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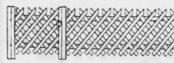
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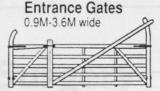
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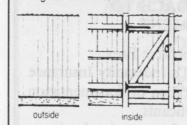


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My dear friends,

#### Farming in Crisis?

During a lifetime we have seen the transformation of the English countryside. The yield of wheat per acre has risen from about 1½ to 4 tons. Disease and pests which once decimated crops like hops and apples, have been controlled. Machinery has not only grown in size but also in effectiveness and efficiency. A large farm which once supported an entire village community and filled the church at harvest time can now be staffed by one farm worker supplemented by contractors as necessary.

At harvest time we give thanks to Almighty God for His creation. We thank Him for all He gives to make the land yield so generously but also for the increasing skill, knowledge and ingenuity that has made the land so productive. Every year we pray for those in need but this year we include in our prayers those farmers especially who are in the pig industry or who are hill farmers who face financial ruin even though they have farmed efficiently and effectively. Whilst we can thank God in the South East for crops safely harvested, in the Midlands and the North much of the harvest lies in the fields. These farmers too also face great difficulty as crop prices are at an all time low.

At Harvest Festival we remind ourselves each year that "the earth is the Lords" and that we are only stewards of creation. Creation does not exist solely to maximise profitability but is for God's glory as well as our enjoyment and to meet our need. The stewardship of creation presents us with one of the greatest global challenges of the Millennium.

In His Service.

Richard Bateman

#### FOOTPATH WALK SUNDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER

When I got to Evington Hall, I was amazed to see a crowd of walkers gathered outside, most of whom were unfamiliar to me. Was the new season of walks going to prove unexpectedly popular? Perhaps we would have queues to get over the stiles? But no! It was simply that the Shepway Footpath Group had chosen the same starting point for one of their walks. Disentangling the seven of us from Hastingleigh out of the larger group we made off down the road to the pond and up the path past the Vicarage. Despite gloomy predictions and recent heavy rain, it was fine but cloudy and we set out in good heart and with a firm step.

We took the second path on the left to cut across the field to Evington Lodge and then forked left along the track through the woods eventually emerging on the path which led along the edge of the fields to the north side of Lyddendane Farm. The Shepway Air Show was on that day so we could hear and, less frequently, see some air activity including a Lancaster bomber bumbling along escorted by an aging Hurricane and Spitfire. They seemed so slow now - how could we ever have been awed by their incredible speed at the time of the war?

From Lyddendane Farm, we crossed the road and made our way to Little Coombe, then wheeled left to Smeed and right across the fields until we crossed the Canterbury Road again just north of the reservoir. We filtered diagonally through coppice, crossed the fields at the back of Beckets Close and finally right past the former tennis courts to the road. Then we diverted to Sheila's for a welcome cup of tea.

A comparatively gentle walk designed, Sheila told me, never to be too far from the starting point, so that if the weather broke so could we for home and shelter. In the event, the precaution was unnecessary.

The next walk will be on Sunday October 11th starting from Elmsted Church at 2pm. Hope to see some new faces there that will come with us not Shepway!

#### EVINGTON CC REPORT

The second half of the season came and went quickly. Here are some of the results:-

BURMARSH

Evington 166 for 4 (Alan Harrison 50, Tim Smith 58NO)

Burmarsh 26 for 9

(Ben Young 4-10, John Martin 5-16) Evington won by 140 runs

STOWTING

Stowting 168 for 5 (Clifford Ball 83, Fred Moon 2-6)

Evington 154 all out

(Fred Moon 64)

An exciting game that went right to the last few overs Stowting won by 14 runs

SWALE

Evington 169 for 5 (Fred Moon 54, Duncan Payne 87NO)

Swale 108 all out (Ben Young 3-18)

Evington won by 61 runs

FOLKESTONE EQUITABLES Evington 210 for 3 (Gary Hill 75, John Martin 65)

Folkestone 92 for 4

(Ben Young 2-28) Match drawn DETLING

Detling 125 for 9 (Gary Hill 5-28) Evington 56 all out Detling won

SOUTHFLEET

Southfleet 115 for 8 (J Martin 4-27) Evington 118 for 5 (G Hill 48NO) Evington won

BOSSINGHAM

Bossingham 98 for 9 (Barry Southen 2-16) Evington 105 for 6 (D Blamire 10) Evington won

STOWTING

Rained off

ETCHINGHILL

Evington 145 (G Hill 46, A Harrison 35) Etchinghill 78 all out (J Martin 3-32, B Southen 4-19

G Hill 3-8) Evington won

SOUTHFLEET

Southfleet 116 all out
(B Young 3-34, B Southen 3-18,
R Hawkins 1-13)
Evington 117 for 9
(B Southen 29)
Evington won

BETHERSDEN

Bethersden 89 all out
(A Harrison 3-16, R Hawkins 2-8,
Clifford Ball 2-1)
Evington 90 for 2
(Alan Harrison 51)
Evington won

#### HASTINGLEIGH WITH ELMSTED W.I.

The Evington Hall was full of flowers and foliage for the September meeting. The "Flower of the Month" was well supported, the competition was for a House-plant (at least six months old) and Mrs S Hartfree had brought along a large selection of things she had grown to illustrate her talk "Propagation on a Shoe-string". She is an informative and enthuiastic speaker and gave many tips for all types of propagation. Some of her methods are a bit unorthodox but very successful judging by her display. Following her advice we would all have very full gardens at hardly any cost. Barbara Nye gave the vote of thanks. Barbara George's entry was adjudged the best flower of the month and Jean Bowes won the houseplant competition.

Arrangements were made for transport to the Group

Meeting at Challock on 29th September.
Marden, our West Kent link Institute, sent further

details of their "Open Garden" on 4th October. Raffle tickets for a quilt in aid of ACWW were on sale. The quilt will be displayed at the October Half-Yearly Council Meeting in Folkestone. The Institute has agreed to assist with the Group Garden Party in Godmersham Park to celebrate the Millennium. This is provisionally fixed for Saturday 8th July, 2000.

The first Whist-Drive of the 1998/99 season takes place on 9th October.

Barbara George had a second success when she won the monthly raffle.

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#### MILLENNIUM

Grateful thanks for all the Millennium suggestions left in the box at the shop. They were discussed at length and some will be thought about in our planning of events. The box will remain at the shop so please keep your ideas coming.

Evington Millennium Committee

#### EVINGTON GARDENER'S SOCIETY

The first meeting this autumn will be a slide show presentation entitled "More colour all around us" to take place in Evington Hall on Tuesday 20th October at 7.30pm.



#### A STONE STREET EVENING

You
are invited to
The John Baker White Hall
on Wednesday 21st October at 7.00 for 7.30
to listen to
Revd Patrick Jones
who will talk on his experiences
in caring and praying

Light refreshments will be provided

for the sick



#### Quiz Night

On OCTOBER 10<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 pm

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#### THE DREADED FLU

Have you ever wondered why most flu's have Chinese names? The answer is related to poultry, pigs and people. The influenza virus needs all three to modify its structure and there are plenty of all three in China. Each year, influenza or flu is a little different and some people become ill, but every so often there is a big change in the virus and very few of us have resistance. The scientists are anticipating one of these big shifts in the near future. You may recall that last year millions of chickens were slaughtered in Hong Kong as it was feared that they carried a new, virulent flu virus.

I don't have to tell you that influenza or flu is an unpleasant illness: it usually presents high fevers, aches and pains with a dry cough for 7-10 days followed by 2-3 weeks feeling like a warmed up lettuce leaf! We cannot treat flu, just the symptoms; you need plenty of fluids, rest and paracetamol while you wait for your body to fight off the virus. If you develop a secondary bacterial infection then you may need antibiotics. What we can offer is immunisation to vulnerable groups for whom flu can be a very serious illness. The following groups are strongly recommended the flu vaccine, especially this year when a "big shift" may mean that a lot of people are susceptible: asthmatics and chronic bronchitics; diabetics; the over-75's; those with chronic heart conditions or chronic renal failure and anyone who is immuno-suppressed by drugs or disease. The vaccine is available at Wye Surgery from early October. Please phone 01233 812419 and ask for an appointment in one of the Flu Clinics.

#### CALLING ALL BLOOD DONORS

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* Don't let the vampires have your blood on Halloween, * give it to The National Blood Service the day before!!	*
* They are at Wye Surgery on Friday 30th October * from 14.00-16.30 and 17.30-19.45	* * *
* Well done all those who donated last time, please come again.	*

#### FROM THE EDITOR

It is hard to imagine that a whole year has passed by since I took over from Jenny Cox as Editor of Community News. I would like to thank everyone who has supplied items of news and for getting it to me promptly. Also a special thank you to the typists who all seem to manage a very quick "turnaround" of the material.

However carefully I check the articles for errors there always seem to be one or two that slip through and are not noticed until after printing so apologies to those of you who are still searching for the "piglets" in the photograph last month (an old and faded one that was difficult to copy). Somewhere along the line they evolved from "pigtails" without being spotted.

#### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

It's time to start knitting now that the nights are drawing in! Sunday Seekers will be busy collecting toys for their shoeboxes scheme soon, as the boxes have to be sent off to orphans in Eastern Europe around 20th November. We like to include a woolly hat and mittens in every box - BUT we can't knit and our Mums are busy - so are there any kind people prepared to knit a hat, please? Pam Cameron has a pattern! Phone: 01233 750284

#### EAST ASHFORD RURAL TRUST

#### COACH TOUR AROUND ASHFORD

The East Ashford Rural Trust, which monitors local town and country planning issues, aiming to promote the good and deter the bad, will be running a coach tour around recent developments in the area on the morning of Wednesday 28th October, ending with lunch. Finish by 2pm.

The tour is primarily for Trust members, (coach free, lunch £5) but if there is space non-members are welcome, especially if they would like to join (£6 single, £10 family, lunch free). For further details and reservations, please leave your name and number on 01233 733725

John Milbank 01303 813517

#### FLOWER & CLEANING ROTA

	Elmsted	Hastingleigh
OCT 3rd	Mrs Griffiths	Mrs Helmer
	Mrs Wiseman	Mrs Chapmar
OCT 10th - 17th	Mrs Browning	Mrs Healy
	Mrs Jeffrey	Mrs Hewes
OCT 24th - 31st	Mrs Wood	Mrs Bowes
	Mrs Hayden	Mrs Mose

#### CHURCHYARD MOWING ROTA - Elmsted

Week Commencing

5th Oct The Browning Team
12th Oct The Jeffrey Team

#### FROM THE REGISTERS

BAPTISM - Aug 1st St James Georgia Nicol Barrow

MARRIAGE - Aug 22nd St James
Sally Burrage to Gerard Barden

#### SERVICES FOR OCTOBER

#### St Mary the Virgin, Hastingleigh

Sunday 11th October	11.00am Holy Communion (ASB)
19th after Pentecost	(Rev R Bateman)
Sunday 18th October	9.30am Holy Communion (BCP)
St Luke	(Rev J Hewes)
Sunday 25th October	11.00am Holy Communion (ASB)
9th before Christmas	(Rev P Filmer)

#### St James the Great, Elmsted

Sunday 4th October	9.30am Harvest	Family Service		
18th after Pentecost	and Baptism	(Rev P Filmer)		
Sunday 11th October	9.30am Holy Communion (ASB)			
19th after Pentecost		(Rev A Soar)		
Sunday 18th October	* 6.00pm Evenso	ng		
St Luke		(Rev R Bateman)		
Sunday 25th October	9.30am Holy Co	mmunion		
9th before Christmas		(Rev R Bateman)		

\* Please note, Evensong will be on the 3rd Sunday of the month in future.

Mid-week Communion	8.15pm - 7th & 21st October
Prayer Group	4.30pm on 14th & 28th October followed by Evensong at 5.00pm
Sunday Seekers	18th October at Evington Hall, 9.30am



#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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Thursday	Art Group, Evington Hall, 9.30am
Thursday	WI Meeting, Evington Hall, 7.30pm
Thursday	Art Group, Evington Hall, 9.30am
Friday	Whist Drive, Evington Hall, 7.30pm
Saturday	Quiz Night, Evington Hall, 7.30pm
Sunday	Footpath Walk, Elmsted Church, 2.00pm
Thursday	Art Group, Evington Hall, 9.30am
Friday	Line Dancing, Evington Hall, 8.00pm-10.30pm
Sunday	Sunday Seekers, Evington Hall, 9.30am
Tuesday	Gardeners Society Meeting,
	Evington Hall, 7.30pm
Thursday	Art Group, Evington Hall, 9.30am
Tuesday	Elmsted PCC Meeting, Whatsole St Fm, 7.45pm
Wednesday	Chiropody Clinic, Evington Hall,
Thursday	Art Group, Evington Hall, 9.30pm
	Thursday Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday Thursday Friday Sunday Truesday Tuesday Tuesday Wednesday

#### **ELMSTED HARVEST THANKSGIVING**

Harvest Thanksgiving will be celebrated at St James on Sunday, 4th October at the Family Service at 9.30am. Children and adults are asked to bring gifts (vegetables, fruit, packaged and tinned food and preserves etc.) marked with a price, which will be sold after the service at refreshment time. The money raised will be sent to the Eldoret Childrens' Home in Kitale, Kenya with which the Sunday Seekers have formed a strong link and correspond with several of the children. Any unsold gifts will be sent to Everist Court, Lyminge.

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Bossingham pre-school has been established for almost fourteen years and is one of the few groups in the area accredited by the (*PLA*) Pre-school Learning Alliance.

#### Ofsted Report

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#### KENT POLICE WORKING WITH THE COMMUNITY.

There is a well known saying that 'clothes maketh the man,' (apologies if that is not politically correct) but it is a phrase that some people have taken to heart when it comes to deceiving members of the public. ALL public body employees carry identity cards which should be voluntarily shown when calling upon households. My advise though is don't just look, take hold of it and read it. Were you expecting a call? Just because they look official doesn't make them official. If in doubt then contact the Company, before you let them in, or send them away to make an appointment. It is your home don't just let anyone in.

Another ploy by some less than reliable tradesmen is to have an impressive company name on their vehicle. It may sound like a large organization but have you heard of them? Are they in the local yellow pages? Check out these contractors before it is too late. Remember that with mobile telephones their 'Headquarters' could be just a small house or even a Caravan. Don't be fooled by words.

There is some Civil laws which are designed to protect the customer but you will have to find the rogue workman first and getting satisfaction is often easier said than done. That being said though I must stress that there are many excellent workmen in every area who offer good service. A lot rely on their workmanship and word of mouth from satisfied customers for recommendation. So don't be pushed or bullied into having work done, check and confirm that it is needed and check the Company before it is too late. Genuine tradesmen will not object the less than honest ones probably will!

If you have any concerns about callers then contact your local Neighbourhood Watch, or if urgent the Police. Working together the Community is a very powerful opponent.

Kent Police & The Community. - A Partnership.

Dave Pollard - Inspector.

#### COMMUNITY POLICING (SHEPWAY DISTRICT)

Crimes are generally below last year's figures at this time.

However encouraging this may be, it is always a terrible experience for those who are victims of crime. Victim support offers an excellent service and anyone who has suffered as a victim of crime or bereavement can contact victim support on 01303 226661.

There will be crime patrols and road checks carried out in the next few weeks. Similar checks in other areas have resulted in the arrest of criminals and seizure of property subject to crime.

Finally a big 'thank you' to those who are sponsoring me for the Three Peaks Challenge in Yorkshire. All monies go to the Kent Air Ambulance which costs 3/4 million pounds a year to run.

Tel contact no: 289176

Many Thanks Richard Lester

#### CLOTHES SALE

I would very much like to thank everybody who gave clothes and came to the Sudents Partnership Worldwide sale on September 5th for all their generosity and support.

The sale raised just over £400 for Students Partnership Worldwide, which is excellent and would not have been achieved without your help.

Thanks again from Megan Morris.

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We will be holding our Annual Christmas Fayre on Saturday, 14th November 1998 from 10.30am to 12.30pm, at the Day Centre. Donations of bric-a-brac, unwanted gifts, hand-knitted goods, cakes and preserves would be most welcome. Items can be left at the Day Centre between 9 am and 2 pm during the week or we can arrange collection - telephone Mrs S Woods on 01303 862364.

Age Concern, Elham Rural has now been open for 21 years and we are planning a birthday celebration in the Village Hall on Tuesday, 4th November. If any of you have photographs of when the Centre was first opened, we would be very interested in seeing them as we are compiling a booklet on the history of Age Concern at Everest Court. Contact Mrs Woods as above.



#### HYMN WRITER OF THE MONTH

Henry Alford. b. Bloomsbury, 7 October 1810 d.1871.

HYMN 289 Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home: all is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin; God, our maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied: come to God's own temple, come; raise the song of harvest home.

When Henry Alford was made Dean of Canterbury in 1857 he was a renowned biblical scholar as well as a writer and compiler of christian verses and hymns. His time as Dean, cut short by death at the age of 60, was no less successful. Waking up a sleepy Cathedral basking in Victorian England, his immediate task was to introduce summer Sunday Afternoon Services with sermon where his popular preaching drew in holiday makers, although this move was less appealing to the Cathedral Chapter. Another innovation was to organise guided tours in the Cathedral. His gift of music and deep interest in worship enriched the Cathedral Services and in addition he formed a choral society. In short, Canterbury soon became aware that a new Dean had arrived. His life is commemorated by a window in the Cathedral erected by his widow.

Today he is remembered chiefly by this harvest hymn. The other one still retained in Hymns A & M New Standard is 'Ten thousand times ten thousand' (189) which was sung at his funeral. 'Come ye thankful ...' appeared in 'Psalms and Hymns' (1844) compiled by Alford. Then followed revisions of the hymn - in the 4th edition of his poetical works (1865); 'The Year of Praise' (1867) (a book designed for use in Canterbury Cathedral), and finally in Alford's 5th edition of his poetical works, 1868. No doubt this final version was first heard in the Cathedral.

There is, however, a hymn which had its birth in the Cathedral. This is 'Forward be our watchword', found in 'Songs of Praise' and the 'English Hymnal' as well as other denominational hymnbooks, though not included in Hymns A & M. It was commissioned for use as a processional by the Cathedral Precentor for the 10th Festival of Parochial Choirs of the Canterbury Diocese. Alford's first draft, words and music, was diplomatically turned down because it lacked the 'feel' of a processional hymn. Alford's reaction was to accept with grace the well intentioned criticism, and transferring his creative abilities from the Deanery study to the Cathedral rewrote the hymn, gaining inspiration from the building and through pacing up and down the nave. The twelve lined, six versed hymn was sung at the festival, but sadly Alford by this time had died. One verse, now omitted in modern editions, describes the beauty of the Cathedral with its 'arch and vault, and carving, lights of varied tone, softened words and holy, prayer and praise alone'. He is buried in the churchyard of St Martin's, Canterbury. But as long as harvest festivals remain his name will be remembered by this hymn.

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From the Chairmans Office.

Dear Friends,

Aug., 1998,

When I was elected Chairman of this Group, at the A.G.M. in July, 1997, I stated that my Membership target was between 50 and 100. It has taken a bit of pushing along, but after the introduction of my Information Leaflet/ Membership Application Form - a major promotion tool, I might add - I am delighted to report that our current Membership totals 43, including 29 disabled and 4 Member Organisations. In order of joining, they are The Wheelchair Users Group South East, Ashford Public Library, The Kennington Over 60's Club and the Kent Fire Brigade, Ashford Area Command, Fire Station, Henwood.

I am still trying to encourage some respected groups/ clubs/ organisations to join Ashford Access Group, because together we can continue to promote disability awareness and encourage better facilities for the disabled. After all, it seems right to me that we should all be pulling together to ensure that no-one in our society, is disadvantaged because of any handicap or indeed, whether it is due to age, or maybe, pushing a pram, or pushchair.

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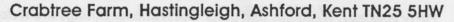
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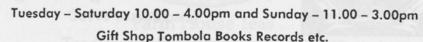


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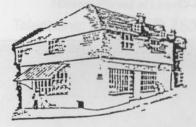
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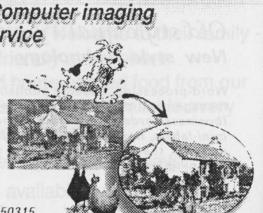


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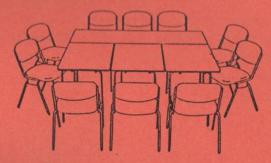
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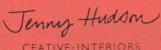
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