

Eynsford Road); and a further five in 2018/19 (four in Bower Lane and one in Pollyhaugh). Details of the exact location of the lamp posts can be obtained from the Clerk should anyone so wish on [eynsford.pc@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:eynsford.pc@tiscali.co.uk).

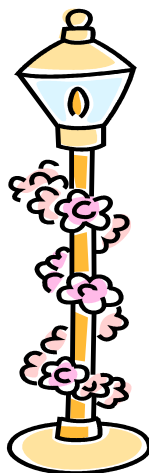
We also intend to replace parts of nine lampposts in old Mill Close over the next couple of years, when funds permit.

Order of columns may change subject to deterioration, and should you see any columns that are in need of repair, please feel free to report these to the clerk.

Eynsford Parish Council, currently run a part night lighting system on its street lights, which means the lights go out around 1am in the summer time and midnight in the winter, this helps save the parish money each year on their electricity bills.



Please advise the council of any lights that do not work, or are not going off when they should; by reporting any problems, this helps the council save your money, as lights that are left on are using more electricity, and thus more costs. To report any issues or concerns you may have please contact the clerks at the parish office.



# Summer News 2014

from  
**EYNSFORD PARISH COUNCIL**

Welcome to the Summer newsletter from Eynsford Parish Council.



This summer's issue of the newsletter contains articles on the Annual Parish Meeting, Twinning, Public Art, KALC Awards and more.

We are sorry to say goodbye to Kate Wright who contributed a lot in her 18 months as a councillor. If you would like to stand as her replacement, please read the article inside.

There are also details of our Free Family Fun Days on 8th and 20th August - do come along if you have a child to hand!

*Holly Ivaldi, Clerk*

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## Councillor Vacancy: Your Parish Needs You!

Following the departure of Kate Wright, we have a vacancy for a new councillor. We are looking for someone who is interested in contributing to the village and community and has a few spare hours per month. It would be great to have some 'new blood' on the council! You would be representing the community in making things better for Eynsford.



This is what is required of you:

- Attending two meetings per month – these are usually held on the first Monday and third Thursday of the month at 8pm.
- Reading and responding to relevant emails.
- Occasionally attending other meetings

You need to:

- Be resident or work in Eynsford (or within 3 miles) for at least 12 months and be over 21
- Be without a recent criminal conviction
- Be interested in what happens in the village and be keen to make a difference!

Recent projects carried out by the council include:

- Expanding the playground in Harrow Meadow
- Opening up more plots at Castlefield Allotments
- Working to improve the congestion in the village.

What happens next:

If you are interested, contact the Clerk, Holly Ivaldi for more information about the role, or speak to one of the other councillors.

You will be asked to write a brief statement about yourself and what skills or knowledge you can offer. Any candidates will be put forward for co-option and one will be elected by members of the council to serve until the end of the current term, which is 2015. You may then stand for re-election, and you may also resign your position at any time.

**Deadline for Applications - 12th August 2014**

Holly Ivaldi, Clerk 01322 865320 [eynsford.pc@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:eynsford.pc@tiscali.co.uk)

There was much excitement amongst the children when a Fire Engine arrived at Anthony Roper on the Wednesday of the "safer school run" week. Kent Fire and Rescue Service kindly joined in the education week by parking a fire appliance outside the school. The idea was to remind parents how large fire engines are and how dangerous it could be if one got stuck in traffic due to bad parking. School run congestion is one of the safety issues which concerns the Fire Service.

Proposals for a new yellow line parking scheme outside Fernbank have been drawn up for consultation. However, Kent County Councillor Roger Gough says, "the cost of the associated works - to ensure both parking and walking access outside Fernbank - has turned out to be higher than expected. I am seeking to spread the cost over two financial years of my Fund".

Parents continue to be reminded to encourage their children to wear the Hi-Viz jackets which were supplied by the SRSC to every pupil at the school. Please could Year 6 parents remember to return their child's jacket when they leave Anthony Roper. The larger jackets will be recycled to pupils lower down the school so the initiative, which was funded by Eynsford & Farningham Parish Council and Sevenoaks District Council, can be sustainable.

## Street Lighting update

*Naomi Wolfe, Deputy Clerk & Malcolm Richardson, Chair of Highways & Transportation*

Since we last reported on our street lighting situation, the council have completed the previous 4-year plan, and started to implement the next 4-year plan, which covers the replacement of further lamp posts.

This year we plan to replace one column in Priory Lane; three in 2015/16 (one in Towercroft and two in Pollyhaugh); three in 2016/17 (one in Priory Fields, one in Birch Close and one in Church Walk); a further three in 2017/18 (two in Priory Fields and one on

## School Run Safety Campaign (SRSC)

*Ali Carter, SRSC committee member*

A "Safer School Run" education week was held at Anthony Roper Primary School in June. It was organised by the School Run Safety Campaign which is made up of Anthony Roper Primary School parents and Governors, the local community police and council representatives. The aim of the week was to encourage parents to think about safer parking outside the school. The SRSC was very grateful to Mrs Newton and her teachers and a number of school Governors for the time they gave handing out leaflets to parents.



Advice was given on alternative places to park in Eynsford to avoid causing congestion outside ARPS. The Castle Pub car park is open to school run parents and Eynsford Castle car park has space for around 20 cars and is open at school pick up time. Information was handed out on what constitutes unsafe parking - such as parking across pavements so pedestrians can't get by and double parking. Parents were also reminded not to park on yellow lines or zig zags near the school.



# FREE FAMILY FUN DAYS

**Friday 8th August &  
Wednesday 20th August 2014  
10.30am – 1.30pm**

**Anthony Roper Primary School,  
High Street, Eynsford**

**Bouncy castle, sports,  
games, crafts**

**Refreshments Available or Bring a Picnic**

**Provided by Eynsford Parish Council, with support  
from Farningham Parish Council and Anthony  
Roper Primary School**



## Annual Parish Meeting

*Councillor Andrea Cornwell*

Eynsford's Annual Parish Meeting was held back in May this year. Our new found format turned out to be a great success and all those that turned up, from parishioners to organisations, commented on the turn out and the range of information.



Work began days, weeks, months before – firstly by inviting all the organisations that provide a service to the parish to attend, in order to promote and show what they can offer and have achieved. Many were keen to attend the event and the following organisations were represented: Eynsford Parish Council, the School Run Safety Campaign, Sevenoaks District Council, Darent River Protection Society (DRiPS), Environment Agency, Citizens Advice, Kent Community Playing Fields Association, Kent Library Service, Kent Fire & Rescue, Kent Police, the Community Warden and Kent County Council. A photographic competition was also launched.

You will have received our A5 leaflet to advertise the event in March. On the 16th May the room was set up to receive our guests and fellow parishioners. Parish Council reports summarising each area of activity were available for perusal written by chairs of the following committees: Community and Environment, Planning, Highways and Transportation, Recreation, and also the Chairman's reports.

## Twinning is ACE!

*Holly Ivaldi, Twinning Committee Member*

The Association Camphin e Eynsford (ACE) is developing well. Following our plans for an event in May, we have now agreed to fix a new date on 4th October 2014.

We met with our 'facilitator' Patrick Robert recently, and he told us about the new Twinning Committee set up in Camphin en Pevele (just outside Lille). They would like to visit Eynsford on 4th October and will be bringing representatives from their different 'associations' - clubs and societies to you.

We would also like to invite representatives from Eynsford's associations on 4th October to come for a 'bring and share' buffet lunch to meet their French counterparts. Fluency in French is not a requirement as I am sure we can communicate in some form of Franglais. We still need to finalise details of the day and what other events might take place, but if you would like to come along or get involved, please email [eynsfordtwinning@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:eynsfordtwinning@yahoo.co.uk). We would like to see as many groups as possible represented.

Camphin en Pevele is only 10 minutes from Lille and can be accessed via public transport. It is also close to the Belgian border and not far from the historic town of Tournai. The people of Camphin are very friendly and keen to get involved.



As for future plans, we hope to organise a return trip to France in the autumn on which all would be welcome. If all goes well, and there is enough interest, we will look at signing the official Twinning documents in Spring 2015.

## New Website for Eynsford!

*Holly Ivaldi, Clerk*



The parish council has decided to set up a new website to replace the one provided by Kent County Council. We felt our existing website was not very user friendly or attractive and is cumbersome to administer.

Using a local company Spectulise to create the initial template and to offer some technical support, we are in the process of adding content and creating the structure of the site. Our new site will be mobile friendly, so should be accessible via any of your devices.

The new website will include lots of information about the parish council including: the different areas of work, current projects, finance, planning as well as minutes and agendas for meetings. We also hope to add 'how to' guides in due course if you are interested in hiring a parking space, or an allotment. We may decide to 'go live' before all the information has been inputted, and the site will be a work in progress.

As well as parish council information, we will have a section on what is happening in Eynsford generally. There will be an opportunity for clubs and societies to submit events and other information for inclusion on the website. So watch this space for more details!

We would also be pleased to receive any good photographs of the village and of village events to use on the website. If you have any we can use (digital copies only) please email them to [eynsford.pc@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:eynsford.pc@tiscali.co.uk). We will happily add your name if you so wish.

[www.eynsfordparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.eynsfordparishcouncil.org.uk) will be the address once live!

Over 30 photographs were displayed and categorised into Open and Under 12s for children. They were of a high calibre and were enjoyed by all that attended. The winners were chosen by the highest vote on the night. We are grateful to the organisations that sponsored the prizes: Castle Hotel, Rafferty's, Riverside Tea



Room, Eagle Heights, Brands Hatch Spa, Stanyon Business Change Consultancy and Riverside Youth Group.

Members of the public that attended had access to speak to any of the represented organisations at their leisure, and even enjoy a glass of wine and some cheese and nibbles to add to the atmosphere. All the groups had a stall to give them the opportunity to display what they do and all were passionate about this.

DRiPS had picture boards showing the effect of the past drought on the river Darent, and changes to the flora and fauna that depend on it. They also recognise the effect of flooding and campaign to protect the river and its wildlife.

The stall from the library service was very interesting. Did you know that the library service allows you to download many books on your devices? You can browse the ebook and audio book catalogue, borrow eBooks and audiobooks free of charge and check which devices are compatible. All you need to do is download a particular piece of software! Visit [kent.gov.uk](http://kent.gov.uk) for more information.

You can access more than 50 online subscriptions for free with your library card. Also, you can browse resources including encyclopaedias, newspapers and magazines.

The local fire service was also there to show what they have to offer. Did you know that just three breaths of fire smoke can be fatal, even for a young and healthy adult? The Kent Fire and Rescue Service offers a range of free fire safety home survey - call 0800 923 7000 or email your contact details to [home@kent.fire-uk.org](mailto:home@kent.fire-uk.org) for a call back.

The evening was deemed a success by all that attended, the organisations were very pleased with the turn out and the attendees found the new format enjoyable and informative. Next year, with a few minor tweaks we hope to carry out the Annual Parish Meeting in a similar format. We really hope you will join us for a quick chat or a longer stay. It's your opportunity to see what's been going on in YOUR village, and for you to have your say on what can happen in the future. So don't miss out. See you there next year!!

## St Martin's Church Re-ordering Project

*Paul Boyle, Churchwarden*

*Deo gratias!* The Chancellor of the Diocese has granted us a faculty for the re-ordering work. We are finally in a position to get on with realising the PCC's vision of making our wonderful old church building into something that better meets the needs both of today's – and, importantly, tomorrow's - worshipping community, while also providing a more flexible space that can be used by the wider village community. However, to quote Winston Churchill, "... this is not the end; it is not even the beginning of the end; but it is, perhaps, the end of the beginning..."

Sadly, we are not in a position just to sit back and let the builders get on with it. Since the update I provided in the spring newsletter, money has continued to come in. At that time we had about £480,000: a fantastic amount, but still some £100,000 short of what is needed to carry out all the work we want to do. The total funding

live here and thereby are automatically members of EVS so if you are harbouring a secret longing to express your artistic inner child, or better still, to organise someone else's, please do get in touch. We are very open to community involvement, for that is the point, and want to hear from you. I have been told to leave this bit out for fear of an adverse reaction, so be advised (I put warned in the draft copy) that co-opting on to the committee just may result, but please, don't let that put you off. We don't bite and there are always biscuits.



I can hear as I write that the concept of simplistic thinking and funding is being queried. So far, we must thank the parents at school, our KCC District Councillor Roger Gough, the Parish Council, and EVS itself for donations which have made the two projects mentioned above possible; and hopefully once we have decided on the next phase, we will be into another budget year (!), though we are being creative about fund raising too, bearing in mind that both St. Martins and the Village Hall are each making pleas for much needed financial help too. Nevertheless, anyone who might share our thinking that public art projects help bring social cohesion and purpose, and heighten a better sense of community responsibility, is very welcome to make their own donation. Personally, I have my eye on the Rouse Kent Public Art Award which is a bi-annual county based competition with substantial prize money attached.

In the end, even if it takes 10 years to achieve (which it very well might so I hope Rouse continue to build in the county), I envisage a pamphlet available at all the commercial points in the village, encouraging walkers, families, visitors, residents to bring a picnic, follow the trail, inspect the pieces, and complete a treasure hunt. And they just might make the place look even prettier, the artwork that is.

Telephone Sally on: 866102



## Art for Eynsford!

*Sally Coston, Chair, Eynsford Village Society*

Eynsford Village Society presently has a sub-committee looking at the feasibility of a **public art trail** through the village ideally from one end, which we are agreed is Millfield, to the other which we are not – is it the station or Lullingstone? We are still debating it.

And where items of artistic interest might be best placed – how many and what, and more particularly what can we afford?? It could turn out to be a long process, but we have begun it.



Therefore, I am very pleased to be able to say that during the coming autumn term, a mosaic depicting iconic architecture, wildlife and features of life in this village will be unveiled outside Anthony Roper School, probably just inside the “perimeter fence” at the ‘Out’ gate. The artist has been commissioned and has spent a day in school with the children helping to put the image together. It is very exciting and kicks off the project in reality. I do hope as many of us as possible will look carefully at it, be pleased with the composition and enjoy it.

The second idea is a “wildlife hotel” within Millfield, designs for which are under construction. We hope soon to secure permissions needed from the Trustees and agree its placement, and to involve the children at school in both the building and decoration of it. It would be great if it could be in situ in time for spring.

So far so good, but we have big dreams of perhaps as many as another half a dozen sites around our community; the logistics of those won't be straight forward. So, if you find you have been approached by one of us with an artistic glint in our eye, we just might have earmarked a site we need your help with – it could be a mural, a sculpture, a painting, an installation, but something deliverable, or better still, something suggested by YOU. We all

available now stands at an incredible £525,000 – thanks to continuing individual donations, to the generosity of our Kent County Councillor, Roger Gough, who has

managed to get us £3000 from the County's grant budget, and £27,000 from the Cory Environmental Trust in Britain. Despite this, we are still short of what we need to do all the work in one go. So far, we are definitely going ahead with a new entrance, toilet and tea station, refurbished vestry, new floor in the nave with upgraded heating, lighting and sound systems, as well as some urgently-needed roof repair work. As I reported last time, we also want and need to install upper rooms above the north aisle, provide storage space in the Lady Chapel (the south aisle), new seating to replace the pews and re-decorate throughout and carry out a thorough repair of the nave roof. We need in the region of another £70,000 to get all this done.



As part of our ongoing fundraising, we are intending to hold an Auction of Promises. In addition to looking for people to come and buy, we are also looking for sale lots – for example, if you could donate the use of a second home or a Time share, something brand new which we could auction, or you are willing to babysit, clean, garden, or maybe you have a speed boat or a plane and could offer a ride, such items could all help raise the money we need. If you can help in this way, please get in touch with Peter Davis on 01322 668452 or by e-mail at [21maude@talktalk.net](mailto:21maude@talktalk.net). Even if you don't have anything available for auction, please put the date in your diary and come along – 20<sup>th</sup> September, Eynsford Village Hall

Now to some of the practicalities of the actual project. The contractors (Riverside Construction Co Ltd, Tonbridge) will be taking possession of the church building on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> July. The work is currently expected to take until January to complete (though it may be longer if any unexpected issues come up, or, indeed, if we have the funding to do everything in one go).

We, and the contractors, aim to keep disruption to a minimum. Work will generally take place on Monday to Friday and from about 7.30am until 4.30pm (though these times may vary a little from day to day). Contractor's cars/vans will be parked along the dirt track between the Olive Seal Hall and Pollyhaugh. Deliveries will be made to the churchyard via the Olive Seal Hall gate whenever possible, meaning that the area outside the Olive Seal Hall will not be available for parking during the project. The contractors will not be leaving skips in place overnight; their intention is to bring a skip in (at the OSH end of Pollyhaugh) only when there is sufficient material to fill a skip and then take it away the same day. There will be infrequent times when a lorry will need to park by the Lych Gate to deliver materials. We (the Rector and the PCC) apologise for any inconvenience this may cause to local residents, particularly in Pollyhaugh or near the front entrance to the church. We hope that things will go as smoothly as possible, but if you have any enquiries or problems, please phone the church office on 01322 863050.

Finally, church services. The last service in St Martin's will be on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July at 9.30am, after which Sunday services will take place in St Peter and St Paul's, Farningham (services at St Botolph's will not be affected). The basic pattern will be to have an 8.00am service on the first and third Sunday of each month, with a 9.30 every Sunday. Arrangements are being made to provide lifts for those of the St Martin's congregation who may have difficulty getting to Farningham for services. The Friday 9.30am service will take place in the Olive Seal Hall. Please check Trident or the website (efl-churches.org) for further details.

We have come a long way, we still have an awful lot to do, but *deo juvante*, we will get there.

# KALC (Kent Association of Local Councils) COMMUNITY AWARDS

Do you know someone who has made a significant contribution to their local community?

Why not nominate them for this award which will give them public recognition!

The parish council would like you to nominate someone who lives or works within the parish who you think deserves to be recognised for their dedication and hard work in the community.

Fill in the form and send to the parish council before 30th September 2014. The nominees will then be listed in the newsletter/website for us to vote on (details will be kept strictly confidential).

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**KALC COMMUNITY AWARDS 2014/15 – NOMINATION FORM**

I would like to nominate .....  
(print name) for a KALC Community Award.

BRIEF REASON: .

SIGNED: .....