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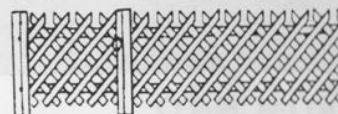
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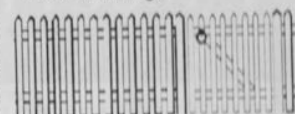
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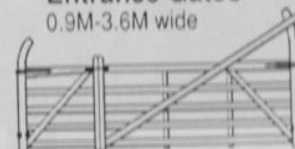
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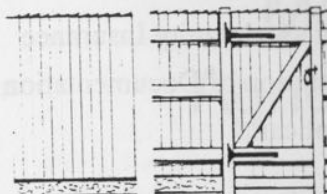
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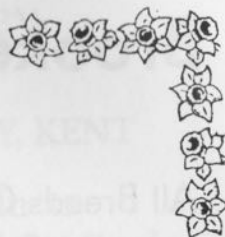
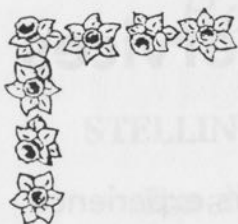


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**What's in a handshake?**

*My Dear Friends*

A simple handshake given between two men, yet so mixed was the reaction. When the Prime Minister symbolically shook hands with Gerry Adams, it provoked such different feelings, from hatred and rage to relief and jubilation. Some are angry because they believe that the evil violence of the past thirty years has triumphed and that the British Government is caving in to terrorism. "The gun has won" they say. On the other hand, there are those who see the handshake as a vindication of a struggle to right a terrible injustice - the Catholic minority in Northern Ireland are the victims of discrimination. They argue that partition is never a solution, only a compromise that requires constant review, and they will never be satisfied until Ireland is united.

But perhaps the majority welcome the handshake because they recognise the need to take a risk to see whether a compromise is possible. Certainly, the referendum in the North and South of Ireland, they argue, will be helped by attempting to get the hostile elements talking.

The handshake is but a symbol of the paradox we all experience. In a marriage breakdown, in the work place, in the community, we face situations that are not black or white - good or evil. Even if we are the injured party and have been deeply hurt, the challenge of Jesus is to reach out and find ways of building bridges. But Jesus goes further. He does not condone evil, indeed he died to refute evil, but he challenges us to forgive - not once, not twice, but seventy times seven. It can be very hard and difficult to offer the handshake of hope, but without that willingness to live with a paradox there is little chance of creating new opportunities and new hope. Could it be that years of prayer and a brave witness for peace are being answered?

*In His service*

*Richard Bateman*



## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD 1997

Sunday Seekers are again supporting this charity which takes thousands of shoe boxes of small gifts such as pens, notebooks, small toys, sweets, toiletries, gloves, hats, etc to needy children in places like Bosnia, Romania and Russia.

If you would like to add any small gift, please give them to Jane Gregory at Bodsham School or Pam Cameron, Maxted Street (Tel. 750284) before 10<sup>th</sup> November. We urgently need volunteer knitters to make woolly hats and mittens - we can provide wool and knitting patterns - your help would be greatly appreciated.

*Next Seekers meeting November 16<sup>th</sup> at 9.30 am in the Village Hall.*

Pam Cameron

## DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

*Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> December*

*Trevor Wye and the 'Studio Players'*

*Concert and Supper*

Details to follow



## From the Editor

First of all, thank you for your words of encouragement on my first edition of Community News, it has been quite an eye-opener to see what goes into its publication. It is quite a remarkable team effort involving contributors, myself, typists, Bill Enderby, the photocopier maintenance engineer and the distributors. The human side of things worked well for the October edition, but problems with the photocopier resulted in a frantic rush to meet the end of the month deadline. I hope that this month's News will be earlier with the distributors.

The next Community News will, like last year, cover both December and January, so if you are aware of any events taking place or have items for inclusion relating to both months please let me have them by 15<sup>th</sup> November. Also, a reminder that subscriptions will be due early next year and will be collected by your distributor.

Finally, please keep items of news coming in or other articles you may wish to contribute which might make interesting reading and maintain a balance of material within the magazine.

*In addition to the telephone you can also reach me by FAX on (01233) 750470.*



### FOOTPATH WALK

On a bright sunny afternoon five walkers from Hastingleigh left by car for Brook Church to be joined by 3 more from Romney Marsh for a walk in "new flatter territory". Led by Barbara George we set off south along the track behind the Church across a recently cultivated field, where the going was decidedly soft, towards Brabourne Lees. At Bircholt Court Farm we negotiated muddy gateways (no problem for those with wellies) and turned north again - heading back for Brook. Our route was parallel to The Downs all the way and they made a magnificent backdrop in the clear afternoon sunshine. Our wildlife spotting consisted of one fox which we saw disappearing into a wood. The links between some of the paths were along short stretches of road which we have driven along so many times. How different, and how much more one sees when on foot with time to stand and stare. The other remarkable difference compared with our usual local 'rambles' was the presence of running water everywhere, so many streams and ditches originating from springs at the foot of The Downs. And so, back to the Church via Troy Town, well exercised, and home in time for tea.

*The next walk will be on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November starting from Evington Hall at 2pm.*

SB.

### SPONSORED CYCLE RIDE FOR KENT CHURCHES

Once again many thanks to all who so generously sponsored me for this. We had another beautiful day for cycling. Thanks also to Paul and Jenny for not only transporting my bike but for doing the cycle ride with me. We started from Appledore and visited 11 churches and completed 25 miles. Thanks again.

Jean Bowes



### SUPPER TALK

The November *Supper Discussion Group* is on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm at *Bulltown House, Bulltown Lane, West Brabourne*. Please do come along. Further details re topic and directions from 750238. Please give names, for catering purposes, to me by 23<sup>rd</sup> November.

June Browning



## EVINGTON HALL COMMITTEE



### Coffee Morning

The Hall Committee will be holding a *COFFEE MORNING* on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> November starting at 10.30am. As usual, there will be no charge for coffee but there will be a cake stall and raffle. We hope that you will bring along a gift that can be used for one of the stalls at the *CHRISTMAS BAZAAR* which will be held on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November. The Bazaar will be opened by *FATHER CHRISTMAS* at 2.30pm and there will be a variety of stalls - gifts, bric-a-brac, books, cakes, plants, tombola, raffle, teas, etc. This is our major fund raising event of the year so please come along to both events for an enjoyable outing and to support your Village Hall.

Sheila Burrage

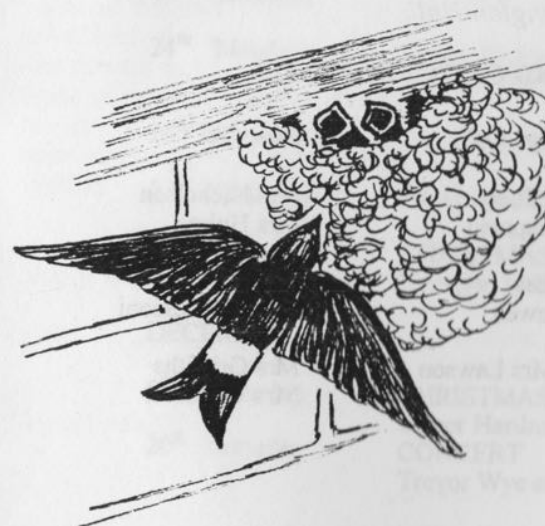


### Feathers of Fiuggi

Here the House Martins assemble  
And, by noon, gather and glide seaward;  
Pilgrims, ushered by the Tower atremble  
As the Tenor Bell beckons leeward;

And oh your subtle beauty!  
That nature made so frail,  
Be strong your path to Africa  
And sheltered from the gale.

Pine no more your English nest  
Or the Garden of England that is my home;  
The Lord of the skies knows what is best  
As you say goodbye to Rome.



BM  
Fiuggi, Nr Rome  
September 1997

## SERVICES IN NOVEMBER

<i>St James The Great, Elmsted</i>		<i>St Mary the Virgin, Hastingleigh</i>	
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Family Service (The Revd Paul Filmer)	Elmsted
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup>	10.50am	REMEMBRANCE (The Revd John Hewes)	War Memorial Hastingleigh Evington Hall
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Holy Communion ASB (The Revd John Hewes)	Elmsted
	11am	Holy Communion ASB (The Revd Arthur Soar)	Hastingleigh
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	9.30am	Holy Communion BCP (The Revd John Hewes)	Hastingleigh
	5pm	Evensong (The Revd Paul Filmer)	Elmsted
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup>	11am	Holy Communion ASB (The Revd Richard Bateman)	Hastingleigh
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup>	November - <b>SUNDAY SEEKERS</b> 9.30am Evington Hall		

## FLOWER AND CLEANING ROTA

	<i>Hastingleigh</i>	<i>Elmsted</i>
November 1 <sup>st</sup>	Mrs Helmer Mrs Chapman	Mrs Nicholson Mrs Hulme
November 8 <sup>th</sup> November 15 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Healy Mrs Hewes	Mrs Argar Mrs Francesconi
November 22 <sup>nd</sup> November 29 <sup>th</sup>	Dr & Mrs Lawson	Mrs Griffiths Mrs Wiseman

# NOVEMBER

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### NOVEMBER

1 <sup>st</sup>	Saturday	WI Jumble Sale, Evington Hall	2.30pm
6 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	Art Group - Evington Hall WI Meeting, Evington Hall	9.30am 7.30pm
8 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	Coffee Morning, Evington Hall	10.30am
9 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday	Footpath Walk, Evington Hall	2pm
10 <sup>th</sup>	Monday	Wye Cycle Collection, Evington Hall	8.30am - 10am
13 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	Art Group, Evington Hall	9.30am
14 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	Whist Drive, Evington Hall	7.30pm
15 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	Litter Hunt, Elmsted Parish	
16 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday	Litter Hunt, Elmsted Parish Sunday Seekers, Evington Hall	9.30am
18 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday	Evington Gardeners Meeting, Evington Hall	7.30pm
20 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	Art Group, Evington Hall	9.30am
24 <sup>th</sup>	Monday	Supper Discussion Talk, Bulltown Cottage	7.30pm
26 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	Chiropody Clinic, Evington Hall	
27 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	Art Group, Evington Hall	9.30am
29 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	CHRISTMAS BAZAAR, Evington Hall	2.30pm

### DECEMBER

6 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	CHRISTMAS CONCERT, Upper Hardres Church	7pm
20 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	CONCERT Trevor Wye and the Studio Players	





## HASTINGLEIGH WITH ELMSTED W I

At the October meeting Mrs Angela Watts was presented with a Community Life Support Certificate.

Various ideas from the County Federation Sports and Leisure Committee, for events which might interest members, were put to the meeting. Some already enjoyed such things as bridge, whist, walking and the Top Team quiz. Interest was shown in bowls and table tennis and it was suggested that yoga for beginners and line dancing should also be considered.

Helpers were recruited for the jumble sale planned for 1<sup>st</sup> November.

Diary Dates for November: - Attention was drawn to the Hobbies and Craft Fair at St Lawrence Cricket Ground, Canterbury on the 8<sup>th</sup>, Autumn Day 1997 (The Best of Kent) at Alexandra Centre, Faversham on the 19<sup>th</sup> and a coach trip to Cité Europe, Calais on Le Shuttle arranged for the 24<sup>th</sup>.

Marion Collins reported on the recent Group Meeting.

Mrs Vi Foad is to be a delegate at the Half-Yearly Council meeting at Folkestone.

Mr P Ewart spoke and showed slides, taken from old photographs, of elementary education in Victorian and Edwardian England.

In 1870 a Mr Foster introduced an Education Act for Education for All. Before that there were various types of schools. Dames Schools, mostly for children of tradespeople. National Schools costing a few pence a week and supported by the Anglican Church and Ragged Schools run free by some inner-city gentlemen to keep the urchins off the streets. Education was not completely free until 1881. The three R's had to be taught and grants were paid by results. Later, physical education was added in the Balfour Education Act, 1901/2.

Yvonne Helmer thanked Mr Ewart for an enthusiastic and entertaining talk.

Barbara George won the competition for a pre-1914 photograph, Di Mose the 'Flower of the Month' and Nancy Butler the raffle.

Eileen Parrett

## COMMUNITY POLICE NEWS

I am Richard Lester the community Police Officer for Lyminge and Elham whose "Patch" also includes Elmsted and Bodsham.

I have served 19 years and have worked in various towns across East Kent starting this community role in late July this year.

I will be attending Elmsted Parish Council meetings when possible and am usually at Lyminge car park on Friday morning between 11am and 12 noon in the Shepway Council caravan.

There are currently two campaigns aimed at the motorist. One is to slow down and WATCH your speed through our villages and lanes where you may encounter children or animals. Secondly those of you who drive without Road Tax - if you have not already been stopped at one of our road checks being carried out - there are others planned. Get to the Post Office to save embarrassment.

Crime in your area is generally low; however, continue to lock your house and cars and hide valuables out of sight. Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinators are working very hard and have passed on some good information. If you see anything suspicious phone the Police, take details of car numbers and descriptions of persons and let your co-ordinator know as well.

*There is a meeting of all area B co-ordinators planned for Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December, 7.30pm in Bossingham Village Hall. This will enable anybody interested in our system to come and see how it works.*

*From:- Dave Pollard, Community Inspector, North Weald.*

### Parish Newsletter

'CRIME IS FALLING', that is a phrase I cannot say loud enough to the people of the Weald. In the last six months it has dropped by almost 20%. Now we all know people can be very sceptical of statistics, so how about the fact that there have been over 240 fewer victims of house burglary than in the same period last year, down 40%, or 128 fewer cars have been stolen, down 25%? I could go on. The real message is let's keep it falling. There should be no hiding place for the thief! The Weald police have been using many different tactics to achieve such a huge improvement but a lot of these do not include a uniform patrol. For example, Kent police officers recently followed a team of burglars from the scene of their crimes in the Weald to the Thames Valley area where they and others were arrested for many offences. You could not do that with a uniform patrol. On the other hand an operation to stop repetitive milk bottle thefts was carried out successfully by uniform officers, and again nobody living in the area saw the police. The young thieves did though, much to their surprise!! I therefore again say just because you don't see a police uniform it does not mean that there is no police presence!

You do though have a valuable role to play in making it more difficult for the thief.. With the dark evenings now back with us do you come home to a house in darkness? Does it look empty? This can and does attract the eyes of the criminal. You do live in a very safe area of the County but don't make it easy for him, or indeed her to work it out. A timer for your lights and radio is a good simple precaution. It also welcomes you home. Think about what you can do, it need not cost a lot.

A few crime prevention measures now and you may never know how much it has saved you!

## HASTINGLEIGH STORES AND POST OFFICE



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# AGE Concern

From:- Age Concern Elham Rural, Everist Court, Lyminge.

We will be holding our Annual Christmas Fair on **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November, 1997, from 10.30am to 12.30pm at the Day Centre.** We need items of bric-a-brac, unwanted gifts, hand knitted goods, cakes and preserves for our stalls. If you have anything which would be suitable it can be left at the Day Centre between 9am and 2pm or we can arrange to collect it.

## Volunteers Wanted.

We are still looking for volunteers to help in the Day Centre and escort on the minibus. If you have a few hours to spare you will be warmly welcomed. Please phone Sheila Woods Lyminge 862364 for more information.

## Coldwatch Awards.

Winter Awards recognise Community Spirit.

We all recognise that the cold months of winter can be a particularly hard time for older people. Getting out and about can be both difficult and dangerous, whilst being stranded indoors can lead to very real isolation. A little practical help with shopping or just a friendly chat can make all the difference. That's why Age Concern seeks to raise public awareness by honouring those who help improve the quality of older people's lives in winter.

If you know of a local individual or group who go out of their way to help older people, they could win an Age Concern National Coldwatch Award. All you need to do is write to Kathleen Christie, Winter Awards 1997, Age Concern England, Astral House, 1268 London Road, London SW16 4ER, with full details of why you think this person or group deserves recognition.

Sheila Woods

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## THE ANNUAL WESTWOOD JUMBLE SALE

Lyminge Methodist Hall

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November - 10am to 12 noon

Admission 10p

Jumble, bric-a-brac, books, cakes, etc

### REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

If you would like to donate any items please telephone Patsy on (01303) 862 983 or Celia on (01303 862722) or alternatively bring items along to the hall on the day between 9.30 and 10am.



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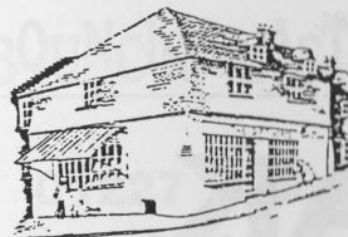
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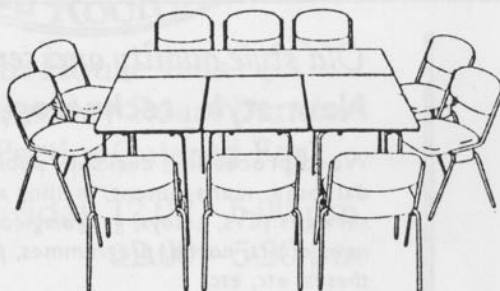
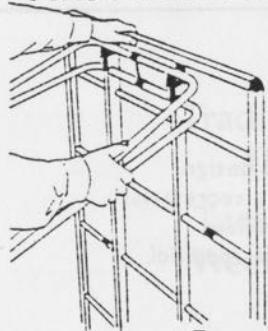
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