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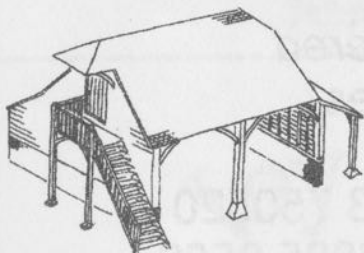
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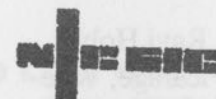
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Dates for your Diary

Tues 6th March ~ Board Games Evening at the Lord Whisky Tea Rooms.
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Sat 5th May ~ Boot & Spring Fayre at Park House, 12 noon - 3.30pm.

Mon 4th June ~ 3rd Annual Cyclo-sportive at Park House, from 9am.
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Sat 9th June ~ Dog & Owners Fun Day at Park House, 12 noon - 3.30pm.

Sat 28th July ~ Boot & Summer Fayre at Park House, 12 noon - 3.30pm.

Sat 4th August ~ Swalecliffe & Whitstable Autumn Fayre at The Community Centre,
St Johns Road, Swalecliffe. 9.30am - 12.30pm.

Sat 8th September ~ Boot & Autumn Fayre at Park House, 12 noon - 3.30pm.

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HASTINGLEIGH with ELMSTED WI

The President of Hastingsleigh with Elmsted WI welcomed two new full members to the meeting plus thirteen other members to the meeting on Thursday 2nd February at Evington Village Hall.

The business of the evening was dealt with first of all and Mrs Crees was named as Delegate to attend the Annual Council Meeting on 21st March. The Spring Group meeting in Godmersham Church on 23rd April was also discussed.

The speaker for the evening was Mrs Veronica Ashby and her talk was entitled "Dungarees to Diamonds" She described her life as a Naval wife and then caretakers of Haddo Castle near Aberdeen on behalf of the National Trust in Scotland. Mrs Ashby showed us some beautiful interesting pictures of the house and gardens. She also told us some amusing and interesting stories about the various people who came to visit and stay, including the Queen, Prince Edward and Willard White and Annie Lennox – to name but a few ! Her duties ranged from the distinctly unglamorous unblocking drains to organising and attending banquets and concerts for 500 people. The couple then moved to manage a private house near Kelso before retiring to Ramsgate.

The flower of the month was won by Mrs Bowes with a purple pink hellebore.

The competition for a favourite piece of costume jewellery was won by Mrs Helmer with a lovely margasite necklace

Our next meeting will be Thursday 1st March and the speaker will be Miss Heather Willis with a talk entitled "Farne Islands and Northumberland"

Cheryl Crees

EVINGTON GARDENERS

Members were inducted into the mysteries of growing and preparing top quality vegetables for showing at the meeting in February. Mr Francis, from the National Vegetable Society, displayed some lovely slides of beautifully presented vegetables and explained the whole process from preparing the ground, type of compost, sowing seed and planting out, to harvesting, cleaning and preparing the end result. He was a mine of information and full of useful tips such as digging the superfluous eyes out of potatoes, sieving compost, how to handle onions, using damp-proofing material for blanching and, of course, regular watering to stop vegetables splitting. Mr Francis emphasized the importance of presentation with some amazing pictures of long beetroot, carrots and parsnips which had roots stretching seemingly into infinity. He was very encouraging and inspiring and his talk was much enjoyed by those present.

Continuing with the subject of shows, the annual show this year will be on the 1 September. The subject for the photo class is 'Native Fauna'. This is an open class, so entries are most welcome from anyone and everyone. The talk on 20 March will be on either Hellebores or Celandines (depending on the season) and will be given by Donald Palmer. As ever, we will be happy to see anyone who would like to come along. Further details can always be obtained from me, Jane Pearce, on 01233 750382.

J.P

Correction to email address printed in last month's news

Bodsham School

Request from Nathan Goodwin (year 3 / 4 teacher at Bodsham Primary)

I would like some further information on Alf Southen (the man who planted the horse chestnut tree in the school playground). Does anyone know anything about what happened to him in later life? Does anyone have a photo of him that could be sent to me? ngoodwin@bodsham.kent.sch.uk

FROM THE EDITOR

I have been asked to convey thanks to the snow clearing teams who kept our minor roads clear during the recent wintry weather. Their efforts were much appreciated.

There is another reminder this month to get your entries in for the photographic competition. See end of the news section for the entry form.

FOUND In the field after the snow!

Two plastic box lids and a pair of yellow gloves with flowered cuffs. Ring 750450



EVINGTON HALL COMMITTEE

The Hall Committee would like to thank everyone for their help at the jumble sale held at the end of January which raised £517 for hall funds and will help towards the cost of the installation of the security system. Repairs and redecoration are now complete and the hall is operating normally again after cancellation of bookings following the lack of heating due to the burglary and then the snow and ice.

The Annual general Meeting of the hall is on **Monday 19th March at 8pm**. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Bodsham School QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 3rd March

7.30pm

Evington Village Hall

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*includes a ploughman's supper
(please bring your own glasses,
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Home Fire Safety

What would you do if your smoke alarm went off in the middle of the night? This brings us to the need for all households to have a regular night time routine and a Fire Plan.

Your night time routine should involve unplugging any electrical appliances not specifically designed to remain plugged in at all times, ensuring that no smoking materials are still alight, and that all doors are closed. The Fire Plan should consist of knowing the route out of your house in the event of a fire both day and night and alternatives should your primary route be blocked by fire. These should be clear of obstructions at all times.

With home security very prominent these days many windows are locked. Could you easily locate a key to your windows in the early hours of the morning with your home filling with smoke? If not maybe you should find those keys and position them where you can get to them straight away.

Finally, should you be unfortunate enough to have a fire at home **NEVER** attempt to fight it yourself. Leave the house closing all internal doors, thus reducing fire spread and smoke damage, and call the fire service. Never re-enter the property until advised by a member of the fire service.

Brigade Activity

Pump	2012 up to 27 th Feb	2011
Ashford Whole time	134	991
Ashford Retained	68	339
Charing	31	175
Wye	11	71
Chilham	11	86
Aldington	14	102

Just after midnight on 7th February crews from Wye and Ashford were called to a chimney fire in Hastingleigh, they were in attendance for just over an hour.

A road traffic accident at the Kempes Corner crossroads involving two cars kept the crews from Wye and Ashford busy at 9pm on 15th February. The Ashford crew had to remove the roof from one of the vehicles to release the two casualties, fortunately they suffered minor injuries although they were taken to hospital. Both crews were away from the incident in about an hour.

The Fire Service is under going a number of changes now and in the coming months the Control centre will be relocated to join the police control centre in Maidstone and their shift patterns changing. A number of part time stations will close:- Matfield, Halling, Horton Kirby, Sturry, Seal, Queenborough, Rusthall, and 1 appliance from Hythe. This is on top of the whole-time station being closed at Thanet in 2011. Crews no longer attend Fire Alarms sounding in commercial properties unless a call is received to confirm there is a fire, during daytime hours (6am-6pm) in 2012, and 24 hours a day in 2013.

CHURCH FLOWER & CLEANING ROTA

	Hastingleigh	Elmsted
March 3 rd	Mrs Hewes Mrs Healy	Mrs Fox Mrs Leutner
March 10 th - 17 th	Mrs Bowes Mrs Helmer Mrs Wilson	Mrs Green Mrs Calcutt
March 24 th - 31 st	Mrs Ball Mrs Pell Mrs Homer	Mrs Gaylor Mrs Wood Ms Flitney



COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS.

Want to do something a bit different in the weeks leading up to Easter?

Then pick up a little leaflet in one of our churches. Last month we said: "There is a copy for you in this magazine." Obviously there was not.

Alan and Ravi.

CHURCH SERVICES IN MARCH



St Mary the Virgin, Hastingsleigh

Sunday 4th 11 am Holy Communion (BCP) Revd J Hewes
Lent 2 Revd P Goodsell

Sunday 11th 10.30 am Bodsham Family Service
Lent 3

Sunday 18th 9.30 am Family Holy Communion Revd M Strong
Lent 4 Mothering Sunday

Sunday 25th 11 am Holy Communion (CW) Revd M Strong
Lent 5 E Grivellis

6.30 pm Celebration Service Revd M Strong
WYE – Sung Eucharist

On Sunday, 25th March, a choral service to celebrate 25 years since Revd Strong was ordained as a Deacon will be held in Wye. Revd Strong will preside; all are welcome.

Every Monday evening at 6.15pm: Celtic Prayer in the Vicarage, Hastingsleigh. You are welcome to come for a cup of tea from 5.45pm, if you wish.

St James the Great, Elmsted

Sunday 4 th Lent 2	9.30am	Family Communion	Rev Madi Strong
Sunday 11 th Lent 3	10 am	Family Service at Bodsham School	Rev Madi Strong & the Team
Sunday 18 th Lent 4	9.30am	Joint Service at Hastingleigh Mothering Sunday	
	5pm	Sung Evensong	Rev Madi Strong
Sunday 25 th Lent 5	9.30am	Parish Communion	Rev John Hewes

There will be midweek communion at St James' on
Wednesday 7th March at 9.30am

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – MARCH

Thurs 1st W I Meeting 7.30pm

Saturday 3rd Bodsham School Quiz Night 7.30pm

Monday 5th Evington Community Project AGM 8.00pm

Tuesday 6th Elmsted Parish Council 7.30pm

Wed 7th Coffee Morning 10.30am

Friday 9th Whist Drive 7.00pm

Monday 12th Hastingsleigh PCC AGM 7.30pm

Tuesday 13th Hastingsleigh Parish Council 7.45pm

Monday 19th Evington Hall AGM 8.00pm

Tuesday 20th Gardeners' Society 7.30pm

Tuesday 27th Supper Talk – Bulltown House 7.30pm

Friday 30th Evington Community Project –
Bingo & Beetle Drive 6.30pm

All events are held at Evington Hall unless otherwise stated.
Parent & Toddler Group meets every Tuesday at 9.30am.
Art Group meets on Thursdays 9.30am – 12.30pm.
Mobile Library – every Wednesday 10.55 – 11.20am.

NB Footpath Walk

Sunday 11th March 2.00pm

IN THE GARDEN

The fine weather we have been having has provided an opportunity to clear away all those remaining dead shoots from the perennial borders. Chop up the branches and shoots and pile them on the compost heap and add a little high nitrogen fertilizer. Perhaps a little late to cover the heap with an old carpet, however if you can this will speed up the composting process.

It is a good time to prepare for the coming season, on fine days dig over the vegetable patch and around the plants in the borders. Clear off the leaves and put them onto the compost heap to reduce hiding places for slugs. Put some grit around on the area where the Hostas will come up to reduce slug damage.

If you have a warm windowsill or glasshouse, try some of the plug plants on sale in the garden centres. Water them well and pot them on into larger pots or a sectioned tray. Use a general purpose compost and add grit (25%) for drainage and a small amount of slow release fertilizer, for nutrition, to the compost. Keep an eye on them and don't overwater. Your plants will have an early start growing larger and more quickly when planted out. This will help them make up for the shorter and cooler season we have on the hill.

You will also find many summer plants like Cannas in the garden centre. If you pot these up now using a general purpose compost and a little fertilizer and keep in a warm bright place until the frosts have gone they will flower earlier in the season. This year I have decided to reduce the number of different plants I have in the garden and go for larger areas with one plant type, hoping this will give some large splashes of colour.

The fine weather has allowed us to complete the pruning of the fruit trees, Buddleia and the roses. Cutting back during the winter stimulates growth the following year so to support this put plenty of fertilizer around the plants so the growth is strong.

There is still time to divide perennial plants; this will often stimulate fresh growth, particularly plants that have been long established. Fertilize these as with the shrubs and always add plenty of compost to the soil if possible. Compost helps to open up the soil, particularly clay soil and allows the roots of the plants to expand into more soil an important point if the drought that is predicted comes.

SB

Evington Community Project

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Evington Community Project will be held in the Evington Hall on Monday 5th March at 8.00 pm



NORMANDY IN THE AUTUMN

Several people have expressed an interest in returning to Bec this year, having enjoyed their visit in 2011, and I have an idea that there are also some who have never been and are exploring the possibility of joining a group. I have checked availability with the nuns, and looked at my diary and find that the dates that work for them and for me are September 17th through 21st.

If you are available and think you would like to come with us, or would like to know more about Bec, please ring me – Dickie Cleveland or Dorothy Illing (she has kindly agreed to help with the travel arrangements) and we will begin making a list.

It will have to be on a first come first served basis, and it would certainly be nice to introduce some new people to this very special place. Looking forward to hearing from you.

Dickie (813051) or *Dorothy* (813233)



March Supper Talk.

The March Supper Talk is on Tuesday, 27th starting with Supper as usual at 7.30pm

Hannah Cross is coming to talk on 'Transformation on Brazil's favelas' - her work with the Brazilian Slum Kids.

Numbers for catering please to 01233-813711 by Friday, 23rd March.

Return of a Favourite

In six years the most popular of our Hundred Shows' performers has been **Ben Osborne**, 2008's World Wild Life Photographer of the Year. His **Jungle Journeys** and **Dog Days and Lion Nights** filled the hall. On **Saturday, March 10th at 7.30** he's back at **Petham Village Hall**.

Jurassic Journey is a spectacular new multi-media presentation celebrating the Dorset and East Devon coast World Heritage Site in photography, video and sound recordings. Ben's commentary, soundscapes and humour create a richly entertaining evening. The geology, archaeology, history, landscape and wildlife of this most important and dramatic coastline is vividly captured. He is not this time working with the David Attenborough team but with a group of West Country artists – the Dorset composer **Sammy Hurden**, the writer **Matt Harvey** from Devon, and artist/sculptor **Lal Hitchcock** who share a deep understanding of their region.

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We are organising a photographic competition at the church this year.

If you have an image taken in our local area and would like to enter, we would love to see it.

There are 4 classes: Spring
Summer
Autumn
Winter

You can enter a maximum of one photo per class and each class is open to all ages.

The photos will be displayed in church and judged on the day.

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Or by post to; Kathy Wright, Maxted Barn,
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Or by hand to; Bodsham School Office
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If you would like any additional information, please contact;

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Please include the information below, with your entries;

PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

27TH MAY 2012

Entered by; _____

Age (if under 16) _____

Phone number _____

Class to be entered into; **SPRING SUMMER**
(Please deleted as necessary) **AUTUMN WINTER**

Where the image was taken; _____

(We may choose some of the entries to use in a calendar of our local area. By entering your image you are giving your consent for this)



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Canterbury Choral will be celebrating the Queen's Diamond Jubilee with the second of their 2012 concerts. The music chosen by Richard Cooke is a true celebration of our wonderful Queen. Mozart's *Coronation Mass* was composed in Salzburg for an Easter Day service in April 1779 but as early as the 19th century the mass was referred to as *Coronation Mass* as it was believed it was written for the anniversary of the crowning of the Shrine of the Virgin. A more likely explanation is that it was one of the works performed during the coronation festivities in Prague for Leopold II.

Although there are many coronation anthems the most popular has to be the one by Handel using the text from the King James Bible and designed to be played at the coronation of the British Monarchy. The pieces are *Zodak the Priest*, *My Heart is Inditing*, *The King Shall Rejoice* and *Let Thy Hand be Strengthened*.

The final piece will be *Handel Music for the Royal Fireworks* – this piece was composed in 1749 under contract of George II for the fireworks in London's Green Park. It was to celebrate the end of the War of the Austrian Succession and the signing of the Treaty of Aix-la-Chapelle in 1748. A public rehearsal of the music drew an audience of 12,000 blocking traffic on London Bridge for 3 hours.

Soloists for the evening will be Susanna Hurrell, Laura Kelly, William Morgan and Peter Cox and the orchestra, the London Handel Orchestra which played to a capacity audience when the Society performed *The Messiah* in January. The Choral Society Youth Choir will also be part of this performance.

Tickets can be purchased from the Marlowe Theatre Box Office on 01227 787787 or on line at marlowetheatre.com. The next concert will be on Saturday 23rd June at 9.30pm when they will perform *Rachmaninov – Vespers*. A discount of 5% is available if you book for both concerts.. Visit www.canterburychoral.co.uk for information on the Choral Society.

ASKING THE RIGHT QUESTIONS

The saying goes: 'if March comes in like a lion it goes out like a lamb'. As I write this early on a snowy Sunday in February I have no way of knowing whether this will be true or not, and quite honestly at this point yearn, like everyone else I suspect, for lighter, warmer and longer days. But that's to wish our lives away, and when this magazine comes out we shall be well into Lent and the promise of Easter so how can we be downcast? Of course some of you may be downcast and agonizing over what you decided to 'give up', because you have already failed, and probably come to the conclusion that you're rubbish at self discipline!. Don't worry about that too much, there's still time to make good; besides, our weakness and inability to 'be strong and get it right' is what Easter is all about. Jesus offers us more than a second chance. Lent is a good time to have a think about where we might try to be more like him, who admittedly set the bar pretty high in his dealing with temptation. He did promise though that God, who knows all about us yet still loves us, will always be there to forgive and encourage.

A very long time ago I heard an African American woman preach on the words "I thirst" at a Good Friday service that was based on the 7 last words from the cross. She spoke about several great sadnesses in her family so movingly that for many of us tears were not far off. Punctuating each successive sad tale, she would pause and with tears running down her face say: "I thirst". A thirst not for water or wine, but for something that quenched the burning of her pain and sadness. Not a need for anything material, but something for the soul. Nowadays our lives seem to be so dominated by a search for 'stuff' that we believe we need or must have – gadgets, fashions, possessions of all sorts, that there is little energy left to seek that something for the soul, and surely we too must 'thirst'.

The trouble is we are faced on every side with all manner of temptations, and often it's hard to resist them when they appear to be 'just what we need'. Maybe this is a good time to think about what we really do 'need' and not just *want* because it is the latest thing, and ask ourselves (because no one else will unless they are spoil sports) whether we have thought about how we might manage without that particular 'need'. It may mean thinking more about people whose need is almost beyond description – those who live in war torn countries, or arid plains, or stinking settlements, who really ARE in need and resolve to do something for them.

But maybe that is too much for you right now, so another option is to start closer to home and to take time to look into your own spiritual bank account and check to see if it is overdrawn and in need of funds. Replenishing isn't hard – but it takes a bit of time for prayer and it takes silence. (see Mark 1: 35) When I was in Wye School the other day the children asked me why we were supposed to be 'quiet in church' – I answered with the question: "Why are you supposed to be quiet in school?" Their reply was; "to hear what the teacher is saying". So I said, "we're quiet in church so we can hear what God is saying".

If you give up anything for Lent, let it be noise and confusion. For a time turn your back on shopping and restaurants and telly and maybe even the gym, and take yourself to a silent place and listen to what He is saying to you. In that silence you may find that you 'thirst' no longer.....

Dickie

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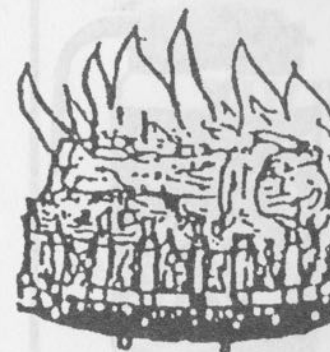
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