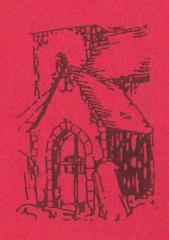
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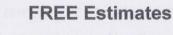
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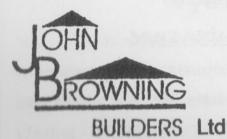
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To commemorate the Centenary of the Outbreak of the 1st World War, there will be a piece every month about each soldier named on the War Memorial.

#### **CROUCHER**, Allan Thomas

Lance Sergeant, 15919. 2nd Battalion, Grenadier Guards.

Born Elmsted, Ashford, Kent on 4 January 1898. Enlisted Canterbury, Kent. Son of George and Emma Croucher (née Clayson) of Stelling Minnis, Canterbury, Kent.

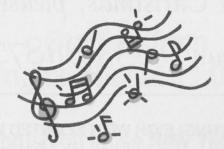
Died Friday 15 September 1916. Aged 31.

Commemorated on the Cambrai Memorial, Louverval, Nord, France. Panel 2.

At the time of the 1901 census, the Croucher family resided at Bodsham, Elmsted, Kent. Head of the house was 40 year old Stelling Minnis, Kent native George Croucher, who was employed as an Agricultural Labourer. Allan had 2 sisters and 2 brothers, Charlie, Walter, Winnifred and Emily. Allan served in both Egypt and France. Allan was a regular soldier, unfortunately it would appear that his service papers were amongst those which were lost during a bombing raid during the Second World War, but his regimental number is indicative of him having enlisted in the Grenadier Guards between 26 March 1912 and 25 January 1913. As had been the case with Harry Birchett who is briefly commemorated above, Allan too had not sailed with his battalion when it had landed at the French port of Le Havre on 13 August 1914, as he was not posted to France until 23 November 1914, and eventually joined it at the village of Meteren, Nord, France, to the west of Bailleul on the main road to Cassel. Having survived many of the engagements that were fought by his battalion, Allan fell at Gouzeaucourt during the 'Battle of Cambrai.' With all of the Brigade and Divisional Commanders being forced to vacate their Headquarters in haste, it was not really surprising that the British army reply to the German assault during the opening phases of the Battle of Cambrai was at first somewhat uncoordinated and disjointed. The 1st Guards Brigade at Metz en Couture was initially assigned to VII Corps as the situation in front of Gouzeaucourt deteriorated. However just before 1100 hours it became apparent that III Corps were threatened with a complete rolling up of their lines from the south at Gonnelieu. The orders went out that the entire Guards Division was to assist III Corps. On Friday 30 November the War Diary entry of Allan's battalion shows that at about 0700 hours the Germans began to attack neighbouring positions, and that at 1030 hours the 4th (Guards) Brigade, to which his battalion belonged received orders to advance towards Gouzeaucourt, and then to clear Metz en Couture by 1230 hours. When the battalion was only approximately half a mile from Metz en Couture one of the runners reported that; "The enemy had broken the line and was believed to be through to Gouzeaucourt, the brigade would have to advance immediately until it had met the enemy and would then attack them." The front was by this time in total confusion with retreating stragglers and wounded compounding the problems which were being encountered by the Guards Division and other divisions. As ordered, Allan's battalion engaged the enemy and halted their advance. The battalion was then ordered to counter attack in the direction of Gauche Wood. The original plan of attack called for the 2nd Battalion, Grenadier Guards to follow twenty advancing tanks at a distance of 400 yards, but when the attack commenced it was done so without the assistance of any of the tanks. The battalion reached the edge of Gauche Wood by 0700 hours on the morning of Saturday 1 December, to find it "thickly manned with machine guns," and during the course of the engagement. Allan's battalion lost most of its Junior Officers to machine gun and sniper fire in taking their objectives. After a hard fought battle, the 2nd Battalion, Grenadier Guards captured 3 enemy field guns and a substantial number of machine guns. The battalion War Diary records casualties for Saturday 1st December 1917, as 25 N.C.O's and men killed in action, 11 N.C.O's and men missing, and 115 N.C.O's and men wounded. Later the diary goes on to say. "Among these unfortunately were many excellent N.C.O.'s whom it will be hard to replace." Doubtless one of the irreplaceable N.C.O.'s being alluded to in the War Diary was Allan. After the battle which cost Allan his life, the following message was received by all of the battalions of the Guards Division which taken part in the engagement: - "The Corps Commander wishes to express to all ranks of the Guards Division his highest appreciation of the prompt manner in which they turned out on 30 November counter attacked through a disorganised rabble and re-took Gouzeaucourt. The very fine attack they subsequently carried out against Quentin Ridge and Gauche Wood, resulting in the capture of these important positions was worthy of the highest traditions of the Guards."

# THE BOWL INN HASTINGLEIGH

## CHRISTMAS CAROLS



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#### HASTINGLEIGH WITH ELMSTED W.I

Hastingleigh with Elmsted W.I. met on Thursday the 6<sup>th</sup> of November Evington Hall.

Fourteen members attended our meeting.

We welcomed our new W.I. adviser, Jeannie James to our Annual Meeting, in which we heard our Secretary's and Treasurer's reports for the year. Our President, Mrs Argar, thanked all the members for their efforts throughout the year. She was nominated and voted in unanimously as our president for another year.

Immediately following this, we had our usual monthly meeting. The previous month's minutes were read and agreed, business was discussed and then we had our annual bring and share supper, which gave us all a chance to chat while enjoying a fine selection of food brought by each member.

Next month we will be making a Christmas table arrangement and our meeting will be held in Evington Hall on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> of December at 19:30 where any new members would be made most welcome.

Fiona Steward



## New Years Day Walk

## Starting from Evington Hall at 11.00 am

Why not brush off those New Year blues and join the rest of the village in the traditional New Year's Day walk.

So that everyone can enjoy the outing the walk is not too long and there will be mulled wine and mince pies afterwards as we will be joining with the Evington Community Project annual thank you.

## **Everyone Welcome**

Mulled Wine & Mince Pies at the Finish!



#### **EVINGTON GARDENERS**

Members and guests enjoyed a very interesting and illuminating question time with Steve Bradley from Radio Kent at the end of October. Mr Bradley was a mine of information and fielded questions on a wide range of topics from pruning apples and gooseberries, to pests and diseases – dealing with leatherjackets, caterpillars in the vegetable patch, spraying brown rot on fruit trees with a winter wash and how to combat onion and garlic rust – and dealing with the more common problems of encouraging certain shrubs and trees to flower and what plants to grow in difficult situations. It was a lively evening and much enjoyed by all.

By the time this appears in print members will also have enjoyed a talk on Lichens given by Donald Palmer in November. The Christmas Party is on 16 December when there will be music by the Studio Players. The talk on 20 January 2015 is entitled, 'Bonjour! A Year in Picardie', and will be given by Rosemary Piddock. As always, everyone is welcome.

J.P.

#### **EVINGTON GARDENERS FORTHCOMING TALKS 2015**

20 Jan Bonjour! A Year in Picardie

Rosemary Piddock

24 Feb May your photography blossom and bloom

Glynn Bareham

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#### FOOTPATH WALK-9th NOVEMBER

At midday it was still chucking it down but by 2.00pm we were able to set off with Jean for a beautiful bright sunny autumn afternoon walk. Starting in Wye and passing through the churchyard gave Jean a chance to point out the way to Sparrows Bridge over the River Stour which was going to be the target but with all the rain it had changed to the Old [original] Wye race course.

So crossing the Olantigh Road we took the track towards the Downs eventually taking a left turn to reach the road to Little Olantigh which we took until reaching a footpath to the left passing through a wood and then came out on a magnificent panoramic view and the site of the Old Race course. Much discussion ensued on when it was last used and the consensus was mid - late 19<sup>th</sup> century, after which it moved to the fields near the station finally closing in 1974.

Returning along the path this time we crossed the road and made our way past the O2 mast array and on towards Cold Harbour Lane, passing one of the many disused college sites.

Soon taking the road to Silks Farm we crossed a slightly muddy field, sorry Val, and reached the second of the days targets St Eustace's Well. We were reminded that according to tradition the well was blessed by the monk Eustace giving it such power that by merely tasting it all diseases were cured. This included a sick woman who drank of the waters vomited two black toads, which became dogs and then asses, who after being sprinkled with the water immediately vanished into thin air. Not sure what happened to the woman!

We then returned to the village past the back of Withersdane Hall and the sports field. Jean very kindly invited us back for a cup of tea AND cake & scones. This gave us a chance to reflect on a lovely walk and the field of poppies at the Tower which became a very appropriate Remembrance Day topic.

A very pleasant afternoon in the sunshine - thank you Jean.

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#### SATURDAY 6th DECEMBER 2014

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#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sat 29th N	ov CHRISTMAS BAZAAR	2.00pm
Wed 3rd	Coffee Morning	10.30am
	Singing	7.00pm
Thurs 4th	WI Meeting	7.30pm
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Sat 6th	ECP Film Night	4.30pm
	(Page 21)	
Tues 9th	Hastingleigh Parish Council Meeting	7.45pm
Wed 10th	Singing	7.00pm
Thurs 11th	Elmsted Parish Council Meeting	7.30pm
Fri 12th	Whist Drive	7.00pm
Sun 14th	Footpoth Wells	1.20
Sun 14un	Footpath Walk	1.30pm
T 161	(Pages 17 & 20)	7.20
Tues 16h	Gardeners Society	7.30pm
m 10.1	(Page 18)	6.00
Thurs 18th	Christmas Carols - Bowl Inn	6.00pm
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Sat 20th	Flute Concert - Hastingleigh Church	7.00pm
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#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thur 1st	New Years Day Walk & ECP Seasonal Thanks	11.00am
	(Pages 17 & 29)	
Wed 7th	Coffee Morning	10.30am
Thurs 8th	WI Meeting	7.30pm
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Tues 20th	Gardeners Society	7.30pm
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Sun 25th	Sunday Teatime	4.00pm
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Sat 31st	Jumble Sale	2.00pm
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Note: All events in Evington Village Hall unless otherwise stated.

Parent & Toddler Group meet every Tuesday - 9.30am

Mobile Library every Wednesday 10.55am - 11.20am

Art Group meet on Thursdays 9.30am - 12.30pm

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#### CHURCH SERVICES IN THE PARISH UPON THE HILLS - DECEMBER

7 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am Parish Communion at Waltham	
Advent 2		
14 <sup>th</sup>	8am Holy Communion BCP at Waltham	
Advent 3	10am Bodsham Service in Bodsham School Hall	
21 <sup>st</sup>	11am Holy Communion at Hastingleigh	
Advent 4	2pm Sunday Teatime in Hastingleigh Church	
	6pm Carol Service at Waltham	
Wed 24th	4pm Crib Service at Hastingleigh	
Christmas Eve	11.30pm Midnight Mass at Elmsted	
Thu 25 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am Holy Communion at Waltham	
Christmas Day		
Sun 28 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am Benefice Service at Wye	
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**Waltham:** Carols Around the Village, Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December, meeting at the Village Hall at 6pm.

Hastingleigh: Carol Singing at the Bowl Inn 5.30 for 6pm on Thursday,

18th December.

**SUNDAY TEATIME**: this month on the THIRD Sunday so that we can prepare for the Crib Service on Christmas Eve. Budding Marys, Josephs, donkeys and shepherds are warmly invited! Come and make Christmas decorations and have fun, topped off with a Christmas Tea. All ages welcome!

	<b>CHURCH FLOWER &amp; CLEANING ROTA</b>	
	St. Mary's Hastingleigh	St. James' Elmsted
Nov 29th	Dr & Mrs Lawson	Mrs Fox
Dec 6th	Mrs Day	Mrs Leutner
Dec 13th	Mrs Young	Mrs McFarlane
Dec 20th	Mrs Jerrom	Mrs Hewson
	Mrs Courtney	
Dec 27th	Mrs Morris	Mrs Green
Jan 3rd	Mrs Waters	Mrs Calcutt

#### CHURCH SERVICES IN THE PARISH UPON THE HILLS - JANUARY

5 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am Parish Communion at Elmsted	
Christmas 2		
12 <sup>th</sup> Baptism of Christ	8am Holy Communion BCP at Waltham 10am Bodsham Service in Bodsham School Hall	
19 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am Family Communion at Waltham	
Epiphany 2	11am Holy Communion at Hastingleigh	
	5pm Evensong at Elmsted	
Sun 26 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am Holy Communion CW at Elmsted	
Epiphany 3	9.30am Morning Prayers at Waltham	
	11am Holy Communion BCP at Hastingleigh	
	4pm Sunday Teatime, Evington Hall Hastingleigh	

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Jan 3rd	Mrs Waters	Mrs Calcutt
Jan 10th	Mrs Hewes, Mrs Healy	Mrs Wood
Jan 17th	Mrs Perez	Ms Flitney
	Mrs French	
Jan 24th	Mrs Bowes	Mrs Healy
Jan 31st	Mrs Helmer	Mrs Denny

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Thursday 1st January- Closed



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## SATURDAY

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CANTERBURY CHORAL SOCIETY

#### CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December 7pm FAMILY CAROLS

Saturday 24th January 7.30pm

Canterbury Choral Society's 2014/15 season starts with Family Carols at Canterbury Cathedral on Saturday 13th December 7.00 pm. The Choral Society are delighted that Pharon Independent Financial Advisers continue to sponsor the event. Concerts for the 2015 Season will be Berlioz *L'Enfance du Christ* on the 24<sup>TH</sup> January, Mozart *Mass in C minor*, Haydn *Insanae et Vanae Curae* and Mozart *Symphony N 38 "Prague*" on 21<sup>st</sup> March and Bruckner *Mass in E minor*, Motets and Dvorák *Serenade for Wind* on 6<sup>th</sup> June all of which start at 7.30pm.

The Choral Society Youth Choir will again join with the Choral Society for the traditional Family Carols. The Youth Choir are now regular performers with the choir at the major concerts. The Family Carols are a great part of the Christmas Season and Richard Cooke ensures that everybody, whether they be the young people who join him on the podium, or the audience enjoy singing many of the most popular carols. A Brass Ensemble will accompany the choir.

In January the Society will be perform L'enfance du Christ written by the Franch composer Hector Berlioz and based on the Holy Family's flight into Egypt. Berlioz wrote his own words for this piece and it also incorporates an earlier work *La fruite en Egypte*. It was first performed in Paris in December 1854 with Berlioz conducing and the soloists from the Opéra-Comique. Berlioz was a master of harmony and orchestration and this piece is one of his most popular and inventive works which includes the carol "Thou must leave thy lowely dwelling" sung by many choirs today in cathedrals, concert halls and churches. Soloists for this performance will be Robin Bailey, Michael Pearce, Angharad Lyddon and Dominic Sedgwick. The choir will be joined by Ladies from the King's School Crypt Choir, the Youth Choir and The Canterbury Philharmonic Orchestra.

Tickets for Family Carols, priced at £8.00 and £4.00 for children under 16, can be purchased from the Marlowe Theatre Box Office on 01227 787787 or on line at marlowetheatre.com. Tickets for all other concerts are discounts of up to 15% are available when booking for all three society concerts. Visit <a href="https://www.canterbury.co.uk">www.canterbury.co.uk</a> for information on the Choral Society.



#### **SEASONAL THANKS**

Evington Community Project would like to thank everyone for their continued support throughout the past few years. As a sign of our appreciation, we would like to invite you all to a seasonal morning of mulled wine or coffee/tea and mince pies on

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Pete Leutner

#### WYE PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP—Everyone Counts

NHS England has introduced a scheme called "Everyone Counts". This scheme includes numerous initiatives; some are optional for GP practices, others, such as the Friends and Family Test and Named GPs for the over 75s, are mandatory.

#### Named GP for over 75s

During 2014/15 there is a particular focus on patients aged over 75 and those with complex needs. The new GP contract requires that all patients over 75 have a named accountable GP, and, for those who need it, a comprehensive and co-ordinated package of care. In order to meet the stringent target dates for allocation of named GPs for the over-75s, Wye Surgery GPs were allocated to the relevant patients alphabetically which resulted in most patients not being allocated their usual GP. However, patients can still ask to see the GP of their choice.

#### **Pro-active Care Planning**

The 2% of patients most likely to suddenly need hospitalisation are being selected on the basis of recent admission rates as well as a number of other factors such as the conditions they are suffering from. Once selected, the patients are seen and a care plan agreed with them with the intention that their wishes are understood and followed in the event of worsening illness or death. Letters have been sent to selected patients registered with the Wye Surgery. They will be contacted in due course and their care plan discussed with them.

A care plan might indicate that the patient does not want to be admitted to hospital under any circumstances or wants to die in a hospice and not at home. It also includes a discussion with the patient as to what they want to happen if they die suddenly. Do they want an ambulance to be called and try to resuscitate them or do they want to be left alone? Ambulance crews are required to attempt resuscitation unless they have instructions not to do so from the patient prior to death. This is a sensible discussion so that patients are able to decide without pressure which option they prefer.

#### **Friends and Family Test**

This initiative has been used by hospitals since 2013. From December 2014 it will be rolled out to GP practices. The aim is to provide a mechanism to

highlight both good and poor patient experience. The Practice is required to ask one specific question, "How likely are you to recommend our GP Practice to your friends and family if they need care or treatment", plus one question at the discretion of the practice. This initiative will place a considerable administrative burden on the surgery. Patients attending surgery can expect to be asked these questions and encouraged to respond. Your support for this compulsory initiative will be much appreciated.

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