

EGERTON UPDATE

The quarterly magazine for the village of Egerton, Kent

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In October 2016 a meeting of local residents supported moving forward with producing a Neighbourhood Plan for Egerton.

A subsequent meeting in November kick-started the process. In 2017 Egerton Parish Council is taking the initiative forward to Ashford Borough Council and will be once again involving residents through meetings and consultations throughout the year, including the special Parish Assembly on March 23rd 2017 in the Millennium Hall.

The Parish Council believes this is one of the most important projects it has undertaken and is keen for everyone to have their say.

Fuel changes at Oliver's garage



Supplies of petrol at Egerton's family-owned Oliver's garage are expected to finish sometime in March, following the garage's last delivery of the fuel in February.

The garage will continue to sell diesel and to offer all other services such as MOTs, tyre pressure checks, workshop jobs, oil checks and so on. The decision to stop selling petrol comes as a result of the decommissioning of the garage's old petrol tank.

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Help shape our future

Your Parish needs you to help develop a Neighbourhood Plan for the village.

Following the October meeting when residents voted overwhelmingly to produce a Neighbourhood Plan for Egerton, a subsequent meeting of parish councillors and local residents agreed to start the process.

The attendees at a smaller group meeting, held at the end of November, agreed that the Neighbourhood Plan should encompass the whole Parish and that EPC should start the ball rolling by making an application to Ashford Borough Council to inform it of the village's desire to produce a Neighbourhood Plan. This means that, as discussed in the larger public meeting in October, that the village accepts that there might have to be some development in the parish but that the residents want a say in how much and where. A Neighbourhood Plan covers planning relating to land use inside the parish boundary including homes, shops and offices.

Karl Adams of the Rural Community Council for Kent joined the meeting to discuss the steps the village would need to go through to get a Neighbourhood Plan accepted.

There were grants, he said, from the Borough Council to pay for help such as consultants, research and setting up a referendum. But the Plan would ultimately have to be led by the Parish Council.

He felt Egerton was well-placed to move ahead as the "Egerton Parish Plan" and the "Parish Plan Design Statement" set the scene for many of the wants and desires of the residents. The meeting attendees agreed that a steering group should be set up to plan the process and that everyone in the village should have the opportunity to contribute through more public meetings – the next of which would be at the Parish Assembly on March 23rd

It is important that everyone has their say in influencing what the future of the village should look like. Charing, which is in the process of producing its own Plan, for instance, held a series of workshops which encouraged residents to have their say on putting right what didn't work well and building upon what did work well in the village and encouraged debate around topics such as traffic and parking, green spaces, community facilities, improving the village character as well as on plans for new housing developments.

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Pluckley plan progressing to referendum



Pluckley is close to completing its Neighbourhood Plan. Chairman of the Neighbourhood Plan Committee, Martin Newman, spoke of Pluckley's experiences in developing a Plan at a meeting held in Egerton last month.

Pluckley is expecting its Neighbourhood Plan to go to a referendum of residents in Spring 2017. This follows a two year project to produce a plan which reflects the needs and wants of the village.

Addressing a meeting of Egerton Parish Councillors plus interested residents last month, the chairman of Pluckley Parish Council and the Neighbourhood Plan Committee, Martin Newman gave an insight into the process.

Martin stressed that the Plan is a plan for development although Pluckley did include a list of community activities that the residents also wanted to achieve – although these are not policies. “These are expressions of what we are trying to achieve on behalf of the community,” he said.

Pluckley Parish Council decided to produce a Neighbourhood Plan as the council believed it was the most a community could do to influence its future and that the Parish Council owed it to the community to get one done. The feeling was that the community would be better off with a Plan than without one, he said, adding that it gives the community the chance to identify sites and the purpose/reason/style of any development.



Using the Parish Boundary as the area covered under the Plan, a four strong committee of Pluckley Parish Councillors steered the project, co-opting other residents onto the committee as and when required.

To gauge the views of residents the Committee sent out a questionnaire plus held a series of workshops. It also drew upon the parish's own Design Statement and Parish Plan.

Local residents with skills in market research, planning, report drafting plus those who were keen to help with the plan were also involved in bringing the Plan to fruition.

An outside consultant was brought into help with drafting the report which has also been scrutinised by a

Neighbourhood Plan Examiner and is now being submitted to Ashford Borough Council. The Draft Neighbourhood Plan allows for 33 dwellings – with 25 of these being on land of the former brickworks and also two sites identified for four dwellings each.

On the issue of “other development” that can be covered under the Plan, Pluckley expressed support for agricultural and tourist development and also identified the scenic views that were important within the village.

The Neighbourhood Plan has a lifecycle of 15 years and Pluckley Parish Council plans to review the document every five years.

See pages 4 & 5 for Next Steps for Egerton

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Next steps to Neighbourhood Plan

Egerton Parish Council starts to put the wheels in motion

Egerton Parish Council is planning to inform Ashford Borough Council that the parish will be producing a Neighbourhood Plan based on the Parish Boundary. The matter will be discussed at the February Parish Council meeting.

Following the official launch of the project, the Parish Council will be looking to form a small steering committee to lead the process plus call for volunteers with specific skills to join the group as the process progresses.

The Parish Council has gathered documentation around Guides and Understanding of Neighbourhood Plans, how to access funding and also roadmaps for producing a Plan. It has also seen examples from other Parishes/Neighbourhoods who have also produced Plans.

The Neighbourhood Plan will be a feature of the Parish Assembly which takes place on the evening of Thursday March 23rd in the Village Hall—and everyone is welcome to come along.

There will also be another meeting of the Parish Council plus anyone in the village who would like to become involved in the process on the evening of **Wednesday February 22nd** in the Village Hall. Contact the clerk of the Parish Council, Heather James, on 01233 756501 or email clerk@egertonpc.kentparish.gov.uk for more details.

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Egerton Boundary to form area of Neighbourhood Plan

The meeting of Parish Councillors and interested residents, held last month, agreed that the Egerton Parish Boundary should form the basis of the Neighbourhood Plan.

Egerton Parish Council plans to display a larger and updated map of this area, plus more detail on the process of producing a Neighbourhood Plan at the Parish Assembly to be held on March 23rd in the Village Hall.

Fuel changes at Oliver's garage (contd from front page)

As Danny Oliver explains:

"Some years ago, whilst looking at the diary my grandfather Harry Oliver kept whilst away from home during World War 1, I found folded in the leaves a receipt from West Ashford Rural District Council for his Petroleum and Carbide sales licence, dated February 15th 1917. Harry opened his first Egerton workshop in about 1908, and moved to our current premises - the 'new' ones - in 1915.

From that time he, and his wife Charlotte whilst he was away serving in the RNAS, sold petrol, at first from cans stored in a shed. My Father Philip and his wife Ruth continued from 1937, then so did three of their sons, Clem, Tim and myself from 1981 on, as P H Oliver and Sons. Since Clem and Tim in turn retired, from 2008 the current partnership - Danny and Oksana - have carried on as before.

Now, however, our underground petrol tank has got very old, nearing its half century. Wisely, the authorities do not allow tanks to be installed so close to buildings nowadays, (ours is right between our lower workshop doors and the lower wall of our house), so the time has come when petrol sales must draw to a close, that old tank needs decommissioning and there is nowhere to put another.

We will have our last fill of petrol around the middle of February, and that will probably last well into March. . It'll seem strange to me, I started serving petrol and mixing up cans of two-stroke for folk when I was ten years old!

All other services, Diesel, oil, free air for tyres, checking the levels, starting the car when the battery is flat on a cold morning, workshop, MOTs etc. will remain exactly the same, God willing.

We would like to say how thankful we are to our friends in Egerton and area for all the loyalty shown purchasing petrol from three generations of our family, over a whole century, and again assure you that we hope to continue all other services as normal. Thanks again."

Danny and Oksana Oliver.

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Rehearsals are well underway and Mr Perks, the Railway Children and all their family, friends and neighbours are looking forward to welcoming you to Egerton Millennium Hall.

Performance dates are: Thursday 16th February - Saturday 18th February 2017 at 7.30pm with a Matinee Saturday 18th at 2.30pm.

Tickets are priced at £9.00 for adults and £6 for children are on sale at the Village Stores, The Barrow House or it is possible to buy tickets online at www.egertonplayers.com.

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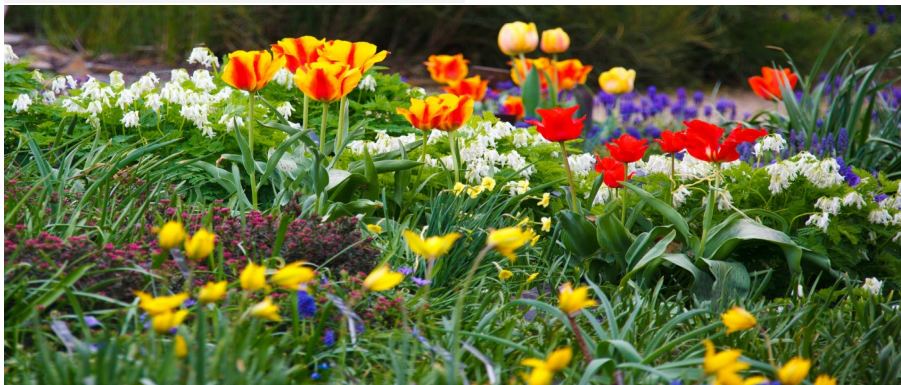
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Pre-theatre dinner available

The Barrow House is offering a pre-theatre dinner before performances of *The Railway Children—A Musical!* on Thursday 16th, Friday 17th & Saturday 18th February between 5pm and 6.30pm.

The pub is also offering a four-course Valentine's Feast on Saturday 11th February (a la carte also available) and again on Tuesday 14th February between 6pm and 9pm with a performance from harpist Olivia Jageurs.



Hosts for Summer Gardens Required!

Egerton Friends are still meeting in the Rose & Crown on Wednesdays from 11 am to noon.

Do join us for £2; you have coffee, a raffle and a chat – all are welcome. The money we raised during the autumn (£617) is going towards the cost of the Church Toilets.

We will be booking the Summer Gardens in February, if anyone would like to host one of the Wednesdays between May 3rd and Sept 27th we would be delighted. All you do provide is coffee and biscuits (cups & saucers etc. are provided).

Film Fun for the family

The Egerton Film Society holds screenings in the Egerton Millennium Hall on the last Thursday of each month and, as usual, there is a wide selection of classic and current films this season for everyone to enjoy.

On Thursday, 23rd February we will be screening director Ken Loach's powerful indictment of the failings of the welfare state, "*I, Daniel Blake*". With exceptional lead performances from Dave Johns and Hayley Squires, Loach crafts a gut-wrenching tragic-comic drama of the impersonal mistreatment of a single mother and an ailing widower in Newcastle. Paul Laverty's brilliantly insightful script, for all its raw anger, finds much that is moving and often surprisingly funny in the unbreakable social bonds of so-called "broken Britain".



Thursday, 16th March sees our 'Special Event' this Spring, which features Orson Welles's 1941 directorial debut, "*Citizen Kane*", one of the greatest movies ever made. This epic tale of a publishing tycoon's rise and fall is entertaining, poignant, inventive in its storytelling, and well deserves its reputation as a landmark achievement in film, challenging the conventions of storytelling by using flashbacks, overlapping dialogue, deep focus, long takes, ceilinged sets and psychologically dense characterization.

On Thursday, 31st March, we will be showing "*Swallows and Amazons*", a 2016 retelling of Arthur Ransome's classic tale of an idyllic summer holiday in the Lake District in the 1930's, where the Walker children sail out to camp on an island on a lake in a dinghy named 'Swallow' and encounter the feisty 'Amazons'. A delightful and warm family film, director Philippa Lowethorpe, makes good use of the beautiful Lakeland setting, and fills the film with gentle English period detail.

On Thursday, 27th April we will be screening the terrific 2016 French-language art-house movie "*Things to Come*", which may be among the very best films ever made about the lives of intellectuals. The talented Isabelle Huppert gives a warm, wry performance as a chic philosophy professor sharing an elevated existence with her grumpy academic husband (André Marcon), who comes home one day and tells her he's met someone else. This is a subtle and profound work from French director Mia Hansen-Løve, with Huppert on beguiling form, achieving a brittle mix of confidence and vulnerability, as someone whose life unexpectedly unravels.

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Keeping a healthy smile is important, says local Dentist Sarah Elworthy

Recent press, social media and self-styled 'health gurus' will tell you that drinking 'hot lemon water' will be of benefit to your health. There is no scientific evidence to support this, says local Dentist Sarah Elworthy, especially when it comes to the health of your teeth. Lemon juice is acidic, erosive and can be extremely damaging to teeth. The damage is increased when the water is hot and drunk first thing in the morning.

These acidic drinks can irreversibly dissolve the enamel off your teeth, making them extremely sensitive to temperature and certain foods.

Initially the teeth may appear whiter as the acid dissolves away surface stain. Sadly, the teeth will then become more yellow as the opaque enamel layer becomes thinner and the yellower dentine shows through.

Acid damage is becoming an increasingly common and challenging problem for dentists to manage. It is impossible to replenish the enamel lost by surface acid erosion. It can mean patients are committed from a young age to the costs of extensive and ongoing dental treatment.

Infusion drinks, smoothies, fruit juices and fruit teas are all acidic and should be enjoyed sparingly and at meal times to reduce damage from the acid and natural fruit sugars. Fizzy drinks and sports drinks too!!

To help reduce the amount of sugar we consume the current NHS guidelines recommend one small glass of fruit juice or smoothie a day at a mealtime.

If you want to find out more on busting the myths purported as scientific evidence, then maybe have a look at Ben Goldacre's blog or publications. Ben Goldacre is a British physician, academic and science writer. He is a Senior Clinical Research Fellow at the Centre for Evidence-Based Medicine, which is part of the University of Oxford's Nuffield Department of Primary Care Health Sciences.



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Or what about Yoga? There are three classes per week held in Egerton's Village Hall. Classes cost £7 for the 90minute sessions on Tuesdays at 6pm and Thursday at 1.30pm. The Tuesday evening class at 6.45pm costs £6.50.

If something more energetic appeals then what about the Thursday evening circuit training classes at 7pm in the Games Barn. These one hour sessions cost £4 and all are welcome.

If you simply want to laugh out loud then look out for the village's Laughter Club.



Dates and venues for most classes are detailed in the Village Diary on page 40 and there is a list of the village clubs and societies on the village website.

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There's less than 6 months to this year's Music Festival which takes place between June 22nd and July 2nd - so here is the programme!

Tickets will be going on sale from 1st April for Egerton residents and Friends of the Festival, so please make a note of the dates - some of the events sell out very fast!

This year we are hoping to secure a grant which will allow us to offer 10 free tickets to each of the main events for under 25s - if we are successful, look out for details on the ticket order form which will be distributed in the village during the last 2 weeks of March. There is also a discounted price for Friends of the Egerton Music Festival 2017 (see below).

On **Thursday 22nd June**, at 7.30pm, **Egerton Film Society** will host *Hilary and Jackie*, the 1998 film about Jacqueline du Pré based on conversations with her sister and brother, Hilary and Piers. Starring Emily Watson and Rachel Griffiths as the sisters, it was viewed by some as a moving and highly personal view of the relationship between the two; for others it undermined the golden image of the genius and tragedy of Jacqueline du Pré as artist and public figure.



For those who cannot resist a **quiz**, on **Monday 26th June** Richard King will compile and compere another set of his testing, but thoroughly enjoyable, musical questions. Music of all kinds is included, so make sure your team of 6 includes a good mix of musical tastes. On **Thursday 29th June** Stevie Higgins will bring together a line up of West End stars for an evening of **songs from the shows - From Times Square to Leicester Square**. An immediate hit last festival, this will definitely be one to book early. Tickets will be £15.



Friday 30th June brings Laura van der Heijden to the Festival. Laura is a cellist, and was the **BBC's Young Musician of the Year in 2012** at the age of 15. She is currently studying at Cambridge, has won a number of prestigious awards and has already performed nationally and internationally. In this chamber concert she will play in a trio which she formed last year.

Also on Friday, **Trevor Moss and Hannah Lou** will be bringing together a group of friends in the Music Room at Egerton House for a free concert of folk and more.

Saturday 1st July will be a busy day for organisers and audiences! Over the weekend, top students from the **Royal Academy of Music** will be staying in Egerton, and their first performance will be a recital in the Millennium Hall at 12.00, mid-day; tickets £10.

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In the evening, the **Jazz Supper** in the Millennium Hall will be another to book early. Tickets will be £20 to include supper, and this year students from Canterbury Christchurch University's Big Band will provide the entertainment.

On **Sunday 2nd July**, the afternoon recital at 3pm (tickets, £10) will be given by **one of the UK's finest harpists, Danielle Perrett**.

Both teacher and international performer, *The Times* reported 'sheer beauty of sound and virtuosity of technique were always subordinated to thoughtful musicianship and keen interpretative intellect.'

The Royal Academy students will perform in the **Last Night concert in St James' Church** at 7.00 pm (tickets £15), where they will be joined by soloists and singers from Sutton Valence Choral Society for another Festival favourite evening of fine performance and traditional last night audience participation. And, to round it all off, **Peter, Paul and Mary's Brother** will once again be performing in The Barrow House.

With such a huge choice of events—there is something for everyone.



Each year during the Festival, Cathy Hill organises **events at the Telephone Box**, so watch out for this year's surprises; she will also put together an **exhibition of local artists** in the Games Barn, which will be open before all the concerts and during the intervals.

**Egerton Music Festival
June 22—July 2 2017**

If you are not already a Friend of the Egerton Music Festival 2017, and would like to have more details on the Friends or any aspect of the Festival programme, please contact Jane Carr on 01233 756775 or ljaneccarr@btinternet.com.

Stop Press...

Festival events have already started in the Primary School. On Thursday 12th January, Cathy Hill and Steve Kirk organised a full day of collage with each class in turn -



sponsored by Egerton Decorative & Fine Arts Society. The results look wonderful, and first reports are that the day was a great success both for learning and for creativity and fun.

Walking group enjoy Hucking ramble



On a lovely November day, cold but bright Egerton Walking Group started at The Hook and Hatchet pub at Hucking and used the Woodland Trust's Hucking Estate paths and tracks for the four mile walk.



Cricket Quizzers

Over 20 teams packed into the Village Hall last month for Egerton Cricket Club's Annual Quiz Night. Winners of the team quiz event were The Presidents. Along with 10 rounds of questions plus a fiendish TV Sitcom challenge, quizzers enjoyed a chilli and bread supper. Club chairman Steve Wellard thanked everyone for coming along saying the event was a great fundraiser for the club.

Remember loved ones



St James Church Flower Guild would like to remind everyone that the altars at St James' Church will be decorated with lilies for Easter Sunday, which this year falls on 16th April.

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- cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing;
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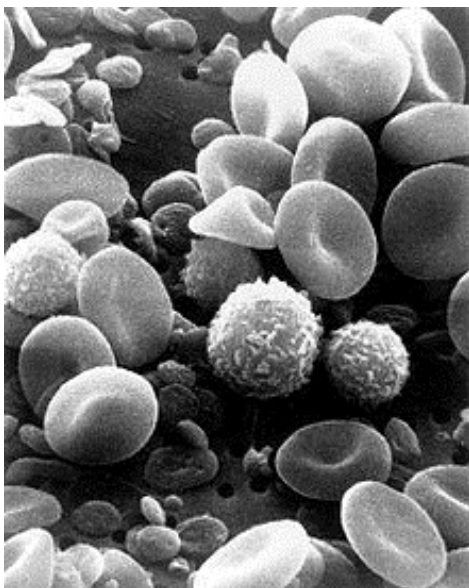
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LOSS OF POWER AND WATER

Failures in power and water supplies are rare and often linked to severe weather events. These simple steps will help you to stay safe and as comfortable as possible throughout any disruption.

Electricity Failure:

- make sure your home is well insulated. It could stay warm for 12 hours or more in a power cut;
- don't open fridges for any longer than necessary. They'll normally stay cold for many hours;



- register with your utility provider if you think you're vulnerable

If you Suffer a Power Cut:

- check if your neighbours have lost services too. If others are affected it makes a difference to what you should do;

- if it's a general power cut, contact your supplier to report the fault and ask for information; if your neighbours

still have electricity and only you have lost

- check your trip switch (a circuit breaker fuse system - it will be near your electricity meter). If the trip switch is still on, call your supplier's emergency line for your area

- if the trip switch is off, switch it back on

- if it switches back off, one appliance may be faulty. Unplug them all and reset the trip

- if only part of your supply has failed and the trip won't reset, there may be a fault with your wiring, so contact a registered electrician

- if you lose power for a prolonged period, take precautions to stay safe, i.e. be wary using candles, naked flames and portable heating. Never leave lit candles in unoccupied rooms or with unsupervised children or animals.

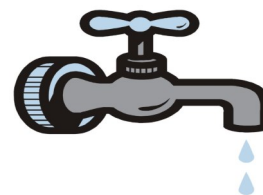
GAS FAILURE

If Your Gas Fails: if you smell gas inside or outside your home call the free 24-hour national gas emergency line **0800 111999**;

- don't turn electrical switches on or off;
- open doors and windows;
- avoid using naked flames.
- An Engineer will be sent to make your property safe. Southern Gas Networks aims to attend all uncontrolled escapes within one hour and all controlled escapes within two hours.

WATER SUPPLY FAILURE

When safe drinking water is unavailable, it's more than an inconvenience, it's a health hazard. Make sure you have an emergency water supply.



If Your Water Supply Fails:

Ring South East Water emergency on **0845 6032603** or for the Leak Line call **0800 614366**

SEWERAGE FAILURE

- For sewerage blockages or pumping station failure call **0845 2780845**.

SECURITY INCIDENT

Be Alert:

- always report anyone acting suspiciously. Your information may be vital;
- if you come across anything that might be linked with terrorist activity, tell the police - they want to hear from you;
- take note of odd or unusual behaviour by tenants or guests at a property - terrorists need somewhere to live;
- dial **999** in an emergency;
- dial Kent Police on **101** for non-emergencies;
- dial the anti-terrorist hotline on **0800 789321**;
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... as village updates its emergency plan

Parish Councillor, Pat Parr writes

Sometime in 2012 the Parish Council started to receive requests from the Kent Resilience Forum of Kent County Council to consider producing and adopting a Community Emergency Plan. The aim of having a plan was explained as dealing with a situation in your parish whereby for whatever reason the emergency services may not be able to respond quickly to a request for help in a serious emergency and that during such time communities need to know how to help themselves. By becoming more aware, the community can support the work of local emergency responders and reduce the impact of an emergency.

There are five key aims for having a Community Emergency Plan:

- to develop a robust co-ordinated approach that complements the plans of responding agencies;
- to enable the community to support itself when outside assistance from the emergency



The biggest type of emergency likely to happen is flooding. However, we in Egerton have a minimal threat of that and have defined our main risks as:

- heavy snow or severe weather;
- electricity, water or gas failure;
- road accident;
- fire/building collapse;
- gas leak/explosion, hazardous vapour release;
- aircraft accident.

services or local authority is delayed or overwhelmed;

- to provide a single point of contact for requests made by the emergency services and the local authorities;
- to keep people informed so that they can help themselves
- to ensure as many vulnerable people as possible are contacted and assisted.

In 2013 Egerton started to produce a Community Emergency Plan.

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village emergency plan continued

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The first thing to do was to send a request out to those in the village who we felt might be able to volunteer their resources, equipment or skills, whom we could call upon should such an emergency occur. Examples were 4 x 4 vehicles, tractors, chainsaws, generators and skills such as medical experience, nursing, foremen etc. or just be willing to assist. We received a very good response to this letter and received a good variety of resources and skills.

The other important task was to try to identify those in the village who may need support from volunteers should such an emergency occur. This was less successful. We compiled a list of those we felt may need extra assistance, for instance, if the person was disabled, had poor sight, was deaf or who had a broken leg. It could also apply to parents and others looking after very young children or those with learning difficulties.

In order to comply with data protection we contacted each person to seek their permission to be contacted in the event of an emergency. The response was very poor as the majority of people we asked

did not consider themselves vulnerable even though this information was strictly confidential.

Updating the Plan

Our Community Emergency Plan has been in place since 2013 and is now due for an update on volunteers and vulnerable people and the sub-committee of the Parish Council dealing with this will be meeting up shortly to carry this out.



Millennium Hall Update

Chairman of the Village Hall Committee Sue Johnson reports:

New Rates for 2017

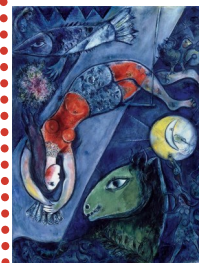
From January 1st 2017 the hourly rates for the main hall are:-

Village Rate: £7.50

Non-Village Rate £17.00

All other charges remain unchanged. The full list of charges is shown on the Village Hall webpage and there is a copy on the village hall notice-board.

Having been Secretary to the Management Committee for 10 years, Heather Gould has decided to stand down to pursue other interests (full-time job, granny duties!) and we are very sorry to lose her. If there is any community-spirited person who would like to take on this role, please contact Heather at heatherag55@yahoo.com for a chat about what is involved.



Art of course

Local Artist Cathy Hill is offering a crash course in creativity on Sunday March 19th, promising a lively, spontaneous approach to drawing, pastels and collage. Cost of the one-day course is £35 pp. Contact cathyonthehill@hotmail.com. For more details see page 23.

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The donations were then sorted and made into over 200 parcels. The Scouts then delivered these to some 70 senior citizens in Egerton as a reminder that Christmas is not just about receiving it is also about giving. The purpose is not an exercise in giving to those who need rather as a thank you to all that our senior citizens have done over the years. The Scouts spend some 20 hours in all on this activity and they enjoy it very much as we believe do the recipients.

Call to protect the countryside

The Weald of Kent Protection Society is looking for new members to support its work.

The Society recognises that our villages need to accept some level of development in order to accommodate necessary 'new blood' but also the families of those who want to stay in the countryside. The problem today is the threat of inappropriate developments, with far too many houses on one site, or houses that bear little relation to the needs of local residents. The Society is especially vigilant for our countryside, too, where applications for poultry farms, large barns, and traveller settlements are rife as well as housing developments on green field sites.

The Society undertakes to scrutinise all planning applications and where appropriate submit comments in planning terms to the local authorities, who respect our views.

You can support this organisation in our mission to protect your village and countryside by joining the Weald of Kent Protection Society. Membership is £15 per person per year (£20 per couple). Social events and outings are included in our programme.

Details from Fay Merrick secretary@wkps.org.uk or on the website www.wkps.org.uk

100 Club Draw

Here's the Draw results since the last edition:

November Draw

£100 Mel Rawlinson
£25 Roy Manuel
£25 Mike Gornall
£25 Sue Palmer
£25 John Lumley

December

£100 John Smith
£50 Millie Allen
£25 Peter Widd
£25 Miles Alexander
£25 Simon & Natasha Palmer
Christmas Bonus prizes
£25 Alison Richey
£25 Dick Noble

January

£100 Shirley Missing
£50 J John Harrison
£25 Rocky Hills
£25 Lizzie Harrison
£25 Jo Oliver

The February Draw will be held on Wednesday 15th February at 8pm in 'The Barrow House'. Good luck everyone – still 36 prizes to go in current series!

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).

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Balance your emotions, clear your mind

Yvonne Fernando, NLP Master Practitioner & Life Coach tells us more ...

21st Century stressors come in many forms, from tense, tricky relationships in our personal lives to pressured interactions at work. And while the digital revolution has brought huge advantages on the one hand, it has created new frustrations on the other. Financial pressures, conflicting priorities, unresolved issues and the simple act of travelling on our congested roads and imperfect public transport also adds to the stress burden.

According to a survey earlier this year 45 million working days were lost over the last three years as a result of anxiety, stress and depression in the UK. While our colloquial language is peppered with phrases like, Don't Worry, Be Happy, Stay Calm - it can sometimes be a difficult mantra to follow!

Often we can just brush off or deal with stressful situations with no adverse effects. And there is something called 'positive stress', which can work for us as a motivating force during situations at work or perhaps during a project in our personal lives. However, when stress becomes negative (we feel we can't handle it), problems can arise. We are thrown off balance - it can affect our overall health & wellbeing, relationships, sleep patterns, weight gain/loss, digestive problems, heart, capacity for memory and many other disorders.

Anxiety, stress and depression are closely related and if left unchecked can develop into physical depression. While there's no doubt that modern living can produce some unwanted side-effects, the good news is that there's a lot you can do to prevent and manage anxiety, stress and depression.

NLP can help you to identify and understand the root cause of your anxiety and stress and pinpoint changes you might need to make. This could be anything from resolving negative beliefs, conquering fears phobias, dealing with unresolved conflicts and issues from the past to concerns about the future. Working with a NLP coach can help you to deal with all of these underlying problems so that you can move forwards in a more resourceful way. Effective NLP techniques will introduce you to new thought processes or ways of thinking that will bring balance to all areas of your life; work, relationships, exercise, health and success. Relaxation is one of the best antidotes to stress. Learning how to relax can clear the mind, calm the emotions and result in a healthier body. In a relaxed state people are more creative and can solve problems more easily.

They can also see things from a different perspective and do more than they originally thought possible. If you struggle with anxiety, stress or depression, try some of these tips to bring some balance to your life:

Exercise and Physical Activity - improves mood.

Regular Sleeping Pattern - reduces negative feelings and worry.

Mindfulness - known to help with anxiety, stress and depression.

Yoga - for long and short term stress relief.

Meditation - controls physical tension and creates inner peace.

Relaxation - calms the emotions, clears the mind, helps to see things from a different perspective.

Ask Yourself - If you get a stressful thought, ask yourself if it's true? If no, let it go and if yes, decide if it's helpful? Depending on your answer, you can develop a strategy to deal with it.


Write it Down - make a note of things that stress you and consider allocating a specific time in the day when you can think about them. This can free up the rest of the day so that you can get on with your life.

Yvonne supports clients with change; to give them more confidence and help them move forward. Yvonne also runs regular workshops. . Contact her on 01233 878474 or visit www.yvonnefernandonlp.co.uk for more details.

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Running Club plans for 2017

Egerton Running Club's AGM was held in the Sports Pavilion last month. Attendees enjoyed a chilli supper with drinks and debated this year's activities for the group which included members of the club participating in the Headcorn half-marathon and Brighton marathon.



The Friends of Egerton Church of England Primary School supported by Egerton Running Club will be holding the 7th ANNUAL BLUEBELL RUN on Sunday May 7th. Entrants can choose the 10K or 5K Run or support their children in The Fun Run through the beautiful lanes, orchards, and bluebell woodlands around Egerton Parish.

And afterwards, back at the school, enjoy a delicious bacon butty and homemade cake whilst others admire your finishers' medal.

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Volunteering with the Silver Line

Lynn Garbutt from Egerton shares her experience of working as a volunteer with a charity which aims to help alleviate loneliness among elderly people. She writes:

I first got involved with The Silver Line after reading an article in November 2013. Speaking in the media Dame Esther Rantzen discussed her feeling of loneliness following the death of her husband.

She was overwhelmed by the response to her comments and the depths of isolation and loneliness many people felt. It was the level of response and the stories people shared that prompted Esther to start The Silver Line. The story really touched me and I thought it was such a good idea and I wanted to get involved. I have been volunteering for 2 ½ years and I am friends to a lovely lady who lives in the Midlands.

Once I had completed a short telephone training session, I was matched with my Silver Liner. I call her once a week at an agreed time and day. All you need to become a volunteer is access to the internet, an email account and a telephone. All calls are free of charge.

I am so pleased I became involved with The Silver Line and I enjoy my weekly calls to my Silver Liner. I believe I have made a difference and she feels less isolated and lonely now. She has gradually become more confident too. We also have a good laugh, chatting about everything from what's on TV, books we have read and generally putting the world to rights!

The Silver Line is the only national, free and confidential helpline for older people open 24-hours a day, 7 days a week and 365 days a year. If you would like to know more, or become a volunteer, please go to <https://wwwthesilverline.org.uk/> or call 0800 4 70 80 90. Or you can message me Lynn Garbutt through <https://nextdoor.com/>.

Lynn listed some statistics from The Silver Line:

- 90% of callers to The Silver Line helpline say that they live alone (compared to UK average of 49% (ONS figures))
- In summer 2016, the helpline received its one millionth call in just two and a half years since national launch
- 68% of calls to the helpline are in the evenings and at weekends when many services for older people are closed
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Wheels keep on turning

Wealden Wheels reports on a strong 2016 with a new vehicle joining the fleet

2016 was a great year for Wealden Wheels. In November we introduced a second wheelchair accessible minibus to our fleet. The brand new 16-seat vehicle was funded by the Government's Community Transport Minibus Fund.

Having a rear loading wheelchair ramp enables us to carry two fixed wheelchairs and up to eight seated passengers.

Our volunteer drivers are our greatest resource, without them, none of the 469 trips that we undertook during the year could happen. It's quite a simple equation, the more driver availability we have, the more worthwhile work we can undertake within the community. Our buses covered 26,984 miles during the year. We are always keen to recruit new drivers so if it's something you would like to find out more about or know of someone who might like to help, please get in touch with the Project Co-ordinator, Graham on the number below.

Annual membership of Wealden Wheels starts from as little as £10. Members, who can be individuals, families, groups, businesses or organisations are able to access minibuses on a self-drive hire basis or with a volunteer driver, subject to availability. To find out how you could benefit from membership please visit www.wealdenwheels.co.uk or call 01233 840000.



Kent Against Burglary Campaign

There are steps we can all take to secure our homes, gardens and vehicles and limit the opportunities for crime. Kent Police would like to share the following tips with you as part of its #KentAgainstBurglary campaign

Out shopping?

Most people take steps to keep valuables safely out of view when at home, but what about when you're out and about? If you're shopping in busy areas it's easier to get distracted, so make sure you keep your wallet and phone close by but tucked away, for example in an inside jacket pocket or zipped bag. Where possible, avoid leaving any personal belongings, gifts or loose change in your car when you lock it and never leave bags or belongings unattended.

Going away on holiday?

Most people take steps to make their house look occupied if they are going out or going away. Do you?

As well as checking your home and garden are locked up before you leave, do you also put timer switches on lights or radios to make it look as though someone is home?

How about asking a trusted friend or neighbour to keep an eye on your property, park on your driveway or remove papers, milk and post from your front door while you're gone?

Your local Neighbourhood Watch scheme can give you more tips on home security. *Egerton's Neighbourhood Watch is at neighbourhoodwatch@tilden.eclipse.co.uk.*

Worried about bogus callers?

While incidents don't happen often, if your doorbell rings and you're not expecting anyone,

never feel obliged to answer. If you do, make sure the rear of your home is secured first, use a door chain if you have one and always check they are who they say they are by contacting their company yourself (not on a number they provide).

If in doubt, keep them out and ask them to come back at a later date (when you can have someone with you). If you have older relatives or neighbours then please share our advice with them, too.

You can print out our top tips from <https://www.kent.police.uk/advice/bogus-callers-and-rogue-traders/>

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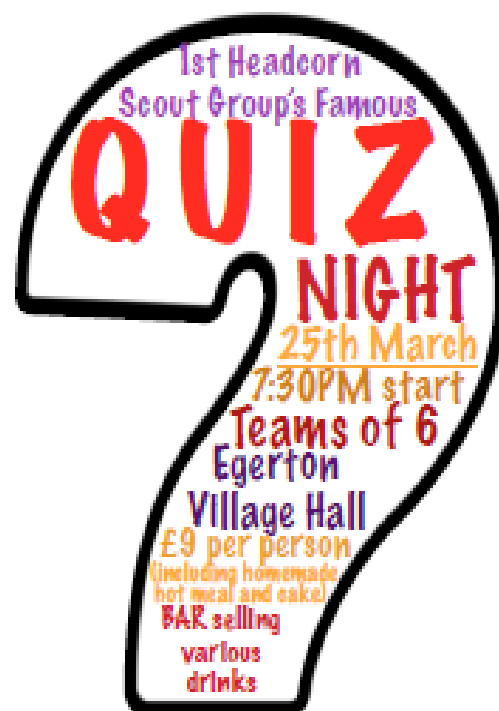
Friday 30th June, 7.30pm
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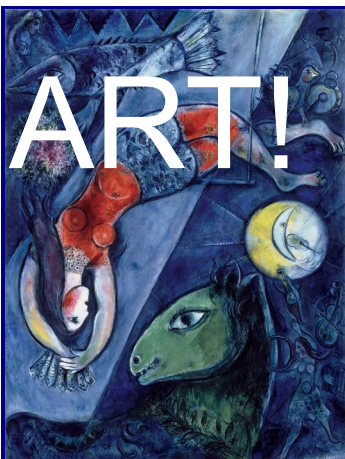
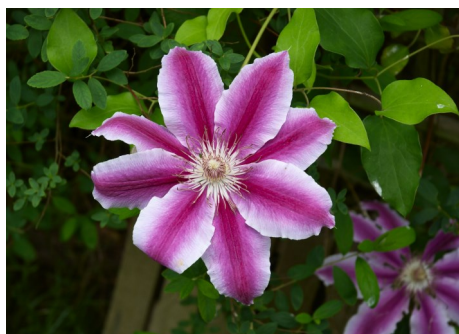


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Crowds come out for Christmas!

Egerton's popular Christmas Fair on the Glebe took place on December 3rd 2016 and provided an opportunity for local groups and associations to raise money and also for the village to meet up and socialise.

Mulled wine, raffles, stalls, hot food to takeaway, carol singing from the School and Egerton Players as well as music from The Faversham Waytes made for a festive atmosphere. Christmas cheer was in good supply. Stall holder and St James' Churchwarden Linde Ovington Lee said "Would you please accept our grateful thanks to you and all those who kindly spent time erecting and dismantling the Christmas huts and tents. St James church made a wonderful sum of £398 thanks largely to Jonathan Harmer's efforts with mulled wine and Julian Mills gift of mistletoe. It was a real village affair and great fun." Competition winners for the Great Xmas Bake Off were school mum Holly for her Santa-themed cupcakes with Eleanor Penbow receiving a special commendation and winners of the Children's Colouring Competition were Egerton School pupils Harry Snowden and Jack Wellard who took the winners and runners-up prizes respectively.

VOLUNTEERS KEEP FAIR ALIVE

The Christmas Fair only happens through the goodwill of volunteers within the village community who give up their time to help ensure that these village traditions are able to continue. This time last year, *Egerton Update* reported that the Christmas Fair was in danger of not taking place in 2016 as new volunteers were needed to help run the event. Luckily, a new committee was formed and the event took place. If you want to volunteer to help at any village events then please

contact the clerk at the Parish Council, Heather James on 01233 756501 or email-clerk@egertonpc@hotmail.co.uk.



(Left) Father Christmas paid an early visit to Egerton while (right) volunteers prepare the event putting up the huts and stalls for the stallholders.



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March 26th Danny (MOTHERS'
DAY)

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April 9th, 2017. Guest preacher Alan
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Sunday 12th	3 Before Lent	No Service in Egerton	
Sunday 19th	2 Before Lent	9.30	Matins
Sunday 26th	Sunday before Lent	09.30	The Eucharist

MARCH

Sunday 5th	Lent 1	09.30	Family Service
Sunday 12th	Lent 2	No Service in Egerton	
Sunday 19th	Lent 3	09.30	Matins
Sunday 26th	Mothering Sunday	09.30	Family Eucharist

APRIL

Sunday 2nd	Lent 5	09.30	Family Service
Sunday 9th	Palm Sunday	08.00	Holy Communion (BCP)
Sunday 16th	Easter Sunday	09.30	Family Eucharist
Sunday 23rd	Easter 2	09.30	The Eucharist
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WI welcomes a sparkling 2017

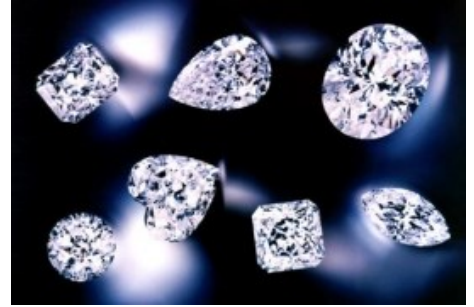
Just before their meal, ladies and guests at the Egerton WI Christmas Social on Wednesday 7 December were surprised to see the hall curtains draw back to reveal an array of players armed with ukeleles.

The president had secretly arranged for the Headcorn Ukelele Group ('HUG') to pay a visit. The large, wide-ability group entertained the party with an assortment of songs, for the most part well-known.

The competition was a table decoration containing a candle, and this had joint winners: Barbara Streeter and Mary Walker. Barbara's centrepiece was a beautiful classical white flower arrangement on an elegant glass stand.

The striking deep red rose and candle combination of Mary's entry drew equal admiration, and the two entries provided quite a contrast in style. This year's Competition Cup was won by Heather James. The awarding of the Achievement Cup was held over until January to allow for further nominations and voting.

Helen Kendal-Tobias provided a glamorous start to Egerton WI's 2017 programme with a presentation entitled 'Diamonds, a girl's best friend?' This interesting talk gave the background of the technical side of the gems, from their formation, history, cutting and



grading, through to their use and fashion. Members were amazed to hear just how big the Kohinoor diamond was, and that the owner would be cursed - unless she was a woman! The presentation ended with the famous Marilyn Monroe movie clip with the actress singing the title song.

The Achievement Cup, held over from December 2016, drew an excellent number of highly deserving nominations, and voting was very close. In the end, the Cup was awarded to Kay Langridge, who had managed to gain a GCSE in Mathematics.

There was no competition this month. Instead, there was an exhibition of brooches. Although this did not have many entries, there was a wide range of styles and made for an attractive and interesting display.

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WI Diary

1 March

A Japanese Wedding - Brenda Kent
Competition: tie the perfect bow.

5 April

A Personal History of Broadcasting - Richard King
Exhibition: favourite jug.

3 May

Resolutions and programme planning.
Competition: a flower arrangement in a cup.

The next issue of Egerton Update will be distributed in May 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 winter and spring months and what is coming up in Egerton during the Summer. All you do is email your contribution to **egertonupdate@gmail.com**. The final copy date for editorial contributions will be April 13th 2017. Please, where you can, send us a photo to illustrate events and meetings reports.



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This winter, UK Power Networks is keen to increase the number of people who are registered for help so it can provide the support they need quicker in case of a power cut. It therefore encourages Egerton parishioners who may be eligible for help, to join the Priority Services Register. You can find more details and register by visiting ukpowernetworks.co.uk/prioritysupport or calling 0800 169 9970.

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Jane Harman reports on Egerton's Decorative and Fine Arts Society

The Society continues to thrive with about 250 members.

As previously explained in the last issue of Update, we meet in the Millennium Hall on the second Wednesday of every month (except July and August) at 2.20pm for an illustrated talk by an expert in some aspect of the Arts.

The proposed talk in November on "The Lure of Ivory" had to be postponed because of train delays. However our former Chairman, Patsy Erskine-Hill, an accredited lecturer, came to our rescue with a talk on the Italian renaissance painters, the Bellini brothers.

In December members enjoyed a small "drinks and nibbles" party after a lecture on Pantomimes and one of our members, Danti Campallia, provided some excellent jazz on the Village Hall's piano.

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Over 60s enjoy speakers and lunch

Sheila Palmer reports on this very active club

The Over 60s wish everyone a happy and healthy 2017. The Club has had a very eventful year, not only have we celebrated our Golden Jubilee but sadly we have lost some very good members who have done so much for us over the many years of membership. Fortunately we have welcomed new members. From small beginnings in 1966 our numbers swelled to 106 a few years ago but have now gradually reduced to 59, but we hope Egerton Over 60's will continue for another 50 years providing stimulating speakers, entertainment and outings for the young/elderly of our village. Jeff Turner was guest speaker at our October meeting~his subject~"For the want of 5 shillings a village was lost." This village was in the area of Herne Bay known as Hampton -on -Sea. This area grew from a tiny fishing hamlet in 1864 , expanded through the oyster trade and was developed as a resort from 1879. It was later abandoned as a result of coastal erosion and flooding problems in 1916, and the land on which the village stood was largely lost by 1921, and all that remains is the stub of the original pier and a few buildings.

The Council had failed to sell off the many building plots of land at 5 shillings, thus money had not been available to maintain the coastline and the pier and nearly all has been lost.

One of our celebrations was held at our November meeting when the Mayor of Ashford attended.



Carol and Richard Bosworth provided an excellent entertainment-Pip the Magic Clown. Carol is a mem-

ber of the International Brotherhood of Magicians and is well known for her Magical and entertaining abilities. The Mayor and a member whose birthday it was that day~took an active part in some of her magic. Richard, who has played the organ since the age of 14, provided suitable music during the session. He is a superb organist and is the owner of a valuable



collection of organs including a Baldwin Theatre Organ. We interacted trying to follow Carol's deft hand movements. Their show closed with a sing-a-long. We all enjoyed a delicious tea which included a slice of a special birthday cake cut by the Mayor.

We held our AGM in December. Following the business we were treated to a delightful entertainment presented by the

youngest choir of the Primary School.

They sang Xmas carols and songs and we had great pleasure watching these young entertainers.

We thank them very much.

December 13th found 50 + members en route to Lathe Barn for our Xmas lunch.

As usual, Diana and her team provided a superb meal-all fresh and local grown produce.

Sadly after many years, Diana is retiring.

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Over 60s winter/spring programme

Egerton Over 60s meetings for the next quarter kicks off on Monday 13 February with *Geoff Hutchinson as Rudyard Kipling*. Tuesday 21 February sees an outing to The George, at Molash (Midday trip) for a Winter warmer. Monday 13 March features Melanie Gibson-Barton on The History of Morris Dancing. On Monday 10 April members will welcome representatives from Medical Detection Dogs. Most members' meetings will be held in the Egerton Millennium Hall from 2 - 4 pm on the second Monday of the month, except for December which is on the first Monday and in August, 12 for 12:30pm for the summer lunch meeting. New members subs (one-off): £5 All members, £2 subs per meeting attended (£5 in August).

Christmas lunch for 2017 has been booked at the George at Molash. January's meeting was a delight. We were entertained by Ashford Camcorder Club ~ many of their members also belong to our Club. They showed a wonderful selection of member's films some amusing and some serious.

Ollie, Heather, Charlie, Val showed their films - we are proud of them! One film in particular affected us all ~ a town and village in Belgium - a superb film ~ a very moving film. Finally we watched Charlies' film of our Celebration tea with the Mayor and Pip the Clown.

A wonderful collection of used Xmas cards was delivered to Peasmarsh by Sheila and Alan. They will go for recycling. Thanks to all who dropped them into the Hall also for all the used stamps for the RNLI.



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- manhole, covers/gully covers - missing or damaged;
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- illegal advertising causing a safety hazard;
- oil spills or other spills onto the highway;



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The Garden in Spring

Tips for the amateur gardener from the Dobbie's website



February

As the days begin to lengthen, early spring bulbs and Snowdrops start to colour the bare earth. And longer days mean you can spend longer in the garden, doing some of the tasks below...

Flowers

Lightly trim winter flowering Heathers when the flowers die off

Divide Snowdrops after flowering

Plant Lily of the Valley Crowns

Prune summer flowering shrubs

Fruit

Tie in wall trained fruit trees and bushes

Set Peaches, Vines and Nectarines into growth in a greenhouse

Check stored fruit and discard any that are rotting

Complete the pruning of fruit trees

Vegetables

Dig any unworked vacant ground

Dig and store any root crops still in the ground

Check stored vegetables and discard any that are rotting

Lawns

Keep off in frosty weather

March

The new season starts in earnest this month. Nature stirs into growth as the weather improves and the soil warms.

Flowers

Finish off pruning roses

If not already done lift and divide congested clumps of snowdrops while still in leaf

Prune back autumn flowering clematis

Take the old flower heads off winter flowering heathers and trim the plants to shape

Feed rose bushes

Mulch any areas of garden missed in the autumn

Cut back Cornus and Salix stems to encourage new growth next year

Fruit

Mulch Raspberry canes with compost or manure

This is the latest time that bare-root fruit bushes and trees can be planted

April

As the weather begins to get warmer, April is always a busy month in a gardeners calendar, with seeds to sow, lawns to mow, shrubs to trim and vegetable gardens to tend to.

Top Tips

Now is the perfect time to get the lawnmower out and cut your grass for the first time this year. Cut grass with the lawnmower blades set high for the first few times, then use a good lawn feed and weed killer to help your lawn look its best. Also re-seed and re-turf any bald patches. Thin out herbaceous plants, prune spring flowering shrubs once flowering has finished and trim evergreen hedges and shrubs.

In early April sow garden vegetables like potatoes, peas, broad beans, leeks, cauliflower, summer cabbage, brussel sprouts, onions, spinach, turnips, parsnips and lettuce outdoors or, if you leave it too late, young vegetable plants can be bought from garden centres. Other vegetables like cucumbers, courgettes and outdoor tomatoes can be sown under glass and runner beans can be started individually in 3 inch pots ready for planting in May.

It's also a good time to sow seeds of hardy annuals like nasturtium, calendula, lavatera and cornflowers.

Sprinkle rose fertiliser around roses and begin to spray them to control pests and diseases.



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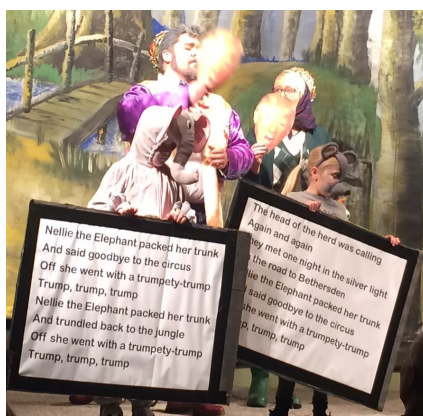
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Pluckley Panto Tr(i)ump(h)s!



***Rumpelstiltskin was the topic of Pluckley Panto Unlimited's 2017 show.** Featuring an eclectic array of pantomime characters including a Dame (or two), an elephant, a mouse, the obligatory King and Queen and even a US Football Team, the performance managed to come bang up to date with a nod to President Trump! This year's performances were in memory of two former members of the theatre Group, Graham Weaver and Anne Nelson-Smith, who both died last year and who had taken part in many of the group's 32 productions.*





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1 kg/2lb 4oz baking potatoes, peeled and placed in a bowl of cold water to prevent them from browning (use floury potatoes such as Russet, King Edward, Maris Piper Marfona, Mozart, Desiree)

3-4 cloves garlic

500ml/17½fl oz double cream (you may need a bit extra – or top with a very small splash of milk if it looks dry before the potatoes are cooked) salt and freshly ground black pepper

Method:

Preheat the oven to 160C/320F/Gas
Slice the potatoes into thin slices, about 3mm/¼in thick. Place the slices into a bowl as you cut them.

Trim the ends off the garlic cloves but don't peel. Grate the cloves on a grater. The flesh will go through the fine holes and the skins will be left behind. Scrape the grated garlic flesh into the bowl with the potatoes.

Season the potatoes, to taste, with salt and freshly ground black pepper. Pour the cream over the potatoes and mix well again.

Place the potato slices into the gratin dish. They should come to just below the top of the dish. Press the potato down with the back of a spoon or your hands so it forms a solid layer. The cream should come to just below the top layer of potato.

Place the potatoes in the oven and bake for 1-1½ hours, or until the potatoes are completely tender. (If the cream looks like it's splitting, your oven is too hot, so turn it down a bit.)



In Praise of the Potato

Helen Baird runs Pluckley Farm Shop and here she talks about the benefits of the potato

Not only does the New Year bring dieters looking to lose weight but also the shopper is hunting for the latest super food for general wellbeing. This year's super food is turmeric. At least, so I'm told. If I took notice of every food article and watched all the chef programmes, I'd never know what stock to purchase for the farm shop!

Over the last few years we've had many fads - concentrated beetroot juice, blueberries, chillis, goji berries, cranberries - all declared the best thing to eat. Traditionally the super foods have been bananas, broccoli, nuts and avocados. But what of the humble potato? Ignored by dieters because they are 'fattening' or high in carbohydrates, few would class the potato as a 'wonder food' packed full of vitamins, minerals and nutrients. However, they are a staple food stuff for good reason - apparently a simple jacket potato has five times as much fibre as a banana and has more vitamin C than three avocados. According to my internet research, it is possible that eating spuds twice a day can lower blood pressure - and contrary to popular perceptions it won't make you put on weight! So is it really necessary to cut out the humble potato from your low carb diet? Should I believe my research on what foods have high content of vitamins and nutrients, or the diet experts giving advice as to weight loss in glossy magazines? In the last Newsletter I stated how good the humble apple is for us and I think it is time the potato is looked at with fresh eyes too. There is much that can be done with a potato so look up some new recipes. There are many, many different varieties grown in Kent (I'll keep banging that drum to buy local!!) and they are THE cheapest vegetable to buy. A small 12.5kg sack at just £5.50 (prices do vary from place to place (or variety)).

January is a time of re-evaluation for many people but I just find myself ever more confused. I think I'll stick to the common sense approach - a balanced diet is a healthy diet.

IN SEASON:

Beetroot, Brussels sprouts, cauliflower, celeriac, celery, chicory, horseradish, Jerusalem artichoke, kale, kohlrabi, leeks, parsnips, potatoes (main crop), salsify, shallots, purple-sprouting broccoli, cabbage, swede, turnips, blood oranges, clementines, lemons, oranges, passion fruit, pineapple, pomegranate, satsumas.

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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

November Minutes

Footpaths and Stiles: There are several outstanding footpaths issues, some many months old. KCC budget restraints are the reason given.

Negotiations are still ongoing to get a self-closing gate in place of the stile at New Road, opposite Stone Hill.

Highways: During the rush hour, approximately 7.30 to 8.00 pm, children waiting for the bus at the stop alongside The Barrow House are having to stand in the road as the waiting area is not large enough for the number of

children. The Clerk has contacted KCC Highways to see if the path area can be extended and if The Barrow House would agree to some extra hedging to be cut back.

Neighbourhood Plan and Parish Plan

The public meeting held on 19th October was attended by approximately 120 members of the public. The next meeting will be held on 30th November to form a steering group to carry on work for the Plan.

Trees on Elm Close: The work on some of the trees in Elm Close has been carried out and all areas look much tidier.

Sign at Stonebridge Green There is still no response on this.

Training and Development Policy and Plan: This item is put forward to the December meeting.

Eis Web Site: This event was cancelled due to lack of interest. Another meeting may be arranged later.

Excess Chairs: A working group will sort out the storage area at Groom Farm after Christmas.

Christmas Fair on The Glebe: Another meeting of the sub-committee is due to be held on 9th November.

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The Christmas tree advertising boards will be put out this week and the Christmas tree on The Glebe will be in place a week before the event on 3rd December.

Finance Committee: The Committee will meet on 14th November to discuss the budget and draft up a precept to put before the full committee. This is a changed date from the minutes put out in October.

Egerton Signpost and Planter: The Clerk will source three quotes for the work.

December Minutes

Footpaths and Stiles: There are still several outstanding footpaths issues. Some confusion exists between EPC and KCC regarding the reported fallen fingerpost at the roadside footpath at the corner opposite Stone Hill near Tim Oliver. KCC think it is resolved but it is not. It has been re-reported.

Highways: KCC Highways have been contacted in regard to five problems. The first is overgrown hedges on New Road, both sides between Stonehill and Greenhill on the right and Stonehill to the Parish boundary on the left. The KCC inspected and said the left side needs cutting so the landowner will be contacted but did not agree about the right side. Second report was a dropped drain cover at Mundy Bois Road opposite Priscilla Harper's house which has been passed to Southern Water. Thirdly the carriageway is collapsing along Barhams Mill Road. Fourth report is the

sign at Stonebridge Green is being held on the upright pole by strapping and needs bolting on. Finally there is mud blocking a drain at Iden House in Iden Lane.

TRO: A letter has been received from ABC outlining the reasons for refusing a TRO for Stisted Way. The matter will be held on file until the building work is completed on the school ready for the pre-school.

Neighbourhood Plan and Parish Plan
The meeting held on 30th November had 11 people attending. Carl Adams of ACRK explained that a neighbourhood plan has the Parish Council as the accountable body and the Parish boundary would be used as the Neighbourhood Plan boundary. The map of the boundary will be shown in the next issue of Egerton Update. If no objections are received the plan will be put to ABC. The next meeting will be held on 11th January 2017 in the committee room.

Sign at Stonebridge Green The Clerk has reported that the sign needs repairing.

Training and Development Policy and Plan: A draft policy has been produced and circulated. Following discussions the Clerk will finalise and send out the policy. It was agreed unanimously to adopt the policy.

Eis Web Site: 1 Councillor and the Clerk attend an event hosted by Hugofox, who provide free web sites for

non-profit organisations. It is hoped Malcolm Laws will be able to assist in moving from Eis to Hugofox.

Excess Chairs: With the need to make more space in the barn it has been decided to put the chairs on Ebay, buyer collects. The Clerk will contact a villager who has used Ebay successfully.

Christmas Fair on The Glebe: The Chairman thanked the organisers and helpers for another very successful Christmas Fair.

Finance Committee: The draft budget was to be discussed under Accounts but due to an oversight all paperwork was not available. This item will be discussed in January.

Emergency Planning and Resilience Workshop: A Councillor attended this event on 14th December and will report in January.

KCC Highways Parish and Town Council Seminar: A Councillor attended this event and forwarded a report to all Councillors.

Broadband: A letter received from George Chandler, Broadband Project Manager, detailed works to be carried out in the village. The issue at Mundy Bois is to be resolved by BT with a new green box at Greenhill to give the area faster broadband speeds. Some properties in Harmers Way and Stevens Close have 840 numbers while others have 756 numbers. George will look into all numbers being 756 to share the new green box opposite The Barrow House.

Boundary Changes: A letter has been written by the Chairman to the Boundary Commission to state that Egerton

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wishes to stay with Smarden in Weald North and not be incorporated into High Weald.

Bags of Rubbish: Bags of rubbish or recycling which had been left at Stonebridge Green have now been removed.

Welcome Pack: A Welcome Pack has been delivered to the new owners of Jonstone West.

Parish Assembly for 2017: The date for the 2017 Parish Assembly will be Thursday 23rd March at The Millennium Hall.

Pre-School Movie Night: The pre-school wish to hold a fund-raising movie night somewhere on the recreation ground. The Clerk will liaise with them.

January Minutes

Footpaths and stiles: The finger post on Rock Hill Road opposite Stone Hill Road has not been repaired as stated by KCC. This will be reported again. The wire left at the new gate along the footpath from Rock Hill Road to Crocken Hill has been cleared. The new gate to be installed at the allotment field in New Road is still outstanding. There are some issues to report for the February meeting.

Highways: The Clerk has reported a number of different areas which need attention. This will be reported on next month.

Harmers Way: A meeting was arranged between Ashford Borough Council,

Sanctuary housing, our Borough Councillor and Egerton Parish Council to discuss allocation of housing.

Neighbourhood and Parish Plans: The next meeting will be held on January 11th 2017 in the Committee room. Several villagers who had expressed interest in helping with this will be invited to come to the meeting

Training & Development Policy & Plan: The draft plan has been looked at and will be returned to the writer to make sure it is correct. Then the Clerk will put on file and onto Parish web site.

Chairs: The Clerk will contact a villager about putting chairs on Ebay.

Finance Committee: The draft budget will be discussed later in the proceedings. Emergency Planning and Resilience Workshop:

A councillor attended the event on 14th December and a report was sent to councillors. Egerton has an emergency plan which was developed in 2013. Some of the information needs updating so a sub-committee are to check through the emergency plan to update the list of vulnerable residents. Also to set up a telephone tree in case of emergency.

Broadband: Some properties in Harmers Way and Stevens Close have 840 numbers while others have 756 numbers, George Chandler would like a meeting with all residents with 840 numbers to discuss options.

Bus survey: This has been completed and

sent in by Egerton resident Stephanie Buss, thank you Stephanie.

Rubbish: More bags of rubbish/recycling have been left, this time on Green Hill Lane. The Clerk will check with ABC why this keeps happening.

Glebe mowing: A quote is to be obtained to carry out the mowing.

Pre-school Movie Night Fundraiser: This will be followed up by a councillor.

Any Other Business: Local residents are unhappy with degree and reliability of the EE signal, possible other signals, in Egerton, especially lack of in the Forstal. The mast in Bethersden has been shut down so no signal. It is possible that a sure signal box would help within resident's houses. A draft letter will be sent to Damian Green to complain to EE. A copy will be sent to Charlie Simkins.

Why are there gaps in the New Road side hedge of the field adjacent to Stone Hill? The hedge is very old and disappearing. The Clerk will write to Mr Downs to offer to get someone to plant up some hedging.

Some residents are not happy with the proximity to road-edge position of the stones at the top of Green Hill. As the stones are not on the highway it is the farmer's responsibility.

Forthcoming meetings:

The March meeting of Egerton Parish Council will be held on Tuesday March 7th at 8pm in the Village Hall Committee room.

The minutes of the February, March and April meetings will appear in the next issue of *Egerton Update*.

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For instance on Mondays you can Zumba in the Games Barn or meet friends and neighbours at the monthly Monday Over 60s meeting. On a Tuesday you can attend yoga as well as the monthly Folk Club get-together.

Wednesday brings the WI meetings and table tennis in the Village Hall and also it's the day for the monthly meeting of the Decorative and Fine Arts Society.

Thursday it's yoga again, circuit training in the Games Barn or the monthly Film Society show. On a Friday and Saturday night you can often enjoy the many fun quizzes held by organisations such as The Scouts, The Players, The Cricket Club—to name a few. There's also the under 14s football with Egerton and Pluckley United and Saturday cricket matches in the Summer. Egerton Computer Centre holds a Saturday morning clinic too. Sunday mornings offer a visit to Church or a run around the lanes with Egerton Running Club.

And then there are the big events that bring everyone together such as Music Week (2017), the Village Fete (2018), Cricket Week (2019) and the annual Christmas Fair on the Glebe.

If you want to know more about these events—and the many others that take place in the village—then come along to the Parish Assembly on the evening of Thursday March 23rd. Members of the many village clubs and associations will be there to talk about what they can offer.



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Regular Weekly

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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February 2017

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
		1 7pm Women's Institute (VH)	2	3	4	5
6	7 10am Borough Councillor (VH) 8pm EPC (VH)	8 2.20pm DFAS (VH) 7.30pm WI Table Tennis (VH)	9	10	11 Barrow House: Valentines Dinner	12
13 12.30pm Over 60s (VH)	14 Barrow House: Valentines Dinner	15	16 Eg Players: Railway Children Barrow House: Pre-theatre Dinner	17 Eg Players: Railway Children Barrow House: Pre-theatre Dinner	18 Eg Players: Railway Children Barrow House: Pre-theatre Dinner	19
20	21 Over 60s (George Molash)	22 7.30pm WI Table Tennis (VH) 8pm Neighbourhood Plan Meeting (VH)	23 7.30 EFS (VH)	24	25	26
27	28 8pm Egerton Folk Club (Queens Arms Pub)					

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
EFS = Egerton Film Society

March 2017

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
		1 7pm Women's Institute (VH)	2	3	4 10am Laughing Club (VH)	5
6	2 10am Borough Councillor (VH) 8pm EPC (VH)	8 2.20pm DFAS (VH) 7.30pm WI Table Tennis (VH)	9	10	11	12
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20	21	22 7.30pm WI Table Tennis (VH)	23 7.30pm Parish Assembly (VH)	24	25	26
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April 2017

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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