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October

in Elmsted with Hastingleigh

Even though we are having a mini heat wave, the leaves are starting to turn into beautiful shades of oranges, yellows and reds, which are indicative of Autumn.

There's a thank you on page 17 from Pete the Postie, and photos of he's retirement party on page 21.

Our parish churches are collecting harvest festival donations of non-perishable foods, which will be donated to the food banks as harvest festival celebrations will not be able to be held this year (page 15).

We have sadly lost another member of our community, Les Johnson, and our thoughts are with his family.

As always letters, articles and comments are very welcome.

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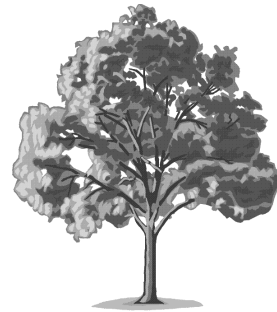
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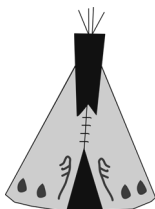
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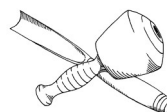
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Hastingleigh with Elmsted WI

As well as monthly meetings with a variety of interesting speakers, we also hold a craft subgroup every other month. We usually have a member demonstrate a craft and then we have a go, or we all try something new together. As we are still unable to meet at the moment, I thought I'd share some photos of the crafts that we have done in the past; paper cutting, marbling, origami (for a meeting competition) and decorated eggs (for a meeting competition).



Due to the current climate, we are unable to meet at the moment but are holding virtual competitions for flower of the month. The Flower of the Month winner for September was Sue Lawson, with a stunning red dahlia.
Marie Wenham

In The Garden

October in the garden can be an exciting and rewarding month with vibrant colours from shrubs, trees and the autumn flowering plants.

Leaves start to fall and these can be raked up and packed down into a ring of wire netting making sure that they are moist. Patience then prevails and in a year or two you will have rich leaf mould to add to any other mulches you have to feed the soil. If you are a digger (and I am not) then as ground becomes bare from harvested crops it's a good time to start digging before the ground becomes wet and muddy. Not so much is heard of deep digging or even double trenching these days to improve your soils, adding manure and compost as you go. A great thing with the Victorians but may be in those days they had the staff to do the hard work. I try and leave the soil as undisturbed as possible adding compost and mulches to the surface and allowing earthworms (of which we have three common types) to take the organic matter down below. This approach also encourages the mycelium that forms a direct link between soil and plant. Digging can break the link and delay the transmission of essential plant nutrients.

Autumn flowering crocus (should have been planted in August) and long-lived cyclamen will be flowering this month and, with the weather mild, Michaelmas daisies will still be pleasing us with their bunches of different coloured blooms.

Spring bulbs such as the more traditional crocus, daffodils and snake's-head fritillaries can all be planted now to delight us next spring. Seeds can be collected from hardy perennials such as astrantia, achillea or red valerian for sowing straight away even if you have to be patient while they germinate.

Also as plants start to take their winter rest it's a good time to take hardwood cuttings from ornamental trees and shrubs around your garden and don't forget that similar cuttings can also be taken from shrubby herbs such as rosemary, thyme and lemon verbena.

If you trust the mice you can sow broad beans (Aquadulce Claudia) and Peas (Feltham First) for cropping early next year. I'm afraid I just don't trust the mice. Experience has shown me that these little furry creatures can smell precisely where your peas and bean seeds have been sown. They simply don't waste energy but burrow down straight to the seed they are after. So, I sow beans in pots and peas in 1.2m lengths of plastic guttering in the greenhouse and once they have germinated and are growing well is the

time to harden them off and plant outside. Likewise for sweet peas.

Our climbing French beans finished early this year due to the high temperatures but we should have good quality seed to harvest for 2021. I grow a variety called Sultana that I have been growing and seed-harvesting year on year for more time than I can remember. Obviously this will only work with open pollinated seeds as F1 hybrids will not breed true.

For the first time ever I tried growing squash this year – two types, butternut squash (variety Waltham) and the other (Sweet Dumpling) Sweet Dumpling has proved prolific and so we have about 10 to store but the butternut has been something of a laggard and only really started to produce fruit in September. We shall have to see if there is enough time for those to ripen.

Fred

Parish Council Websites

The Parish Councils have new websites in order to be compliant with new regulations that are effective from 22nd September 2020.

The new website addresses/associated email addresses are:

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1st Prize: No. 41

2nd Prize: No: 63

3rd Prize: No: 49

Next draw to be held virtually on **Saturday 10th October at 11am.**

Many thanks to all of the 100+ Club Members for your support.

From The Vicarage

Well, it seems that we were finally allowed to emerge from our isolation, all be it masked and “socially distanced”, only to find that numbers are creeping up again and we may have to go back in! Hopefully not, but who can say. No one, anywhere, has ever experienced a pandemic before.

It’s normal for most of us to go out and about whenever we need to, to pop in on friends, have people round for lunch, etc. In this new, mask wearing, don’t touch, keep away world that we are sharing, everything feels so alien.

I always walk around with my phone in my pocket, but never have I walked around with a mask always in my pocket!

Life is definitely developing a new ‘norm’: some things for the worse, some for the better. So many people have lost their jobs, which is awful; whilst others have discovered the joy of not commuting when they and their bosses realised they can work at home.

During lockdown some children went without so much, suffered abuse, or saw their whole family become homeless; whilst others were lucky enough to have the longest ‘school holiday’ ever, with lots of quality time with their parents which they wouldn’t normally get.

So, what’s my point, where am I going with this. Well, the whole Covid pandemic has been a devastating experience and I do not want to belittle anybody’s pain, but the loss I have heard the most people mourn over is that of human contact!

When we want to express our warm feelings to one another, it is natural to make physical contact and I have heard the phrase, “I’m really missing a hug” probably more than any other.

Especially those people who are alone, for them being locked down was a very lonely experience. Yet, the thing I have found really comforting through all this, is how much people have cared for, and about, each other.

Through phone calls, Skype, FaceTime, Zoom, emails, and good old fashioned calling over fences; neighbour has cared for neighbour, the

young have cared for the not so young and the other way around. People have shopped for those who could not get out, walked dogs for those who could not walk their own, done errands to help out where they can and generally showed that they care.

The problem with a virus is that you can't see it, smell it, hear it or feel it, which makes us all feel vulnerable and yet, for the most part we have been strong, caring, and conscientious, but also just a little bit scared!

When we do come out the other side of this, and we cannot begin to guess how long that will be, but we will come through it, I'm sure; the one thing I really hope we bring out of this with us, is that wonderful spirit of caring.

We need to take care of ourselves and each other, enjoy every hug when it comes, and remember that being together can sometimes be harder than being apart, but that in the end, we're all better for what others give us and bring out in us.

So my prayers and hopes go out to everyone, that we can come through this better not worse, stronger and with a newly found realisation of how much we are cared about, by our families, our friends, our neighbours and God.

With love to you all and let's hope we can all be together again soon.

Notice

Due to Covid restrictions, none of my four churches are able to have a harvest festival this year. So instead we will be doing a collection of non-perishable food to donate to the food bank instead.

If you are able to be generous and donate to our food drive, please leave your donations in any of the churches during the week when they are open. If all offerings, non-perishable food only please, could be there by October 13th then we will make sure they are quarantined and then deliver them to the food bank.

Unfortunately we cannot take food after that date because of transferring them, but we would be grateful for all the support we can get. Thanks.



Tails from Wales



I am, at the time of writing, back at work in Wales. It took some time to get used to the new way of working. Before the lock down started, we would have owners with their pets in the waiting room, call them into the consult room and do whatever needed to be done with the owners present. With talk of shielding the week before lockdown started, I was taken off normal consults and worked in the prep room at the back of the practice without contact with clients. A nurse would collect the animal from the owner in the waiting room and bring the pet through to me. The other vets working with me were still seeing clients face to face and therefore able to see anything that might require more conversation. I was only seeing vaccinations if the owner had no concerns there was anything wrong and were happy with this way of working. At the moment we have no clients in the practice. They phone from the car park when they arrive, someone goes out to collect the animal and we talk to the owner over the phone. I felt it made it easier to return to work after five months of shielding, although relying on technology has it's own problems, a bad phone line or mobile on silent was not an issue when we were in the same room.

It has also been noticeably busier than before I left. For several weeks only urgent cases or emergencies were being seen, leaving a lot of routine appointments and neutering surgery to catch up on now that restrictions have eased a little. This isn't a bad thing for me, with a rise in cases and the government in discussions about more restrictions I don't know what's coming next. While I can work I want to gain as much experience as I can, being off for so long in my first year knocked my confidence and, though I don't feel like I've been away now, more time off over winter wouldn't be ideal.

RJB

My Retirement Party

Well.....it's a day I shall never forget. Can you take me to the Bowl Inn on Friday we are having a girls get together from work my wife Julia said. Yes that's fine I thought I can drop you off and return home to watch England play cricket on tv and collect you later. We arrive..... you must come and meet my friends from work Julia said, I didn't know them but reluctantly agreed to do a quick hello and return home ! Walking into the beer garden I thought mmm this is quite busy for a Friday afternoon in Hastingleigh! Where are Julia's friends I thought because all I can see here are people I know! Looking from table to table there you all were smiling and it became clear I had been tricked ! Well that's the story and the rest is history as they say!

Thank you to everyone who came , some even came from across the border in Elmsted, Bodsham and Wye ! Thank you for your generosity my retirement gifts are wonderful. How did you know they were what I wanted ? I wonder !

Thanks to Sue and Paul for the secret arrangements and to Annie for the use of the Bowl Inn garden. To everyone, you made an old postie very happy and thank you again.

Regards Pete & Julia.

Ps.....we lost the cricket !



Les Johnson 1957 - 2020

Maurice Leslie “Les” Johnson passed away peacefully at the Pilgrims Hospice on 19th August 2020 after a long and brave battle with Bladder Cancer. He is survived by his two sons, Paul and Robert, and his mother, Jessica (Jessie).

Les was born on 11th September 1957 at the Pilgrim Hospital in Boston Lincolnshire, an only child to Maurice and Jessica Johnson. He grew up in Gosberton Clough, a small rural village in Lincolnshire. Les moved to Hastingleigh in 1996, with his family.

Les was an active member of the village, ever since taking over the running of the local village shop. In his later years he was a member of the Hastingleigh Parish Council, and elected as Chair several times.

Les could often be seen walking his greyhound, Roger, across the fields, through gates, and much to everyone’s dismay, carrying him over stiles!

Les’ mum, Jessie, also spent many months in Hastingleigh over the years, where she stayed with him, looking after the dog, keeping the house and generally being a very loving and caring “mum”, although she drew the line at lifting Roger over the stiles!

A kind, friendly and helpful man, Les, was known and liked by many. He always liked to make people laugh and smile and would go out of his way to help people in whatever capacity he could. He took his work seriously, and the same is true of his role as Parish Councillor. Les had a keen eye for detail and knew planning regulations like no other, bringing his expertise and professionalism to the table at every council meeting, along with his cheery disposition, friendliness and good humour.

Les was diagnosed with Bladder Cancer, but did not let the disease beat him into submission. He continued to work, and continued to serve the village as Councillor, retaining his kindness and good humour.

Les was cremated at the Charing Crematorium on Wednesday 2nd September. Donations are being taken for Pilgrims Hospice and Fight Bladder Cancer, care of Hadaway & Denton Funeral Directors, 41-43

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- In this Notice, ‘parish’ means an ecclesiastical parish.

Signed *Lorraine Lawrence*

Minister of the parish

Church Services

<u>Date</u>		
04/10	First Sunday	9:30 Hastingleigh: Communion
11/10	Second Sunday	9:30 Petham: Communion
18/10	Third Sunday	9:30 Waltham: Communion
26/10	Fourth Sunday	9:30 Elmsted: Communion
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History Enthusiast

Elmsted Parish Council meetings - items of interest from 1894 to 1960

As popular education spread more people wanted a say in managing local affairs. In 1894 a Local Government Act became law and resulted in the formation of Parish Councils as we know them today.

This new legislation required Parish Councils to be responsible for civil matters whilst church affairs became the responsibility of the Parochial Church Council.

It would be cumbersome to set down all what was recorded at a meeting. Of necessity therefore what follows are brief abstracts taken from selections of the actual meeting notes that were extracted in 1995 to celebrate the centenary of the first meeting. The first councillors elected would probably be aged about 30 or older which means them being born before 1864. Even so there will be some names that descendants today will recognise. Parish councils have councillors who are elected to serve for four years, unless a casual vacancy arises which may be filled by a by-election or by co-option. A chairman and other official positions are elected at the start of the four year period. They were and still are unpaid except for the clerk who receives a modest honorarium. As you would expect these early years were spent feeling their way into a new system. Councillors were unsure of their powers and with such a small population matters were minor and time was spent in discussion with no decision made.

Editor's explanatory notes are in square brackets.

1894: The Inaugural Nomination Meeting took place. Elected: Chairman, Rev A Collet; Clerk, T Halliday; Councillors, T Spicer, J Wood-Pettit and R Hopkins.

1895: T Spicer and C File elected as overseers for the poor; later changed to T Halliday and R Pilcher; Walter Weatherall elected as

collector of rates; Clerk had to give security to the council by bond with two sureties; road maintenance £105 15s 11d;

1896: J Vickers Junior now chairman; C File elected additional councillor; £2 to be paid to Returning Officer; Whatsole Street was in bad state of repair.

1897: Sir J Honywood now chairman; J Vickers now clerk; James Sawkins appointed roadman; [poor] state of hedges from Whatsole Street to Glory Dane [today this is a heavily overgrown and little used narrow route or way. Glory Dane is the road from today's telephone exchange to Kingsmill].

1898: Rev F Timmins and J Newman elected councillors vice J Wood-Pettit and C File; noticeboard at the top of Dean Hill which deals with skidding of vehicles to be replaced; overseers required £1 1s 1d from poor rate for expenses.

1899: Footpath stiles at Spong Farm and Little Gains are in bad state of repair; metal for roads to be purchased early before contractors arrive.

1900: Little recorded.

1901: W Brice elected councillor vice F Spicer; agreed that the establishment of a waterworks was unnecessary because there was an adequate supply of water to hand; railway company to be asked to allow trains to stop at more convenient times at Wye.

1902: Coronation Committee Fund Treasurer to be paid £21 6s 0d.

1903: District Surveyor failed to roll the road from Holt Farm to Bodsham and from Evington Lees.

1904 and 1905: Little recorded.

1906: G Fagg of Bavinge Farm and F Brice elected councillors vice T Halliday and Rev F Timmins.

(To be continued)

History Enthusiast

Wye PPG

'THE DR.WILL ZOOM YOU NOW' - Understanding the patient experience of remote and virtual consultations.

It is estimated that 85% of consultations are now being carried out remotely. A qualitative study carried out by National Voices, Healthwatch England and Traverse between June 22 and July 1 2020 examined the patient experience and produced some 'top tips'.

As the researchers point out the changes in the way care is delivered have happened almost overnight, demonstrating how quickly the NHS responded to the covid 19 crisis. This means that services have been able to continue to offer care to millions of people whilst also maintaining social distancing. However, if remote consultations are to become the 'new normal', it is vital that people using these services influence how they are delivered.

Doctors and nurses have also had to embrace remote consultation, not by choice, but through necessity. They may be finding it as challenging as you are, but are likely to be keen to learn and adapt its use.

The researchers conclude that for many, remote and virtual consultations are the only options at the moment, so it is important that we continue to look at how it is working for patients, identify which groups who may be struggling and what support is needed to ensure people feel confident to receive healthcare in this way.

The research produced the following 'Top Tips for Patients'

- Ask for a time slot for when your remote consultation will take place.
- Let your health care professional know how you prefer to talk by phone, video or in person.
- Find somewhere quiet and confidential and if this isn't possible or tricky, make this clear when you are making your appointment.
- Start with a phone call if you're not confident with video

technology.

- Ask for help if you need it and if possible, do a practice run with a friend.
- Take some time to prepare in advance, consider what you want to say and key questions you would like to ask.
- Ask your health care provider to summarise the next steps at the end of the appointment.
- Remote consultations can be useful for routine appointments or ongoing care with a health care practitioner.
- Not all appointments are suitable for remote consultations. If you would like to see someone in person please say so.

We are all in new territory and it is essential that the patient's voice is clearly heard.

Judith Timms,
Chair Wye Surgery PPG

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One hundred million sharks are killed each year, most to provide shark's fin soup. The fins are cut off living sharks leaving them to drown. They must use their fins to keep moving to supply a flow of oxygen through their gills.

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Greenland sharks have the longest lifespan of vertebrate animals, living up to 500 years old.

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Farming Notebook

Here I sit on deadline day, the 14th September. It is 30 degrees outside, with bright sunshine and we have finished potato harvest. Quite remarkable...

Our aim is always to start lifting potatoes on the first of September so that we can, hopefully, rely on some good weather, and get the crop off in time to establish winter wheat. We lifted a few loads of Estima on the 31st August so that we could hit the ground running the next day. With the restrictions on foreign labour due to Covid 19 we hired four Nepalese ladies to man the grader. They were all wives of Gurkas stationed in Ashford. They had been to the farm before during the summer to rogue wild oats out of our seed wheat crops. They arrived on the farm at 7.30 in the morning ready for an 8 o'clock start. Rather than sit around they started sweeping up. Once the shed was immaculate they moved outside and started to sweep the yard. I was rather hoping that they would make their way right into the house!

Every day, including Saturday, they toiled away until 7.15 pm. They did a fantastic job and were always smiling and cheerful. The potatoes were coming so fast that it was the speed at which we could get them into boxes that was the limiting factor. With the rain at the end of August, lifting conditions were just about perfect. Harvest was complete in 11 days! Sadly, one reason for this is that yields were 30% down on normal. This was no surprise as our test digs had flagged this up for some weeks. Potatoes are 90% water, and we had grown the crop in a drought with no irrigation. Quality is very good but, unlike cereals, the value of the crop will not compensate for the lack of output.

On Saturdays Elizabeth usually makes the grading gang a cake as a small token of appreciation for their hard work. The Gurka ladies were so excited by this that their smiles became broader and the cheerful chatter increased in volume. It instigated an immediate sharing of food. Joe and Craig enjoyed rice and egg for lunch every day for the rest of the campaign and Elizabeth was given a bunch of

flowers. At the end of harvest Elizabeth made two cakes and some biscuits which resulted in Joe Craig and me receiving a bottle of wine each. Harvest was over so quickly that we all felt rather sorry it was all over...

The oilseed rape and grass seed, planted towards the end of August benefitted from the rain at the end of the month. Both have established very well. Rape seems to take forever to get going. First there are tiny plants with two cotyledons the size of the top of a biro. Very vulnerable to slugs and the dreaded flea beetle. It seems to take an age for the plant to produce its first pair of true leaves. At this stage I am still nervous... Three weeks on and there are four leaves. Now, after a month the crop is beginning to really grow, and I am relaxing. The dry weather has meant no slugs, and amazingly, up to now, there is no sign of flea beetle. The next hurdle is to get a complete canopy before the winter to deter the next pest – pigeons.

As the soils have dried out again, with less the 2mm of rainfall so far in September, we continue to work the ground with our subsoiler. We are trying to restore some structure to the soil after a year of extremes, very, very wet and then very dry.

Tomorrow we start to spread our farmyard manure. This provides nutrients, but is also a great soil improver. Adding organic matter and fibre which improve structure. We will incorporate the FYM as soon as we can after the spreaders to retain the moisture and nutrients. Usually we would drill the winter wheat immediately. Despite our experience last autumn when it started to rain on 24th September and never stopped, we have decided it is just too dry to sow a crop. We will wait for rain, or at least the forecast of rain before we put the drill in the field. In these exceptional conditions we will prepare a “stale” seedbed and roll it. This will allow rain to soak in and the drilling to start without further cultivation. It is a risk if we were to get another never-ending monsoon as last year, but, as an optimist, I think it is the right decision. (Watch this space...)

The grass has now an autumn flush of new green grass, and the cattle are happy. The grass is less nutritious than that in the spring and so we provide hay as a supplement. The calves also have access to creep feeders. They are beginning to eat quite a quantity and we

are having to fill the feeders much more regularly. The creep stops the calves going backwards (in condition) as they grow and need more than milk. The added advantage is that they will be used to dry feed when they are weaned in a month or so.

Generally the cows and calves look very well. We do have a couple of cows and the Hereford bull "Tchuggen" which have gone lame. They have what is known as "sand cracks" in their hooves. This is where, in very dry conditions, the hoof develops a vertical crack which is quite sore. We treat them, and keep the hoof clean. It is not until the foot trimmer comes in a month or so that proper remedial action can be taken.

Seed wheat is moving off the farm at a relentless pace. Not only are we supplying a local need, but also much of the seed is going north to areas which have had, and are still having a terrible harvest. We have been so fortunate in this corner of the country. Not only did we manage to plant most of our winter corn, but we harvested it in very good conditions and in a timely fashion. North of the Wash hardly any winter corn was sown, and they have had terrible weather for harvest. Quality has suffered and they have very little viable seed. The article complete, now is time for a cool drink, a deckchair and some sunglasses. Cheers...

W Wilson-Haffenden



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