

FREE *SUMMER* FAMILY FUN DAYS 2017

**Tuesday 1st August
& Tuesday 15th August
10.00am – 1.00pm**

**Anthony Roper Primary School,
High Street, Eynsford DA4 0AA**

**BOUNCY CASTLE, SPORTS,
GAMES, CRAFTS**

Refreshments Available, or Bring a Picnic

CHILDREN MUST BE SUPERVISED BY AN APPROPRIATE ADULT.

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PARISH COUNCIL OF EYNSFORD



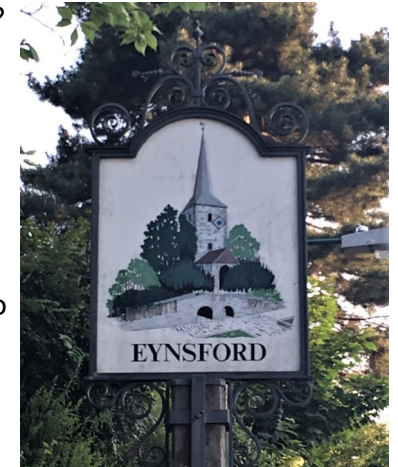
Summer News 2017 *from* EYNSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Welcome to the summer newsletter from Eynsford Parish Council.

Hasn't the summer been good so far?
We are looking forward to more great weather in the coming months.

We have articles about recent tree work at Common Meadow, our community award and about the Eynsford in Bloom group.

During the holidays we are pleased to be running two free fun days again (see the back page). Do come along and support them - they should be great fun! Last year we even got our Chairman to spin some plates! We are also asking local groups if they would be interested in reaching out to families with a stall at these events? Do get in touch if you are interested.



West Kent Youth Services will also be visiting Eynsford this summer - do get your older children to sign up for their session on 17th August - it looks great!

Thank you to everyone who keeps our village looking beautiful by picking up litter, trimming hedges etc. Please set a good example to our summer visitors by not walking your dogs on Riverside, Common Meadow or Harrow Meadow.

Holly Ivaldi, Clerk

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Common Meadow

Councillor Alan Cooke

Crack!.....was that the sound of leather on willow? No it was the noise of a large bough breaking on one of the five, old Willow Trees that are located alongside the river in Common Meadow cricket ground. In the space of a few days the parish council was able to arrange for a tree surgeon to take the broken limb down, make safe the area and clear away the debris. A week later, crack, and another bough snaps from the same tree. It just so happens that the parish council had sought competitive quotes for work to these trees and a tree surgeon was on hand and able to make the area safe within days.

One of these Willow trees we know was planted around 1988 and given the trunk diameter of the other four trees these must be at least 50 years old. However, if anyone out there knows when these trees were planted please let the parish council know.



The trees are in Eynsford's Conservation Area and therefore are protected, as are all trees in this area. Permission is required to carry out work or fell any of these trees.

These five Willows make a superb backdrop to the cricket field and are neatly trimmed, by Stewart the grounds man, such that the trailing branches are cut straight at about two metres off the ground. During the commentary, when the Lashings team last visited our village, the announcer was heard to say that a particular player of the Lashings team had 'modeled his dreadlocks on those Willows'.

The parish council has now had to pay for the removal of the fallen boughs on two occasions and have agreed in principle with Sevenoaks District Council that this particular tree should have a significant crown reduction. This leaves the parish council to consider whether the other four trees are safe and should have

West Kent Communities Youth Services



FREE fun sessions for ALL 10—14 year olds



17 August at Eynsford Scout Hall

10am—2pm—Come Dine With Us!

Starter: Level 1 Award in Food Hygiene

Main: Have fun designing and cooking a meal for others to taste

Pudding: A sweet, free, fun day!

2.30pm—5pm AAAND ACTION! Drama Workshop

Exciting drama workshop with fun activities and lots to learn!



**Book your free place at:
westkent.org/funfest
Places are limited—
so book early!**



Eynsford Village Society: Public Art Sub-Committee

Sally Coston, Chair EVS

A BIG reminder that we have been offered a very generous cash prize for a COMPETITION for a piece of public art in the blocked up, and frankly ugly, window on the side of Raffery's building, our village shop, on the Baptist church side.

The donor, whose identity is not being disclosed, is keen that the village should choose the artwork it prefers as a method of unity within the community while acting also to help enhance the trading partnership of the business of Rafferty's.

The image can be of anything within the bounds of public decency, in a medium of the artists' choice and there is no limit to the number of entries per artist.

The Competition is open to any resident of Eynsford and Farningham; to help with fairness and to avoid cronyism, it is required that none of the entries are identified by the artist. The judging will be in the afternoon of Saturday October 14th in the Darenth Room of Eynsford Village Hall by ballot from those visiting, one vote each. The most votes is the winner.

For planning reasons, we are keen to know how many participants there may be, so please would those intending to enter let me know.

It is important to consider that the winner will need to be able to mount the artwork in the space with weatherproofing, safety and security in mind. It will be given a name and heralded with a green plaque explaining that it is a member of the EVS Public Art Initiative.

For more information contact 01322 866102 or sally.coston@btinternet.com



similar reductions, which is likely to cost in the order £5000.00.

Whilst writing this piece, the parish council wishes to thank the grounds man at Harrow Meadow Stewart Michelsen for his tireless work in not only in keeping the cricket square and outfield in such a good condition but also the surrounding back drop which is much admired by our visitors.



Parish Council Surgery & Meetings

The Parish Council surgery is held on the last Saturday of each month between 9am and 11am. Come along to the Parish Office to speak to a councillor about your concerns.

Our main meetings are generally held on the third Thursday of the month and we have committee meetings on the first Monday of the month. All meetings are open to the public and start at 8pm. Full details can be found on noticeboards and our website.

Do pop in when the office is open to pick up bin bags, look at leaflets and magazines in the office and to ask any questions or raise any concerns! We also offer a photocopying service for a small charge.

Normal opening hours are 8.30 - 2.30 Monday and Wednesday, 9.00 - 3.00 Tuesday and Thursday.

Kent Association for Local Council's Community Award

Councillor Ferne Haxby

Many Congratulations to Pauline Penney who has received an award in recognition for her work with Eynsford in Bloom. Pauline was presented with her award by the High Sheriff of Kent, George Jessel at the Annual Parish Meeting in May 2017. Nominated by villagers for the award the Councillors were delighted to choose her for the valuable work that she has done over many years.

Pauline joined Eynsford in Bloom, which was previously known as the Best Kept Village Group, in 2005 and since then has taken on organising weekly work parties throughout the village. This includes weeding, planting, watering and generally making the village look beautiful for not only the residents but also the many visitors to the village, throughout the year.



Since joining in 2005, Pauline has been part of and co-ordinated entries in South and South East in Bloom. The village won Silver Gilt in 2005 and Pauline and her team have since gone on to win Silver Gilt every year and once got through to the national final representing the South and South East region.

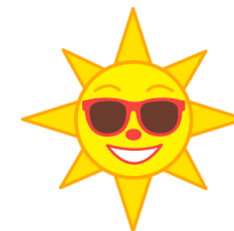
Eynsford has also won best village in the Kent Village of the Year competition in 2006 and in 2015 achieved GOLD for the first time and then went on to repeat it in 2016 – a spectacular achievement!

Contact Kent County Council on 03000 41 81 81 or report online <http://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-problem> about highways issues such as pot holes, hazards, road signs, overgrown vegetation affecting highways.

If you are not sure who to call, contact the parish council on 01322 865320 or email eynsford.pc@tiscali.co.uk

It's Hot, Hot, Hot!

Cllr Ferne Haxby



It's Been Hot and could be again this Summer and the vulnerable in the Community during a possible heat wave in August. Everyone can be affected by the heat, especially the most vulnerable people in our community.

Who is at most risk?

- Older people, especially those over 75
- Babies and young children
- People with a serious chronic condition, especially heart or breathing problems
- People with mobility problems
- People with mental health problems
- People on certain medications, including those that affect sweating and temperature control

If you have neighbours, family or friends that could be affected, help them cope. Here are some useful tips:

- Shut windows and pull down the shades when it gets hot outside – you can open the windows for ventilation when it is cooler
- Having cool baths or showers or splashing the face with cold water
- Drink cold drinks regularly, such as water and diluted fruit juice. Avoid excess alcohol, caffeine or drinks high in sugar
- Wear loose clothing and a hat and sunglasses if you need to go outside

Enjoy the weather but keep safe!

Who to call!

Holly Ivaldi, Clerk

'If there's somethin' strange in
your neighbourhood
Who ya gonna call?
If it's somethin' weird an' it don't
look good
Who ya gonna call?'



With apologies to Ghostbusters (well done to those of you who spotted this) - this sums up what this article is about!

There have been reports of anti-social behaviour, problem parking, noise pollution etc over the last few months so we thought it would be useful to list who to call and when.

Always call 999 if there is a crime in progress which requires a emergency response.

Call the police on 101 to report anti-social behaviour, a crime after it has happened, to clear an obstruction to a road, or suspicious behaviour.

Call Sevenoaks District Council on 01732 227000 (this is also an out of hours service) to report fly tipping, noise pollution or illegal parking.

Don't assume someone else has reported an incident. Don't worry if it is small as all the reports help the authorities to build up a picture and link together events.

Unfortunately we are still without our own Community Warden, but Eynsford is covered by other local wardens. If you know of an isolated or vulnerable person who may need their support, you can contact the Team Leader Siobhan Mackay on 07773 396677 siobhan.mackay@kent.gov.uk



There is a lot more that is undertaken behind the scenes, away from the on-hands work, such as planning work parties, selecting plant schemes and ensuring the village meets the criteria for competition entries.

On top of all this, if it isn't enough! Pauline also ensures the community can become involved, helping residents to enter local gardening competitions and co-ordinating an annual awards ceremony for residents who have contributed to making the village look attractive in their own gardens.

The future of the village is always important and Pauline recognises this and works with the school helping the school gardening club and woodland garden; encourages the brownies and guides with gardening activities and bird feeders and undertakes other nature activities in the village.

Watch out for the high visibility jackets ferreting away to make our village outstanding. If you would like to join Pauline in her work - she is always looking for new volunteers, contact the Parish Council Office and we will be very pleased to put you in touch with Pauline and her team.

Well Done, Pauline, richly deserved.

Thirty Years of Eynsford in Bloom!

Pauline Penney

The 16th October 2017 will be the 30th anniversary of the Great Storm which hit Eynsford with buildings damaged and trees felled. Residents had to clear up the debris and this continued all winter. The following year they began fund raising and created the Best Kept Village Group and during the 1990s they received many awards. The group is now known as Eynsford in Bloom.

Since 2005 Eynsford has entered South and South East in Bloom competition and has received ten silver gilt and two gold awards.

Failure to keep up with the annual work caused discussion about withdrawing from the event this year. Some of the volunteers were helping in 1987 and are now in their 80s! John who helps every week is 89! Regularly there are five volunteers for work parties and the rate of work achieved is slow - some have stopped due to age or illness.

Judges visited Eynsford at 9.30am on 13th July this year. We used St Martin's church for the display, presentation and refreshments. A report about the judging will be in the August issue of Trident. The judges understood that less work had been completed this year. Fortunately, a few areas are maintained by people who live near them. The station area covers seven sites to work but Colin, Carole and Julie maintain and water them. Bedding plants donated by Coolings are planted by Lyn. John and Molly mow the grass. Eynsford in Bloom assist five times a year.

The trough in front of the Fountain Court is maintained by Pauline B. George (11) and Isabel (9) clear and plant up the boat every spring and autumn. This helps to reduce the work for the regular volunteers.

The war memorial takes pride of place with the formal bedding being replaced twice a year. The judges also inspect the maintenance and cleanliness of the street furniture. This year EynsfARA members offered to help with 16 cleaning tasks. Molly washed 12 blackened bollards on the A225 bend near the old school! Thank you to EynsfARA!

We collect large amounts of waste vegetation, prunings, weeds, old plants, fallen leaves etc. They are bagged up for composting on our allotment, to be later spread on other sites around the village.



Every householder is responsible for the outside of their hedges, many are now overhanging our lanes and footpaths which can be unpleasant or dangerous for pedestrians and motorists. Please help by cutting back your hedges and shrubs!

During the last twelve years Eynsford in Bloom have gardened an increasing number of sites. Another one is coming our way, where a resident has beautifully maintained a long path-side border but has just sold her property and left the village. How can we cope with all this extra work?

The weekly work follows a seasonal, annual plan. It needs photographic and written recording to facilitate planning ahead. Planned tasks often cannot happen due to too few volunteers, unsuitable weather and time spent watering.

Any new regular or occasional volunteers would be very welcome. Our work parties are 9.30am every Tuesday, 9.30am the last Saturday every month, 6-8pm Thursdays until October. All work parties meet in the car park - tools and refreshments provided!

Contact Pauline on 01322 864571 for more details.

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