

# EGERTON UPDATE

The quarterly magazine for the village of Egerton, Kent

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## Consultation begins on Neighbourhood Plan

Villagers' top priority is that the Neighbourhood Plan protects the rural environment, byways, woodland, footpaths, views and vistas, according to feedback from the Neighbourhood Plan Workshops held in September.

Taken from an analysis of the views expressed by over 100 workshop attendees at three sessions held in the village hall, residents would want to see reflected in the Neighbourhood Plan small scale housing development which would prioritise housing for the elderly, and affordable housing for young people/families. In terms of design of such housing, residents in the main, would like to see the principles of the Village Design Statement upheld – recognising too that innovation in design could also be a feature of the Plan.

Residents called for more rentable properties to be made available and for the protection of ancient sites and conservation areas within the village.

In supporting the local economy villagers would like to see small scale business developments and would like to have more influence around agricultural development.

Residents were asked to express their "hopes" and "fears" around a number of topics that are linked to potential land use in the Parish: Housing Development, Economic Development, Design Development and Community Development.

Their comments were then analysed by the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group and grouped into sentiments—that could then provide guidelines for the development of the Plan. The main sentiments expressed by those present at the workshops are detailed in the box opposite.

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### Main sentiments expressed by workshop attendees:

- Maintaining the rural environment, byways, woodland, footpaths, views and vistas
- Retaining style of village/ Design Statement
- Affordable housing for young people
- Housing for older people
- Small housing developments
- Small scale local businesses, such as those in Bedlam Lane
- Creative—innovative development
- Control travellers' sites
- Occasional in-filling
- Influence - improve agricultural development
- Create local employment opportunities (agricultural, light industry)
- Rentable properties
- Housing for families
- Protection of ancient sites and conservation areas
- Local control of development
- Maintaining quality housing
- All weather sports facilities
- Brown field only/ within existing developments

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In terms of land-use for community facilities there was strong sentiment around consideration for more sports facilities such as an all-weather surface for tennis etc plus more outdoor fitness equipment. There were also sentiments expressed around improvements to the Games Barn, more facilities for children and young people and for public spaces in the Forstal.

What came across strongly was that behind these hopes for the village was a

strong desire to protect the rural environment and village feel and to ensure that any development went through robust planning processes with fact based future housing requirements. There was a requirement to see trust in the planning process and decision-making. There was also sentiment expressed around the Plan providing a way for older people who want to stay in the village to be able to down-size and free up more family housing, through the provision of housing for older people. There were concerns expressed that too much housing could lead to a loss of identity for individual villages.

**WORKSHOP AIMS:**

- To build an understanding of the sentiment of the village towards development issues and land usage
- To start to establish what factors are important to the residents
- To begin to gauge what kind of development the village feels could be appropriate and which would not

*How the village is developed will affect how the village functions as a whole*

### Villagers' concerns passed to Parish Council

The focus of a Neighbourhood Plan is around land use in the village. However the workshops provided an opportunity for other issues to be raised. Many of these lie outside the remit of a Neighbourhood Plan, but the Steering Group have collated the issues raised and passed these to the Parish Council:

The most common issues were around:

- Protecting local amenities such as the shop and Post Office, the Pubs and the garage*
- Protecting surrounding woodland, public footpaths and seats*
- Improving the broadband and mobile phone signal across the whole village*
- More bus services*
- Stopping speeding through the village*
- No more street lighting wanted*
- Crime prevention*
- Better Parking*
- Improve facilities such as the Games Barn, Children's Playground*
- Prevent dog-fouling*
- Looking at planning on existing houses*
- More council houses*
- Using the Church building for more activities*
- Outdoor gym equipment—children's and adults*
- Better access to health provision*

To find out what's next on the Neighbourhood Plan turn to page 9

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# Relief at last as Church opens new loo!



Jan Burgess writes on the littlest room in the Church

On Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> September, parishioners were invited to our Parish Church, St James the Great, to a 'View the Loo' coffee morning in celebration of the newly installed toilet. The Parochial Church Council wishes to extend their sincere thanks to so many of you who have tirelessly raised funds over the years to make this possible, including a most generous County Member's Grant via Coun. Charlie Simkins. A big thank you also to Sarah Widd for her wonderful bake-off for this event - the centrepiece being an iced toilet roll (consisting, of course, of a delicious sponge cake)!

We are very much aware of the great value parishioners place on this wonderful building and wish to continue to develop the interior, so creating a more versatile space for after-service activities and community events such as coffee mornings, social gatherings, concerts and the like.

We have been discussing removing the six pews in the north aisle only, replacing them with chairs, which can be easily moved if we need an open area or room for tables, displays etc. In addition, we wish to update the existing servery and storage areas. If you wish to put forward your comments/ideas do place them in our sugges-

tions box in the church - your views would be much appreciated. Alternatively, email: churchchanges@gmail.com



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Free pizza was on offer from the outdoor oven



## Happy 1st Birthday Barrow House



Owner Sarah Allchorne (centre) and her team welcomed the crowds

Villagers enjoyed a party-night out in September in celebration of the first birthday of The Barrow House pub restaurant. Free pizza, cake and live music all contributed to the fun!



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# Frasers wins National Award

Egerton's luxury boutique hotel, restaurant and venue, Frasers, took the British Farming Award for 'Large Farm Diversification and Innovation 2017'. The family-run business has gone from strength to strength since commencing diversification in 1990.

The British Farming Awards represent the pinnacle of achievement for on farm diversification initiatives, championing the best in their respective fields; therefore, to come out on top is truly an achievement that Lisa and the team at Frasers are very proud of. The judging panel rigorously check all aspects of the business.

Nicholas Hunt, head of agriculture for Santander, informed Frasers that the judging panel were impressed by the businesses long term sustainability and viability, this was one of the main deciding factors in their decision.

Owner of Frasers, Lisa-Jane Fraser, says, "We are absolutely delighted to have received this amazing, prestigious award. We remain and are incredibly proud of being a small, Kent family-run business with a great team of staff who work hard



*All generations of the Fraser family at the prestigious awards ceremony with Jo James, manager*

to ensure that the high standards for the AA are met and maintained. To be recognised for this is such a boost to all the staff, and reaffirms that we are doing a great job."

Frasers grew organically when they began converting redundant farm buildings in the 1990's to luxury accommodation. Lisa Fraser then commenced cooking with locally sourced produce to cater for parties and weddings. Subsequently

following demand from bed and breakfast guests the idea of 'Frasers' was born, and a redundant dairy milking parlour was demolished and in its place a state of the art commercial kitchen and adjacent oak framed Kentish barn was constructed. From its construction in 2008 'Frasers' has become increasingly successful and popular, resulting in them achieving this amazing award.

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# Christmas Fair and New Year's Day Walk

## Walk to welcome 2018

Everyone (and their dogs!) are welcome to join Egerton's traditional New Year's Day Walk which this year is being held in tribute to Dennis Harper. The walk starts with a 9.30am meet up on January 1st 2018 at The Barrow House and walkers will depart from there at 10am when the church bells ring.

It is then a saunter cross-country to The Swan at Little Chart and from there the walk wends its way to the Black Horse at Pluckley. From there, it is on to Elvey Farm followed by a short saunter to the Rose and Crown before heading back to The Barrow House.

There's no need to book to attend the walk, simply turn up at The Barrow House in weather appropriate dress and good footwear to join the fun!



Crowds gathered for the 216 Fair including Father Christmas!!

## Festive Cheer on The Glebe

Saturday December 9th is the date for this year's Christmas Fair on the Glebe! There will be stallholders, Father Christmas, Children's competitions, carol singing and much more at this annual festive get-together. The event begins at 2.30pm.



## Christmas at the Rose & Crown

### ROSE & CROWN CHRISTMAS DAY

#### Amuse

Bloody Mary Jelly

#### Early Skirmish

Wood Pigeon Kiev

Petit Pois a la Francaise

Seafood Assiette (\*GF)

Seared Rye Bay Scallop with Coral Espuma, Oyster Beignet with Oyster Mayonnaise & Beetroot Cured Salmon Tartar

Parma Ham & Clementine (\*GF)

Ham Stuffed with Clementine Infused Goats Cheese, Candy Clementine, Lavash Crisp & Tendril Escabeche

Cep & Pousse Dumpling (V)

Ragu of Ceps & Baby Spinach Encased in a Vegetable Dumpling, Chestnut Mushroom Veloute

#### Palate Cleanser

Sauvignon Sorbet

#### Main Battle

Venison Three Ways (GF)

Roast Saddle, Faggot & Bresola with Baby Fondant, Heritage Carrot, Smoked Cauliflower Puree & Redcurrant Jus

Appledore Turkey (GF)

Ballotine Breast, Leg Chipolata, Confit Potato, Local Sprouts with Bacon & Cob Nuts, Braised Red Cabbage, Pork and Apricot Stuffing & Roasting Juices

Salmon & Lobster Wellington

Crab Croquets, Roast Pepper Puree & Root Vegetable Pearls

Broccoli & Blue Cheese Soufflé (V)

Parsnip Pouring Sauce & Blackened Baby Gem

#### Final Surrender

Yule Dessert Plate

Stollen & Brandy Cream, Christmas Pudding & Whisky Butter, Panettone & Glazed Figs

Port Poached Pears (GF)

Dolcelatte Ice Cream & Candied Walnuts

Boozy Brownie Trifle

Honeycomb Crumb

Lime Semifreddo Cheesecake (GF)

Citrus & Mint Salad

£75 per person



### CHRISTMAS PARTY MENU

2 COURSES £19.95

3 COURSES £24.95

#### Early Skirmish

Pea, Ham & Smoked Black Garlic Soup (\*GF)

Toasted Kentish Huffkin

White Anchovy Fillets (\*GF)

Toasted Sourdough, Pickled Shallots & Confit Duck Egg

Coquilles Saint Jacques (GF)

Rye Bay Scallops, Duchess Potato & Béchamel Sauce

Pheasant, Rabbit & Lardo Maricas (GF)

Romesco Sauce

Root Vegetable & Cottage Cheese Croquette (V)

Micro Salad & Bread Sauce

#### Main Battle

Christmas Suet Pudding (GF)

Turkey, Gammon, Sausage & Bacon Pudding with Sautéed

Sprouts, Parmentier Potatoes & Gravy

Mulled Wine Poached Salmon (GF)

Champ Potato & Salsa Verde

Wild Boar Bourguignon (GF)

Baby New Potatoes & Burnet Leeks

Milk Poached Chicken (GF)

Stuffed with Brie & Cranberry, Paprika Potatoes, Heritage Carrots

& Wholegrain Mustard Sauce

Pithivier (V)

Butternut Squash, Cobnut & Gruyere & Roast Cauliflower Puree

#### Final Surrender

Pain Au Chocolate

Bread & Butter Pudding with Cointreau Custard

Black Forest Trifle

Chocolate Sponge, Vanilla Cream, Soused Cherries & Kirsch Jelly

Mulled Winter Fruits (\*GF)

Cinnamon Ice Cream & Amaretti Biscuit Crumb

White Chocolate & Cobnut Cookies (GF)

Stuffed with Rum & Raisin Ice Cream with Warm Chocolate Sauce

Kent & Sussex Cheese Board (\*GF)

(£3.00 Supplement)

Oat Biscuits, Panettone Toast & Eccles Cake

Allsops & Walker – Sussex Blue Canterbury Cheese Makers –

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Lenham – Fremfins Log



## Auction raises £2,500 for Church



Jan Burgess reports:

This autumn, for the first time, St James' PCC decided to hold an Auction of Promises to raise funds to help with the upkeep of our church.

The original intention was that it would be a celebration of harvest, with the Harvest Festival taking place the following day, but once planning gathered speed, harvest was pushed to the back of our minds. Planning was intense, with promises to be gathered in and all the administration, advertising and so on to organise. Many thanks are due, firstly to all those who gave promises, particularly those promises that really will take that person's time and effort at a future date. Also thanks to all those who helped organise the event. The fish and chip supper was superb – I couldn't recommend the service enough, the speed, standard of food and cheerful service was all I could have hoped for. There was plenty of wine and lots of good company. Chris Burgess took up the role of auctioneer, with some trepidation, and Chris Stevens busily recorded all the bids right the way through, eventually almost disappearing under a deluge of those winning bidders wanting to pay (pictured above). In the end we made a grand total of over £2,500.

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12 **REMEMBRANCE** Mrs K Crabb  
19 Mrs K Crabb  
26 Mrs V Smith  
**DECEMBER 3 ADVENT CANDLE** Mrs V Smith  
25 **CHRISTMAS** Mrs J Harman  
31 Mrs J Harman

**JANUARY 7** Mrs L Bird  
14 Mrs L Bird  
21 Mrs B Stoodley  
28 Mrs B Stoodley

## New Curate in Village

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# What's Next for Neighbourhood Plan?

## It's about use of land in Egerton

- The aim of a Neighbourhood Plan (under the Localism Bill) is not to prevent new building
- It's about growth and development, and it complements the Ashford 2030 Local Plan
- It can't be used to prevent development but it can influence where that development takes place in a community
- It's not just there to identify areas of development which local people are comfortable with, but also identify areas which need protection (eg vistas and views), so that growth can be managed and controlled



## What will a Neighbourhood Plan allow us to do?

- Develop a vision for the future of the neighbourhood (what sort of place do we want Egerton to be in 15-20 years time?)
- Decide where new homes, shops, offices and other development could be built
- Identify and provide the infrastructure needed to support any new development
- Identify and protect important elements of the built and natural environment
- Protect and enhance community facilities
- Influence what new buildings should look like, to fit in with local character
- Link planning to other aspects of local life (such as traffic management, flood risk, public health and wellbeing, community support)

Having received a clear remit from villagers who attended the September workshops (see pages 1 and 3), the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group will meet in November to start to pull together more concrete proposals for the Plan which will then be communicated to residents in the New Year.

One of the key objectives of the Plan is that "Everybody who lives, works and plays in Egerton Parish has a say in what goes into our Neighbourhood Plan". This was reinforced by comments received during these first workshops, particularly concerning the requirement to involve younger participants in the process. The Steering Group has pulled together a sub-group – the *Neighbourhood Plan Community Engagement Strategy Team* – which has produced a draft communications plan which will go before the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group for their input in November. This will include plans for communication with residents via electronic and social media, which are often the favoured communications channels of the more 'digitally savvy' members of our community. The Steering group is particularly keen to hear the views of younger residents of the village – and is hoping that this will provide an additional channel through which villagers can communicate their thoughts and ideas.

The Steering Group and sub-groups that are working on the Plan are made up entirely of volunteers, who are giving up their time and resources to help make this Plan work for the village. It is an extremely large and complex task. If you would like to comment on the process to-date or, more importantly, to offer your help or assistance going forward, then please email [egertonnp@gmail.com](mailto:egertonnp@gmail.com).



Nice to see him,  
to see him Nice!

We all remember Bruce don't we? A week after his death on 18th August this year, *The Kentish Express* produced an article remembering the day Sir Bruce Forsyth came to Ashford to open the Hammicks Bookshop (now Waterstone's) in 2001 where hundreds of people queued to meet the TV legend.

Amongst those eager people to get a signed copy of his book - *Bruce: The Autobiography* - was Egerton resident, Joyce Kingsnorth and daughter Wendy, shown in the right-hand side of the *Kentish Express* photo.

Hundreds queued to meet the legend. They described him as "smart and immaculate", "he treated you like an old friend and made you feel at ease" and "a truly lovely man". Certainly Joyce and Wendy looked very happy to meet him. Well done.





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## Fete 2018—how can you help?

Sarah Elworthy, Secretary of Egerton's Fete 18 committee writes: **Egerton's Tri-Annual Fete will be on Saturday 7th July next year and the Fete Committee is already looking forward to another great Village Event.** This is a fantastic opportunity for the village to get together, have some fun and raise funds for our Village needs. And on the topic of fund-raising please let me know which clubs, society's or village facilities should benefit the most from funds raised by Sunday November 28th. The last fete raised over £9,000 which was divided between good causes in the village, including the Pre-school.

As always these events rely entirely on volunteer support so your help is essential for the Fete's success. What you can do:

- \* Make a note in your diary to be able to attend. Tell friends and family.
- \* Contact me now if you have ideas or suggestions on improvements for the Fete. We are very much in the planning stages so this is the time to make a difference.
- \* Contact me now if you would like to run a stall or have an activity you think should be included.
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## Births, Marriages & Deaths



### BIRTHS

**Penelope RYZO** (Egerton)

Penelope was baptised at St. James the Great, Egerton on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2017

### MARRIAGES

**Simon CURLING** (Egerton)  
and  
**Victoria Margaret THOMAS**

Simon and Victoria were married at St. James the Great, Egerton on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2017



# Remembering Josh Wilkinson

**Martin, Lisa, Ben, Jack and Sam Wilkinson pay tribute to  
"Our Lovely Josh"**

As many will know our beautiful Josh Wilkinson finally lost his brave two-year battle with Ewings Sarcoma, a rare form of bone cancer. Josh lived in and loved Egerton all of his short but sweet life, attending the primary school and indulging in his passion for sport and fun on the playing fields whenever he could with friends and his twin brother Ben, and younger twins Jack and Sam. His adapted trike (JOSH 1) helped when Josh couldn't ride a bike. With the help of Taylor-Made Dreams, the Emily Ash Trust and CLIC Sargent we managed to make some of Josh's wishes on his bucket list come true, all of which reflected his zest for life, laughs and the love of people of all ages.

From trips to the Emirates Stadium and meeting the Arsenal players on several occasions, to having a private gig with his favourite comedian Tim Vine.

From taking cookery classes (with a supporting letter from Jamie Oliver) to meeting Chas and Dave for a good old knees up, and from visiting RAF Odiham to scoring the goal of the season to winning Clubman of the Year with Charing Youth FC.

From playing cricket on the Egerton ground to playing tennis at Biddenden and from introducing the Year 6 End of School *Mary Poppins* play in 2016 to helping with the production of the 2017 Year 6 *Lion King* production.....

.....Josh showed bravery, courage and a

sometimes unbelievable level of compassion for others – to say we are proud of him and all he stood for is too much of an understatement for words.

Josh's Memorial Celebration held fittingly at the Millennium Hall on the 15<sup>th</sup> of October was simply the best example of support, love and strength this community has.

Donations to the three charities exceeded £1200 on the day and now means that funds raised in Josh's name over the last 18 months has exceeded £45,000 which will give such valuable help and support to other families living with and coping with childhood cancer – thank you.



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Josh would have become a teenager on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of November. We would very much like to create a local relevant and vibrant legacy in Josh's name – some type of multi-use sports/play area to complement the existing facilities and available and accessible to all ages – something to make Josh's smile widen more than ever.

In the meantime, we are distributing orange tulip bulbs which we hope can be planted around the village and particularly outside the school as a Spring-time reminder of Josh's favourite colour.

We hope it will make people stop, smile and remember our Josh.....in the stars and forever in our hearts xxxxx



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The compulsory programme was introduced after the south east of England was classed as an area of serious water stress by the Environment Agency. This is because climate change - warmer, drier weather - alongside projected population

growth, is expected to put further pressure on the water available.

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## Come on board Panto 2017

*Rehearsals are underway for Egerton Players latest pantomime, Aladdin and the Pirates, featuring the dance club from Egerton Primary School. Performances will be Friday 1st and Saturday 2nd December, at the Millennium Hall, and tickets will be available from Egerton Village Stores, The Barrow House or online at [www.egertonplayers.com](http://www.egertonplayers.com) from 1st November. See page 20 for details*



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## Drone takes stunning shots



*These stunning photographs of Egerton were taken by local entrepreneur Oliver Sutton who has recently launched Flyby Pictures—a business that embraces Drone Technology and allows aerial shots to be taken. Oliver's parents live in the village.*

## 100 club



Here's the Draw results since the last edition:

### August ('Consolation Draw')

£25 John Fraser  
£25 Ruth Shrubbs  
£25 Angus Buchanan  
£25 Gwen Hughes  
£25 Alison McNaught  
£25 Mark Garbutt

### September

No Draw

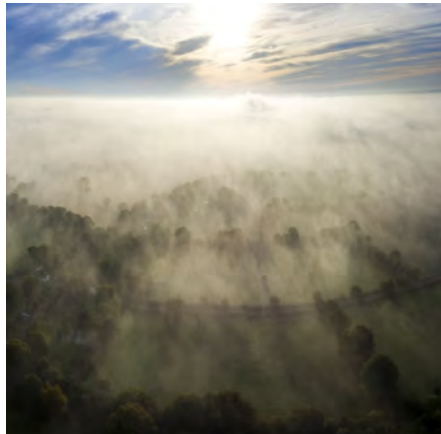
### October (New Series)

£100 Miles Alexander  
£50 Sarah Smith  
£25 John Fraser  
£25 Lee Smyth  
£25 Sheila Palmer

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). If you are interested in joining the 100 Club, please contact Jonathan Elworthy on: 07802 499577 or by email: [info@egerton100club.org](mailto:info@egerton100club.org)



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*Egerton in the mist*

## Village Hall Update

The Booking Clerk's telephone number will be changing as and when the 840 numbers move to 756. However nobody can tell us what it is or when it will happen so please refer to the village website for more information. We will have a new Secretary from January next year. Mary Pheby has agreed to take on this task.

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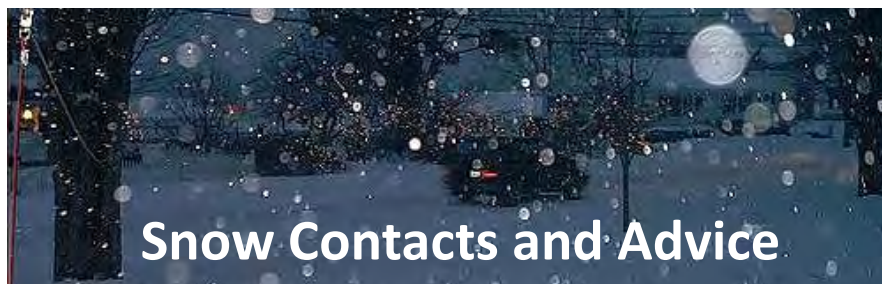
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## Snow Contacts and Advice

**Kent County Council reminds us about its winter service provisions.**

**Kent County Council's website** <http://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/what-we-look-after/winter-service> provides useful information on: salt bins (including locations); gritting routes; how and when it salts the roads; clearing snow in the community; the latest weather updates; how it deals with rural roads with help from the local farmers and tips on winter driving.

The Snow Code web site also has some useful information and hints. <https://www.gov.uk/clear-snow-road-path-cycleway>.

KCC works closely with local farmers and provides them with the necessary equipment in order to clear country lanes and act as extra resources when it is fully mobilised during a snow emergency.

The Council urges residents to take great care on the roads this winter and to drive to the conditions of the road at all times, especially during times of rain, ice and snow. If there is snow on the roads, KCC asks drivers to not make any non-essential journeys.



## Egerton DFAS Lectures

**Upcoming lectures include:**

**December 13th 2017:** Puppets, Piers and Pantomimes—40 years in Show-business. A light-hearted account of a working life in theatre by *Allan Stockwell*. *Member of the Society for Theatre Research and the Irving Society.*

**January 10th 2018:** Red Vibrations: the Aesthetic and Emotional Significance of Red in Western Art from Angelic Pink to Demonic Scarlet. The history of red pigments is explored in conjunction with the analyses of paintings formal qualities by *Alexandra Drysdale*. *BA, MFA Art historian and professional artist.*

Egerton Decorative and Fine Arts Society (EDFAS) meets on the second Wednesday of the month from September through until June in the Millennium Hall, Egerton. The lectures start promptly at 2.30pm with tea and biscuits being served afterwards.

Membership costs £40 per annum for individuals and £70 per annum for couples. Existing members are encouraged to bring guests, at a cost of £8.00 per lecture.

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## Bruges & Chocolate for WI

Melanie Gibson-Barton took Egerton WI on a slide visit to Bruges, where we were discovering with her some of its hidden treasures. Using a beautifully presented computerised show, Melanie demonstrated her knowledge of the art, architecture and history of the city. Her characteristic fluency and her excellent sound system kept members engaged and enthralled throughout. We were particularly impressed with her pronunciation of the names, which rarely seemed to sound as they were spelt!

The competition, a sample of confectionery, was won by Brenda Barnes. With her extensive knowledge of Bruges and its chocolate, Melanie kindly agreed to judge the entries. Jill and Peter Hope had celebrated their diamond wedding anniversary back in September (20th), which they had kept rather quiet. The omission to mark the occasion was rectified by presenting Jill with flowers during the meeting.



# Cricket brings in youngsters

Steve Wellard, Chair, Egerton CC writes:

2017 has been a great season for Egerton Cricket Club, both on and off the field. We launched our U15 side this year to complement our U13s. Both teams did well in their respective Ashford Leagues. We also had soft ball cricket on a Thursday evening and next year aiming to launch an U11 side. It was a delight to have around 30 boys and girls involved and we hope many will go on to play for the club in future seasons.

The adult cricket also thrived this year. The Sunday league team, who play in the top division of the Kent Village League, were in the running for the champions title right up until the last game, but it wasn't to be.

Saturday cricket continues to thrive at the club, with two teams running most Saturdays. There was also a tour to Nottingham and some fun games right through to 7th October, with the finale being the Captains versus Chairman's game - participants pictured.



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## Cricket Club Quiz

Finally, a date for the diary. The annual village cricket quiz is scheduled for the last Saturday in January (27th) 2018 at the village hall, all welcome. We hope to see you there. Feel free to email me if you would like to enter a team [steve.wellard204no@gmail.com](mailto:steve.wellard204no@gmail.com)

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# Remembering Mary Adams-Beck

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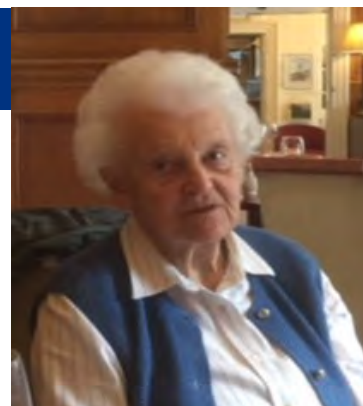
Mary's dear friend, Imogen Taylor, writes:

Mary was my neighbour and my parents neighbour for thirty five years, and she was a perfect neighbour and became a dear friend. Our lives were very different, mine as a single career woman, and as an only child, hers as one of a family of seven children, twice married and with two sons and many grandchildren and great grandchildren. But we shared our love of the countryside and of Egerton in particular.

Her life had been hard after a very happy childhood, as her first husband, Patrick Coates, died only five years after they married, leaving her with a son David who was four and a baby, Simon who was six months old. She had trained as a nurse and took various jobs as live-in matron at schools in Forest Row and Seaford.

Many years later, in 1968, she married John Adams-Beck and they moved to Southfield on the border of Egerton. Their marriage lasted for ten years until his death and that led to her moving to Jonstone West and becoming our neighbour. Mary continued working as a JP until she was seventy, and did various volunteer work, such as a 'cruse' councillor, a governor of Egerton school, work at the Heart of Kent hospice and secretary of the Friends of St. James's to mention a few.

I knew her as a smiling, warm hearted and practical friend, discussing with her, over endless teas, village life and her family, whom I had got to know over the years. We walked our dogs together and exchanged plants and on one happy occasion she came to Burgundy with her family, to share my 80th birthday celebrations. She was the belle of the ball on that weekend and I miss her very much.



Mrs Ruth Russell died on 19th October 2017. A funeral service in celebration of her life was held on November 7th at St James' Church.

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## Kate's Cancer Charity Show

Kate Richey, eldest daughter of Alison Richey, is currently in Year 13 at Homewood School. She is studying Theatre Studies, Photography and Business but her passion is, and always has been, Drama. If A-levels aren't time consuming enough she has decided to add to her work-load by producing a Variety Show in aid of Cancer Research UK. The charity was chosen principally because of her mum's illness and the ground-breaking research that continues to help them all as a family. Kate has managed to access sponsorship for the printing of the programme through PFPR and has also set up a Go-Fund-Me-Page ([www.gofundme.com/variety-show-for-cancer-research](http://www.gofundme.com/variety-show-for-cancer-research)) to ensure that 100% of the ticket sales can go to the charity. There will also be an opportunity to buy wristbands and pins in the foyer before the show.

This is very definitely Kate's project - no teachers or adults have been involved.

She has produced the entire show alone, which includes a band, songs, dances and theatre. But if that's not enough she adapted a short play and is directing it alongside a musical theatre number. She has produced all the advertising including the design, content and artwork of the programme.

What she needs now is people to support her venture and come along and watch. The show is on Wednesday 6th December at 7pm in the Sinden Theatre at Homewood School, Tenterden TN30 6LT.

There will be a 20-minute interval and it should finish by 9pm.

**Tickets cost £5 and are available from the Sinden Theatre Box Office either online at [www.sindentheatre.com/events/variety-show](http://www.sindentheatre.com/events/variety-show) or on 01580 763826.**



## Brain Nights

Twenty two tables full of quizzers packed into the Millennium Hall on Saturday October 14th for the popular Headcorn Scouts Quiz. Team 17 took the top prize and the event raised £1,190 for the Scouts. The next Scouts Quiz will be held March 24th 2018.

Quizzers enjoyed another night of questions and answers at the Egerton Players Quiz held on Friday October 20th. The event raised money for Clic Sargent, the children's cancer charity.

## Books Wanted for Fete

Please can you search your bookshelves for unwanted fiction and non-fiction books that you could donate to the bookstall at the Village Fete in 2018. Contact Pat Parr on 756601 or email [pat.parr@mypostoffice.co.uk](mailto:pat.parr@mypostoffice.co.uk) for details.



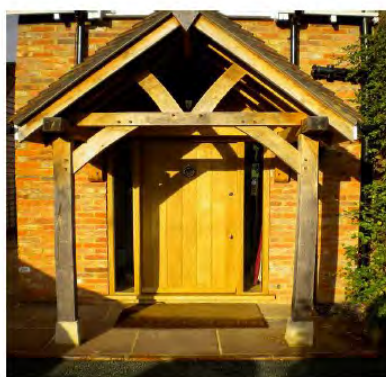
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# 'Many hands make light work'



Gale King reports:

The Kent God's Acre Project recognises churchyards as significant areas for flora, fauna and social history, and St James', Egerton has taken part in this ongoing project since 2010. There is more information about the importance of churchyards for wildlife on a board inside the church porch.

As part of the project, on 19<sup>th</sup> August, an enthusiastic band of workers met in Egerton churchyard armed with strimmers, rakes and secateurs in preparation for the annual cut-down and rake-up of the area of grass at the far end of the churchyard. This remains unmown during the summer months to provide habitat for wildlife: small mammals, reptiles, birds and insects, as well as wild flowers, including yellow rattle, oxeye daisy and knapweed. As autumn approaches, however, the grass needs to be cut and the cuttings removed to encourage more wildflowers in the following year. Coarser plants such as hogweed, which suppress the more delicate species, are tackled throughout the summer and prevented from going to seed. This year, the 'adopted' grave plot under the ash tree also produced an abundance of self-seeded oxeye daisies, which was a nice surprise. Sarah Widd made sure that our strength was kept up during the morning with good, strong coffee and a choice of home-made cake. Peter Wilcock had strimmed the area the week before, which enabled flower seed to fall before we removed the 'hay', and also made things easier for us, giving more time to undertake extra work such as chopping brambles and overhanging branches, clearing the perimeter path and access to the bug hotel, and pulling out yet more hogweed from under the hedges. All in all, it was a very satisfying morning's work. Many thanks to all who rose to the challenge!

Unfortunately, for several reasons, this year Sarah and Gale were unable to organise the activities in the churchyard usually enjoyed by the local schoolchildren during Cherishing Churchyards Week in June.

This was due in part to building work going on inside the church at the time and a section of the churchyard being 'out of bounds' as a result. They are, however, planning some exciting things to entertain and inform the children about the importance of the churchyard for wildlife and social were also suspended during the building work but, following liaison with the school, have already started to reappear. If anyone is interested in helping with the God's Acre Project, contact Sarah (01233 756460) or Gale (01233 756592).

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# Tegan (and pigs) on TV

Helen Missing runs Pluckley Farm Shop and her family business is starring on TV soon!

I feel this article is going to be more of a 'Dear Diary'. This time last year I presented an article on apples, and this season we (the farm shop) have been sending local apples to a distillery for the making of 'Evil Spirits' on behalf of MoonPig.Com (the multi-national on-line cards and gifts company). For the apple gin to be labelled an evil spirit the apples had to be from Pluckley, the most haunted village in England – are you keeping up? Our involvement has been interesting to say the least. I was asked if I had seen the ghosts of Pluckley and more bizarrely if I knew a Witch who could curse the bottled gins! I also had to have professional photos taken of me looking "country like" for the launch. Amused or offended? After many marketing meetings the Evil Spirit Gin is now available on-line – without a picture of me thankfully!

And then there is the BBC programme 'Me and My Vet'. How do I get myself in to these things? Our pigs, just along Greenhill Lane, will have 15 minutes air time, for which the filming takes 2 whole days!! Tegan Missing (aged 9) took the star role alongside my pigs and presenter Fern. Tegan was absolutely brilliant and an experience never to be forgotten. Learning isn't always just from school. The crew have filmed some of the most beautiful parts of our village in autumn so it'll be worth watching for that alone. The CBeebies programme is due to be aired in January 2018. This issue I have provided a vegan "pork" recipe (see page 27).

Regardless of whether you are a meat eater or not, the mantra below remains for anyone with animals. The majority, not the minority, of farmers share the same animal welfare standards.

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**Freedom to express normal behaviour:** by providing sufficient space, proper facilities and company of the animal's own kind.

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Vet Nick of Lady Dane Vets, was able to confirm we have very happy and healthy pigs during the CBeebies filming.



Tegan and CBeebies' presenter Fern (above) and below checking the health of the pigs



See page 27 for Helen's Pork Hot Pot/ Vegan Alternative recipe

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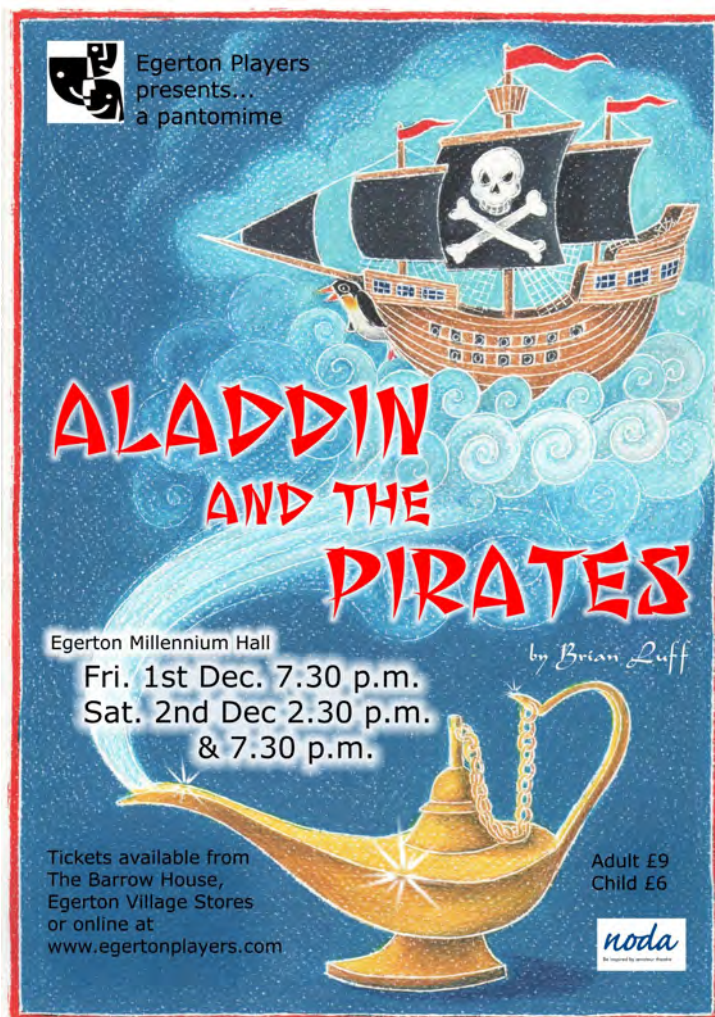
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## Over 60's find out amazing facts

Once again our Club had an outing to Margate which this time included a cream tea at the Walpole Bay Hotel. No, we didn't visit Dreamland, but a few visited the Margate Shell Grotto-recently shown on TV. It is a grade 1 listed Grotto, opened to the public in 1838. As yet, no documents that mention this and predate its discovery have been found. We learned one thing, we always thought that the sailors made these beautiful artifacts adorned with a variety of shells and brought them home for their sweethearts but no-they BOUGHT them in specialist shops in Barbados !! Finally we all sat down to a delicious cream tea in the Victorian Hotel, all served in fine bone china.

**August Lunch**—We welcomed our new curate—The Rev Jack Bateson who said grace. We had a superb lunch in the Millennium Hall once again prepared and served by caterers—The Cook family, Stuart and Chris aided by Brenda Kent. This was followed by a most interesting presentation *Stories and Legends of the Thames* by Mark Lewis. He related some of the River's history from the Romans to the present day in all its moods, and some spooky Folklore and traditions. Tales of the Pagan gods, river taverns, ghosts and ceremonies frost fairs, tales of smuggling and pirates. Mark told us about the original London Bridge built in the early 13th century, it had rows of houses with a chapel in the centre, later destroyed by fire. The 2nd bridge was completed in 1831 built of granite and was 65 feet wide with 5 arches of varying sizes. It was eventually sold to America in 1968 and removed by American Land developers. In Roman times the river was five times the width it is today, and it was much shallower. On the night of July 10th 1212 a fire broke out in the borough of Southwark. Due to a strong wind the flames spread to the houses on the bridge and many people were trapped in the middle and were incinerated and three thousand bodies were recovered from the water.

**September meeting** consisted of a talk on 'The Tree of Hope' families—tales of courage and determination. The *Tree of Hope* children's charity was founded in 1992 and was born out of a desire to help children raise funds for treatments and services not easily available from UK Health services. It's 25th anniversary will be celebrated in October this year. Gill Gibbs—our speaker—gave us a few examples of children they have helped. Some have no limbs at all or are unable to talk, walk, etc but with appropriate help they have become mobile, and many have achieved exam wonderful results. An extra collection was made for this charity.

**September's outing**—This was a half day trip to Ashdown Forest. At The Heaven Farm restaurant—we sat down to a wonderful homemade tea. Sadly the Club has lost another member—Harry Robinson. A group of us attended his funeral. Being a very keen member of the Egerton Short Mat Bowls Club it was not surprising that one of his floral tributes was a fantastic floral Wood and Jack on a green base—most appropriate and clever!



Floral tribute to Harry Robinson

### Future dates

Nov: 13th AGM  
with George  
Ward cheese-  
makers

Dec: 4th Cup-  
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change of cards  
and gifts.

Dec: 12th Xmas  
Lunch.



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*November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017*  
*(Remembrance Sunday)*  
*Vincent Oliver, of South*  
*Kent Community Church.*  
*November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Elder*  
*November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017 **Pastor Peter***  
***Buss, Bethersden.***

*December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 Elder*  
*December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Elder*  
*December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Guest TBA*  
**DECEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>, 2017 2.30PM**  
**CAROL SERVICE Elder(s)**  
**DECEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2017 (10AM**  
**CHRISTMAS DAY**  
**SERVICE) Elder(s)**  
*December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017 Elder*

*January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018 **Pastor Peter***  
***Buss, Bethersden.***  
*January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Elder*  
*January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018 Elder*  
*January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018 **Rev Peter***  
***Michell of Iden Green***  
***Congregational Church.***

## EGERTON, ST. JAMES

### G7 Church Services November, December 2017, January 2018

#### NOVEMBER

<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>4 before Advent</b>	09.30 Family Service
<b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Remembrance Sunday</b>	10.45 Remembrance Service
<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>2 before Advent</b>	09.30 Matins
<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Christ the King</b>	09.30 The Eucharist

#### DECEMBER

<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Advent Sunday</b>	09.30 Family Service
<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Advent 2</b>	No Service in Egerton
<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Advent 3</b>	09.30 Matins
		18.00 Carol Service
<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Advent 4/Christmas Eve</b>	10.30 Benefice
	Communion in Hothfield Church, 15.00 Crib Service, 23.30 Midnight Eucharist	
<b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Christmas Day</b>	09.30 Family Eucharist
<b>Sunday 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Christmas 1</b>	10.30 Benefice
	Communion in Egerton Church	

#### JANUARY

<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Epiphany 1</b>	09.30 Family Service
<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Epiphany 2</b>	No Service in Egerton
<b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Epiphany 3</b>	09.30 Matins
<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Epiphany 4</b>	09.30 The Eucharist

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Reverend Canon Sheila Cox (Rector) 01233 712598  
[sheilacox@g7benefice.org](mailto:sheilacox@g7benefice.org)

# Proposed Parliamentary Boundary Changes

**Richard King, chairman of Egerton Parish Council writes about an issue that could put Egerton into a new Parliamentary constituency!**

On 17<sup>th</sup> October the Boundary Commission published new proposals to change the parliamentary constituency boundaries in England. Egerton is affected, as it would take us out of the Ashford constituency and place our parish in a new constituency named Mid Kent and Ticehurst. Further details can be found on their website - <https://www.bce2018.org.uk/node/6488?postcode=TN279BP>

Last year the Parish Council strongly objected to a similar suggestion, but these new proposals are almost the same in that all of the parliamentary constituency of Ashford to the west of Great Chart would move into a new parliamentary constituency called Mid Kent and Ticehurst. Local government boundaries are not affected, and we would still be a part of the Borough of Ashford, but if these proposals go ahead the Member of Parliament representing Egerton's interests at Westminster would cease to be Ashford's MP



and instead would be one covering a vast area with which we have little in common, extending miles westwards into East Sussex, and

would have nothing whatsoever to do with Ashford. The Parish Council believes that this is wrong.

An MP representing Egerton and our adjoining parishes must be able to identify with our needs and interests in the context of Ashford, and because our ties with Ashford are very strong, Egerton (and also Charing Heath, Pluckley, Smarden and Bethersden) should be represented in Parliament by the MP for Ashford.

The Parish Council objects to these new proposals, and is suggesting to the Boundary Commission a way in which these new parliamentary boundaries can be changed to allow Egerton and our neighbouring villages to remain a part of the

Ashford constituency. Anyone can make representations to the Boundary Commission about this, either through their website, or by writing to them at 35 Great Smith Street, London SW1P 3BQ. If you feel strongly about this issue, the Parish Council would urge you to make your views known. The closing date for comment is 11<sup>th</sup> December.

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## Wheels in motion for charity



### Ride Organiser Steve Fooks writes:

Following the success of our first ride in 2016, we decided to run a second cycle ride for the Clic Sargent charity who help children and their families affected by cancer.

This year we had almost 40 riders for the 50 mile route and 15 riders for the shorter 5 mile family route. Additionally a couple of members from the Egerton running club organised a short run from the start location and donated to the charity. The weather was very favourable again this year and Tesco very kindly donated fruit and snacks for our halfway stop. I would like to thank all those who took part in the ride, donated to the ride or helped organise the ride. Special thanks must go to my wife Deborah and the Carlton family who once again helped organise the event and run the halfway stop.

In total we raised nearly £1,300 and very much look forward to running the event next year. It has been suggested that I organise a new route for next year and maybe leave out The Wynd in Charing. We'll see!



### Alan Tri's harder

Egerton Forstal Athlete, Al Jones, was winner of Egerton Running Club's Annual Fun Tri in early September. He received a special winners' cake created by young baker Amelie Doughty. Following the swim, cycle and run, club members enjoyed a late summer BBQ. Thanks to Jonathan and Sarah Elworthy for hosting the event.

Egerton Running Club will be continuing to organise group Sunday morning runs every week through the winter. Go to the diary section on [egertonrunningclub.co.uk](http://egertonrunningclub.co.uk) if you are interested in joining in.

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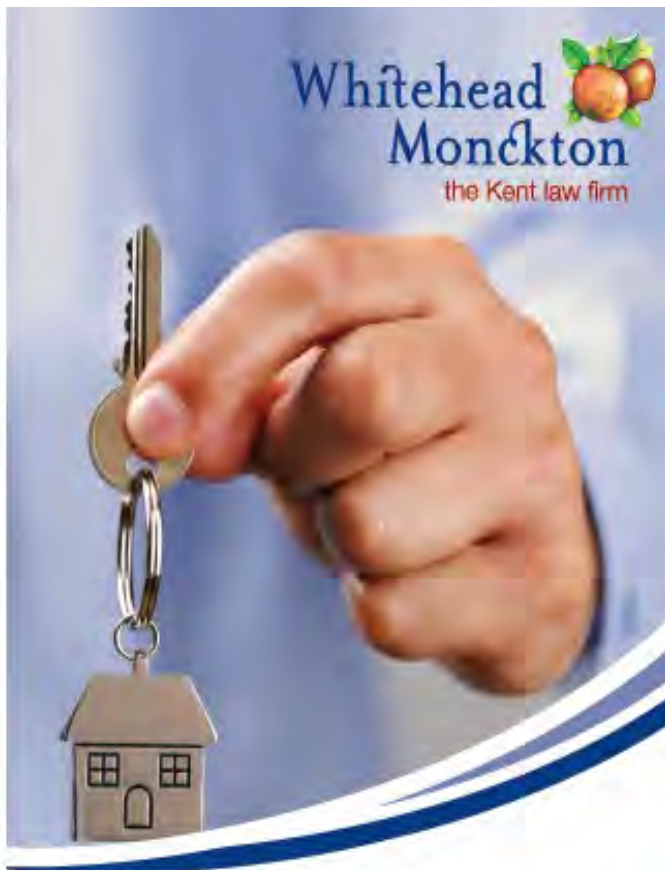
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### PCSO Report shows low crime in October

Egerton's new community police support office Oliver Welch will be providing Egerton Parish Council with a **monthly report**. His first report, presented at the November Parish Council, said that crime continued to remain low during October in Egerton with very few incidents reported. "However we have seen a slight increase in burglaries across the division so I would like to remind all residents to stay vigilant and report anything suspicious via the Kent Police emergency 101 or if you do witness a crime in progress then please call 999," he said.

If you would like to join Egerton Neighbourhood Watch, then contact [neighbourhoodwatch@tilden.eclipse.co.uk](mailto:neighbourhoodwatch@tilden.eclipse.co.uk)

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*The next issue of Egerton Update will be distributed in February 2018. Between now and then we welcome your photographs, and reports, of all the news that is happening in your club or society. All you do is email your contribution to [egertonupdate@gmail.com](mailto:egertonupdate@gmail.com) by January 18th 2018.*



*Photo taken in September 2017 when unusual atmospheric conditions brought sand from the Sahara across to Kent and turned the skies red*

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## Preschool raises £4.6k for its future

Egerton Preschool would like to thank the 200+ film fans that braved wind and rain on Sunday 3rd September to support Egerton Preschool's screening of 80s film classic, *Back To The Future*. Luckily the weather settled as the sun went down and everyone got a great seat in front of the giant screen. The real De-Lorean car was fascinating to see and everyone was warmed with hot food and drink, including Mac To The Future's mac 'n' cheese dishes and The Barrow House pop up bar and we all got into the mood with live music from the 50's courtesy of local singer Jasmine. A huge thank you to all our sponsors who made this amazing community event possible. Over £4600 was raised to keep the preschool running and to plan for the new build. Well done to everyone involved, we'd love to see this become a regular event for Egerton!

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1 tbsps [juniper berries](#) and/or grated ginger for extra warmth  
100g/3½oz [plain flour](#)  
1.5kg/3lb 5oz cubed [pork](#) – vegan alternative – quorn meats of nut/bean meatballs  
5 tbsps [olive oil](#)  
4 medium [onions](#), roughly chopped  
2 large local [Bramley apples](#), sliced into 1cm/½in discs  
2 [turnips](#), sliced into 1cm/½in discs  
60g/2¼oz [butter](#)  
Method

Preheat the oven to 160C/325F/Gas 3.  
Crush the salt, pepper and juniper berries (grated ginger) together.  
Heat the olive oil in a large casserole and brown the floured pork (or vegan alternative) in batches. Remove so you can then fry off the other ingredients.  
Fry the onions in the same casserole until softened and translucent. Return the meat/veggie ingredient.  
Ladle the stock over the casserole and stir well. Include the salt, pepper etc at this point.  
Take the sliced discs of apple and turnip and/or local potatoes, and layer them over the casserole, alternating between the two. Scatter little knobs of the butter over the top. Place the lid over the casserole and bake for two hours, removing the lid or foil, for the last 30 minutes.



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# Celebrating Ashford's famous residents

The fourth in the series of the Leader of the Ashford Borough Council's Series of Briefings is that it is 50 years since the death of Sir Malcolm Sargent

During the 2017 BBC Proms season in July, members may have seen Prom 13, an exact recreation of Sir Malcolm Sargent's 500th (and sadly, last) Prom. This was to mark 50 years since the death of the revered conductor, organist and champion of English composers, who was born in Ashford.

Harold Malcolm Sargent was born in 1895 in Ashford whilst his mother was visiting relatives in the borough – at Bath Villas, now 34 Beaver Road. Malcolm Sargent Road in Kingsnorth – which leads into Norman ward, where Beaver Road is situated – is named in honour of him.

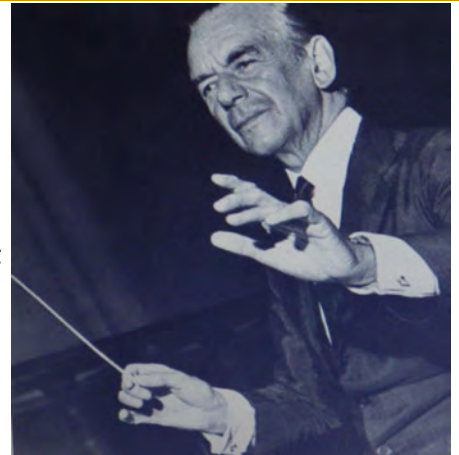
A distinguished musical education saw Sargent gain a scholarship to Stamford School in Lincolnshire where he studied the piano, organ and singing in choirs and studied musicology at Durham University.

His studies were interrupted in 1916, when he was enlisted for military service. In May 1918, posted with the Durham Light Infantry to Herne Bay, he returned to Kent. He never saw service abroad, was demobilised in January 1919 and resumed his studies at Durham University.

In 1921 another great British conductor, Sir Henry Wood, asked him to conduct one of his compositions at a concert in Leicester. So impressed was Sir Henry, that he invited him to perform the same piece at a Promenade Concert (the original Proms) in the summer of 1921. Sir Malcolm then concentrated on a career in conducting thereafter.

He went on to conduct for a number of notable choirs and orchestras, becoming chief conductor for the Royal Choral Society in 1928 and setting up the London Philharmonic Orchestra in the 1930s. Sargent's impeccable style, brisk conducting speed and ability to race from one recording session to another with almost no break in between led others to refer to him as 'Flash Harry'. He was knighted for his contribution to British music in 1947.

Sadly his health began to deteriorate in the mid-1960s, dying of pancreatic cancer on the 8th October 1967 at the age of 72, but not before attending his final Last Night of the Proms, an event that had become synonymous with Sir Malcolm Sargent. He handed over the baton to Colin Davis.



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# The Garden in Winter

*Tips for the amateur gardener from the Dobbie's website*



November	December	January
<p><b>Flowers</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prune back roses and tidy up shrubs</li> <li>• Plant later flowering spring bulbs such as lilies and tulips</li> <li>• Dig up and divide established plants which are now overcrowded and re-plant pansies, primulas and other winter/spring bedding plants</li> </ul> <p><b>Fruit</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Harvest and store late apples and pears and prune these trees</li> <li>• Plant new fruit trees once the ground has been dug and manured</li> <li>• Apply a "winter wash" against pests</li> <li>• Raspberry canes are available for planting now</li> </ul> <p><b>Vegetables</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dig over vacant ground and work in well rotted manure or compost</li> <li>• Order seed catalogues</li> <li>• Protect cauliflower curds by bending a few leaves over the centre</li> <li>• If storing vegetables make sure that they are well spaced and dry, and if any are rotting throw them away</li> <li>• Leeks and parsnips may be left in the ground until required for use</li> </ul> <p><b>Lawns</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is still time to apply an autumn lawn food and mosskiller</li> <li>• Spike badly drained lawns to improve drainage and scarify to remove dead grass</li> <li>• It may still be necessary to give the lawn a final cut on a high blade setting</li> <li>• If not too wet or cold, turfing can still be carried out.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• With the approach of winter the garden takes on an air of quietness. There is an absence of urgency and a more leisurely pace can be taken leading up to a well deserved Christmas break. After the festivities thoughts can turn to the garden.</li> </ul> <p><b>Flowers</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If not frosty plant new rose bushes</li> <li>• Cut back the herbaceous border and mulch thickly with composted bark</li> <li>• Protect delicate evergreens from cold winds by using horticultural fleece</li> </ul> <p><b>Fruit</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Still time to plant new fruit bushes if the soil is not frozen</li> </ul> <p><b>Vegetables</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Buy seeds now to ensure full availability</li> <li>• Net winter vegetables to keep pigeons away</li> </ul> <p><b>Lawns</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Avoid walking on lawns in frosty weather</li> <li>• If puddles stay on the lawn spike with a garden fork or an aerator to aid drainage and prevent disease</li> <li>• Consider having lawn mowers and strimmers serviced</li> </ul> <p><b>Greenhouse</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clear greenhouse gutters of autumn leaves.</li> </ul>	<p>January brings us the shortest and coldest days of the year. It is an ideal time to catch up on reading gardening advice Top 10 tips to get ahead this January:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Christmas tree</b> - plant as soon as possible in January. Select well drained soil, sun and enough space for your tree to sit comfortably. Keep it watered and protected</li> <li>• <b>Buy seeds early</b></li> <li>• <b>Look out for plug plants</b> - small bedding plants are available early in the year. Pot up and grow before planting outside after risk of frost</li> <li>• <b>Decide on a colour theme</b> - colour them your containers and accessories. Keep your eyes peeled for things that fit in with your colour scheme</li> <li>• <b>Clean and service tools</b> - get your tools up to scratch</li> <li>• <b>Move plants</b> - it's best to move plants when they're fairly dormant</li> <li>• <b>Design new borders</b> - get creative and plan new borders. Use the traditional method, and take pencil to paper to work out perfect plant combinations for the New Year</li> <li>• <b>Tidy your borders</b> - cut back and clear dead foliage and the last of any fallen leaves.</li> </ul>



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CHOCOLATE BLACK FOREST LOG, clotted cream ice cream, pistachio praline	
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## 'Fork 'andles' wanted by Charing Surgery Gardening Group!

When last we reported on the gardens at the Surgery, we had just received a kind donation of a greenhouse. Over the last few months it has been well used, and with a few little adjustments to the staging, is proving to be a great asset.

The Rose Walk from the A20 to the Surgery did surpass all our expectations with colour and scent, the only draw back was the very dry weather which has I am sure effected most gardens and frustrated gardeners. We still have the country roses in bloom, we hope they will continue to give a good show well into the autumn.

Our vegetable harvest has not been as good as we had expected, perhaps due to the very dry weather. Try as we might, watering has been very hard, watering cans are not really large enough to water all the plants. One day we may be able to arrange to have an automatic watering system, we can but dream!

One morning in late June, two members of the group undertook a survey amongst patients leaving the surgery. We were keen to find out if people knew about the Gardening Group and its purpose. The results were very reassuring, nearly everyone spoken to knew about the Group, all were very complimentary, saying that they enjoyed sitting in and walking through the gardens on their way to and from the Surgery. Some said they would love to join the Group, but having large gardens of their own made it impossible for them to do more. We would like to thank everyone who took the time to talk to us that day.

We were visited in July by a member of the Kent Wildlife Trust to judge the Gardens in the Wildlife category. At first the thought of being judged did seem very scary, but in reality the lady who came turned the experience into a very pleasant afternoon. To our delight, a few weeks later we found we had won a silver gilt award, and three of the Group are off to Canterbury later in October to the Award Ceremony.

In late September, the Group had an outing to Sarah Raven's garden in Sussex. This was funded by the Partners of the Charing Surgery in recognition of all the hard work and enthusiasm of the members, and for the difference the Gardening Group is making to the patients' lives.

Just a little reminder that the Group is always happy to receive spare gardening tools, at present in particular garden forks/spades and pruning saws. For offers of tools or enquiries about joining the Group, contact Jo on 01233713582.



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## Flying the Red Ensign in Egerton



### Sarah Widd celebrat- ed Merchant Navy Day, 3rd Sept 2017

Such was the wish  
and command of both

the Earl of Wessex and Admiral Lord West,  
and in Egerton, that's just  
what we did.

Our ceremony was held on  
the Glebe, a lovely service  
led by Rev Jack Bateson  
with readings by Claire  
Foinette and Cpt Peter



Widd and attended by several villagers, in-  
cluding relatives of Merchant Navy seamen  
and officers, most notably Rob Walker, who  
very kindly paid for Egerton's Red Ensign, as  
his father was a Chief Engineer in the Mer-  
chant Navy. The flag was flown proudly from  
St James' tower flagpole.

You may well wonder why we are celebrating  
in 2017, and why the 3rd Sept? Yes, the first  
day of the Second World War in 1939, but  
the first ship to be torpedoed and sunk was  
the SS Athenia, a merchantman, which went  
down within hours of the outbreak of hostili-  
ties with the loss of 128 souls, crew and pas-  
sengers!

And why 2017? Well, the reason is that 2017  
is the centenary of Seafarers UK (formerly  
King George's Fund for Sailors) which admin-  
isters the Merchant Navy Fund to provide  
help and support for Merchant Seafarers and  
their families in times of need.

Since 1864, the Red Ensign has been the  
exclusive flag of the British Merchant Navy,

the incredibly important, arm of the defence  
and welfare of Britain in both World Wars,  
and, in peacetime, providing our sceptred isle  
with fuel and goods from all round the world,  
braving storms, hazardous working conditions,  
piracy and long periods away from family and  
friends.

The Red Ensign (Red Duster) has an interest-  
ing history- being used by the English Navy in  
1620 as a red flag with St George's Cross in  
one quarter, and, with the union of Scotland  
and Ireland with England, the flag also  
changed to become the Union Jack in the  
quarter. For clarity in 1864 it was decreed that  
the Red Ensign would be exclusive to our Mer-  
chant Marine, the White Ensign for the Royal  
Navy and the Blue Ensign for the Royal Navy  
Reserve Fleet.

Admiral Lord West, a salty sailor himself, to-  
gether with the Earl of Wessex, as Patron of  
Seafarers UK, both wanted to promote the  
nationwide celebration of Merchant Navy  
Day! And so, in this historic year, and on this  
historic date, Merchant Navy Day was celebrat-  
ed by Egerton, and we will be proud to contin-  
ue Flying the Flag for those in peril on the seas  
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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*

### August Minutes

**PCSO:** On Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and the Clerk had a meeting with PCSO Angie Burden who mentioned that she and PCSO Paul Moorey would be moving on in September. The Clerk contact Sgt Jasmine Bloomfield and invite her to the October PC meeting when she could let EPC know who would be taking over. Sgt Bloomfield declined the invitation and would not commit to who might be the next PCSO.

**Footpaths and Stiles:** Report No. 88 of the Egerton Footpaths Representative

was received. Still 7 issues outstanding. On 3 items the KCC has provided new wooden stiles and the landowner has to erect them. Until that has been done and checked they can't come off the list.

**Highways:** The fallen tree across Egerton House Road has been removed. The issue of 11 of the 15 drains down Stonebridge Green Road being blocked is still outstanding.

**Neighbourhood and Parish Plans:** A meeting was held on the 11<sup>th</sup> July and the plan is moving forward. The next meeting will be Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> August.

**Broadband:** Many villagers have been having problems with Internet connections.

Residents at Mundy Bois are not happy that they are not part of the upgrade to faster broadband. Changes for residents on prefix 840 numbers to 756 numbers is ongoing.

The Clerk has had to get signed letters from some residents in Harmers Way and Stevens Close. The Clerk will arrange to meet with BT and KCC.

**Sale of Barn:** The storage area offered by a villager has been taken up by the players to store their equipment. The Chairman now has the offer of a barn for other village equipment. The new owner of Groom Farm barn offered to transport from his barn to the new location. A

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working party is needed to sort through items to be stored in new barn. The Clerk will thank both barn owners for their help.

**Entrance Signs/Village Gateways:** A request has been made for a site visit with KCC to discuss options and costs.

**New Road Bus Stop:** KCC have advised the hardstanding bus stop adjacent to the Barrow House could not be extended in length as the road is too narrow. Councillors agreed not to pursue extending it.

**Mobile Phone Signal:** The Vice-Chairman will write to Damian Green to update him on recent news.

**Play area:** The Wicksteed inspection is due. A Councillor will accompany the Clerk and the inspector. The Clerk will contact Julian Mills before the inspection to ask him to finalise all work.

**Trees:** The Clerk has received a quote to crown a tree in Elm Close and prune the tree next to the basket-ball hoop.

**Notice boards:** The Clerk is awaiting a quote for repairs to the notice board on the wall of the Queens Arms. The hall committee agree to have the notice board from The Glebe on the wall of the Computer room.

**Fly The Red Ensign:** The PCC will conduct a service on the Glebe on 3<sup>rd</sup> September. The Clerk will see if the flag can be hoisted and put up notices.

**Speeding in Egerton:** A Councillor has arranged for the Speedwatch co-ordinator to attend the next meeting. An article on this subject will be in the next Egerton Update.

**Gift of Land:** Richard has written to Derek Marks to thank him for his offer and that EPC accept.

The Clerk has written to Hallett & Co to inform them that the process has started. Derek has moved to a new solicitors and EPC are waiting to hear from both teams.

**Hall Garden:** The WI are to have the garden refurbished. A border will be placed along the pathway by the Committee room to stop the mud being washed from the garden into the drain gully. When this is in place the drain gully will be cleaned out to stop flooding.

### September Minutes

Alan Watson the Speedwatch co-ordinator for Kent Police attended the meeting to outline details of how the scheme worked. A Councillor has offered to look into the possibility of volunteers running a scheme within Egerton.

**Footpaths:** 7 issues are still outstanding.

**Highways:** Blocked drains at Stonebridge Green is still under investigation by KCC.

**Neighbourhood Plan:** Follow up will be given next month.

**Broadband:** There are still problems within the village and residents with prefix 840 numbers are still waiting to be changed to 756 prefix numbers. The Clerk will chase up BT Openreach.

**Sale of barn:** All village items have been moved to various storage places within Egerton. A welcome pack has been delivered to the new owner of the barn.

**Entrance signs/Village gateways:** Five entrance signs/gates will be needed for each entry point to the village. Julian Swift has offered his assistance with sign design which will then be submitted to KCC who will advise on costs.

**Mobile phone signal:** The vice-chairman will write to Damian Green to update

him on recent news. This will be discussed at the November meeting.

**Play area:** The Wicksteed inspection has taken place and a report received. Overall the inspection went well with only a few comments with nothing of high priority.

**Notice boards:** The Clerk is awaiting a quote from Egerton Builders for the repairs to the notice board on the wall of the Queens Arms. Julian Swift has offered his assistance to re-vamp or renew the notice board on the Glebe which will be relocated to the wall of the Computer Centre.

**Fly The Red Ensign for Navy Day:** A Councillor offered to pay for the Red Ensign flag which was raised for the service held on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September. The service was conducted by Curate Jack Bateson with an address on behalf of HRH The Earl of Wessex by Captain Peter Widd. There was a good attendance.

**Mower:** Following a discussion with the PCC church warden the Parish Council has permission to use the mowers belonging to the church to mow the Glebe grass. A key will be given to the volunteer mowerman to access the mowers.

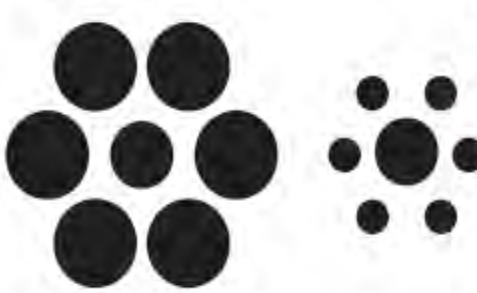
**Millennium Hall Bin:** A cigarette bin has been purchased by the Parish Council and the Hall Committee. The bin purchased by the Clerk is to be put on the pavilion wall and paid for by the playing fields committee. The Parish Council will reimburse the hall for their purchase.

**Gift of Land:** Progress to be reported at the October meeting.

**Garden:** The WI keep the garden by the Millennium hall and have advised EPC that they have the funds in place to have the garden refurbished. A border will be placed along the pathway by the Committee room to stop the mud being washed from the garden into the drain gully.

**Church Lighting:** The Parish Council voted to pay £100 to the Church for the

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next quarter. The PCC will look into LED lighting. The PCC are to hold an Auction of Promises on September 15 including a fish and chip supper all in aid of St James's church.

**Street cleaning:** The street cleaner has resigned from the position. The Council will empty the bins until a new street cleaner is appointed.

**Christmas Fair on the Glebe:** This year's fair will be held on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December. All offers of help will be gratefully received by the small Committee.

**Fete 7<sup>th</sup> July 2018:** The 2018 Egerton Fete is to be held on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> July. Any good, clean books (fiction and non-fiction) will be gratefully received by Pat.

### October Minutes

**Speedwatch:** Volunteers are being sought for Speedwatch, report at next meeting.

**New PCSO:** The Clerk has received information that the new PCSO is Oliver Welch. The Clerk invited him to attend a future parish council meeting.

**Church Lighting:** The council was updated on the lighting up of the church. The PC agreed to pay £100 for the first quarter towards the cost of lighting up the church. A request was made for the church to enquire about using LED lighting as it may be cheaper. A well-known electrician was contacted who urged the church not to go down the route of commercial LED lighting as the technology is not as good. The existing lighting is ok for now and is on from 9-11pm during the summer and approx. 5 hours in winter but still off at 11.00pm. The cost of lighting will be discussed by the finance committee.

**Footpaths and stiles:** Only two old issues remain outstanding. Broken wooden stile at Greenhill end and missing fingerpost at end of Forge Lane.

**New Issues:** An incident of flytipping at the end of Idon Lane byway has been reported to ABC.

Two parishioners reported a large branch fallen onto the footpath beside the BT phonebox in The Street. One parishioner also reported a fallen oak tree onto the footpath behind the Church but people are able to walk around the tree.

**Highways: Report** The issue of blocked drains at Stonebridge Green is still outstanding.

**Neighbourhood Plan:** The three workshops have been held for public consultation, there was good support for each workshop. Contributions from villagers about their hopes and fears for the village will be collated. The next meeting for the NHP committee has yet to be organised. In due course a questionnaire will be sent out to all households in the village.

**Broadband:** There are still problems within the village and residents with prefix 840 numbers are still waiting to be changed to 756 prefix numbers. The Clerk will chase up BT Openreach.

**Village gateways:** Julian Swift has offered to design and submit to KCC and donate materials.

**Mobile phone signal:** The Vice-Chair will update Damian Green on recent news. To be discussed next meeting.

**Trees:** No progress, the Clerk check.

**Noticeboards:** Julian Swift has discussed with Richard about renovating the Glebe notice board and putting up in new position on the wall of the computer centre. Julian will also renovate or re-new notice

board on wall of Queens Arms pub. The Clerk has received one quote.

**Gift of Land:** The solicitors of Derek Marks and the Parish Council have been in contact. The parish council's solicitors recommend a full search of services etc to be done, this will cost approx. £600 and they have been instructed to go ahead. A letter will be sent to the parish council's solicitors re covenant on land for future use and protection. Access onto New road is being looked into ready for when the properties are built.

**New Roof for Play Area House:** The Chairman will ask Julian Swift if this is something he could replace.

**Sign for Millennium Hall:** There is a sign pointing to the Millennium hall at the start of New Road/Elm Close opposite the Barrow House but it can only be seen if coming along New Road. A request has been made to have a sign that can be seen if coming from the Street. The Clerk will look into this.

**Street Cleaner:** At this time a replacement has not come forward Councillors and their relatives are emptying the bins as a temporary measure.

**Christmas on the Glebe:** The Clerk requested that the PC pay for the Christmas tree for the fair to be held on 9<sup>th</sup> December. The PC agreed to fund it.

**Legal Procedure:** A resident enquired if the previous months minutes could be put onto the Egerton web site before they were approved. The Clerk will check with KALC the legal procedure.

**Welcome Pack:** A welcome pack delivered to the new residents at Glebeland.

**Trees in Lower Recreation Ground:** A villager has mentioned that the height of the trees is beginning to block views, the Clerk will add to list for Finance Committee to discuss to add cost of works to budget. Richard suggested that no more trees should be planted within the area.

**Benches on Recreation Ground:** A resident has mentioned having the benches rubbed down and re-varnished. The Clerk will obtain a quote.



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# 421 Canadian War Memorial Service

**The 2017 Commemoration Service—  
Bedlam Lane, Egerton**



The 2017 service to commemorate the 127 Canadian Wing and the American 362nd Fighter Groups was held on Sunday 3rd September at 2.30pm.

Whilst the organisers were informed on the Thursday previously that unfortunately we would not be having the flypast due to the fact that all the official spitfires were grounded for the time being, the quick-thinking of Sue Palmer saved the day. She contacted Headcorn Airfield and asked them if anyone was using the private spitfires which operate from there around about 3.00pm it would save the day if they could conveniently fly over the Memorial and make a big crowd very happy - and that is exactly what they did!



The Revd. Sheila Cox conducted the service. She welcomed everyone there to remember the men and women of 127 Canadian Wing and 362 American Fighter Group who were stationed here during the Second World War. She said that many gave their lives, or were injured in the struggle for freedom and right against the forces of injustice and oppression. We recall the part they played and their sacrifice with gratitude and thanksgiving.

There were three hymns sung to the accompaniment of Malcolm Wood playing his electric organ, firstly "O God, our help in ages past", next was "Lord of our lives" and the final hymn was "God the Lord of hosts is with us evermore". There followed a two minute silence and the Reading which was from John 15.9-17.

After prayers were said The Last Post was sounded by trumpet, a silence and then a trumpet Reveille. ...And finally... the Act of Commitment and the Blessing.

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# VILLAGE DIARY

## Regular Weekly

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
10.30 am Zumba (GB)	1pm Mother & Toddler (VH) 6pm Yoga (VH) 7pm Short Mat Bowls (GB) 7.45pm Yoga (VH)	9am ERC (SP) 11am Egerton Friends (Rose & Crown) 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 2017

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
		1 7.30pm Women's Institute (VH) - AGM	2	3	4 10.30-noon Laughing Club at Pluckley VH	5
6	7 10-11am Borough Councillor (VH) 8pm EPC (VH)	8 2.20pm DFAS (VH)	9 7.00 for 7.30 (EFS) London Symphony	10	11 Egerton School Christmas Fair	12
13 2pm Over 60s AGM (VH)	14	15	16	17	18 10.30-noon Laughing Club at Pluckley VH	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
17	28 8pm Egerton Folk & Blues. Barrow House	29	30 7.00 for 7.30 (EFS) 'Lion'			

### Key to diary: Venues

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

### Key to diary: Clubs & Societies

ECC = Egerton Cricket Club  
EFBC = Egerton Folk & Blues Club  
EFS = Egerton Film Society  
EMC = Egerton Music Club  
EMF = Egerton Music Festival  
EPC = Egerton Parish Council  
ERC = Egerton Running Club



# December 2017

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
				1	2	3
4 2pm Over 60s cuppa, carols and natter (VH)	5 10-11am Borough Councillor (VH). 8pm EPC (VH)	6 7.30pm WI (VH) Xmas Party	7	8	9 2.30-4.30pm Xmas Fair - Glebe 10.30-noon Laughing Club Pluckley	10
11	12 Over 60s Xmas lunch, The George, Molash 8pm Folk & Blues Club Barrow House	13 2.20pm DFAS (VH)	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 7.00 for 7.30 (EFS) 'Street Cat Named Bob'	29	30	31

# January 2018

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
1	2 10-11am Bor. Cllor (VH) 8pm EPC (VH)	3 7.30pm WI (VH)	4	5	6	7
8 2pm Over 60s (VH)	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 2.30pm DFAS (VH)	18 MAGAZINE COPY DATE	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 7.00 for 7.30 (EFS) "Dunkirk"	26	27	28
29	30 8pm Folk & Blues Club Barrow House	31				

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