

# CO-OPERATIVE JAM SCHEME, CROCKENHILL, 1918

Mr William Everest of Church Farm supplied the steam copper for boiling the mixture.

The jam was made in Church Farm farmyard, Church Road (site now 'Durlings').

The villagers brought their own pots.

Jam was made on Saturday afternoons, a hundredweight at a time.

After 8 weeks the sugar ran out.

Four tons were made and sold at wholesale prices to retailers.

The profit of £82 4s 11d went into the War Memorial Fund.

## ELSIE CLEMENTS' DIARY ENTRIES

**27 June 1918:** Had word to take our jars to the farm for jam making, so washed and labelled them and was putting them in the pram when Dr Crawford called

**6 July:** Mabel took up jars for jam in the pram

**11 July:** Weighed up sugar saved up during the year for jam, 17 lbs

**13 July:** Aleck to the farm to fetch jam. Had to come home for the barrow as they had filled all our jars. 108 lbs altogether

## CO-OPERATIVE JAM SCHEME ACCOUNT

<b>INCOME</b>	£	s	d
SALE OF JAM	295	12	0½
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
17½ cwt STRAWBERRIES	86	1	10
22 cwt RASPBERRIES	113	8	0
WORKING EXPENSE	13	7	3½
<b>BALANCE</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>11</b>

<b>JAM MADE AND SOLD</b>	<b>STRAWBERRY</b>	<b>3049lbs</b>
	<b>RASPBERRY</b>	<b>4153lbs</b>
<b>TOTAL lbs JAM SOLD @ 10d per lb</b>		<b>7202lbs</b>

(Account presented by Sydney Lee to Eynsford Parish Council, 13 August 1918)

## REPORT OF KENT WAR AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE – 31 DECEMBER 1918

The Board of Agriculture offered to release 90 tons of sugar for fruit preservation if Kent War Agricultural Committee could arrange distribution to the growers of fruit were able to guarantee it would be used only for that purpose.

Although late in the season application forms for the sugar were sent out. When checked on their return, the total demand far exceeded the amount of sugar allocated, but the Women's War Agricultural Committee went through the applications reducing the amounts requested. Half the sugar was sent to Canterbury and half to Maidstone, and distributed by lorry to 234 villages, that had sent in orders.

A further 70 tons of sugar was later released, so that altogether 160 tons were distributed at 6½d per lb. The cost of sugar in London was £54 per ton, and a net profit of £703 was made.

(KHLC CC/R/46)

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Jam making outside engine house behind Durlings, Church Road. ( l> r) Harry Wise, ?lady, Mr Kettle, ?man behind, Mrs Kettle, Peter Smith, Grace Clements, Miss Ferridge, Mrs Pesterfield

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Co-operative jam making. Ladies (l > r) Mrs Pesterfield, Miss Grace Clements, Miss Ferridge, Mrs Kettle, Miss Edith Everest, Miss Miriam Everest. Men (l > r) ?hat only, ?bit of face, Arthur Everest (head), ?head and shoulders, Harry Wise, Peter Smith