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BIRCHETT, Harry Percy

Private, L/7920. 1st Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).

Born Elmsted, Ashford, Kent. Enlisted Canterbury, Kent. Resided Wye, Ashford, Kent.

Son of John and Elizabeth Birchett (née Hayward). Husband of Rose Sarah Birchett (née Worrell) of 16, Scotton Street, Wye, Ashford, Kent.

Died Friday 15 September 1916. Aged 31.

Buried Guillemont Road Cemetery, Guillemont, Somme, France. Grave Ref: XIV.P.3.

At the time of the 1901 census, the Birchett family resided at Evington Lees, Elmsted, Kent. Head of the house was 57 year old Brook, Ashford, Kent native John Birchett, who was an Own Account General Dealer and shop owner. Harry was christened in Hastingleigh Church on 28th October 1883. Aged 17, Harry was recorded as being employed as an Agricultural Labourer by the census enumerator, in 1913 Harry married Rose Sarah Worrell and they had a daughter, Gladys born in 1913. Although the L prefix on Harry's regimental number is indicative of him having been a regular soldier, he had not been numbered amongst the members of the 1st Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment) when it landed at St. Nazaire on 10 September 1914, as he was not posted to France until 27 December 1914. The British objective for Friday 15 September 1916 on the day that Harry fell, was a line stretching between the Somme villages of Gueudecourt, Flers, Lesboeufs, and Morval, with the XIV Corps (Guards and 6th Division) detailed to capture the two latter locations. Harry's battalion which was in the 16th Brigade, 6th Division was engaged in the major action at Morval, with the battalion moving forward from the frontline trenches

and attacked a heavily fortified enemy redoubt known as the Quadrilateral which was located on the edge of Bouteaux Wood. It was also the first occasion that tanks were employed, but as far as the 6th Division was concerned their use was a failure, for of the three tanks that were allotted to the division, two broke down before starting, and the third, moving off in accordance with orders long before the infantry, had its periscope shot off, its peep-holes blinded, after being literally riddled by armour piercing bullets, and had to come back without achieving anything. To facilitate the movement of the tanks a gap of approximately 200 yards had been left in the artillery creeping barrage. Unfortunately the gap coincided with the strongest point of the Quadrilateral. Adding to the problems faced by the assaulting infantry was that the artillery barrage had passed over the German trenches by the time the infantry advanced. Harry's battalion was tasked with supporting both the 8th (Service) Battalion, Bedford Regiment, that had one company bombing up the trench from Leuze Wood, and the remainder over the open to the north against the south-west face, and also the 2nd Battalion, York and Lancaster Regiment. The leading formation started its advance to attack up the muddy slippery slopes at 0620 hours without any artillery support except for the already referred to bombardment, but both of the leading battalions were soon checked by heavy enemy machine gun fire. The 1st Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment) began its advance fifteen minutes after the two leading battalions, but they also quickly became invaded by enemy machine gun fire, with most being pinned down in shell holes, and suffered substantial casualties, 6 officers and 53 other ranks were killed and an additional 190 men were wounded, their casualties being the highest of those which took part in the attack. Under the cover of darkness during the night the battalion withdrew to a trench running south east to the village of Guillemont.

EVINGTON GARDENERS

GARDENERS' QUESTION TIME

With

Steve Bradley of Radio Kent

TUESDAY 28th OCTOBER at 7.30p.m. Evington Hall, Hastingleigh

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Questions would be appreciated beforehand.

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email: flautodolce@btinternet.com

EVINGTON GARDENERS

Members and friends enjoyed a glass of wine whilst viewing the Society's Autumn Show, held this year on a weekday evening. Although there was not the number of entries compared with previous years, there was a good standard. Some beautiful dahlias in interesting colours and vases of mixed flowers particularly caught this reviewer's eye. The vegetables were also good, but there was far less fruit, perhaps reflecting the early season. The photographic class, too, attracted the usual high standard of entries. The prizes awarded were:

Sheila Burrage The Link Cup - best bloom Avis Ball The Doug Wood Cup - best vegetable Mike Bowes The Jessel Cup - most points The Boundary Cup - most firsts Mike Bowes Sheila Burrage Wooden Spoon - cookery Jean Bowes Link Memorial Trophy - house plants Jean Bowes The George Trophy - flower arranging Sheila Burrage Mike Bowes Cook's Basket

Our thanks go to Sarah Morris, Ted Pile and Mrs. Bartley for judging the show so expertly.

Open class - photography

On Tuesday 28th October Steve Bradley from Radio Kent will be answering gardening questions. Everybody is welcome to come along. It would be appreciated if some questions could be placed in advance with me, Jane Pearce (email: flautodolce@btinternet.com or tel: 01233-750382). We look forward to seeing you ALL there.

J.P.

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Nine members attended our meeting.

We spoke a little about the arrangements for the W.I. Centenary celebrations next year – our national A.G.M. at the Royal Albert Hall and more local events.

Our speaker was Dr. David Mannion, whose subject was 'A journey through our universe'. He was a very animated and enthusiastic speaker, giving us so much interesting information. Lots of facts for us, for example the sun produces enough energy in one second to keep mankind going for 100,000 years, and that there have been 1821 extra solar planets discovered in the last 25 years. He was a very enjoyable speaker and at the end of his talk he took us outside to identify the stars in the sky. Unfortunately it wasn't a very clear night but we were able to see some that he pointed out to us.

Mrs. George won the Flower of the Month.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 2nd of October at 19:30, back in Evington Hall. Ms. Imogen Corrigan will be speaking to us on 'The politeness of princes – the reality of Medieval etiquette and table manners', and any new members would be made most welcome.

Fiona Steward

CHRISTMAS VILLAGE TRIP TO LONDON

Unfortunately, we had to postpone our coach trip to London on September 20th, due to many people being busy on that day. ECP are, however, arranging another trip to London on **Saturday 13th December**.

We would travel by coach from Evington Hall, departing at 8.00 am, arriving at The Embankment at approximately 10.00 am. We would depart the Embankment at 6.00 pm and return to Evington Hall at around 8.00 pm, giving you around 8 hours to spend in the big city as you see fit. Before leaving London, the coach driver will take us on a tour to see the Christmas Lights.

The cost would be £10 per adult, children 16 and under travel free.

If you are interested in coming on this trip then please could you let Robin Helmer know **by the end of October**, stating the number of adults and children,

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CHURCH SERVICES FOR OCTOBER

Sunday 5 th October	9.30 am Communion Cluster Service Elmsted		
Sunday 12 th October	10.00am Bodsham Fami	y Service	
Sunday	11.00 Hastingleigh	6.00pm Elmsted	
19 th October	Service (CW)	Evensong	
Sunday	9.30am Elmsted	11.00am Hastingleigh	
26 th October	Holy Communion (CW)	Holy Communion (BCP)	
nghtautwe ⁽⁷⁾		4.00pm Sunday	
With Groups in	in the Flower or the North.	Teatime at Evington	
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	St. Mary's Hastingleigh	St. James' Elmsted
Oct 4th	Mrs Hewes, Mrs Healy	Mrs Wright
Oct 11th	Mrs Perez	Mrs Thrupp
	Mrs French	
Oct 18th	Mrs Bowes	Mrs Browning
Oct 25th	Mrs Helmer	Mrs Jeffery



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wed 1st	Coffee Morning	10.30am
	Singing	7.00pm
Thurs 2nd	WI Meeting	7.30pm
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Tues 7th	Singing	7.00pm
Wed 8th	Evington Hall Committee Meeting	7.45pm
Fri 10th	Whist Drive	7.00pm
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Sun 12th	Footpath Walk	2.00pm
Tues 14th	Hastingleigh Parish Council Meeting	7.45pm
Wed 15th	Singing	7.00pm
Fri 17th	Harvest Supper	7.00pm
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Wed 22nd	Singing	7.00pm
Tues 28th	Gardeners Society	7.30pm
	(Pages 15 & 16)	- 40
Wed 29th	Singing	7.00pm
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Note: All events in Evington Village Hall unless otherwise stated.

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Remembrance Festival through the Arts at St. Mary's church, Hastingleigh.

This event was held on Saturday night the 13th September 2014, from 7 until after midnight. It was initially organised in 2013 to celebrate the life of Rosie Klatzko who was buried in the church yard on the 18th of September 2012. The evening consisted of a good number of friends of the family, and others joined to celebrate and remember the lives of those that they have loved and carry in their hearts.

Music, prayer, poetry, readings, dance, sharing of memories, pictures of departed ones, and talking with each other mainly about those we miss so much. It is hoped that the village of Hastingleigh will begin to adopt this annual event to offer to those not only who have lived and died in our village, but also to reach out to others to join in and share our love through the arts, with those who might be nourished by this offering and we feel remain close. I am hoping that a small group can come together to help make this an annual event hosted by our village.

If you feel drawn to supporting this and, or, have some ideas, please contact either myself

Larry Klatzko Klatzko@btinternet.com 01233 750461 - 07702422998

or Roz Bacon 01233 750327.

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Please let Roz Bacon (01233 750327) know if you can come by the 10th October (if you require a vegetarian meal, please say so).

FROM WYE BENEFICE

In at the deep end

One Monday during the school holidays, I woke up to the sound of our 5-year old daughter sobbing which is highly unusual first thing in the morning. Further investigation revealed that she didn't want to go to her first-ever swimming lesson and the very thought of it was causing her deep distress. I persevered in my attempts to reassure her that it would be fine and eventually she agreed to get dressed and go to the pool. There was some initial reluctance to 'high five' the swimming teacher but she got in the water and hardly stopped smilling for the next half an hour. Seeing her overcome her fear and gain confidence so quickly in the water was one of those memorable parenting moments which I will always treasure.

It got me thinking about that whole challenge of stepping out of our comfort zones and how difficult it can be even as adults when we are confronted with something new. And I do know how that feels from very recent experience! This summer, a group of us from Wye Church packed up every available space in our cars and top boxes and headed to the Bath and West Showground for an event called New Wine. It's a gathering of Christians from across the UK (11,000 I understand but I didn't count!) for a week of worship, teaching, prayer ministry, seminars and children's activities. If I'm honest, I had my reservations.

Firstly camping. It's never a particularly comfortable experience but at least we could take our duvet! Secondly the toilets. I had heard dreadful stories about how far we might have to walk to the nearest facilities and reports of the water running out by the time the shower queue had subsided. Thirdly, the children's groups. What if our kids didn't like being with hundreds of others for twice-daily doses of noisy games and singing songs they didn't know. And fourthly God. Would I feel any closer to Him after a week of Christian teaching and fellowship or would life just carry on pretty much as normal?

I am of course delighted to report that we couldn't really have been any closer to the toilet block and there was an acceptable amount of warm(ish) water for showering! Camping was cold (extra blankets purchased after the first exceedingly chilly night) and wet when the heavens opened one night and a few of our tents leaked. The children loved their boisterous pantomime-style activities and can't wait to teach the rest of the church some of the new songs they learnt. And did I feel any closer to God? After a week of uplifting worship, great fellowship, inspiring talks and powerful testimonies of God's amazing love and power, I don't think I'll ever be the same again. I hope not anyway!

Although I haven't been converted to camping, the blessings and benefits of stepping out of my comfort zone really did outweigh the discomfort! Why not join us next year and see if you agree!

Helen Hay
Children and Young People's Co-ordinator

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Wye Patient Participation Group

How can we be a dementia friendly community?

'Dementia is a disease and is not a natural part of ageing' (David Cameron 2012). A challenge was issued. At a conference in 2012 the Prime Minister issued a challenge which included four key requirements to help to tackle the problems of dementia; more research, improved care, increased public understanding and making communities dementia friendly. A website (dementiachallenge.dh.gov.uk) on this challenge has been launched which gives regular updates on progress made.

There are around 800,000 people in England that live with dementia. It is expected that this number will double in the next 30 years.

In the Ashford Clinical Commissioning Group area, it is estimated that 1,439 people have dementia, but only 619 (or 43.02 per cent) of these individuals have received a formal diagnosis. There is a waiting time of three weeks for a test and 10 weeks for the results.

Ashford CCG and the Borough Council have joined the Kent Dementia Action Alliance which brings together organisations committed to transforming the lives of people with dementia and their carers.

So what can we do locally to make our community more dementia friendly?

A first requirement is an understanding of the problems that those with dementia face every day. In a dementia friendly community every effort is made to improve the quality of life for people with dementia. An understanding community goes some way towards minimising problems and making life easier, not only for those with dementia, but also their carers.

The Patient Participation Group together with the 'Our Place' project is planning to run a Dementia Friends Information Session followed by a short workshop for those interested in knowing more about the subject. Becoming a Dementia Friend gives people an understanding of dementia and the small things that they can do that could make a difference to people living with dementia.

This workshop is on Wednesday October 29th, from 2.00 – 4.00pm in the Wye village Small Hall.

For our community to become dementia friendly we require the cooperation of all those within the area who provide services of any kind (shop keepers, publicans, etc) and we hope that as many of these as possible will attend the meeting.

The next meeting of the PPG will be at 7.15pm on Thursday October 9th at the Surgery.

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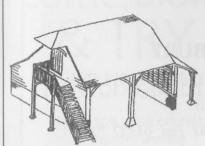
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