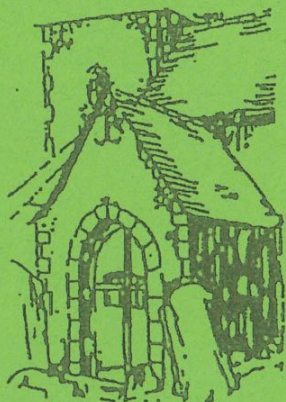


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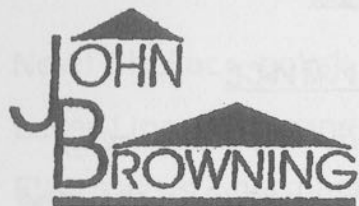
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Evington Village Hall

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A SUMMARY OF THE MEETING OF

HASTINGLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL ON 8th OCTOBER 2013

The War Memorial Fund account has been closed and the money transferred to the Parish Council. This money is to be used solely for the upkeep of the War Memorial and will be kept separate.

Outcome of the investigation into the barn at Cold Blow

The Clerk had corresponded with Ashford Borough Council regarding the barn and had received the following response:

"The building in question is however a large building and was granted permission in 2011 (11/00129/AS). The application was not a formal application for planning permission but an application for agricultural prior approval. The applicant demonstrated that the barn was reasonably required for the purposes of agriculture on the holding and the development complied with part 6 of the Town and Country Planning General Permitted Development Order. As such the applicant was allowed to go ahead with the development without the need to apply for planning permission (permitted development rights for farmers). The building approved is high (over 6 metres to the eaves) but this is quite normal for modern farming buildings."

The Parish Council is satisfied that all correct procedures were followed for this construction. The Parish Council agreed to write to Ashford Borough Council and ask that communication be sent to the Parish Council regardless of the type of application submitted. It was proposed that some trees could be planted to screen the barn from the surrounding areas. Additional correspondence had been received regarding the lack of footpath signs on the land. The land owner is to be asked if he would be prepared to plant some trees and to reinstate the footpath signs. A response to the communications received by the Clerk from the landowner is to be formulated. The Parish Council is concerned that there would seem to be confusion over firework costs, there has never been any obligation that individuals should put money towards

fireworks. The Parish Councils are not in a financial position to put in additional funding towards fireworks and ECP have already promised to cover the original shortfall. The fireworks are planned for the 2nd November. The Clerk is to communicate to the firework sub-committee that everything will be done to validate the insurance for the event again this year.

A copy of the financial report was distributed to all Councillors.

Cllr Jane Martin had sent a report to the Parish Council as she was unable to attend the meeting.

There was some discussion regarding the war memorial and whether a planter could be purchased for the crosses to be placed in to ease maintenance of the area. Cllr Mrs Day is to contact the War Graves Commission to enquire whether this is possible.

Cllrs Mrs Boxall and Mrs Helmer will be attending the speed watch meeting on 16th October. Cllr Gardener will attend the Highways meeting on 22nd October.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday November 12th 2013.

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Hastingleigh with Elmsted WI held an Open Meeting on Thursday 3rd October at Evington Hall.

The business of the meeting was dealt with then members and guests listened to a very interesting talk about the work that Kent Wild Life Trust does locally. Ms Alison Ruyter was an extremely engaging speaker and with the aid of a power point presentation was able to impart fascinating facts and figures about the work they carry out.

Kent Wild Life Trust exists to protect, enhance and restore wildlife by working with individuals across Kent and Medway and to halt and reverse biodiversity decline on land and in the sea. They maintain 440 sites of special interest throughout the county which makes up 7% of the total area. These sites range from churchyards with rare orchids to vast grazing marshlands.

Hastingleigh with Elmsted WI also hosted a very pleasant Group Meeting on Wednesday 9th October when members from other groups attended Evington Hall to hear the annual reports from local groups and enjoy a delicious supper together.

Our next meeting will be the Annual Meeting for members on Thursday 7th November at 7.30

The meeting will be followed by a bring and share supper.

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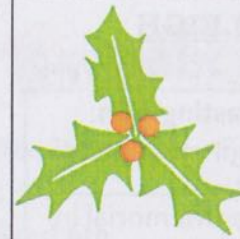
POLISH SESSION OR LEAF SESSION

If you could spare time on Friday 22nd November between 9.30am and 12.30pm it would be good to see you to give our church a smarten up before the Christmas season.

On Saturday 23rd November, 10.00am to noon, can anyone give a hand in the church yard and car park clearing leaves etc?

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Evington Village Hall
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3rd November 4 th before Advent	9.30 Elmsted: Family Communion (CW)	11.00 Hastingleigh: Morning Prayer (BCP)
10th November 3 rd before Advent	10.45 Remembrance Sunday at the War Memorial in Hastingleigh	
17th November 2 nd before Advent	11.00am Hastingleigh: Family Communion (CW)	5.00 Elmsted: Evensong
24th November Christ the King	9.30 Elmsted: Parish Communion (CW)	11.00 Hastingleigh: Holy Communion (CW)

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Nov 9th	Mrs Pell Mrs Homer	Ms Flitney
Nov 16th	Mrs Bacon	Mrs Healy
Nov 23rd	Mrs Geering Mrs Jerrom	Mrs Denny
Nov 30th Dec 7th	Dr & Mrs Lawson	Mrs Gregory Mrs Pay



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sat 2nd	Fireworks (Cold Blow Farm) (Page 15)	6.30pm
Wed 6th	Coffee Morning (Page 14)	10.30m
Thurs 7th	WI Meeting (Page 18)	7.30pm
Fri 8th	Whist Drive	7.00pm
Sun 10th	Remembrance Sunday (War Memorial) (Page 20)	10.45am
	Footpath Walk	2.00pm
Tues 12th	Hastingleigh Parish Council Meeting (Pages 16 & 17)	7.45pm
Tues 19th	Gardeners Society (Page 26)	7.30pm
Sat 23rd	Film Night (Page 13)	4.30pm
Sun 24th	Sunday Teatime	4.00pm
Tues 26th	Supper Talk (Bulltown House)	7.30pm
Thurs 28th	Bodsham School Craft Fair (Page 22)	2.00pm
Sat 30th	CHRISTMAS BAZAAR (Page 19)	2.00pm

Note: All events at Evington Hall unless otherwise stated.

Parent & Toddler Group meet every Tuesday - 9.30am

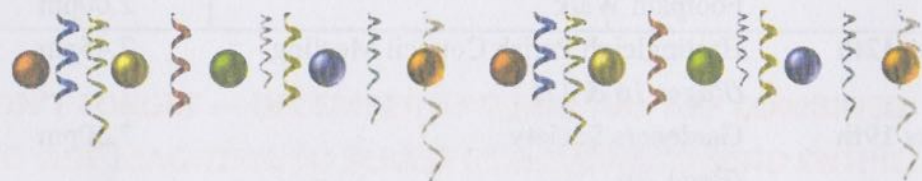
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Apparently the 65% of GPs who are part time and female are going to provide an 8 till 8, 7 day a week service. This of course whilst being the named GP who is going to watch over individuals 24/7 all year round, even whilst they are in hospital. That's going to work Mr Hunt!

Do you wish the two or three days they work to be in the week or at the week end, can't have both you see. You could insist they work 5 days or not at all. But of course they would just work in another field, stop working or move abroad to somewhere more attractive. The current favourite of the Facebook GP bloggers is Australia, good pay, good weather and no Daily Mail hammering away on a daily basis. Mr Hunt let us take a little walk down memory lane to 10 years ago when the then government recognised that you cannot continue to have a situation where fulltime male GPs were being replaced by part time female GPs in numbers that did not match the demand. Doctors were voting with their feet to remain in hospital or go abroad. Why? Because they were not willing to work during the day and then carry on working overnight only to return to work the next day. Well hay, Hunty, nothings changed, except it has, many more GPs are now female and part time than 10 years ago. They want a family life and a work life, if they cannot have the former on terms that are acceptable, many will not work at all whilst bringing up their families and will need to be retrained after three years before they are permitted back into the system.

So whilst as a consumer (lets call us patients) I would love Dr Bloggs to be at my beck and call 24/7, I recognise I would have to replace Dr Bloggs every few years as he would drop down dead or be admitted to an asylum or be so unpleasant to go and see that I would not wish to do same.

So what's to do Hunty, ah wait a minute didn't I hear that you were already funding an out of hours service 24/7 where patients can talk to, go and see or be visited by a GP? I know you ballsed it up a bit by introducing 111 as a front of house which slowed the whole process down and meant that you spoke to an unqualified person who asked a host of irrelevant questions. But nevertheless, you do eventually get to speak to a qualified doctor. I have a suggestion Hunty why not advertise this service, get rid of the front of house nonsense bit and have a good out of hours service available staffed with GPs who offer their time at a time when they can cope.

Crazy I know Hunty but better than the crazy nonsense you're spouting at the moment, much love Foxy. Oh by the way thanks for giving us 6 weeks to let patients know they can opt out of having their data extracted from our notes for use in other areas. I might use this opportunity to let them know this and contact us if they wish to withhold this information. I'm not sure what you will do with mine but I sure as hell do not trust you to look after it.

Remember flu jabs, if I hear one more person say I don't have them cos they give me a cold, I will, I will, I don't know, see them when they have flu and remind them that flu is a bitch and sometimes then you die, so if you are 65 and over, pregnant or have a long term illness then please book an appointment for your flu jab now.

Update on bisphosphonates for bone strengthening. There is no evidence for continuing longer than five years so if you have been on them longer than this, stop them. There is some evidence they can cause unusual fractures and I am reviewing my use of these drugs except in proven osteoporosis WITH a fragility fracture, one not produced by significant trauma. Only take calcium if your diet is low in calcium, one pint of milk is enough to supply your calcium needs a day.

Oh by the way, date for the diary 25/26 January 2014, Godmersham Village Hall, got a bit of a show planned.

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AFTER THE FIREWORKS

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Members enjoyed an excellent four-course meal, prepared by committee members, at the Annual Supper in September. The guest speaker was Janet Harris who spoke about her visits, as a representative of the Mothers' Union, to the United Nations in New York. In the first instance the purpose was to get accreditation for the M.U. to the Commission on the Status of Women. Members' eyes were very much opened to the somewhat Byzantine workings of the U.N. and this reviewer in particular wondered how anything was achieved by the organisation. Our thanks go very much to Janet for her interesting insights and to all those who prepared and contributed dishes for the supper.

Forthcoming talks and events are:

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| 19 November | Gardens of Flanders
Melanie Gibson-Barton |
| 17 December | Christmas Party
Music by the Studio Players |
| 21 January | Bricks and brickwork
Richard Filmer |
| 18 February | Less pain, more gain
Malcolm Withnall |
| 18 March | Interesting plants on my travels
Gillian Ellis |

As always, everyone is welcome. Further details can be obtained from me, Jane Pearce, on 01233 750382

JP

IT'S TIME TO REMEMBER TO SAY THANKS

I find myself wondering where 2013 has gone. Clichés like, "time flies when you're having fun", come to mind. But many events this past year both personal and on the world stage have not been fun at all. Many of us have mourned the loss of loved ones, friends and colleagues over the last ten months. And when you take account of all the tragedies that we hear from around the globe, well, the dark days of November could easily reflect our mood.

In any case time does seem to be marching on at a pace. Maybe it's because I'll be another year older this month? Of course, time doesn't speed up or slow down, unless you count the time that the sun stood still, and the moon stopped. No, I'm not referring to the 1951 sci-fi film "The Day the Earth Stood Still" when an alien lands and tells the people of Earth that they must live peacefully or be destroyed. (None the less it's still a valid warning!) I was in fact referring to the Old Testament book of Joshua chapter 10: "The sun stopped in the middle of the sky and delayed going down about a full day." Since the clocks went back an hour last month, twenty four hours of sunshine could be quite welcome! Every now and then wouldn't it be useful if we could just hold time back? Like me, do you sometimes think, "if only I could get that day back and do it over?" But there really is no point in getting caught up in "if only's".

Instead let's consider another famous time related saying from a poem by Horace: "Carpe diem". It is usually translated as "seize the day", but according to Wikipedia a more accurate translation would be "enjoy the day" or "pluck the day [as it is ripe]". I like the latter, since the former sounds too much like "have a nice day". By the by, not all Americans say that!

In this month of November, when the days seem shorter and darkness falls earlier, I would like to encourage us all to see each new day as ripe for the picking. Be thankful for each new set of twenty four hours. As it happens November provides us with many opportunities to reflect, remember and be thankful.

The 1st of November is All Saints day. It used to be called All Hallows - Hallows referring to Holy person or Saint. It actually starts the previous evening - the Eve of All Hallows or "Hallowe'en". It is a time to remember all men and women of good will who have gone on before us. Some of them died for their faith in God.

Of course it's a great British tradition to remember what happened on the 5th of November 1605. Does anybody still collect a penny for the Guy? In any case the King and the buildings survived and each November the reigning Monarch opens Parliament. Let's remember to give thanks that we live in a free and democratic country and let's pray that freedom is preserved.

The 11th is a day for remembering all those who died to protect our freedom. We give thanks for countless numbers of men and women who fought in many wars. As it happens it is also the feast of Saint Martin, who was himself a soldier, and is one of the saints for whom Wye parish church is named. Do come to the church on Sunday the 10th at 10 am for a Remembrance service.

There are several other dates in November that the many diverse cultures in the United Kingdom set aside to reflect, remember and to give thanks. If you're interested in finding out more you can have some fun looking them all up on: <http://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/>

In our family we add one more celebration this month. Every fourth Thursday in November is Thanksgiving Day in the USA. Although it's a workday in the UK, we do our best to celebrate on or near the day. We give thanks for each other and for all of God's blessings to us.

I don't know what your current circumstances might be as you read this, but even if you are going through some difficult times, try to find time to stop, reflect and remember something past, present or even future for which you can give thanks.

Before I sign off, I leave you with a thought from American historian and author, Alice Morse Earle: "The clock is running. Make the most of today. Time waits for no man. Yesterday is history. Tomorrow is a mystery. Today is a gift. That's why it is called the present."

Kevin Rall

St Mary's Church

Hastingleigh

Many thanks to all who help with the flower arranging and keeping the church clean. It is very much appreciated. If there is anyone else in the village who would be willing to come on to the rota, please phone Jean.

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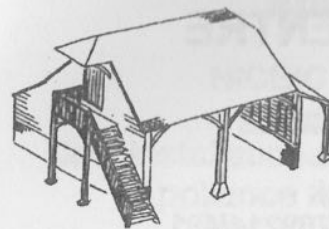
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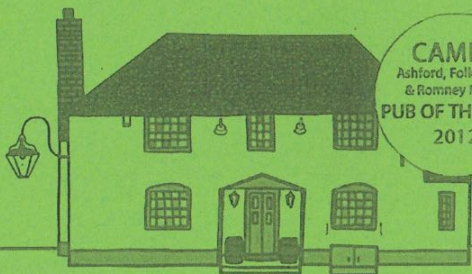
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