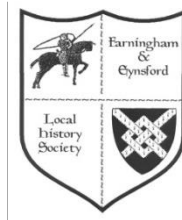


# Farningham & Eynsford Local History Society

(Original Society founded 1985 Registered Charity no 1047562)

*A Charitable Company Limited by Guarantee*

*No. 5620267 incorporated 11<sup>th</sup> November 2005 Registered Charity 1113765*



## Bulletin No. 132

Spring 2023

### DEATH OF FELHS SOCIETY PRESIDENT - Dr Wilfrid Duncombe

We were sad to learn of **Wilf Duncombe's** death in February, a month or so after he had decided to step down as Society President, having reached his centenary birthday last year. In 1985 Wilf (alongside Paul Parmenter) was joint-founder member of FELHS, and had served the Society in one capacity or another since then. The output of his research has been prodigious and wide-ranging, and most of the Society's impressive list of publications (see Publications page of the website) is the result of his meticulous investigations.

Wilf and his family came to live in Eynsford in 1957, when he started a new job at the Wellcome Research Laboratories in Dartford. His interest in local history was sparked by reading Curnow's history of the village, so when he took early retirement in 1982 he enrolled in a part-time course for a Diploma in Local History at the University of Kent. His dissertation was on the yeomen of the Darent Valley, researching their wills and inventories. He gained the Diploma in 1986, when FELHS was in its infancy. He and Paul Parmenter had known each other for over 20 years through their involvement in the Scout movement. Both had the vision for the Society to be active in research and to build up a collection related to the parishes of Eynsford and Farningham in a permanent Centre. The latter was achieved 20 years later in 2005, while the Society's first publication 'Hearth Tax Returns' appeared in 1990, with Wilf and Paul using a messy rotary duplicator housed in a room at Eynsford Station.

We are deeply grateful to Wilf for the irreplaceable contribution he has made to the Society, covering nearly 40 years of service. His vision and drive have left FELHS a lasting legacy.

Dr Wilfrid Duncombe at the FELHS Exhibition of 2005 to mark the Society's 25th anniversary



## **2023 PROGRAMME**

**This programme can also be found on the Diary page of the website.  
Doors open 7.30pm for talks at 8.00pm**

**24 March Farningham VH**

**Dr Gerald Cramp Farningham Roman Villa and its neighbours**

Gerald will examine the various local Roman sites, their function and remains.

**21 April Eynsford VH**

**Wayne Perkins ' Incendiary Behaviour: Evidence for Ritual Protection Marks at Lullingstone Castle'**

This talk follows an earlier one featuring graffiti in our local churches. Wayne was given access into Lullingstone Castle to discover its graffiti, and he shares his findings in this talk.

**19 May Eynsford VH - AGM**

**19 MAY FELHS AGM Eynsford Village Hall**

After the business of the meeting, James Alexander with Dr Gerald Cramp will be showing **Lantern slide glass plates of local scenes and people** from the late James Alexander senior's collection.

**Separate AGM notice and agenda will be sent in mid-April.**

**15 September Farningham VH**

**Alan Williams Doodlebugs**

Alan has researched the location of doodlebug explosions in the Darent Valley.

**20 October Eynsford VH**

**Nick Fothergill London Airport at Hulberry**

This talk is one Nick gave on Zoom to Otford History Group during the pandemic.

**17 November Farningham VH**

**Geoff Burr Metal detecting locally**

Our well-known member, Geoff, will give an insight into his explorations, and hopes to bring along cases of his finds.

### **MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL REMINDER**

**Current members do not need to fill out a form unless contact details have changed - then please let us know.**

**£10 (individual) / £15 (family) membership**

**Life Membership: £100 (individual) / £150 (a couple)**

**You can pay**

- ✦ by cheque payable to **Farningham & Eynsford Local History Society (do not use initials)**
- ✦ by BACS (sort code 20 25 42 account 13275752)
- ✦ by standing order (sort code 20 25 42 account 13275752)

Please let **Mrs Alison Marshall**, Membership Secretary, 83 Hever Avenue, West Kingsdown, TN15 6HQ, Kent (**alisondukes@btinternet.com**) know that you have paid remotely or send her your cheque.

At the same time please let us know if you wish us to collect Gift Aid for this year and for future years.

## **COMMITTEE NEWS**

Following Dr Wilf Duncombe's resignation as FELHS President, and subsequent death, the Committee faced the hard task of finding a successor. However, we are delighted that **Philip McGarvey** has accepted our invitation to become the new FELHS President, subject to endorsement at the forthcoming AGM. Although, as Philip acknowledges, it is a daunting task to follow Wilf, he knows the Society well. He was one of the first members of FELHS (created just 4 years after he moved to Farningham in 1981). He later served as FELHS Treasurer for 13 years, during which time he was instrumental in helping FELHS to become a registered charity, and then a Charitable Company Limited by Guarantee to enable to Society to sign the lease to the Centre. A fuller profile will be included in the next Bulletin.

With the AGM fast approaching a list of the serving Committee, who are all willing to continue in their role is as follows:

Veronica Sheppard	Chairman
Ann Cornwell	Vice Chairman - Director
Vikki Saunders	Treasurer - Facebook - Director
Helen Smith	Minutes Secretary - Publicity - Facebook - Meetings booker - Director
Alison Marshall	Membership Secretary
Susan Pittman	Research - Archivist - Bulletin editor - Meetings programmer - Director
John Mullen	Company Secretary (not standing as Committee member)

As the above shows we are a small team, multiple tasking! We would welcome new Committee members to get to know how the Society is run and to help it develop. Please get in touch if interested. You can always dip your toe in the water first without becoming committed.

The Society is often involved in wider community affairs such as various village events in Eynsford and in Farningham. We were invited to join re-appraisal walkabouts round the Conservation Areas for Eynsford and for Farningham with Sevenoaks District Council conservation officers and consultants in the autumn. We were able to make suggestions on what changes might be made and what should remain unaltered, and felt that our local knowledge was appreciated. FELHS also provided the bulk of the material used in the displays in Eynsford Station waiting room, under the aegis of the Darent Valley Community Rail Partnership.



Mould already developing on ceiling and wall at the Centre, 4 January 2023.

After the week-long frost in January there were two burst water pipes at the Centre. One was in the toilet which did no damage because the water just flowed away down a gulley into a drain. The other occurred in the roof area over the Centre itself with water cascading through the ceiling over the cupboard storing the photograph collection in the front room, and over shelving holding our artefact boxes in the back room. Since moving into the Centre in 2005 we have not turned the water off during the winter months, and this was the first time we have been caught out. In future the water will be turned off during the winter months! Because the Centre was converted from the former public toilets, there are drainage holes in the floor tiles (to prevent foul air building up below) so the water drained away quickly. No water penetrated the metal cupboard housing the photograph collection. The worst damage was to some of the artefact collection stored in cardboard boxes which disintegrated. Fortunately, most of the artefacts were in water proof plastic boxes, but because all the artefacts in the boxes (cardboard or plastic) were wrapped in tissue and then put in plastic

bags, none of the items in the cardboard boxes were damaged. The artefacts will be re-housed in plastic boxes. A dehumidifier has been brought in, but the damp atmosphere has caused mould to form on the walls and ceiling. When the whole Centre has dried out it will have to be treated for mould and redecorated - a considerable drain on our resources ... Thanks to Helen's husband, Barry, the pipes were repaired very quickly. Helen and Vikki helped with the initial mopping up, and later John helped dispose of the cardboard boxes and move their contents into newly purchased plastic boxes. Alison and Veronica stood by in case of need, while Ann was enjoying herself in Australia! All in all the Committee members came together as a great team.

### **Anthony Roper Primary School: a history by Diana Beamish**

*in association with Farningham and Eynsford Local History Society*

£14.99 - Published 27th March 2023. Pre-orders will be dispatched around that date.

160 pages; lavishly illustrated with over 150 rare and unseen images.

**The book will be launched at Anthony Roper Primary School on Monday 27th March at 7pm.**

To book **phone** 01322 863680 or email [office@anthony-roper.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@anthony-roper.kent.sch.uk)

[www.canterley.co.uk/anthony-roper-primary-school-a-history/](http://www.canterley.co.uk/anthony-roper-primary-school-a-history/)

**FREE UK Delivery until 27th MARCH 2023 – please enter the code ARPS at the checkout.**

## **RESEARCH REPORT**

**Susan Pittman, 01322 669923, [archives@felhs.org.uk](mailto:archives@felhs.org.uk)**

### **New digital application for military records**

The Ministry of Defence is working on a new online project to help users 'Apply for a Deceased Person Military Record'. Any feedback would be welcome. For more information or to share your interest contact [DBSCIO-ADPMREFeedback@mod.gov.uk](mailto:DBSCIO-ADPMREFeedback@mod.gov.uk) or call 0300 154 3339.

### **New Book - Sevenoaks 1790-1914 by Iain Taylor and David Killingray**

(Published by the University of Hertfordshire Press, 2022, £14.99 includes postage)

During a period of dramatic change, economic, social, political, religious and cultural factors affected the lives of West Kent's inhabitants. The poor especially struggled to obtain the four bare necessities of shelter, food, fuel and clothing, without which their survival was threatened. The book offers interesting insights into everyday life and includes the struggle farm labourers had to improve their conditions. Reference is made to mass demonstrations in Swanley and Farningham in 1873, which FELHS needs to investigate further. It was the period of agricultural depression and the National Agricultural Labourers' Union was founded by Joseph Arch in 1872.

P.S. Have come across this - *The Illustrated London News* 2 November 1872. Mrs Fellowes, the wife of the hon. member for Huntingdonshire and daughter of Lord Sondes, addressed the annual meeting of the Eynsford Agricultural Association. She observed to the labourers, their wives and families that whatever mischievous agitators might say to the contrary, it was the earnest desire of the richer class to promote the welfare, lessen the trials, and to soften the hardships of their poorer neighbours.

The Kentish farmers are establishing a County Farmers' Union for the purpose of taking combined action in self-defence, and to protect any non-union labourers from intimidation.

(The juxtaposition of the two snippets of news items are in stark contrast to each other. It would seem that the farmers had less desire to soften the hardship of their workers than Mrs Fellowes hoped.)

### **Newish book - Swanley World War 2 - Remembering the Military and Civilian lives lost**

This book has been compiled by members of the Swanley History Group. As well as biographies of those who were killed or died in the Second World War it includes sections on the Swanley war memorial

itself, war-time medals, the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, war records available, and local men not on the war memorial. Because until 1955 the Parish of Farningham covered a large area covering the east of Swanley up to the Congregational Church, many of the 28 remembered lived in the Swanley part of Farningham and some were born in Farningham. Six of the dead were born in Crockenhill.

The book costs £9 plus £3.50 UK postage and packing if needed.

Send your name and address to [swanleyhistorygroup@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:swanleyhistorygroup@hotmail.co.uk)

and pay £12.50 by Bank Transfer with YOUR SURNAME AND WW2 in the reference box.

Barclays Bank

Sort Code: 20-25-43

Account Number: 53280802 Account Name: Swanley History Group

Or email [swanleyhistorygroup@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:swanleyhistorygroup@hotmail.co.uk) for details of how to pay by cheque.

### **Plans to develop Charton Manor Farm, Gorse Hill, Farningham**

When plans were submitted to convert the farm buildings an Archaeological Assessment was requested because the site lies in an area of archaeological potential - the remains of an Anglo-Saxon cemetery having been found in the past. A desk-based assessment of over 100 pages was carried out in October 2022, which has been downloaded by FELHS and includes some interesting Lidar photographs and copies of newspaper cuttings. The document can be downloaded from Sevenoaks District Council planning portal - reference 22/01913/HYB.

### **The Swan Inn, Farningham**

There was once an inn in Farningham called The Swan, which has not been noted before. The will of Nicholas Gibson alias Taillour in 1528 passed The Swan to his son, Thomas, and in the event of his death without heirs, Nicholas's brother, John, was to have the tenement or inn called The Swan in Farningham with all the lands and tenements pertaining. The previous earliest record for an inn in Farningham was in 1587 for The Bull. More research into the succession line of the Gibson family might eventually link The Swan to a known inn such as The Lion or The Bull.

(Shoreham Deanery Medieval & Tudor Will - Book 4 page 412 on KAS website: FELHS publication 19 *The Pubs of Farningham* by Hilary and Wilfrid Harding)

### **The journey from Farningham to London in 1845**

George Mandy, an auctioneer and valuer resident in Farningham, was called to give evidence before the Select Committee on two private Railway Bills affecting Orpington. He said that the environs of Farningham were poorly covered by rail. The population of Farningham, Eynsford, Horton Kirby, Sutton-at-Hone, Ash, Kingsdown, Hartley, Green Street Green, Darenth and Southfleet numbered about 120,000 at the time, and the Darent Valley was remarkably rich and fertile. Two coaches ran through Farningham daily, one up to London from Maidstone, and the other the return journey. The 13-mile journey from Farningham took about 2½ hours and cost three shillings. Another route to London was to travel ten miles by omnibus to Erith pier to catch a boat. The boat trip then took about four to 4½ hours depending on tidal conditions. Another local person who gave evidence was farmer Thomas Mosyer whose family originated in Crockenhill, but who farmed large swathes of land in Orpington and St. Mary Cray. The proposed lines of 1845 did not go ahead, and it was not until 1868 that Orpington station was opened.

(Minutes of Evidence Given Before the Select Committee on Railway Bills, (group A), on the North Kent Lines, by the South-eastern, North Kent (Vignoles), and London and Croydon Railway Companies. 1845: Great Britain. Parliament. House of Commons. Select Committee on Railway Bills - C. Roworth and sons, 1845 - Railroads)

### **Eynsford Castle wall collapse 1878**

'On 24 December 1878 about 80 foot of the north-west wall fell with a tremendous crash into the meadow held by Mr Hearn. The wall was 30 to 40 feet high and over six feet thick at the foundation. As the castle is situate in a very low place, it is supposed the very great quantity of rain lately has helped hasten its destruction.' (*Maidstone & Kentish Journal* 30 December 1878)



Eynsford Castle and Church - a print found in a scrapbook of Eynsford in the Kent Archaeological Society library - date unknown, but seems to be before the collapse of the castle wall.

**Poem from The Trenches by Private H. Turner, R.G.A.**

Private Turner sent this in 1917 to his mother who lived at Home Farm Cottages, Eynsford. It is intensely sardonic and moving.

**From the Trenches ("Somewhere in France")**

Oft in the trench we think  
Of the poor chaps left at home,  
Of the perils that surround them  
Where'ere they choose to roam.

There are train and tram collisions,  
The noisy motor bus,  
Baccilli in cow's milk,  
And Zepp raids, which wuss.

How awful it must be at night  
To sleep in a feather bed,  
To find for breakfast every morn  
Fresh butter on your bread.

With all these shocking worries  
A man's life must be sad,  
To think that we are missing them  
Makes us exceeding glad.



Now things out here are different.  
Our life is merry and free.  
We don't have butter on our bread,  
Or cow's milk in our tea.

There ain't no tram collisions,  
Nor feather beds at night.  
The Zepp, he never worries us,  
But keeps well out of sight.

All that we have to flurry us  
Are bullets, bombs, and shells.  
Bully beef and biscuits,  
And sometimes horrid smells!

So to the chaps in England  
We send out sympathy,  
And advise them for their safety  
To come out here with we.



### **James Gudsell, surveyor, 1748-1821**

Way back in Bulletin no. 56 of September 2002, I wrote about James Gudsell, who was responsible for producing the Lullingstone estate map of 1802, which hangs on the wall of an ante-room near Queen Anne's state room in Lullingstone Castle. The late Geoffrey Copus compiled a list of ten maps by James Gudsell, a local man. Since then three more have come to light: 1818 plan of Sutton-at-Hone vicarage

house and glebe lands; 1819 plan of Farningham vicarage and lands; in 2015 Stephen Archer found a copy of the 'lost' map of Scadbury (Chislehurst) dated 1810 in Bromley Local Studies Library.



James Gudsell's headstone in Farningham churchyard stands between those of his first (Elizabeth) and second wife (Fanny Smith). The inscription on the headstone is touching and adds the information that by profession James Gudsell was a teacher. He died on 7 April 1821 aged 72.

To  
the Memory of  
MR JAMES GUDSELL  
of this parish  
Schoolmaster and Land Surveyor  
who departed this Life  
April 3rd 1821  
Aged 72 Years  
This stone was erected  
as a tribute of res[pect]  
By a few of his pupils

### **Preston Hill Firing Range**

Brian replied on Facebook to the request for information. He remembered army cadets using the range in the late 1960s. When in use a red flag was flown and cadets were posted as guards on the footpath behind the butts to keep walkers away. Some people ignored them and continued walking over the hill anyway. Once when he was one of three 'guards', they stood talking at the junction of two paths until they heard a zing overhead and scarpered back to their posts. The army supplied lunch, a typical one being a sandwich and Mr Kipling's fruit pie. Brian lifted the lid on his pie only to find it was mouldy.

### **Recording monumental inscriptions at St. Peter & St. Paul's Church, Farningham**

Stephen Archer has completed his recording of the memorials inside Farningham Church and in the old and new burial grounds, although there remain queries over some reference numbers because earlier incomplete records were taken and need checking. Stephen has given FELHS a DVD with all his research. This includes a comprehensive photographic survey, a full plan of the burial grounds and an index of surnames. All this will make it easy to answer enquiries. The current records can be used if monuments deteriorate in the future and become illegible as already is the case with several of the older monuments.

### **Swanley Bus Garage Heritage Open Day**

Tours of the depot, now occupied by Go Coach Ltd., were run in September, and it was surprising how many original features survive in the administrative wing. The Office range was built in four months during 1937 in Art Deco Modernism style, and represents the best preserved bus station building from the period. Crittall windows have been retained and restored. Green paint found under more recent paintwork has been used in restoration. Some rooms have original tiled walls and tiled flooring. It is

hoped that one wall can be used to display photos of people who worked in the depot, so please make contact if you have any. It is worth having a closer look at the building when you next pass.

The front of the  
Office wing from  
London Road



The Office Wing from the far end looking towards London Road, 17 September 2022

### **Farningham Horticultural Society**

The Society, as Farningham Rose & Horticultural Society, was founded in 1878 with Sir William Hart Dyke as President and thirty-two Vice Presidents. One competition was for the best kept and cropped cottager's garden from the villages of Farningham, Horton Kirby, South Darenth, Swanley, Shoreham, Eynsford, Crockenhill and Lullingstone. However, in those days roses featured strongly with one class in the Rose Show requiring twenty-four varieties of roses. Prizes were too generous and by the mid-1880s the Society ran into deficit and had to reduce the expenditure on prizes and to raise subscriptions. Perhaps in an endeavour to present suitable prizes, but of lower value, an artist was commissioned to produce paintings as prizes. The innovation was a disaster because when the paintings arrived the Committee rejected the artist's work as 'not suitable to offer as prizes for our Exhibition'. Makes one wonder what the subject matter was! At some stage the Society foundered and had to be revived in 1959. The first show in 1960 attracted 340 entries. There were three shows a year - Spring, June (Rose Show),

and Autumn. The minutes' books from 1959 to 1982 include press cuttings and other ephemera, which add to their interest.

Two obituaries inserted in the minute books:

**Sir Irving Albery (1879-1967)**

Conservative MP for Gravesend 1924-1945. Educated at Uppingham School and Freiburg University. He was a member of a celebrated theatrical family. His father was the playwright James Albery, and his mother the actress, Mary Moore - later Lady Wyndham, wife of Sir Charles Wyndham, actor-manager. His brother was theatre director, Sir Bronson Albery. Sir Irving served as Major in the Yeomanry in South Africa 1900-1902, and was awarded MC (Military Cross). Afterwards he was a member of the Stock Exchange 1902-1964. In 1906 he married Gertrude Mary (Jill), daughter of Henry Arthur Jones, the dramatist, and had two sons and a daughter, Jessica. He died 14 November 1967 aged 88.



Sir Irving Albery addressing Crockenhill Women's Guild in Crockenhill Village Hall, 1962.

**Eliza Ann Edmonds (1876-1968)**

(Farningham Parish Magazine December 1968 by Revd. Donald Campbell)

She was born in School House, Farningham, the daughter of the master of Farningham School. She went to the school where both her parents taught. Later she taught at Eynsford and from 1903 with her parents at Farningham. She retired in 1941 after 46 years teaching. She died in hospital aged 92 after a short illness.



In loving memory of  
RICHARD LEWIS EDMONDS  
Died Jan. 10. 1925, aged 77.  
36 years headmaster of/  
Farningham National School.

Also of  
ELIZA ANNA,  
wife of RICHARD LEWIS EDMONDS,  
died August 27 19[3]0 aged [81]  
Also ELIZA ANNA  
daughter of the above died Nov 2nd 1968,  
aged 92



## General Enquiries

**1920s Bus services through Eynsford** - Rodney was sceptical when he read that Peter Warlock, the composer, caught the 7.00 p.m. bus from Eynsford to Shoreham. FELHS collection includes a bus timetable of 1930 which showed that route 401 had hourly buses from 4 a.m. to 10 p.m. I am not sure whether I read the fare diagram correctly, but the cost of the journey seems to have been five pence.

**Gibson pulley in Knole House** - Ann noticed the Gibson plate on a pulley in a room next to the conservation studio. I recommended Wilf Duncombe's FELHS publication no. 39 *Gibson Family of Eynsford and Farningham: Blacksmiths and Ironmongers* (2012), and asked for a photograph (not yet received).

**Farningham bridge plaques** - Farningham Parish Council requested photographs to use in a grant application for restoration.

**Harrow Meadow, Eynsford** - Eynsford Parish Council requested information about Eynsford Football Club to use as part of a grant application for the new Village Hall. FELHS does not have any information about the Club, but suggestions were made for further enquiries.

**Drinking fountain in wall, Bower Lane** - FELHS has provided both Eynsford Parish Council and Eynsford Village Society with information about this fountain installed to celebrate the coronation of Edward VII in 1902. At the time it was outside the village school, so was a useful point for pupils to take a refreshing drink on the way past. Its restoration is being investigated.

**Penwarden & Frost Service Station, Farningham** - This garage was an Austin dealer in 1961, and Lee was interested because he was restoring an old vehicle (Austin 18 Hertford registered June 1937) sent to the garage. FELHS has an advertisement for the garage dated 1955.



Lee's Austin 18 Hertford car of 1937, delivered to Penwarden & Frost garage, Farningham.

## Family History

**Salmon (Foreman, Goose)** - George Salmon was killed on the railway crossing at Hulberry in 1934. Daniel sent a cutting about this tragedy. Daniel grew up in Well Hill, but now lives in the Oxford area. Past family members were tenants on the Lullingstone Estate. He enquired what records might be available and I found the Farm Surveys of 1910, schedule of tenants of 1948, the tenant list of 1878 with 1890s estate map identifying the plots. Daniel and his sister were holidaying in Eynsford in November and were able to attend the November meeting to photograph these items.

**Aaron Smith** - Amanda's x4 great grandfather was Aaron Smith - founder of a huge Crockenhill family. As several other family historians have made contact in the past I was able to give her plenty of information and to link her line with others. I also provided a portrait of Aaron.

**Wood (Ernest Arthur Wood)** - Michelle's newspaper cutting from the 1980s showed her grandfather on a steam plough in Swanley in 1939. She wanted to know where the photo was taken. I contacted Edward Wood who had the original photograph taken at Pedham Place Farm, Farningham. In Thomas Wood and Sons Company records he found that Michelle's grandfather worked for the Company between 1934 and 1939, and that he also drove a diesel road roller and a Sentinel steam wagon. The ploughing engine photographed was a Fowler made in 1911 and sold to be cut up in 1945. Michelle was extremely lucky to have had so much information after an enquiry that initially looked an impossible task to answer.



The photograph of Michelle's grandfather in 1939. The request was for the location of the photograph. With so few visual clues - ploughed field with orchard behind - I thought the enquiry unanswerable. However, I knew that Thomas Wood & Sons of Crockenhill were more than likely to have employed Ernest Arthur Wood (not the same family) so contacted Edward Wood, current owner of the Company, guardian of its archive, who has researched it in depth. He came up trumps. He had the original photograph giving its location, and on looking up the Company records found Ernest Arthur Wood's employment records. Just goes to show there are moments with research that you really can strike gold!

## **ARCHIVE REPORT**

**Susan Pittman - 01322 669923, [www.felhs.org.uk](http://www.felhs.org.uk)**

We resumed working parties at the Centre in October and made some progress with the backlog accumulated during the Covid pandemic. On the last Monday in October we thoroughly cleaned the interior and our new volunteer, Keith Turner, tackled the hedge which was overhanging the roof. All was ship-shape until the burst pipes reported earlier in this Bulletin.

## Acquisitions

**James Alexander** - A selection of photographs including 2 aerial views of Eynsford in 1951 and a certificate awarded to Frank Spreadbury for Basket Work at Castle Institute in 1903.

**Anonymous** - Collection of photographs following clear-out of relative's house.

**Stephen Archer** - DVD of monuments and monumental inscriptions in and around Farningham Church. (see above)

**Allan Bedford** - Vintage Roadscene, January 2019, with his article about Monty Hever and the Darenth bus company based at Eynsford.

**John Gee** - Vintage Roadscene, April 2019, with a photograph of Eynsford High Street in about 1936. It can be dated by the Fordson 15 cwt. van registered in West Ham in December 1936.



**Helen Smith** - Programme, 1956, North Kent Ploughing Match and Show held at Bower Lane, with some results added in by hand. There were 8 classes for ploughing, a thatching competition, a corn competition as well as fruit and flower shows.

**Ben Garrad** - archives from Farningham Horticultural Society: Rose and Horticultural Society bound minutes 1883-1902, 1959-1970, 1971-1982 (with amended constitution); Photograph album best kept gardens 1973-1979. (see above)

**FELHS FACEBOOK @felhs.1985** From Vikki and Helen:

FELHS Facebook Page @felhs.1985 where everyone can share items from the archive and other matters that relate to the local history of the area. We have posted photos and articles that are of interest to our followers, or that have arisen from queries. Do search us out and give us a Like. If you have any suggestions of items that you would like to see on the page please email us at [info@felhs.org.uk](mailto:info@felhs.org.uk)