

EGERTON UPDATE

The quarterly magazine for the village of Egerton, Kent

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Party plans are underway

Egerton will be joining the national celebrations of commemoration of the 75th Anniversary of VE Day with a village picnic and celebration ceremony to which you are all invited. The event will be held in and around the Millennium Hall on the Bank Holiday of Friday May 8th starting with a 1940's themed picnic from 1.30pm.

Everyone is invited to dress in 1940's garb and to bring along their own picnic and chairs and tables to kick off the day of celebrations. Marquees and the village hall will provide cover and there will be bunting and displays of memorabilia to help everyone get into the spirit of the age.

The agenda will then follow the national events with a playing of the Last Post and Reveille, a Piper playing Battle's O'er and the VE Day 75 anthem followed by everyone joining in the toast to those who lived throughout the war at 3pm. At 7pm the Church Bells will chime with churches throughout the nation in a ringing out for peace.

The organising committee are approaching many organisations within the village to take part

in the event so that they can offer 1940's themed entertainment such as a sing-along, war-time games for the children, displays of memorabilia, war-time cooking demonstrations and so on.

Generous sponsorships for the event have already been received and the organisers are

asking companies who serve the local community if they too would like to support the event.

Following the picnic, both our local pubs—The Barrow House and the Rose & Crown - are hoping to continue the celebrations into the Friday evening.

Then on Saturday May 9th there will be a 1940's themed barn dance in the Millennium Hall!

The organisers would love everyone in the village to put the date in the diary and to plan their presence at this unique and very special national day. They are also planning competitions and spot prizes for the most authentically dressed family group; the most authentic picnic item and so on.... so plenty of time to plan your outfits!

The event is free for all villagers to attend but if you want to bring along friends or family from outside the village then the organisers would ask for just a small donation to be made from those outside the village on the day.

All villagers aged 75 years or over will be Guests of Honour on the day and will have transport and a special meal arranged for them at the event! We are also looking for their special memories—details of this are in the flyer inserted with this issue.

"All villagers over 75 years of age will be Guests of Honour at the party"



Can you help?

The success of days such as the VE Day celebrations do rely on the goodwill and practical help from volunteers and the organising committee would love to hear from anyone who is able to give some time to help with planning or, closer to the date, with practical arrangements.

Help with putting up marquees, setting out tables in the village hall, putting up bunting, installing sound systems, preparing tea and coffee facilities, laying out glasses for the VE Day toast, preparing food for the Over 75's Guests of Honour, putting up the displays of memorabilia are all tasks that need to be completed on Thursday May 7th and on the morning of Friday May 8th. So if you can, join in the war-time spirit and help us put together a fabulous day that is a worthy celebration of the sacrifices made by everyone during the war years.

The committee is also looking to put on a display of vintage vehicles to capture the spirit of the era. If you have a vehicle we could display at the event then let us know!!

Other memorabilia can be photographed so that originals can be kept safe. Again let us know if you have anything we could put on show!

Please email janet.veday2020@gmail.com if you could help out with preparations or have memorabilia we could use on the day!

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Diary Date: Village Shop meeting— Friday 28th February, Village Hall, 8pm. Everyone invited to attend.

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Parish Assembly: March 19th 7pm

Thursday 19th March is your annual opportunity to find out about the many and varied Clubs, Society's, Associations and projects in Egerton. This year the Parish Council is also looking to use the opportunity to collect your views on a range of topics affecting the village.

Held at the Millennium Hall this annual event starts at 7pm and everyone in the village is invited to come along. This year the Parish Council wants to invite you to participate more fully and will be using the same 'post it note' style informal comments and suggestions boards as used to formulate the Parish Plan to pull together the views of the community on a whole range of topics relating to village life.

There will be the opportunity for everyone to 'post' comments and views on a range of topics relevant to Egerton. These will be collated and published on the Parish website and in *Egerton Update*.

The Parish Council are particularly interested in youngsters contributing to improvements to the children's play area. They are also looking to invest in new equipment for older age groups and want everyone's ideas on all aspects of design and implementation.

Refreshments will be available so please come along and join the debate!

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Calling local businesses!

In line with the national celebrations, Egerton is hosting its very own VE Day Party for all the village to enjoy together. The organisers are looking to partner with local businesses to help make the event, to be held on May 8th 2020, even more special. If you want your business to be allied to this extraordinary day then

there are sponsorship opportunities ranging from around £60 to £750 available around:

- Sponsorship of the Marquee to increase the capacity of the village hall
- Song sheets
- Piper for The Last Post
- Competition prizes (most authentic dress/family/picnic. Prizes for children's games)
- Loyal toast (glass of fizzy wine for all)
- Veterans lunch
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1940's Style Barn Dance!

As part of the 2020 VE Celebrations in the village everyone is invited to join in a 1940s themed barn dance at the Millennium Hall in the evening of Saturday May 9th. Dancing is not compulsory, but tuition will be given, including some popular dances of the time. No

partners are needed to join in, but 1940s costumes are to be welcomed. There will be a live band and lots of fun. More details will be in the next issue of *Egerton Update* but in the meantime save the date!!



In memory of Alison



Former Egerton Parish Council chairman and popular Egerton resident, Alison Richey, is remembered with a new bench situated outside the Millennium Hall and overlooking the playing fields.

Alison died of cancer aged just 47 years in April 2018. The bench was donated by her family—husband Stratton and daughters Kate and Fiona—in her memory. The family dog Frankie is pictured by the bench.

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What's happening with the shop and Post Office?

EPC Chairman Richard King reports:

The village shop and Post Office is now under offer. It is our understanding that the prospective buyers will not continue to operate it as a convenience store and Post Office.

At the time of writing contracts have yet to be exchanged, but it is likely that the shop will close in its present form sometime in the spring. This would also mean the closure of the current post office facility in Egerton, which is highly disappointing news.

A Public Meeting will be held on **Friday 28th February at 8pm in the Millennium Hall** to discuss the options now open to our community to replace the facilities we will be losing. The working group set up by the Parish Council to raise the cash to allow us to buy and operate the shop and post office (see

earlier editions of *Egerton Update*) formed a Community Benefit Society, Egerton Community Stores Ltd., to do this. It was estimated that over £500,000 would have to be found, but initial pledges were just under half that amount and last summer it was reluctantly accepted that the community would be unable to raise all the all money needed. The shop was once again placed on the open market.

A way is now being sought in which a 'pop-up' post office can be operated in the village for at least two days a week, and an alternative location would have to be found, at least on a temporary basis, from which it would operate. Further volunteers are also being asked to come forward to help the working group investigate alternative options to replacing the village shop.



Come along on Friday 28th February and find out more.

Next steps:
Come to a Public Meeting on Friday 28th February at the Millennium Hall to find out more! The meeting will start at 8pm. All are welcome!

Music Festival Dates: June 25th to July 5th

The full programme details for this year's Egerton Music Festival will be circulated to every household in the village at the end of the month, and tickets will go on sale from 14th April.

The new web site will also give you information on all the events at www.egertonmusicfestival.co.uk and you will be able to book tickets either from the Egerton Box Office or online from wegottickets.com

A quick reminder of some of the events:

Music quiz (Friday 26th), young musicians play Egerton (see below), opera with Opera Brava (*La Traviata*, 1st July), comic songs with David Flood and friends (2nd July), The Sacconi string quartet (3rd July), the Picnic in the Garden with Highworth musicians and the Jazz Supper (4th July), Jane Wisely piano recital and the Last Night, with Gary Ryan and Canterbury Cathedral Girls' Choir (5th July)

Calling all young musicians, singers, dancers, ages 8 - 21

Stevie Higgins, international conductor, arranger and accompanist, will be running two workshops for young performers on Saturday 20th June and Saturday 27th June to prepare for a show featuring local young musicians on the afternoon of Saturday 27th. If you or anyone in the family enjoys playing an instrument or singing, as a soloist or with others, then please get in touch to find out more about our plans

For more information, please contact Jane Carr on 756775 or ljaneccarr@btinternet.com or any of the organising committee (Sarah Bracher, Ian Mella, Elaine Graham, Debbie Fooks, Ellie Rogers).



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Campaign to save Lenham Heath hots up

Save Our Heath Lands (SOHL) would like to thank everyone for the overwhelming support at Friday's (24th Jan) residents' meeting with Maidstone Borough Council and Helen Whately MP. Over 300 people turned out to show a united front; residents from Lenham and surrounding villages, parish council representatives, borough councillors, landowners, and other interested parties. The message was loud and clear: **"A Garden community does not belong on our doorstep"**, the action group said. The group added that they were disappointed with Maidstone Borough Council and felt MBC's representatives at the event gave underwhelming and dismissive speeches and avoided answering questions put to them.

"There was some excellent points made throughout the meeting and hopefully Maidstone council will now re-evaluate their plans," SOHL said.



PETITION

The campaign organisers are asking everyone who opposes the controversial "Garden Community" scheme at Lenham Heath to sign a petition now to register their opposition at :

www.saveourheathlands.co.uk/sign-this-petition/

Egerton Parish Council opposes the controversial "Garden Community" Development put forward by Maidstone Borough Council and sent four of our Parish Councillors to the recent open meeting with concerned residents and some of the officials behind the scheme from MBC. The proposed development is close to the boundary of Egerton and EPC chairman Richard King said any such development would have a massive impact on us all.



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Neighbourhood Plan: final draft

The N Plan Committee reports:

Firstly a big thank you from the Steering Group and the Parish Council to the 111 people who came to the presentation on the Neighbourhood Plan on 30th November, and to the 52 who took the time to complete the questionnaires. All the responses have now been collated and will be taken into consideration in the drafting of the final plan.

If you were not able to come on 30th November, the lists of key views and heritage assets, the draft policies and the questionnaire are all on the web site at egertonnp.co.uk.



OPEN SESSIONS IN SPRING

During March/April there will also be a series of open sessions in the Sports Pavilion where anyone can call in and ask questions, make comments or pick up a copy of the plan:

- * Saturday 28th March, 10-12
- * Saturday 4th April, 2.30-5pm
- * Wednesday 15th April, 6.30-9pm
- * Saturday 25th April, 10-12
- * Wednesday 29th April, 6.30-9pm

The site selection criteria are also on the web site, and we hope to be adding more details on the New Road site, the Orchard Nurseries site for older people's accommodation and a preferred site for the affordable housing identified in the Housing Needs Survey.

The Steering Group is now drafting the full plan which we hope to launch to the village at the Parish Assembly on Thursday 19th March, where copies will be available for anyone who would like to read it and make comments.

The plan will also be added to the web site and printed copies will be available in the Millennium Hall, the shop, the Barrow House, the school and on request from the Parish Clerk and members of the Steering Group Jane Carr at janecarr@btinternet.com or 756775 or Claire Stevens at claire@raggedfarm.co.uk.

HAWKS NEST ESTATE—FUNDS AVAILABLE

The Hawks Nest Estate was established in the 1800's when the owner of Hawks Nest Farm in Stalisfield sold it and the proceeds were invested in a Fund originally to help finance St James Church, Egerton. A committee was formed of local residents and after three generations of Hopkins, Homewoods, Missings, Millgates, Packs, Wickens and Palmers on the committee it has evolved to support most organisations in Egerton including St. James' Church PCC, Pre-school, Over 60's Club, the Primary School and others.

The committee would like to hear from any organisation which is thinking of starting a new club or group in the village who could benefit from a small donation or if any existing club or group has a project and might need some financial help with a one-off donation.

Anyone interested in the above should please contact the Chairman, John Palmer on 01233 756686 or the Secretary Shirley Missing on 01233 756345, email: shirley.missing@btinternet.com.

The plan will then be re-drafted to include feedback and forwarded to Ashford Borough Council, who will make the plan publicly available for a six week period. After further re-drafting, if required, the plan will go to Examination at the end of July which would mean a provisional date of October for a village referendum for you to decide whether the plan should be adopted.

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On 12 February Magdalen Evans a contributor to *BBC Woman's Hour* and works with charities that help ex-offenders through art and education will talk on Creativity in UK Prisons.

On 11 March Julian Halsby a talented artist himself and the foremost expert on Scottish watercolours will lecture on *The Glasgow Boys: Painting in Scotland 1875-1914*.

On 8 April Jacob Moss from The Fan Museum, Greenwich will speak on *Painted Pleats – a History of European Fan Painting*. On 13 May Denise Heywood will lecture on *Stamford Raffles – Art Collector and Discoverer of Singapore*; she is an art historian, author, lecturer, photographer and journalist and has enthralled us before with her tales of Southeast Asia. On 10 June following the AGM Jennifer Toynbee-Holmes who has made documentaries for BBC, ITV and Channel 4 will talk about *The Art of Dance* using stills and video clips.

On 18 February we have a Special Interest Day when Dr Diane Davies, a Mayan archaeologist, will present 3 lectures on 'The Magnificent Maya'. The cost is £27 which will include coffee on arrival and a 2 course lunch with wine.

On 22 April there will be a trip to Greenwich by coach to visit the Fan Museum and the Queen's House.

Why not come along and find out what we have to offer. Further information is available on www.theartsocietyegerton.org.uk or contact our Membership Secretary, Christine Willis, on 01233 756377. The Society meets on the second Wednesday of the month at Egerton Millennium Hall at 2.30 pm.. Membership is £40 but if you would like to come as a visitor there is a charge of £5 which includes tea/coffee and biscuits after the lecture.

ST JAMES' CHURCH FLOWER GUILD ROTA



Pictured is a display of poppies arranged by a member of the flower guild for Remembrance Day. To celebrate Easter, St James church will be decorated with Lillies. If you would like to make a donation towards a Lilly in memory of a loved one please call Priscilla Harper on 01233 756437.

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100 Club Winners

Here are the results of recent 100 Club draws:

November Draw winners:

£100	John Lawton
£50	Bill Smyth
£25	Mike & Alexandra Bayley

December Draw winners:

£100	Sue Cooke
£50	Kate Fenwick
£25	Carole Morgan
Christmas Bonus Prizes	
£25	Tessa Hilder
£25	Mel Rawlinson

January Draw winners:

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The last remaining public telephone box in Egerton has been saved from removal by BT. An application to remove the telephone box, which is situated opposite the Barrow House in The Street, was made by BT to Ashford Borough Council late last year.

However, following an objection to the proposal by Egerton Parish Council, which was supported by Ashford Borough Council, the plan to remove the box was shelved.

BT had claimed that the telephone box had been little used in recent times but in the submission by the Parish Council, it was stated that one of the reasons for its lack of use was due to the fact that the handset had been broken for a significant amount of time, rendering the telephone unusable. It was also pointed out that the electric light in the box had also failed and that problem had also not been fixed by BT for many months.

Following the decision, Parish Councillor Peter Rawlinson asked BT to fix the handset – which they did – and then gave the telephone box a thorough cleaning. He also asked for the light bulb to be replaced, which finally happened during January.

The telephone box can be used for emergency calls and for other calls by using a pre-paid calling card, such as the Post office phone card, and by using the 0800 access number.



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The next issue of Egerton Update will be distributed in late April/early May 2020. 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 Spring months and what is coming up in Egerton during the Summer.

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The final copy date for editorial contributions will be April 7th 2020.

Please, where you can, send us a photo to illustrate events and meetings reports.

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Egerton's Annual Spring Clean takes place, once again, this year on Saturday March 14th at 10am.

If you can help please meet up on the day outside the village hall where hi-viz jackets and litter picking equipment will be handed out.

The Parish Council is looking to clear rubbish, wash down signs, and generally check and tidy around the village.

If you know of an area or something that need particular attention it would be really helpful to let EPC know in advance so they can plan the Spring Clean. Even better if you are able to help out on the day or at some point during the week. For more details please contact Sarah Elworthy sarah.elworthy@egertonparishcouncil.co.uk.



Panto is awash with Good Humour

Pluckley Panto Unlimited once again delighted audiences with their annual Panto—this year's performance Aladdin, was awash with a glorious Panto Dame, two Genies, a princess, a principal boy and of course, audience participation! There was also the traditional good-natured jokes about Pluckley's close neighbour—Egerton! The panto ran for three performances at the end of January.



Share trip of a lifetime with Mongol Adventurers

Egerton's Mongol Rally Adventurers, Jonathan Harmer

and Chris Gouldstone are ready to share their trip-of-a-lifetime experiences in some of the most fascinating countries in the world with the residents of Egerton.

The boys have booked the Millennium Hall on Thursday March 12th for a special talk on their experiences with a 7pm for a 7.30pm start. Entry to the event is free and open to all. There will be a bar available.



Candlelit Carols

Egerton's St James' Church hosted its beautiful candlelit carol service on December 15th. Readings were followed by traditional carol singing and the pews were packed with people. Egerton School Choir performed at the event.



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War talk at WI

Egerton WI's programme got off to a good start: on 8 Jan Mary Smith, former headteacher at Maidstone Grammar School for Girls, spoke on *A Schoolgirl's War*. The art teacher during the second world war, a Miss Helen Keen, had painted pictures of the effect on the school and its pupils, including lessons in the School underground shelters, depicting the preparations, the teaching and catering staff, builders working on the protective walls, and more. All was sketched with a wonderful sense of movement, detail and above all, sense of humour. Mary related how the sketches came to light, and the joy she had (and has) in researching. Of particular worth to the record was (and is) hearing reminiscences of the old girls, one of whom was past WI member and president, Ruth Russell.

Anyone with educational connections reading this report might be interested to know that schools in the area can visit one

of the air-raid shelters as a boost to World War 2 studies, which are on both the primary and secondary curriculum.

Furthermore, the book is now in a second edition and is available from Waterstones as well as here: <https://www.mggs.org/latest-news/its-here-a-schoolgirls-war-by-mary-smith-the-story-of-a-kent-school-during-world-war-two>

Upcoming events

The March meeting, on the 4th, includes a delve in the archives: in particular the fashion shows will be featured via computer presentations. The April meeting (on 1st) will have Judy Anderson from Great Ormond Street Hospital Trust as the guest speaker. May sees our Resolutions meeting, where the latest resolutions will be discussed and voted upon. Readers may not be aware that one of the major activities of the Women's Institute movement is that of campaigning. Among our active resolutions is the promotion of cervical screening, which has the potential to save many women's lives.

Egerton's 100 Club - funds available

Jonathon Elworthy writes:

Thanks to the generosity of many Egerton residents, the new Egerton 100 Club has in the region of £1,900 to distribute to Egerton Clubs, Societies and good causes. Are you an Egerton Club or Society which could use some financial assistance? For instance to advertise, purchase additional equipment, finance a new project or otherwise expand your group? Are you thinking of setting up a Club or Society in Egerton and are in need of some 'seed' finance to get going? Are you a 'good cause' in the village which could use some additional money? Please let me know – either 'Private Message' me or email me on: info@egerton100club.org.



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Honour for Harold



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Tickets now available for Players' show

Tickets for Egerton Players' Spring 2020 production of the Edinburgh Fringe Sell Out Show, 'Cheshire Cats' by Gail Young are now on sale. This funny, poignant play follows the emotional journey and hilarious antics of a group of friends aiming to stride their way to fundraising success in the London Moonwalk. Performances are from Thursday 2nd April to Saturday 4th April at 7.30pm at Egerton Millennium Hall.

Tickets are available from www.egertonplayers.co.uk or from the box office 07843 777163. An intrepid group of female members of Egerton Players will also be taking part in this year's London Moonwalk on May 16th. You can support the team, the Kentish Kittens, by visiting the Just Giving page at <https://moonwalklondon2020.everydayhero.com/uk/kentish-kittens> and, of course, by coming to see the show.



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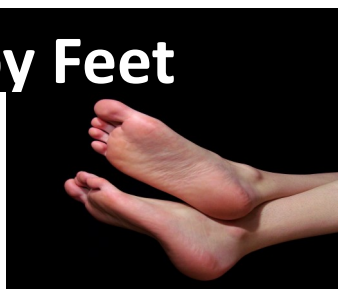
Healthy feet are so important
writes John Fletcher of Kent
Community Health NHS Founda-
tion Trust

Being able to walk without pain
is generally taken for granted.

But with age comes increasing
risks of foot and lower leg problems. One of the commonest is fungal
infection of the toe nails which is most frequently seen in the over 60
age group but can occur at any age. Fungal infections do not seriously
affect walking although they can result in sore feet and toes which
will make movement uncomfortable. In a recent edition of Commu-
nity Health, tips for healthy feet were listed. These included washing
your feet often and drying them well afterwards especially between
the toes, trimming your toenails regularly with proper nail clippers,
removing hard skin with a pumice stone or file, limiting the time of
wearing stressful shoes such as high heels, changing socks daily and
being careful by wearing foot protection in communal areas especially
in swimming pools and gyms.

Toe nail disease often follows some initial damage to the nail which
then becomes colonised by the organisms that cause the disease. It is
very common (a figure of 14% of the population in the USA are
reported to have it and 8% in the UK). Once growing in the nail the
fungus is not easily eliminated. Topical treatments with chemicals
designed to kill the pathogen can only do so if they can come into
contact with it. And this is the problem. The fungus grows within the
nail and treatments cannot totally penetrate the keratin of the nail.
There are some treatments that are taken by mouth but these have
important deleterious side effects for some people. They must also be
taken for some months in order to allow a healthy nail to grow. The
same fungus can also cause athletes foot. If you have one or other of
these problems you can consult a podiatry specialist. There is a centre
that specialises in treatments in Ashford. Appointments to see the
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Wide variety of Films

Now in its twentieth year, the Egerton Film Society offers a varied programme of foreign, classic and current films for the winter and spring of 2020. Our audiences, often numbering 60 or more people, enjoy a drink and a chat at the Millennium Hall before the film starts. Anyone can attend – admission is priced at £4 for members and £5 for non-members. On the last Thursday in February we present the big-screen version of “Downton Abbey”, in which all of the original cast reprise their TV roles. On Thursday 26th March we’re showing the stylish romantic comedy/thriller from the 1960s, “Charade”, starring Cary Grant and Audrey Hepburn. In April we are having two film nights. The first, on Thursday 16th, is the critically acclaimed French film, “Les Gardiennes”, set in rural France during the First World War, it tells the story of how the women of a farming community manage to cope while their menfolk are away at the front. At the end of April, we have veteran British film-maker Ken Loach’s most recent offering, “Sorry We Missed You”, a damning contemporary indictment of the gig economy and zero-hours contracts. This is followed in May by the American comedy-drama, “Green Book”, the story of a working-class American bouncer (played by Viggo Mortensen) who is hired to drive a world-class black pianist (Mahershala Ali, who won an Oscar for his performance) on a concert tour from New York to the racial-ly prejudiced Deep South in the 1950s.

PEGS Update

Elaine Narbrough reports:

- It’s blowing a gale and the rain is lashing down, making soggy gardens even soggy! Not much inspiration to be outside! But already signs of new of life are appearing. Many of the daffodils have heads on, hyacinths are bursting, tulips are coming through and there are buds on the trees. Just keep telling yourself that spring is just round the corner!
- We held a very successful quiz evening in November and were proud to support a Kent charity that encourages people with disabilities to get into gardening by providing volunteers and small grants to make their gardens more accessible.

This is a quiet time for PEGS, but lots is going on behind the scenes as the committee plans this year’s exciting events.

We are really looking forward to the Kent Wildlife Trust’s talk on Thursday 20th February, ‘Encouraging Wildlife Into Your Garden’. This is open to all and takes place in the Millennium Hall at 7pm. The cost is £5 per person, payable on the door. Refreshments will be available. We anticipate that this will be a very popular evening. What’s better than being visited by butterflies, hedgehogs and birds?

We have trips arranged for our members to Copton Ash alpine and woodland garden in March and Sandling Park’s stunning magnolias in April. May will find us in Leonardslee’s beautiful gardens in Horsham. Our Spring Show takes place this year on Saturday 4th April in the Pluckley Village Hall. You can find out about this and all our planned events on our lovely colourful web-

site, www.pegsoc.org, including details on how to join us. You don’t have to be a master gardener or know the Latin names of plants – just have an appreciation of all the beauty nature has to offer us. You will be made very welcome.



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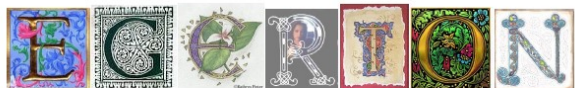
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Tuesday 28th April

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just turn up)

Saturday 8th February 10.30 - 12noon (Egerton Village Hall)
Saturday 22nd February 10.30 - 12noon (Egerton Village Hall)
Saturday 7th March 10.30 - 12noon (Pluckley Village Hall)

Egerton Spring Clean!! Saturday March 14th 10am Millennium Hall Can you help?

We are looking to clear rubbish, wash down signs, and generally check and tidy around the village. Hi-Viz jackets and litter pickers provided. Meet by the village hall at 10am. All welcome

For more information please contact Sarah Elworthy
sarah.elworthy@egertonparishcouncil.co.uk

PEGS (Pluckley with Egerton Gardening Society)

invite you to a talk by the Kent Wildlife Trust, 'Encouraging Wildlife Into Your Garden'.

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Thursday March 19th

7pm—9pm

Millennium Hall

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Help shape village life

Comment on leisure activities
Collect your Neighbourhood Plan
Meet clubs and societies

Neighbourhood Plan: Open Sessions Sports Pavilion

Saturday 28th March, 10 -12
Saturday 4th April, 2.30-5pm
Wednesday 15th April, 6.30-9pm
Saturday 25th April, 10-12
Wednesday 29th April, 6.30-9pm

Simply drop in and share your views

Village Shop: Next Steps

Public Meeting on Friday 28th February
at the Millennium Hall. The meeting
will start at 8pm. All are welcome!

Remembering Alan Palmer



Alan Palmer was born on September 8th 1928 at Kingsden Farm, the third son of Les and Hilda Palmer. The farm had been rented by the family since 1890 and was purchased by them from the Cornwallis Estate in 1921.

Alan was educated at Egerton and Headcorn Primary Schools and had an idyllic childhood, learning to swim in ponds, playing lots of sport at school and sledging in the moonlight during the hard winter of 1940! On leaving school Alan joined his two brothers, Frank and Sid on the farm, attending farming classes in Ashford. In 1942 the RAF built two runways on the fields opposite Kingsden Farm and Alan's lifelong love of World War II aircraft and the flyers began. Many villagers will be familiar with his collection of airfield memorabilia collected over the years. Life on the farm was hard work, but there was still time for hobbies and interests. Alan had motorbikes and enjoyed watching motorsports and acted as a marshal for the Maidstone Car Club as they raced around the lanes at midnight. There were lots of dances and that's where Alan met Sheila in 1949, while she was doing her teacher training at Nonington College. From a farming family, Sheila married Alan in October 1954. They moved into their bungalow, Twixus, which was built for them and named because it was betwixt Kingsden Farm, where Alan was born, and Burnt House Farm, where his parents lived after Frank and Audrey took over Kingsden. Frank, Sid and Alan farmed together and shared the milking, each getting up at 3.45am every third week.

Alan ran the local tug of war team and did classes in woodwork. The skills he developed at a car maintenance course came in handy over the years, not just for cars but also tractors and lawn mowers. Alan loved reading and built up quite a library over the years lending his books to friends. He was generous with his time and would often leave what he was doing to help out a friend and neighbour with their mechanical problems and could usually find whatever was needed in his garage.

1956 saw the arrival of son Ian, Andrew was born 2 years later and Graham arrived in 1962. Alan shared his love of the countryside with his boys, and there were holidays in the caravanette and on the Broads and trips to Farnborough and Biggin Hill Air shows.

Farming remained at the heart of family life and in 1976 Alan decided to set up on his own. Ian and Andrew would help out haymaking after work/college. Alan built a successful farm business raising livestock without the early starts of the dairy farmer. He bought a hedge cutter and over the years cut hedges from Staplehurst to Charing. Even after retiring from the farm the hedge cutting continued and his red tractor was a familiar sight along the lanes. Alan wrote a daily diary (although he did destroy the war-time ones - logging all the flights in and out of the airfield was probably not a good idea) right up until about 2 weeks before his stroke in 2019. Alan's memories of the airfield eventually were written down and became the start of what became his "memorabilia". His story was included in the BBC's "People's War" archive and he gave many talks on the subject, raising money for the Millennium Hall, the Over 60s Club as well as charities such as RAFFA. On the 50th anniversary of D Day, Alan and Sheila were invited for dinner aboard the QE2 in Southampton before it sailed for the Normandy commemorations the next day. The first flypast over the airfield memorial was in 1978 and 40 years later Alan flew overhead in a Spitfire, a 90th birthday present from the family. He was at the memorial in 2019, although not in the best of health having had a stroke in May. Sadly, the following week, he fell and broke his hip and he died in hospital on 19th November 2019.

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Sunday, March 29th Theo

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Sunday, April 12th (Easter Sunday) Rev'd
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Sunday, April 19th Theo

Sunday, April 26th Pastor Emeritus Norman
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Sunday 9 th	3 rd Before Lent		No service in Egerton
Sunday 16 th	2 nd Before Lent	9.30	BCP Matins
Sunday 23 rd	Next Before Lent	9.30	The Eucharist

March 2020

Sunday 1 st	Lent 1	9.30	Family Service
Sunday 8 th	Lent 2		No service in Egerton
Sunday 15 th	Lent 3	9.30	BCP Matins
Sunday 22 nd	Mothering Sunday	9.30	The Eucharist
Sunday 29 th	Lent 5		No service in Egerton

April 2020

Sunday 5 th	Palm Sunday	10.30	Benefice Eucharist
Friday 10 th	Good Friday	14.00	Good Friday Service
Sunday 12 th	Easter Sunday	9.30	Family Eucharist
Sunday 19 th	Easter 2	9.30	BCP Matins
Sunday 26 th	Easter 3	10.30	Communion & APCM in Little Chart

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Deaths

Alan Leslie PALMER (Egerton)

Alan died on Tuesday 19th November 2019 aged 91. His funeral took place at St. James the Great, Egerton, followed by a service at Charing Crematorium, on Monday 9th December 2019.

Cricket Club Quiz

Miss Piggy and the Muppets took the top prize at the annual Egerton Cricket Club Quiz held last month. Around 150 quizzers in 21 teams attended the popular event at the village hall where they tackled some fiendish quiz rounds followed by a sausage casserole supper.

Running Club is ten in 2020

Egerton Running Club is celebrating its 10th Anniversary in March this year with an aim to increase its membership from 45 members in 2019 to 50 runners this year. The Club also aims to hold a tenth celebratory party for all involved, in the Spring.

The club's AGM in January heard that it had enjoyed a particularly active 2019 with its first ever Couch to 5k programme which brought in new members—and there are plans to repeat the programme again starting in May this year. The club also hopes to fund entry fee to a local half-marathon for all those members wishing to take part.

Smart new running shirts are also available for members (pictured).

Regular runs are arranged on Monday evenings, Wednesday mornings and evenings, Friday mornings and Sunday mornings. The club also holds a body fitness class on Thursday evenings in the Games Barn at 7pm to which anyone can join in.

Membership takes in Egerton and the surrounding areas. The club also runs regular cycling events on Wednesday evenings in Spring/Summer.

Annual membership of the club, which has as its base the Sports Pavilion, costs £25.



More information can be found at egertonrunningclub.co.uk.

Busy Agenda for Over 60's

Gerry Plant reports on an active winter for the Over 60's

The Club visited The Criterion Music Hall in Sheerness last October to see the Autumn show. The show was opened with the music director playing some typical old thyme music hall songs on the piano with the audience singing along with such classics as. *Don't Dilly Dally on the Way*, *Any Old Iron* and *Knees up Mother Brown*. The show continued in old thyme music hall style with the conspicuous, celebrated, cheeky and contemptuous chairman introducing further acts in his gallant, grandiloquent and grammatical manner until half time. A magnificent tea was then served by the usherettes consisting of a choice of sandwiches, savouries, cream tea, cakes and copious amounts of tea.

The Club's AGM took place on 11th November and we had four prospective new members join us. On completion of the business there was time for the members to enjoy a light hearted quiz, followed by one of our legendary Over 60s teas.

Our final Members Meeting for 2019 took place in December. This should have seen us entertained by choristers from Egerton school but sadly this had to be cancelled at short notice because of a flu virus going around the school. Members spent time exchanging Christmas cards, gossiping, opening their Christmas presents from the Club, tucking into their tea which was followed by the

Christmas themed raffle consisting of 15 excellent prizes. The raffle was followed by an impromptu cabaret from David Barnes followed by Tim Oliver and Julia McGlyn singing "What Shall we do with the Drunken Sailor" which rounded the afternoon off admirably.

Saturday 7th December was the day of the newly styled

Christmas Fayre which, was held in the Millennium Hall. "The Tombola" stall, which the Club has run for several years, didn't stop. The Over 60s Club also ran the refreshment stall serving tea, coffee, squash and biscuits to a throng of thirsty customers. The afternoon was a thriving success and the Club made a net profit of £287:10p which will be used to help subsidise outings or towards the Clubs ever increasing insurance premium.

Tuesday 10th December saw 46 Members boarding a coach for Dover Marina Hotel for Christmas lunch. The Club was designated the Chartwell Suite for lunch which is where we were last year and again there were seven round tables each laid up to seat eight diners and decorated with crackers, streamers and party poppers.

The first meeting of 2020, happy new year, got off to a promising start with a new

guest arriving and possibly becoming the first new Member of 2020. The speaker for the first Meeting was booked because the title of his talk was somewhat intriguing, and consisted of short stories of his experiences from childhood with breeding chicken and an unrelated tale of an experience he had at boarding school. On a final note a good sign for our possible 67th Member returning is the fact he took a menu to complete and return for our first outing of the year to Wards Hotel at Folkestone for a "Winter Warmer" lunch.



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Tuesday 18th February Outing to Webbs Hotel for a "Winter Warmer Lunch"

Monday 9th March: Dr. Homsey - a Mercy Ship

Monday 20th April: Ian Porter - The real Downton Abbey, what it was really like to be in service.

Monday 11th May: Melanie Gibson-Barton : 3 Women, 1 man, Glamour, Wealth and Heartbreak

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Climate change—how you can help

Lois Tilden writes:

Greta Thunberg, the 16-year-old Swedish girl championing the cause to combat climate change, gave an impassioned speech at the United Nations summit in September, criticizing world leaders for their “betrayal” of young people through a lack of action on the climate crisis. She is calling on Governments to do more and implores individuals to play a part too.

The UK Government confirms that there is clear evidence to show that climate change is happening. The UK is already affected by rising temperatures. The most recent decade has been on average 0.8 °C warmer than the 1961-1990 average. All ten of the warmest years in the UK have occurred since 1990 with nine occurring since 2002.

How can you do your bit to help save the planet?

- **Plant a tree** - or several trees if your garden is big enough - and choose its site carefully. Trees absorb carbon dioxide and give out oxygen. They create better shade than a parasol and provide natural air-conditioning!
- **Drive cars less frequently**; car share; when you next buy a car, choose one that is electric or a hybrid
- **Reduce/ give up using aircraft** - holiday closer to home, use trains (Eurostar is on our doorstep))
- **Eat food that is locally-grown**, or grow your own if you can; reduce your meat intake
- **Use energy-efficient lighting** and switch off unnecessary lights and gadgets
- **Consider energy-efficient systems or renewable energy** to heat your home when you need a new system and insulate what you can to conserve energy
- **Cut down on products that include palm oil** - too many palm oil plantations are causing deforestation of natural rainforests (check ingredients of shampoo, cleaning products, even crisps, ice cream and some supermarket bread). The rainforests are the Earth's lungs and many species will perish - including humans - if they are destroyed.
- **Reduce, reuse, recycle as many things as you can** - take unwanted clothes, furniture or bric-a-brac to charity shops and buy from them too; or advertise for sale or wanted on the website “My Next Door” <https://nextdoor.co.uk>
- **Think of another way of reducing your carbon footprint.**



Over the last million years or so the Earth's climate has had a natural cycle of cold glacial and warm interglacial periods. This cycle is mainly driven by gradual changes in the Earth's orbit over thousands of years but is amplified by changes in gases produced by human activity and other influences. Rising levels of carbon dioxide and some other gases create a 'greenhouse effect', trapping the Sun's energy and causing the Earth, and its oceans, to warm up. Carbon dioxide levels have increased by about 45% since before the industrial revolution. Other greenhouse gases have increased by similarly large amounts. About 43% of the carbon dioxide produced goes into the atmosphere, and the rest is absorbed by plants and the oceans. Deforestation reduces the number of trees absorbing carbon dioxide and releases the carbon contained in those trees back into the atmosphere. All the evidence shows that this increase in greenhouse gases is almost entirely due to human activity. The increase is mainly caused by: burning of fossil fuels for energy; agriculture and deforestation; and the manufacture of cement, chemicals and metals.

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December in a tempo-

rary unit under the Picture House Cinema.

Six tracks were installed, including the layout which won Ashford modelling team "The Railmen of Kent" the Channel 5 Great Model Railway Challenge. The lease is for 12 months unless a permanent tenant arrives in the meantime.

However, there are rumours that they could move permanently into part of the ex-Debenhams store. Discussions are taking place with the owners of County Square about taking over one of the floors in the huge department store.

FAMOUS RESIDENTS IN ASHFORD



Edward Austen Knight was the third brother of Jane Austen. He was adopted in 1783 by Thomas and Catherine Knight (formerly Catherine Knatchbull of Chilham) who were childless. He became their legal heir that same year.

Edward married Elizabeth Bridges in 1791 and they lived at Goodnestone Park in Dover. They had 11 children. When Thomas Knight died in 1794 he left Godmersham Park and other properties to his wife who immediately passed it on to Edward. He was the High Sheriff of Kent in 1801. Godmersham Park was described in the late 1800s as "situated in one of the most beautiful parts of Kent, namely in the valley of the Stour, lying between Ashford and Canterbury. Soon after you pass

Wye Railway Station you see Godmersham Church on your left and just beyond it comes into view the wall which shuts off the shrubberies and pleasure grounds of the great house from the road." Edward died in 1852 and was laid to rest at St. Lawrence the Martyr Church, Godmersham.

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Ruth Haggie reports

It was October 1999 when Egerton Telecottage – now named Egerton Computer Centre- opened under the auspices of Egerton Parish Council in the newly built Egerton Village Hall. The original idea of the Telecottage was for a centre to offer local villagers lessons and help in using IT as well as acting as a possible base for a local rural business. Starting with 7 networked PCs in a tiny space attached to the Hall, the Telecottage was run by a small group of volunteers including Roger Harper as Chairman and IT lead, Peggy Harper as Treasurer, as well as Carol and Derek Budd-who have since moved away from Egerton- Richard King and Ruth Haggie, who have been steadfast supporters throughout.

In those days the Centre was still using floppy discs for file storage and had dial up for email and the internet with 56bit capacity. We now have a fast cable link of 32megabytes.

Demand for lessons started to grow and in 2003 the Committee took advantage of the Government's On Line initiative by applying to expand the Centre. This was successful and, with additional support from the Countryside Commission, an extension was built to the Hall, equipped with 12 PCs and teaching aids. By then Alison Richey had joined the Committee acting as a tutor and later as Treasurer. Keith Burleton, Mark Kingsbury and John Lawton also contributed to the Committee during this time.

Malcolm Laws, who had joined the Committee in 1999, took over as Chairman and IT lead in 2006 and maintains the website for the village, including the Computer Centre. The website promotes local businesses and activities.

Over the next 10 years, there were more than 900 participants in courses. Classes were run during the day, as well as the evenings, in Basic IT, Internet and E Mail, Word Processing, Excel and Digital Photography-the latter taught by former Pluckley resident Jackie Grebby, who also helped with Family History. People attended not only from Egerton but from surrounding villages and even Ashford. The Centre has also been hired for the day by local groups for training sessions or meetings and it continues to be available for this.

Eventually the number of people needing classes started to decline and more emphasis has since been placed on providing technical help and advice to people during the Saturday drop-in sessions. These are still being held every Saturday between 10 am and 12 noon for people looking for help with using laptops and tablets or dealing with computer viruses. Advice and help are free although donations are much welcome to help meet the cost of running the Centre.

The Centre has been re-furnished with office furniture kindly donated by Peter Rawlinson which provides a more relaxed atmosphere.

A few years ago, Richard King and Derek Budd established the now flourishing Egerton Film Society which has been managed as part of the Computer Centre. Its profits are helping to keep the Computer Centre open for local people.

There are now 10 volunteer members of the Committee who also help to run the drop-in sessions each week: Chairman is Malcolm Laws, Viv Foulds acts as Secretary and Dave Austin is Treasurer. Other members are: Ruth Haggie, Richard King, Sylvia Tillman and Carol Hulm – an IT Consultant from Grafty Green. Chris Hollands and Sarah Gilbert have joined the Committee since 2017 and Heather James is a Parish Council representative. As well as advertising in *Egerton Update*, the Computer Centre is now also using the Next Door social network to alert people about the drop in sessions. We look forward to welcoming more visitors to the Centre in 2020 - if not the next 20 years!



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The Garden in February, March & April

Tips for the amateur gardener by Kathy Hooke

The end of February is still winter; often wet and cold with easterly winds. Getting into the garden can feel like a challenge but there are plenty of jobs to get finished. Bare rooted trees and hedges need to be planted and all late winter and early spring pruning needs to be



completed by mid-March.

March is the month when things start to happen in the garden; hawthorn hedge-

es start to get their fresh green leaves; daffodils begin to bloom and the days get longer. Through April the pace of change quickens with new growth, spring blossom and later bulbs starting to fill the garden with greenery and colour. Spring is a busy time for gardeners; planting, weeding and setting things up for the summer crescendo whilst making time to enjoy the early flourishes of the garden.

SPRING BULBS

Early spring heralds the joy of all things small; snowdrops, crocuses, primroses and violets. Try planting some up in pots to put by the back door to bring early colour where you can appreciate them easily.

Adding a few new ones each year or planting up the ones you had in pots makes the task easier.

To get bulbs to come back again every

year make sure you give them 6 weeks after flowering before you cut the leaves off as



these will feed the bulb for next year's display. Feeding them with a general fertiliser once they have finished will also keep them in good condition from year to year. If you find the leaves a nuisance plant them in your borders where the later flowering plants will hide the leaves.

PRUNING

Between mid-February and mid-March you need to prune late flowering shrubs, climbers and most roses.

Those shrubs which flower later in the year can be cut back now eg buddleia, hardy fuschias and late flowering spireas. Do not touch spring flowering shrubs such as philadelphus or weigela as they

flower on the shoots formed last summer and you will lose this year's flowers.

Clematis need to be pruned except those that flower before June as you will cut their buds off.

All roses except rambling roses should be pruned immediately after flowering.

Remove all dead wood at the base. Remove thin, weak growth – if it is thinner than a pencil, take it out. Prune the remaining branches to an outward facing bud, making cuts at a 45-degree angle sloping away from the bud, allowing water to run off. Prune to the height you

want your rose to be; if your rose is at the back of the border, leave it a little higher, at the front, give it a trim and leave it a little lower.

Give all pruned plants a boost by spreading fertiliser around their roots and mulching around them with garden compost or well-rotted manure. Roses in particular need plenty of food to flower well.

MULCHING

If you didn't mulch in autumn, March is the perfect time before there is too much new growth to work around. It will act as a soil conditioner, weed suppressant and moisture retainer and improves heavy clay particularly well. A good thick layer is most effective. Organic matter such as garden compost or bark, or gravel all make good mulches.

WEEDS

As the soil begins to warm up weeds start to grow in earnest. Hoed off regularly, annual weeds can be kept under control and can be composted as long as they aren't in flower or have seed heads on them. Perennial weeds such as nettles and docks need to be dug up to stop them coming back. Their leaves and stems can go on the compost but not their roots which may survive and spread round the garden.



SOWING SEEDS

When the weeds start to get going it is a sign that the soil is warming and a good time to sow hardy annuals. Try sowing a meadow mix this year. Clear an area of soil of perennial weeds and in mid-April, sow a packet selected from the many meadow mixes now available in garden centres. If you are lucky you will be presented with months of ever-changing flowers, all for the price of a packet of seeds.

PLANT SUPPORTS

Many herbaceous plants will get growing by mid-April and it is better to get the supports in place before there is too much top growth to damage.



FLOWER BORDERS

Buy new perennials as they appear in the garden centres. Beware though because



garden centres like to sell what is looking good it is easy to end up with a garden full of spring and early summer plants in our enthusiasm to fill borders. It is often better to shop regularly

through the summer and early autumn to get plants that have a longer flowering season or order on line where there is a wider choice.

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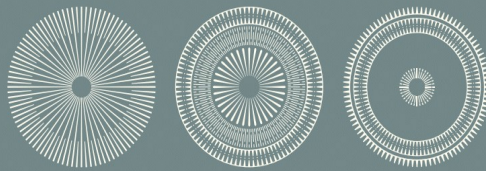
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A HISTORY OF EGERTON. 1900-2000 (*continued from Issue 16*)

Shops and Salesmen

In 1900 there were 16 commercial establishments:

Two were Shopkeepers - Mrs Young at Sunnyside, The Forstal and Ernest Botting, Lower Street; and Jesse Cuthbert at North End was a shopkeeper and butcher.

Five were Beer Retailers - George Burbridge, The White Horse, Thomas Harrison, The George, George King, The Good Intent, John Palmer, The Queens Arms and John White, The Sportsmans (Olivers Garage).

Four were Butchers, 2 of which were also Farmers - George Homewood in The Street, Thomas Offen at Rosedale in Forge Lane, Charles Smith, Forstal Corner and Thomas Weeks at Creed Farm (Heronssdale, Wanden Lane).

Three were Grocer and Draper - Rebecca Luck at the Post Office, Walter Record at The Street and James Weeks at Egerton Forstal

One was a Blacksmith - James Moat at Beulah, Rockhill Road.

Before 1900 it had been possible to buy milk and butter, and even rabbits, from

Brook House (Stonebridge Green). Also Mr. Hicks' Mill at the Water Mill and Mr. Millgate's Mill which was at Stone Hill must have played their parts in Egerton's way of life. By 1934 the number of shopkeepers had increased to 17, taking into account the fact that several of those in business in 1900 were no longer trading by 1934, with the addition of Buckles - Baker and Grocer; Charles Ledger - Blacksmith; Harry Oliver - Garage; Jeffrey Pack - Builder; William Pack - Builder/Undertaker; Herbert Rye - Blacksmith; William Taylor - Wireless Supply and Repair; John Turk - Watch and Clock Repairers; and Sidney Young - Painter and Decorator.



Mr. Rob Hopkins, one of the owners of the shop in The Street, on his deliveries in the 1960s.

Moving along now to the year 2000 there are only four similar establishments left: The Post Office and Shop; The Garage; The George and The Queens Arms.



Egerton does not seem to have entertained many travelling salesmen, possibly because there were so many commercial establishments at the turn of the 20th Century. Mr. Hooker and Mr. Sales both brought fish to sell; Mr. Chesson from Lenham Heath with haberdashery - his first rounds were made on a cycle; Mr. Massey from Smarden with groceries; and Pearks and the Co-op both came out from Ashford. We do, however, have a photo of Mr. W. Drury (above) beside his grocery van which was taken in 1947. He carried on the business until 1960.

XMAS FAIR—A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL

Pat Parr reports

Against a lot of odds, on Saturday 7th December 2019 in the beautiful millennium hall and surrounding recreation ground there was a very successful Christmas Fair going on from 3.00pm to 5.30pm. Many thanks to the organisers for such a lovely, colourful, beautifully decorated hall and outside stalls area. The organising committee was very small and late starting the main brunt of the work needed so it was quite incredible how well they all did. Thank you on behalf of the village.

At the approach to the hall the tractor and trailer were getting ready to treat the children to not only visiting Father Christmas, but to have a lovely tractor ride round the village to boot.

The entrance to the hall had a very skilfully sculptured reindeer for which a quadruplet of eager children were behind the table enticing people to "Guess the Name of the Reindeer". Walking into the hall there was a general hubbub of noise as people were milling around all the stalls, eager to find things to buy and clubs to support. The tea/coffee counter was being shared by the Over 60s Club who were dishing out teas and coffees at a tremendous rate. They also managed the so, so popular Tombola Stall. The Barrow House were responsible for the lovely smell of home-made French Onion Soup and Sausage in a Roll in the other half of the kitchen. The WI raffle was again superb, the raffle ticket sellers were beavering away all afternoon. Home-made Christmas decorations and biscuits were the theme for Sabine's beautifully decorated stall.

During the course of the afternoon we were very happily entertained by Egerton Primary School children singing Christmassy songs for us. Everyone loved to hear them sing it was so moving, especially if your child was amongst them singing. You can't beat young children singing to tug at the heart strings.

Two stalls were managed by two different 'artists'. Jenny Oliver's Kentish Dyes stall was amazing. The stall looked so artistically presented, such an unusual subject matter and so interesting. Opposite was the wonderfully talented Cathy Hill, always so bubbly, so enthusiastic about her superb cards and gifts and above all, so talented... Talking of talent – in a different way, Rosie's Jams and Chutneys (above) was full of rows and rows of colourful jars of all sorts of jams and chutneys, you don't realise how many different combinations there are until you see them on display.



Esther and Rosie Cohen are responsible for these delights.

The main doors out onto the patio were opened wide and a marquee was set up to the left where people could sit and drink their beverages. From this patio area Jerry's group of minstrels were playing melodious instruments. There were also four of the Christmas huts erected outside the hall. The Church produced their lovely warm mulled wine and found some mistletoe to sell for St. James' Church funds.

Another talented stall was next for hand-made woodcraft table decorations and other handcrafts

by Graham and Dawn (Graham being very busy tractoring round the village pulling Santa and his eager children on an entertaining trip round the village). Thank you once again Graham.

Talking of talent – did you see the beautiful wreathes, garlands and table arrangements in the hut made by Egertonian Ruth Coulson of Bakers Flowers? They were so beautiful using unusual fresh smaller branches of delicate trees like birch, sprayed with some white imitation snow and lovely lilac ribbon tied in a bow – lovely. It makes me so proud to be a part of this wonderful village.



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Your Parish Council Reports

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November Minutes

Footpaths: There is 1 closed issue, 9 outstanding and 3 new footpaths issues.

Highways: There are 3 closed issues, 3 outstanding and 2 new highways issues.

New Grit Bins: Two new grit bins have been put in place - at the junction of Egerton House Road/Coldbridge Lane, and the junction of Rock Hill Road/Crockenhill Road.

Older people's accommodation: Meetings have been arranged with the working group and solicitors on the Heads of Terms Once finalised Councillors will get a copy.

Extension - Games Barn: The Committee need to be kept informed of progress.

VE Day Celebration 75 Years: A working group has been formed to have a village 'party' on Friday 8th May 2020.

Map on Glebe: A quote has been given to install new posts and erect the sign for the new footpaths map. It is hoped the old sign frame could be cleaned beforehand.

Rubbish bin: Tim and his grandson Haidan were thanked by the Parish Council for several maintenance jobs.

UKPN Power Partners: Grants may be available for renewable energy initiatives. A councillor will check if they are still available.

Trees in recreation ground and others to maybe be felled: Ken Mulholland supplied a company to give a free check of trees and a quote for any work that might need to be done. Ken and Graham will liaise.

Christmas Fair: The date of the fair will be Saturday 7th December to be held in the hall and outside area from 3.00 to 5.30 pm. It is hoped the weather will be kind.

Steps: The steps leading to the cricket pitch were sprayed with fungicide to remove moss etc. A quote was received to fit chicken wire to the steps to help with traction.

Neighbourhood Plan Update: There is to be a meeting on November 30th which will be the final open consultation on the draft plan.

Lenham Heath Garden Community Action Group: This group are to oppose the Garden Community proposal by Maidstone Borough Council to build 5,000 new houses in the Lenham/Lenham Heath corridor. Councillors unanimously agreed to oppose the scheme and support the opposition group. A councillor will attend future meetings.

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December Minutes

Footpaths: 1 issue closed, 9 open and 2 new.

Highways: 2 issues closed, 3 open and 2 new issues.

Older people's accommodation: Lois noted the Heads of Terms drawn up by solicitors need to be discussed at a later date.

VE Day Celebration 75 Years: The working group have had two meetings. Lottery funding has been applied for.

Map on Glebe: The map is ready and the Clerk will arrange payment.

Speed indicators: Funding is being put in place to purchase a SID.

Red phone box, Stonebridge Green: A book case is still being sourced that could be fitted in for the lending library.

Trees: Our tree warden's contact details will be sent to Ken Mulholland so they can liaise about trees.

Christmas Fair: The Saturday 7th December at 3.00-5.30pm for the fair in the hall with the huts erected on the recreation ground.

Recreation Steps: Due to safety reasons laying chicken wire on the slippery treads would not be a good option.

The Clerk has sourced some aluminium plates. It was agreed to purchase 12 and arrange for them to be fitted.

Garden Community Proposal: John has met with Kate Hammond leader of SOHL (Save our Heath Land). Kate visited the Neighbourhood Plan workshop on Saturday 30th. Maidstone Borough Council will make a decision in March 2020 where planning of new properties will go ahead.

EPC agreed to vote against the proposed planning for the new Garden Village. The action group has produced some Christmas cards which 3 councillors will deliver to all residences in the village.

Hedges on New Road: To be reported to highways that the hedges have not been cut.

PCSO: A report has been received this month.

Sale of shop: Ongoing

Lighting on recreation ground: A request has been made to have reflective paint added to the speed humps so they can be seen while the Egerton runners are out at night. The Clerk will ask Tim Kent for a cost to carry out this work. It was noted that some of the blocks at the top of the ramp leading to hall car park are loose. The Clerk will contact AK paving who carried out the work originally.

Any other business/information:

- Mole hills on recreation ground. Councillors and the Clerk will inspect the area and decide if any action needs to be taken.
- Crocken Hill footpath- A request was received from Crocken Hill residents that the moss on the path be cleared and they asked if salt could be spread on the moss. The Clerk will contact ABC to request the path be cleaned.
- A welcome pack was delivered to new residents at Star and Garter Cottage on Egerton House Road.

February Minutes

Footpaths: There were two closed items, 9 outstanding and 1 new issue since the last report.

Highways: There was 1 closed item, 2 outstanding and 2 new issues since the last report.

Older People's Accommodation: The Heads of Terms drawn up by solicitors were approved by the Parish Council.

VE Day 75 Celebrations: The organising committee who are making plans for the village street party on Friday 8th May and the barn dance to be held on Saturday 9th May have met again to further their ideas and efforts to find sponsors and grants to fund this important village event.

Footpaths Map on the Glebe: The new footpaths map which has been updated and reprinted by Explore Kent has been received and the Clerk is holding onto it until the existing framework and posts from the previous map have been cleaned, restored or replaced.

Councillors were very pleased to see this new, updated map.

Speed Humps and Kerb Edges: Following a request for the speed humps and kerb edges on the road leading down to the village hall from Elm Close to be repainted with white paint to aid drivers, a quote has been received by the Clerk and councillors agreed to accept it.

The Clerk will arrange for the works to be carried out.

Neighbourhood Plan Update:

Collation of the responses to the public meetings held recently are nearing completion.

These will be included in the next draft of the plan. Written comments also received will be included too.

Sale of the Shop:

Two prospective purchasers have come forward for the shop. Neither two wish to have a shop or a Post Office so the committee formed to perhaps have a community shop are still meeting to discuss options for a post office somewhere in the village.

Spring Clean: After 15 years of organising the annual spring clean, Pat has handed over the reins to Sarah Elworthy.

Snow Plan: The Clerk will check the previous paperwork for a snow plan and also contact Tom Hope, who holds a store of grit supplied by Kent County Council, to see if we have a good supply of grit in the event of a bout of snow anytime soon.

Renewing Playground Equipment: Discussions have been taking place about renewing some of the playground equipment and maybe providing some suitable equipment which adults could use to keep themselves fit. A brochure has been received from one company and the Clerk will ask two others to supply details of their equipment so that a start can be made on obtaining funding for this project.

Next Meetings

The February meeting of Egerton Parish Council was held on February 4th. The next meetings will be held on March 3rd and April 7th. The Parish Council meets in the committee room at the village hall at 8pm. Members of the public are invited to attend.

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Hazel Price writes:

Thank you to everyone who came to the Egerton Christmas Fair on 7th December 2019 – we enjoyed a bumper attendance! As promised there was something for everyone from the WI raffle, the Over 60's tombola, stalls offering a range of gifts and refreshments to Father Christmas and the ever popular tractor ride.

The atmosphere was vibrant and festive, conversation flowed helped along by a wide range of refreshments including the much sought after mulled wine (every last drop went!). Those who visited Father Christmas did so in a wonderfully decorated setting and were in awe of our welcoming, friendly and jolly character who delivered a genuine experience complete with gift!

The weather was kind for most of the day though towards the end we did have to fight with the wind which tried very hard to whip away the newest marquee in the village collection. Talking about marquees... the decision to hold the fare in and around the village hall was mainly determined by the fact that the trees on the Glebe are now too big making it extremely difficult and dangerous to erect the marquees.

It is fabulous to hear that so many local causes and groups benefited from the Fair but as many people will recognise it's not without significant effort from a number of people working behind the scenes. On that note it's only correct and proper that we share the role call of the unsung heroes and heroines behind the Fair who generously gave their time to make it happen:

Putting up and taking down the huts & marquee courtesy of:

Dawn Howland; Martin & Lucas Chapman; Ciara & Neil Crossley-Roberts, Gina Harper & Craig Smith and Egerton Christmas Fair Committee members.

Thank you to **Lesley Godden-Hope & family** for the delivery, loan and collection of straw bales that provided a rustic atmosphere, seating and a setting for the **Minstrels** to entertain us. Also to the **Egerton school choir** for their performance led by **Ciara Crossley-Roberts**.

Keeping the workers fed – delicious cakes baked by **Sarah Widd**. Designing the colouring competition **Cathy Hill**, the judging and prize giving by **Mrs Walker Head Teacher, Egerton Primary School**.

General setting up and taking down including decorating Christmas trees, rubbish collection;

running stalls and other numerous tasks: **Erin Pritchard, Ciara Crossley-Roberts, Dixie Harper, Lucas, Johanna & Evie Chapman, Sophie & Megan Howland, Kaleb Oliver and Alice Burbridge.**

Thank you to **Sarah Elworthy** for being the custodian of the decorations and for the necessary and numerous trips back and forth to the cricket pavilion in the search for the missing branches from the Christmas tree and help in setting up. **Heather James** for help, insight and support. **Jan Burgess** for the loan of musical instruments for the tractor ride.

Finally, special mentions to: **Sabine Chapman** for undertaking the necessary administration, for the hand crafted table decorations and for making the Grotto truly magical through an eye for artistic design and the loan of soft furnishings.

Dave Austin who worked his magic and provided us with fabulous lighting and all our electrical needs and without whose help the Fair would have been extremely dull.

Priscilla Harper for making the lovely festive greenery arrangements to hang around each of the wall lights in the hall.

Graham Howland for transporting huts, the marquee, other vital supplies and setting up and then for dressing up the tractor and trailer then spending more hours driving it! Also for wood working the wonderful reindeer, named **Derek**, who's now happily residing in the primary school.

Julian Mills for the loan of the trailer and **Green Hill Farm** for storing all the huts and marquees.

Andy Harper for numerous things including setting up, taking down then brushing and mopping the village hall floors!

Toby Ellis for being a convincing and wonderful Father Christmas and to **Erin Pritchard** for being the Elf on the shelf!

Nick Fox for the donation of sweets used for prizes.

Everyone who put up Christmas decorations along the tractor route – it really does make it festive.

Quite a role call but still not enough hands on deck! So, if you would like to get involved in organising and delivering this year's Christmas Fair please get in touch with one of the Egerton Christmas Fair Committee members: **Sabine Chapman, Graham Howland, Andy or Hazel Harper.**



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VILLAGE DIARY

Regular Weekly

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
10.30 am Zumba (GB)	6pm Yoga (VH) 7pm Short Mat Bowls (GB) 7.45pm Yoga (VH) 8pm Men's Table Tennis (VH)	9am ERC (SP) 11 to noon Eg. Friends (Barrow House) 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 Egerton Computer Centre	9am ERC (see website)

February 2020

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
					1	2
3	4 10-11 Borough Councillor (VH) 8 pm EPC (VH)	5 Egerton Friends (see Regular above) WI 7.30pm (VH)	6	7	8 Laughter Club. 10.30-12 (VH)	9
10 2pm Over 60s (VH) "Spitfire Girl"	11	12 Egerton Friends 2.30pm The Arts Society (VH)	13	14	15	16
17	18	19 Egerton Friends	20 7pm PEGS talk VH	21	22 Laughter Club. 10.30-12 (VH)	23
24	25 8pm Egerton Folk & Blues. (BH)	26 Egerton Friends	27 EFS "Yesterday" 7 for 7.30pm	28	29	

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

March 2020

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
30	31 8pm Egerton Folk & Blues (BH)					1
2	3 10-11 Borough Councillor (VH) EPC 8pm (VH)	4 Eg. Friends WI 7.30pm (VH)	5	6	7 Laughter Club. 10.30-12 (Pluckley VH)	8
9 2pm Over 60s (VH) "A Mercy Ship"	10	11 Eg. Friends 2.30pm The Arts Society (VH)	12 7 for 7.30pm Mongol Rally talk 7pm (VH)	13	14 10am Spring Clean VH	15
16	17	18 Eg. Friends	19 7pm Egerton Parish Assembly	20	21	22
23	24	25 Eg. Friends	26 EFS "Charade" 7 for 7.30pm	27	28 10-12 N Plan Sports Pav	29

April 2020

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
		1 Eg. Friends WI 7.30pm (VH)	2	3	4 2.30—5pm N Plan Sports Pav	5
6	7 10-11 Borough Councillor (VH) COPY DATE For Magazine EPC 8pm (VH)	8 Eg. Friends	9	10	11	12
13 2pm Over 60s (VH)	14	15 Eg. Friends 6.30—9pm N Plan Sports Pav	16 EFS Les Gardiennes	17	18	19
20 2pm Over 60s VH "The Real Downton Abbey"	21	22 Eg. Friends	23	24	25 10-12 N Plan Sports Pav	26
27	28 8pm Egerton Folk & Blues (BH)	29 Eg. Friends 6.30—9pm N Plan Sports Pav	30 EFS "Sorry We Missed You" 7 for 7.30pm			

DIRECTORY OF ADVERTISERS

Accountancy

AIMS (Alison & Gary Robinson) 4

Beauty

Laser @ The Fig Tree 26

Builders & Building Supplies

A T Palmer 18

B J Luckhurst 20

Egerton Builders 20

Total Roofing & Building Services 9

Carpets & Rugs

Joshua Lumley 6

Car Repair

MVR Vehicle Repairs 8

P H Oliver & Sons 25

Phipps Motors 11

Chimney Sweep

Kilbys 25

Chiropody & Foot Care

Afsaneh Smith 7

Podplus 30

Chiropractor

Dr Philip Petts 14

Coach & Car Hire

AJ & NM Carr Ltd 24

Wealden Wheels 6

Coal Merchants

Fordhams Coal 5

Computing (See I.T.)

Decorators & Painters

Home Decorating Services 7

R J Moss Ltd 30

S I Parr 3

Drainage

R J Hopkins 7

Education

Egerton C of E School 16

Egerton Pre School 7

Mrs Jane Cooper - Piano 3

Engineering

JD Mills Engineering 14

Estate Agents

Hobbs Parker 19

Fencing

R James & Sons Fencing 7

Financial Planning

Scarlett Financial Services 21

Wilkinson Wealth Management 2

Gardening & Garden Supplies

Andrew Hopkins (Hedge Cutting) 24

Mower Plant Services 18

Ray Jiles (Tree Surgeon) 27

TW Paving 20

Glaziers

Glass 'n' Glaze 24

Health & Fitness

Life Balance Yoga 11

Yvonne Fernando 11

Heating & Fuel

Fordhams Coal 5

Nigel Collison Fuels 3

Insurance

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CT Contract Ltd 26

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Captivewebs 22

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Egerton Computer Centre 4

Newspaper Delivery

Jackie's News 13

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Useful Village Contacts List

Council

Member of Parliament	Damian Green	01233 820911
County Councillor	Charlie Simkins	01233 756705
Borough Councillor	Ken Mulholland	07568 063309
Parish Councillors:	Richard King, Peter Rawlinson, Claire Foinette, Tim Oliver, Pat Parr, Sarah Elworthy	
Parish Clerk	Jeff Hopkins, John Lawton, Lois Tilden	
Footpaths Representative	Heather James	01233 756501
Tree Warden	Pat Parr	01233 756601
	Graham Howland	07875523699

Church

Calehill Benefice Rector	Vacant	
Calehill Benefice Curate	Vacant	
Egerton Free Church	Rev. Ambrose Oliver	01233 756459
Egerton Churchwarden	John Lumley	01233 756249
PCC Secretary St James'	Jan Burgess	01233 756147
Flowers St James'	Priscilla Harper	01233 756437
Bellringers St James'	Mike Yarrow	01233 756387
Friends of St James'	Dick Crabb	01233 756517
Kent God's Acre Project	Sarah Widd	01233 756460

Schools & Playgroups

Egerton Primary School	Julia Walker	01233 756274
Egerton Pre-School	Beth Foxford (Chair) egertonpreschoolchair@outlook.com	07391 181248

Clubs & Organisations

Air Training Corps (Ashford Squadron)		01233 637035
Bethersden Cub Scouts	Mary Ford	01233 820989
Egerton Film Society	Richard King	01233 756592
Egerton Friends	Elaine Graham	01233 756137
Egerton Housing Association	Sue Palmer	01233 756686
Egerton Computer Centre	Carol Hulm	07990 574214
Egerton Players	Vanessa Perrin	01622 851854
Egerton Over Sixties Club	Jacqui Jeffreys	0746 9230496
Egerton Village Hall Bookings	Mary Phebe	07725 743889
Egerton Women's Institute	Jackie Parry	01233 713801
Headcorn Scouts Group	Ann Carroll	01622 890061
Weald of Kent Preservation Society	Gale King	01233 756592
The Arts Society Egerton	Christine Lewis (cmwillis75@gmail.com)	01233 756377
The Village Theatre Club	Elaine Graham (elainedgraham@btinternet.com)	01233 756137

Sport

Egerton Games Barn Bookings	Joan Smyth	01233 756556
Egerton Sports Pavilion Bookings	Bill Smyth	01233 756556
Egerton Cricket Club	Paul Hope	07885 509751
Egerton & Pluckley Junior Football Club	John Harrison	01233 756693
Egerton Running Club	Sarah Elworthy	01233 756205
Egerton Short Mat Bowls	Mike Yarrow	01233 756387
Egerton Walking Group	Phil and Shirley Missing	01233 756345

Emergencies, Care & Services

Ashford Borough Council (emergency out-of-hours 629911)		01233 331111
Ashford Citizen's Advice Bureau	www.ashfordadvice.org	01233 626185
Doctors' Surgeries	www.charingpractice.co.uk	01233 714490
Charing	www.headcornsurgery.nhs.uk	01622 890294
Headcorn	www.lenvalleypractice.co.uk	01622 858341
Lenham	Colin Leek	01233 330340
Dog Warden	All Companies	105
Electricity	Kent Waste Watch	0845 345 0210
Flytipping	British Gas	0800 111 999
Gas Leaks	www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel	0300 041 8181
Highway Services	William Harvey	01233 633331
Hospital	Lois Tilden	01233 756221
Neighbourhood Watch	www.nhsdirect.nhs.uk	111
NHS Direct		101
Police Non-Emergency		
PCSO	Karin Andrews	
South East Water (supply) (emergency 0845 603 2603)	Leak Line	0800 614 366
Southern Water (sewerage)	Blockages, Pumping Station Failure	0845 278 0845

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