

# Elmsted with Hastingleigh Community News

*St James the Great  
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Hastingleigh*

September 2019

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# September

## in Elmsted with Hastingleigh

**A**lthough it's supposed to be summer, the weather is more like autumn! There are a number of events over the next few months. This month sees the 70th anniversary of the Guild of St. John of Beverley for the Deaf, to celebrate they will be holding a celebration lunch on 29th September, see page 17 for details. The Ride and Stride for Churches is taking place 14th September, page 11. In October, there will be a meeting to discuss options for improving broadband in the area, page 21 has all the details. The farming notebook is an interesting read this month, with an alternative view on farming and environmental concerns. We have received comments pointing out errors in the Community News; there is comment on page 19 that addresses these concerns. As always letters, articles and comments are very welcome.

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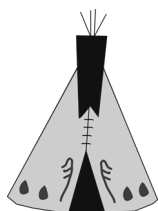
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# Hastingleigh with Elmsted Women's Institute

## A morning of crafting

**H**astingleigh with Elmsted W.I. met on Thursday the 1st of August 2019 at the Evington Hall. 18 members attended and 1 guest.

This month was our annual members meeting. We discussed various items of business, including discussing trips and events for the year ahead, before enjoying a delicious bring and share supper. We ended the evening with a light hearted quiz.

The Flower of the Month winner was Delenda James, with an unusual hosta flower.

On Friday 16th August, 7 members, and 2 junior honorary members for the day, attended our bi-monthly craft morning. This month we turned our hands to marbling, and had a fun morning

creating marbling patterns on card, hearts, and frames. Previous months crafting activities have included Easter wreaths, papercutting, creations with buttons, and iris folding.

On Friday 23rd August, some of our members enjoyed a day out at Scotney Castle gardens. The gardens were beautiful and a lovely time was had by all.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday the 5th September at 7.30 p.m., in the Evington Hall, where we will be having a talk entitled Origami – the Japanese art of paper folding. Any new members will be made most welcome.

Marie Wenham



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Dates for your diaries:

### **Saturday 12th October 2019 7:00 for 7:30 - THE PAST & FUTURE OF BRITAIN'S MUSEUMS & GALLERIES** (by Nick Merriman)

Nick is the director of the Horniman Museum and his wife,  
Jane Balshaw, is the director of Tate Modern.

Therefore, this will be a fascinating talk.

### **Saturday 16th November 2019 7:00 for 7:30 - FIGHTING CORRUPTION, A PERSONAL STORY** (BY Rt. Hon. Anthony Hooper QC)

Tony Hooper has had a number of high profile cases and  
recently has spent months in the Ukraine helping them establish  
a working judicial system.

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loo/kitchenette extension and much easier access for the  
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# ‘So they do say...!’

*Tombstone admonitions are common, the most often seen is this, or variations upon it:*

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For as you am so wounce was I  
And as I am so must you be  
Therefor prepare to follow me.

*(Hastings, Sussex)*

*Another form of this admonition can be found in the centre of the nave of Crundale Church, the tomb of George Carter. It reads:*

Who has his Birthday, has his Buriel too;  
As we into the world come, out we goe:  
Why boast we of our wealth, what lands we have;  
We all at length, are landed in the grave.

*In a lighter vein:*

Whoever treadeth on this stone,  
I pray you tread most neatly,  
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# Wye PPG - NHS Changes

**YOUR SERVICES, YOUR FUTURE' HEALTH INFORMATION DAY FRIDAY  
25 OCTOBER 2019,  
LARGE VILLAGE HALL WYE 10 am -3.00pm**

**O**n June 18 last year Wye Surgery PPG held a Health and Information Day as part of National Patient Participation Awareness Week. The event received positive feedback from the many members of the public attending, with requests to organise a further day in due course.

We are aware that there are intense discussions and consultations taking place about the future delivery of services and the need to deploy limited human and financial resources in the most effective way possible, both for those who use and those who provide services. However, there are all too few opportunities to receive accurate information about what is being planned and to participate in constructive discussion. Nor is there any comprehensive route map, which can help negotiate the system. At times this can be at best bewildering and at worst distressing, especially when you

are feeling vulnerable through illness or disability.

The focus of the day will be the proposed changes and the future operation of the new Ashford Stour Primary Care Network of which Wye Surgery will be a part. There will be a series of presentations including input from a Wye Surgery clinician and a question and answer session.

In the afternoon we will broaden the focus a little to look at modern challenges to health and wellbeing in a rapidly changing landscape. Presentations will include a Neighbourhood Watch film and a Kent Crime Prevention Officer will advise on how to avoid the anxiety of increasingly sophisticated scams and cyber crime.

There will also be Information Stands and representatives from some of the health and welfare related East Kent organisations, of which many of us are unaware until we need them and maybe not even then. Information about

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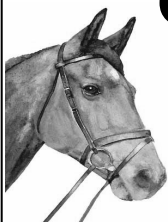
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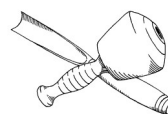
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Last year more than 20 organisations attended and provided a wealth of information which was greatly appreciated by participants.

All are welcome, whether or

not you are a Wye Surgery Patient. You can drop in for all or part of the day.

There will also be coffee and delicious home made cakes. Do put the date in your diary.

Judith Timms  
PPG Chair

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## **Ride + Stride for Churches**

**Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> September 2019**

**10.00 a.m. – 6.00 p.m.**

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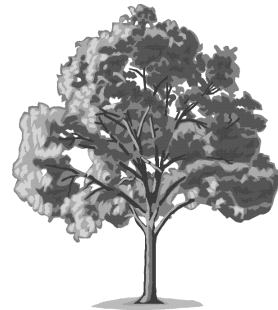
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**W**ell that was a sunshine summer to remember, so it's now time to look forward to the winter monthly walks. They all take place on the second Sunday in the month, beginning at 2.00 pm normally starting from Evington Hall.

Details will be posted each month in the Community News including any change in the start point.

The following have kindly agreed to lead the walks

## **2019**

13th October - Jean Bowes  
10th November - Derek & Janet Harris

## **2020**

1st January - Mince Pie Walk!  
9th February - Charles Lawson  
8th March - Helen Ransley  
12th April - Val Kerry

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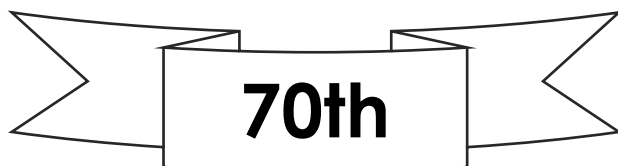
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Obviously as a deaf charity, it is people that have hearing impairments that we help: to promote treatment, education, training and welfare to those living in the East Kent area.

Over the last 70 years we must have helped hundreds of people in East Kent and that has only been possible by the continued support from the community of Hastingleigh and Elmsted and beyond – so a big thank you to the community past and present.

You may be wondering about the charity name – well originally we were called ‘The Hastingleigh and Elmsted Branch of the Canterbury Diocesan Association for the Deaf’, but that was a bit long-winded so ended up being called ‘The Guild of St John of Beverley for the Deaf’ (St John was the Archbishop of York in the 7<sup>th</sup> century and was known to be a healer and stood out in deaf history). We have considered changing the charity name but it would be a shame to be the last Guild and change our name.

In tribute to 70 years of achievements we are holding a Celebration Lunch on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September at Evington Village Hall, please see advert on page 17 for details.

If you would like to become a volunteer for the charity you can contact us through our website [www.stjohnofbeverleyforthe deaf.co.uk](http://www.stjohnofbeverleyforthe deaf.co.uk)

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08/09	Second Sunday	08.00 - Waltham - BCP Communion 11.00 - Petham - Communion
15/09	Third Sunday	09:30 Waltham Communion including Harvest Festival 11:00 Hastingleigh BCP Communion 11:00 Petham Family Service (No Communion) Note - No Evensong
22/09	Fourth Sunday	11:00 Hastingleigh Communion 11:00 Petham Family Communion & Harvest Festival (Bring gifts)
29/09	Fifth Sunday	10:30 Boughton Aluph - Wye Benefice service for all churches
<p><b>Priest-in-charge:</b> The Rev Ravi Holy: The Vicarage, Wye 01233 812450 ravi.holy@wyebenefice.org.uk <b>Associate priest:</b> The Rev Lorraine Lawrence (with special responsibility for Hastingleigh, Elmsted, Petham, Waltham): The Vicarage, Hastingleigh, 01233 750987 or 07894 034409 lorraine_lawrence@btinternet.com. <b>Churchwardens:</b> Mrs Bacon 01233 750327, Mrs R Doyle 01227 700296. <b>United Wye Benefice</b> 01233 813793 www.wyebenefice.org.uk</p>		
<b>This month's church flowers and cleaning volunteers:</b>		
	<b>St Mary's</b>	<b>St James'</b>
Aug 31st Sept 7th	Mrs Young Mrs Jerrom	Mrs Jeffrey
Sept 14th Sept 21st	Mrs Bacon, Mrs Hill Mrs Geering, Mrs Sharp	Mrs Wright Mrs Thrupp
Sept 28th Oct 5th	Mrs Bowes Mrs Helmer	Mrs Healy Mrs Denny

# Diary Dates - September

Tues	3rd	Library Van	09.45 - 10.15
Wed	4th	Coffee Morning	10.30 - 11.30
Thurs	5th	W.I. Meeting	19.30 - 22.00
Tues	10th	Toddler Group	09.30 - 12.00
		Hastingleigh PC Meeting	19.45 - 21.00
Thurs	12th	Elmsted PC Meeting	19.30 - 21.00
Tues	17th	Toddler Group	09.30 - 12.00
		Library Van	09.45 - 10.15
Tues	24th	Toddler Group	09.30 - 12.00
Wed	25th	Evington Community Choir	19.00 - 21.00
Sun	29th	The Guild 70th Anniversary lunch	noon

The above dates are taken from the Evington Hall website calendar  
([www.evingtonhall.org.uk](http://www.evingtonhall.org.uk))

***All events at the village hall unless otherwise stated***

## MOANS & GROANS

**J**ust a reminder that the Community News is put together by **volunteers**.

After carrying out a normal days work the Editor collects the material for the magazine and puts it together. It is then emailed out to be proof read by other **volunteers**, all of whom do it out of love for their village and community.

From time to time mistakes appear, whether an incorrect time, date or spelling but once the magazine has gone off to print, **there is nothing that can be done**.

If you think that a date or time looks wrong, please check with the hall website or the organiser. If it is an error which will be carried on to the next month i.e. something on a poster then please email the editor to point it out.

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# Hastingleigh Parish Council

## Superfast Broadband Update

**T**he subject of Superfast Fibre Broadband provision in our area was brought up at the Annual Parish Meeting in May. We contacted Kent County Council (KCC) to discuss the Government's Rural Gigabit Connectivity programme (ie Superfast Broadband).

Businesses and residents in some of the hardest-to-reach places (which we are) in the UK are eligible for additional funding towards the cost of installing gigabit-capable broadband to their premises when part of a group project. Rural premises with broadband speeds of less than 30Mbps can use vouchers worth up to £3,500 for each small and medium-sized businesses (SMEs), and up to £1,500 per residential premise to support the cost of installing new gigabit-capable connections. KCC are likely to launch an additional Voucher scheme in September.

Group projects are when two or more residents and/or SMEs get together to combine their vouchers towards the shared cost of installation. Single connections are not eligible for additional funding.

Our initial discussion with KCC was optimistic that fibre broadband to premises in most of our immediate area is feasible if we all work together.

These links give more information:  
<https://www.openreach.com/fibre-broadband/community-fibre-partnerships>  
<https://gigabitvoucher.culture.gov.uk/rural/>

Hastingleigh Parish Council has arranged a meeting in The Evington Hall to gauge interest and discuss the above on

**10th October at 7 pm for a 7.30pm start**

Please share this information with local friends and neighbours. Please email the Council if you are likely to attend this meeting  
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**W**ell, harvest started promisingly...

Whilst the country basked in some of the hottest temperatures on record the combine began to bring in the Oilseed Rape, Winter Barley and herbage seed. All dry, or nearly, and in good condition. The dilemma then was whether or not to start the wheat. Still 18% moisture-4% above that for ideal storage-and with the straw quite green. Not really ripe. Past experience and wise words from another farmer stating "better 18% at the beginning of August than 18% at the end of September..." encouraged us to press on. The second year wheat came off very well, and that was followed by some first year wheat. Then the weather changed... I have just driven past some very sorry looking wheat. Wet through as another squally shower passes through. The forecast for the next few days is terrible. Rain front after rain front sweeping across the coun-

try. I am very conscious that up to now we have been very lucky. Those further north and west have had a torrid time. Who would be a farmer??

We were tempted out last evening and cut two trailer loads of wheat which was far too wet at 21%. We will have to be patient and wait for the weather to change. At least it will give me time to dry the soggy heap that sits on the grain store floor.

It is supposed to be summer, but I feel it more appropriate to start looking for the Christmas decorations than the BBQ!

Talking of BBQs makes me think of succulent home produced beef burgers. Once cooked, with a little added cheese, placed in a bun, what could be better? Sadly we are bombarded by the media to believe that beef and dairy are very bad for the planet. I become increasingly frustrated that the banner headline is not debated or discussed. It is a statement. It is simplistic at best and biased at worst.

Why have cattle hit the headlines? Cattle produce methane a greenhouse gas and thus a contributor to Global temperature rise. However, methane is a gas

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that degrades quite quickly in the atmosphere, unlike Carbon Dioxide which remains there. In Britain, if the number of cattle had remained the same since pre industrial times-before global warming- there would have been a status quo in methane in the atmosphere. But numbers have not remained the same, they have declined. Between 1984 and 2017 the UK cattle herd reduced by 25%. And as such have no global warming impact. Even globally there has not been any increase in cattle numbers. If methane levels have risen in the atmosphere then the blame cannot be put on cattle.

“Beef and dairy are bad”, therefore it would be much better to grow crops on the land instead of use it for livestock production. Has no one looked at the most beautiful parts of our green and pleasant land and seen how steep the hills are? How small the fields are within the dry stone walls? It is grazing livestock that have made our countryside and they are there because other

farming is nigh on impossible.

OK, then plant trees on it...

Trees sequester, or lock up, atmospheric carbon so that is good... All green plants photosynthesise and trap carbon using the energy from the sun. Trees photosynthesise in their leaves, and do so during every daylight hour. Trees have leaves for about 5 months of the year. Grass is green and photosynthesises all year round.

Grass is a very efficient, environmentally friendly way to offset our carbon emissions. Two thirds of UK farmland is grass and most could not be used for other crops. The best way to manage this resource and convert it into food is to feed it to cattle, which are capable of deriving all of their nutritional needs from it.

Now, not all beef is equal.

While free range, grass fed beef is good for the environment and is part of sustainable production cycle, the same cannot be said for the intensive beef lots such as those found in the USA. In such systems, the cattle are fed on soya and cereals. This is a highly inefficient use of a food resource which could be used for human consumption. Consumers can

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choose. A few minutes reading the label will allow the free range, grass fed, sustainable, British beef to be the product of choice.

Now we come to dairy... We are mammals. We are designed to drink milk. Milk provides all the vitamins, minerals, proteins and fats that we require, especially when we are young .

There is a trend now, brought about by the media banner of “dairy is bad” to go for milk substitutes. Soy milk and Almond milk to name but two. On the one side, we have a cow that eats grass and produces milk. Simple. On the other side we have synthetic “milk”. Soya does not have the highest environmental credentials. 90% of the crop in the USA is GM, and in South America it is one of the main drivers for deforestation. Soya is toxic to all animals until it is cooked. Cooking requires energy, which in turn releases carbon into the atmosphere. It is then manufactured into “milk”

by adding the essential vitamins and minerals lacking in the plant. The main regions for growing soya are the USA, Brazil and Australia. Not exactly on our doorstep. Food miles are not impressive!

Almonds are mainly grown in California. They use a massive 5.5 litres of water per nut. California has been in drought since 2011. Between 2007 and 2014 the amount of water used to irrigate almonds has risen by 27%. In a state with a population of 39.6 million, the 6000 almond growers consume 10% of all the available water! Aquifers are being drained at an alarming rate. Hardly environmentally friendly or sustainable. Again, the food miles are not insignificant.

We have access to whole cows milk from the Milkmate vending machine at Ottinge Farm Lyminge where the milk is made from grass by a cow and has 8 food miles (There and back...). You decide...

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