bare-root or root balled trees, shrubs and Roses and new hedges i.e. Beech, Hawthorn, Privet, Laurel.

Dig up and divide established plants which are now overcrowded and re-plant pansies, primulas and other winter/ spring bedding plants

Vegetables

Dig over vacant ground and work in well rotted manure or compost, order seed catalogues, leeks and parsnips may be left in the ground until required for use

December

Flowers

If not frosty plant new Rose bushes
Cut back the herbaceous border and mulch thickly with composted bark

Put slug pellets around treasured plants, especially Alpines and Bulbs in mild weather

Protect delicate evergreens from cold winds by using Horticultural Fleece

Fruit

Still time to plant new fruit bushes if the soil is not frozen

Make sure Apples and Pears are pruned by the end of the month

Vegetables

Buy seeds now to ensure full availability

January

Flowers

Check and firm in all newly planted shrubs and trees. Check Dahlia tubers, Gladioli and Begonia corms that are being stored and remove any that are rotting

Spot water containers, pots, tubs and window boxes if necessary

Remove snow from evergreen trees and shrubs

Fruit

Check and firm in all newly planted shrubs and trees. Plant new fruit bushes when the ground is not too wet or frozen

Vegetables

Towards the end of the month consider putting up plastic cloches to warm the soil and give early salad crops a good start.

The Gardening Group at Charing Surgery

Since our last article, the vegetable sections of the garden have proved to be very productive and rewarding for the gardeners. We have harvested kale, garlic, carrots, courgettes, beans and more, and are beginning to think of ways that we could market surplus produce next year! We have saved one planting area for rhubarb, and if anyone plans to divide their own rhubarb this autumn, we would be very grateful for any spare plants.

The new wildflower section had a slow start, but provided a good talking point, with some mixed comments, from everyone passing by.

In June, the Group received a Gold Award from the Ashford Access Group, in recognition of the easily accessible design of the gardens, which means they can be enjoyed and worked in by people with any degree of disability.

July saw a visit from Andy Garland of *BBC Radio Kent's Sunday Gardening* programme. He was very interested in the background to the Group, and amazed when he was shown the 'before' and 'after' photos. The interview was broadcast the following weekend, and we are hoping Andy may follow this later in the year with an item emphasising the benefits of gardening for our general wellbeing.

We will be developing the area directly opposite the surgery reception doors this autumn, and are in need of more help. If you are a registered patient at Charing Surgery, aged 16 or over, and are feeling unsure about what would be involved by being part of the group, please come along for a chat any Tuesday between 9-12, or give Jo'anne a call on 01233 713582.

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Reading our own minds

Local resident John Bunyard writes:

One advantage of living in Egerton is the animal life. On my daily walk, I might observe dogs and cats, mice and rats, frogs and newts, lots of sheep and cows, ducks and chickens, hawks and herons, pheasants and all manner of other wild birds, plus rabbits, squirrels, stoats, voles, badgers, foxes (boo!), horses, and now even llamas. Not to mention the multifarious nefarious insects. But there's one species you get to know above all in a village: homo sapiens. As my professional work concerns the workings of the human mind, I may perhaps be forgiven if my encounters with other villagers have provided endless opportunities to check out whatever psychological theory has been pre-occupying me.

The brain is endlessly fascinating. We're all amateur psychologists insofar as we must read others' minds if we're to get on. But it's when you study the copious literature emerging from psychology and neuroscience that you get a real feel for the complexity of the mind, not to mention its many oddities. The media provide some insights, but only piecemeal. It occurred to me that the world could do with an easy, giftable book that captures the main lessons of brain science, and provides help with further study. So that's what I've written.

Unsurprisingly, it's not a textbook, but 101 animal tales in verse, each communicating a key lesson about the human mind. These include such curiosities as pareidolia, or perceiving shapes where there are none; reactance, our tendency to rear up against persuasion; the Forer effect, whereby we match random descriptions to ourselves; and the recency effect, which is the reason why you'll remember this last in the list longest. It's a case of "all human life is here", yet expressed through animals. When you have Old Bunyard living on a farm for 25 years, I suppose it was inevitable.

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Farm View

From local farmer Hilary Jones

Agriculture, like all other trades, is committed to reducing its greenhouse gas emissions by 80%.

One method which has been popular for several years is that of "min-till"- minimum tillage. If you re-sow your arable field without ploughing, you don't release nearly so much CO₂ from the soil; and the technique is popular because, since you only go over the field twice with your machinery, you use much less expensive diesel (fossil fuel that is) by comparison with traditional ploughing and working down of the soil into a seed bed with discs and harrows. This method has been further refined into "slot-till", where the tractor tows a tined harrow which makes the slots for the seeds at the same time as the seeder and another harrow which covers them in. Only one pass is therefore needed; and this saves on the wages bill as well.

BUT it all depends on the single herbicide glyphosate, which is a modified organophosphorus compound and some medical researchers allege its implication in a variety of neurological disorders. Meanwhile some agricultural researchers are saying that glyphosate is responsible for the locking up of the element selenium in soil; and the lack of this element could cause problems for livestock breeders,

Well, luckily, min-till can be done organically; but you have to go to Germany, where organic agriculture is much better supported than it is here, to see the best of it.

Supposedly, we all want cheap food; but the widespread tendency to buy prepared meals and pre-packed items rather belies this idea.

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Art for all

Jane Harman, chairman, writes:

The Egerton branch of the National Association of Decorative and Fine Arts Societies holds monthly meetings in the Millennium hall on the second Wednesday in every month (except July and August) at 2.20 and the illustrated lecture given by an expert is followed by tea and chat.

Our September meeting was about the French artist, Edouard Manet, whose rebellious nature produced, through his paintings, a fascinating insight into the culture and politics of 19th century Paris. In October, *The Elgin Marbles* was our topic, and in November, *"The Lure of Ivory"*. Our Christmas talk, *"Oh, yes, it is!"* is a history of pantomime. In the early part of next year we are holding a *"Day of Special Interest"*, with lunch, on the artists, Salvador Dali and Grayson Perry.

We organise day trips and recent suggestions are visiting Bletchley Park; the Romney Marsh churches; Strawberry Hill, the home of Horace Walpole in Twickenham; and a "behind the scenes" trip to London's National Portrait Gallery. An overseas six day trip which will be based in Segovia, Spain, has been organised for next September. Contact Lynne Saunby on 01233 663775 for more details

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Your Parish Council Reports

This section has been written to give you a flavour of the meetings and find out some of the projects being undertaken by Egerton Parish Council. The full minutes are available on the Parish Council Website

September Minutes

The Chairman of the Millennium Hall Committee reported on matters arising from the use of the hall:

Hall hirers have until 11.00 the next morning to make the area clear of rubbish. If the cleaner found this was not carried out then the hirers could lose some or all of their deposit.

Large numbers of black plastic bags of rubbish are being left behind the Millennium hall, checks are to be carried out regularly to see when the bags are being left.

Footpaths and stiles: Access problems to a footpath in Coach Road is ongoing.

There has been a large amount of wire dumped at the end of Iden Lane which has been reported.

Highways: The sign at the junction with Crocken Hill Road and Forstal Road has still not been repaired. Work is being programmed.

Parish magazine: The copy date for

issue 4 is October 13th.

TRO: There has been no contact from ABC on this matter, enquiries will be made.

Neighbourhood and Parish Plans: A public meeting is to be held on 19th October in the Millennium Hall at



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7.30pm. An officer from ACRK will be invited to attend and also the Chairman of the Parish Plan.

8th rail summit: A report will be given next month.

Tesco Funding: An application was made for funding towards the resurfacing of the play area but was not successful.

Trees on Elm Close: It is hoped the work will commence within the next two weeks. A request has been made to have some large branches lopped behind the Millennium Hall. The council agreed that the same tree surgeon will be asked to carry out the work whilst on site.

Sign at Stonebridge Green: A check will be made as to whether the work requested has been carried out by ABC.

Primary School: With regard to the appointment of a new Head at the school, the assistant head is in charge at the school until interviews have taken place for a new head-teacher.

Training & Development Policy & Plan: A training and development policy and plan will be inspected and reported on in October.

Eis web site: A free web training event on 21st October will be attended by EPC.

Glebe grass: The person who mowed The Glebe has now moved away. The mower has been sent to Mower Plant to be serviced. It is hoped another volunteer will come forward in the future.

If the grass has to be mowed again this year before the end of the season a volunteer has kindly offered to carry out the work.

Chairs: The storage area at Groom Farm is in need of a sort out, as there are a lot of items being stored in one place. Various clubs who have items stored there will be contacted to help with the clear out.

Wicksteed Inspection: The Wicksteed inspector carried out an inspection around the play area and the skate park. When the report was received quotes were called for all areas that are in need of repair.

The Barrow House: Following comments by some villagers about the bright lights hanging in the tree at the George, the new landlords will be contacted and asked if they can move the lights.

Ashford Local Plan: Comments were called for regarding Ashford's Local Plan. The Parish Council sent in a response.

Local Government Boundary: Comments were called for regarding the Government's Boundary Review. The Parish Council sent in a response.

Noticeboard on The Glebe: Volunteers have carried out repairs to the noticeboard on The Glebe.

Web Diary: The Telecottage Committee will take on the role of amending the web diary.

Christmas Fair: A new committee has been formed to organise this year's Christmas Fair to be held on Saturday 3rd December.

Broken Glass: It was reported that there was glass on the road in The Street following the recycling lorry. The ABC were contacted and a representative from Biffa and ABC came out and will follow up on the complaint.

Wealden Wheels: A letter was received from the Chairman of Wealden Wheels returning half of the donation the Parish Council sent to Wealden Wheels. They are having good success in running the venture. A thank you will be sent.

Egerton Sign: The planter around the base of the Egerton sign on New Road has been planted up. A letter of thanks will be sent to David Hopkins.

Transparency Fund: The attention of the Council was drawn to an article from KALC Parish News about funding for smaller parish councils. The finance committee will look into this.

October Minutes

Footpaths and stiles: The large amount of wire dumped at the end of Iden Lane has been removed. There has been some more fly-tipping at Pivington Mill. The footpath sign opposite Bourne Farm has fallen side-ways it is thought the post may have rotted. The footpath from Forstal Road to Bourne Farm had a rickety stile which has been replaced by a gate but there is barbed wire blocking the gate.

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October Minutes

Highways: The sign at the junction with Crocken Hill Road and Forstal Road has been replaced. Highways will be asked whether the path opposite the bus shelter set into the hedge of The Barrow House can be extended as people are having to stand in the road waiting for the bus or wait on the other side.

TRO: With regard to the traffic restriction order for Stisted Way, a meeting was held with ABC and EPC to assess the situation of parking during school time. It is difficult for residents of Stisted Way to leave their property at peak times. ABC will assess the need for a TRO and report back to EPC.

Neighbourhood and Parish Plans: A public meeting is to be held on 19th October in the Millennium Hall at 7.30pm. Advertising boards will be put out and a leaflet drop will be made to every household in the village advising of the meeting.

Trees on Elm Close: A check will be made as to when work will take place as the time noted previously has passed.

Training & Development Policy & Plan: A report will be given in November.

Eis web site: Advantage will be taken of a free web training event on 21st October and a report will be given in November.

Glebe grass: The mower has had a service and at present it is being stored at

the yard of R James & Sons Fencing. It is hoped that two volunteers have been found to job share the mowing next season. If the grass needs mowing again this season a volunteer has kindly offered to do this.

Chairs: The storage area at Groom Farm is in need of a sort out, as there are a lot of items being stored in one place. Various clubs which have items stored there will be contacted to form a working party to go and have a clear out.

Wicksteed Inspection: A report has been received from Wicksteed following which quotes were obtained for various jobs highlighted by the inspector. The high and medium priority jobs were agreed by the Council to be carried out now. The low priority jobs will be considered at a later date.

The George: The new landlords were contacted and asked if they could move some of the outside lights. There have been no further comments.

Christmas on the Glebe: A sub-committee held a meeting to discuss the upcoming event. Various jobs are to be taken on by the sub-committee members and each will report at the next Christmas Fair meeting on 24th October.

Welcome Packs: Two welcome packs were delivered to two families recently moved into the village.

100 Club Draw

August 'Consolation' Draw (only for members who hadn't won a prize in the previous 10 Draws of the '15-'16 series)

£25 Chris Hopkins
£25 Malcolm Iles
£25 Jeff Hopkins
£25 Bill Smyth
£25 Phil Brabbins
£25 Kath Hilder

October (1st Draw in the '16-'17 series)

£100 Chris Hopkins
£50 Janine Burgess
£25 Simon & Natasha Palmer
£25 Peter Rawlinson
£25 Sue Palmer

The November Draw will be held on Wednesday 23rd November at 8pm in The Rose and Crown.

The Sports Pavilion 100 Club raises money for the repair and maintenance of Egerton Sports Pavilion. Membership costs £50pa for the 11 Draws in a year with prizes of £100, £50 and £25 (x3). It's still not too late to join for the '16-'17 series - if you are interested in joining the 100 Club, please contact Jonathan Elworthy on: 07802 499577 or by email: info@egerton100club.org



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Regular Weekly

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
2pm Zumba (GB)	1pm Mother & Toddler (VH) 6pm Yoga (VH) 7pm Short Mat Bowls (GB) 7.45pm Yoga (VH)	9am ERC (SP) 11am Egerton Friends (Garden schedule) From 2.30pm Library (See schedule) 6pm ERC (cycling - see website)	1.30pm Yoga (VH) 7pm ERC Circuits (GB)	8.45am ERC (SP) 9.30am Pilates (GB) 1.30 Short Mat Bowls (GB) 2pm Farmers Market (VH)	10am - 12pm Telecottage	9am ERC (see website)

November 2016

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
	1 10am Borough Councillor (VH)	2 7.0pm Women's Institute (VH)	3	4	5 Bonfire Night	6
7 12.30pm Over 60s (VH)	8	9 2.20pm DFAS (VH) 7.30pm WI Table Tennis (VH)	10	11	12 Safari Supper. See page 25	13 Remembrance Service St James
14	15	16	17	18	19 Craft Fair (VH)	20
21	22	23 7.30pm WI Table Tennis (VH)	24 7.30 Egerton Film Society (VH)	25	26 7.30pm Players Quiz Night (VH)	27
28	29 8pm Egerton Folk Club (Queens Arms Pub)	30 7.30pm Neighbourhood Plan Meeting (VH)				

Key to diary: Venues

VH = Village Hall
GB = Games Barn
SP = Sports Pavilion
PVH = Pluckley Village Hall
SJC = St James' Church
EPS = Egerton Primary School

Key to diary: Clubs & Societies

EPC = Egerton Parish Council
ERC = Egerton Running Club
EMC = Egerton Music Club
ECC = Egerton Cricket Club
EMF = Egerton Music Festival

December 2016

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
			1	2	3 2.30 pm Egerton Christmas fair (The Glebe)	4
5	6 10am Borough Councillor (VH) 8pm EPC (VH)	7 2.20pm DFAS (VH) 7.0pm Women's Institute (VH)	8	9	10	11
12 2pm Over 60s (VH)	13	14 7.30pm WI Table Tennis (VH)	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 12 noon Christmas Show (VH) see p 24	23	24	25
26	27 8pm Egerton Folk Club (Queens Arms Pub)	28 7.30pm WI Table Tennis (VH)	29 7.30 Egerton Film Society (VH)	30	31	

January 2017

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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2	3 10am Borough Councillor (VH) 8pm EPC (VH)	4 2.20pm DFAS (VH) 7.0pm Women's Institute (VH)	5	6	7	8
9 2pm Over 60s (VH)	10	11 7.30pm WI Table Tennis (VH)	12	13 MAGAZINE COPY DATE	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21 7pm Pluckley with Egerton Garden Society Quiz (VH)	22
23	24 8pm Egerton Folk Club (Queens Arms Pub)	25 7.30pm WI Table Tennis (VH)	26	27	28 7pm Cricket Club Quiz (VH)	29

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Egerton Mother & Toddler Group	Kimmy Burbridge	01622 891201

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Egerton Film Society	Richard King	01233 756592
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Egerton Music Club	John Fraser	01233 756254
Egerton Telecottage	Carol Hulm	07990 574214
Egerton Players	Vanessa Perrin	01622 851854
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Egerton Women's Institute	Gale King	01233 756592
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Sport

Egerton Games Barn Bookings	Joan Smyth	01233 840362
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Egerton Running Club	Sarah Elworthy	01233 756205
Egerton Short Mat Bowls	Mike Yarrow	01233 756387
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