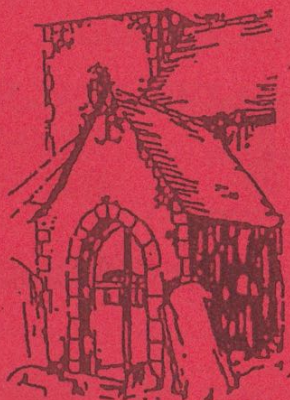


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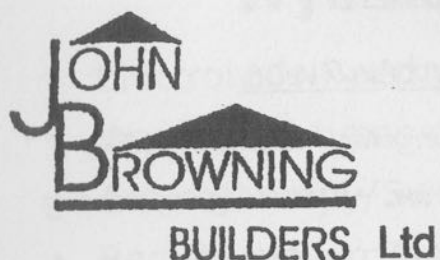
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Details will be posted each month in the Community News including any change in the start point.

The following have kindly agreed to lead the walks

### 2013

8<sup>th</sup> September - TBA

13<sup>th</sup> October - Stan & Sheila Burrage

10<sup>th</sup> November - Jack & Christine Luck

8<sup>th</sup> December - Avis Ball

### 2014

1<sup>st</sup> January - Mince Pie Walk!

9<sup>th</sup> February - Jean Bowes

9<sup>th</sup> March - Helen Ransley

13<sup>th</sup> April - Chris & Sarah Pell

11<sup>th</sup> May - Robin & Yvonne Helmer

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## HASTINGLEIGH with ELMSTED WI

Twelve ladies attended a members meeting on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> August at the Evington Hall.

The President dealt with the business of the meeting including correspondence about the proposed re-organisation of the Group meetings. We organised food and entertainment for the Group meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> October to be hosted by us in the Evington Hall.

Mrs Crees gave a short report about the Disaster Planning Emergency meeting she had attended recently at the Hawkinge Community Centre. It was attended by approximately 80 women and we may be called upon to provide refreshments or clerical duties should the need arise.

Miss Bain then demonstrated Tunisian Crochet to the group and we all had a go at producing a piece of work with varying degrees of success! The evening ended with a shared America supper and a glass of Pimms.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September and our speaker will be Ms Kristina Boulden from Romney Marsh Wools talking about "The Living Landscape"

Advance notice of our Open Meeting on October 3<sup>rd</sup>, when the speaker will be Ms Alison Ruyter on Kent Wildlife Trust, all are welcome to this meeting which will start at 7.30 pm.

More details next month.

CC

## IN THE GARDEN

In many ways this year has been a good one for the garden with the weather favouring longer flowering of the spring flowers and the pollination of the fruit trees so now we have a bumper harvest in prospect. However it is not the time to be complacent, the weeds have had a good time as well and we need to keep on top of them while the fine weather lasts. A quick round with the hoe will save time in the future.

This year our holiday took us to northern France and we visited a number of gardens. One that sticks in our mind is the "Shamrock" garden near Dieppe. This houses the French National collection of Hydrangeas. We came across it by accident whilst looking for a Gertrude Jekyll garden and it turned out to be the best we saw. What I liked about this garden was the wide variety of Hydrangeas that are available and the wide variety of habitats in which you can grow them. There were some in shaded woodland situation and others suited to full sun. At a time when the flowering of many spring shrubs are over the Hydrangeas give a mass of flower from blue to white with blousy mop heads to more delicate lace caps. We have 4 different varieties in our garden and they are some of the simplest and easiest plants to grow. They require only periodic pruning and suffer from very few pests and diseases. Some are frost tender but grown under the shade of trees these will often perform well. Now is the time to take hydrangea cuttings from semi-hardened shoots, or to consider planting potted plants when the rain returns.

Now is a good time also to take semi-hardened cuttings of many perennials. Cut just below the leaf node (joint) at the base and above the leaf node at the top of the cutting. These are the areas where there is greatest growth potential in the plant and therefore the plant is most likely to produce roots or will seal the cut. Kept in a warm humid environment in well drained compost the shoots should quickly become new plants. This is a most effective way of increasing your plant stock.  
SB

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With the approach of autumn, I would just like to give you a few reminders with regards to your open fires and log burners which seem to be coming more popular again.

- Firstly, and most importantly, make sure you get them swept before the start of the "fire season". Although at times it may seem expensive, it is far cheaper than the damage and the inconvenience a chimney fire can cause.
- Make sure your property has a working smoke/fire detector.
- If you have an open fire, ensure that when unattended a fire guard is in front of the fire at all times.
- Make sure the fire is out before retiring to bed at night.
- **Never** use petrol or paraffin to light your fire.

I hope you can follow these simple points and have a safe autumn once the weather changes.

### Brigade Activity

Below is a table showing the number of mobilisations to incidents each appliance has attended.

Appliance	July	Year to Date
Ashford Wholetime	82	501
Ashford Part time	25	168
Charing	15	99
Chilham	7	49
Aldington	6	31
Wye	2	15

## EVINGTON GARDENERS

At the Society's Summer Show in July the following prizes were awarded:

LINK CUP (best bloom)	Sheila Burrage
DOUG WOOD CUP (Best vegetable)	Mike Bowes
JESSEL CUP (most points)	Mike Bowes
BOUNDARY CUP (most firsts)	Mike Bowes
COOKERY & WOODEN SPOON	Sheila Burrage
LINK MEMORIAL TROPHY	Sheila Burrage
GEORGE TROPHY (flower arranging)	Jean Bowes
	Yvonne Helmer
TOP TRAY	Stan Burrage
PHOTOGRAPHY CLASS	Jack Luck

Our congratulations go to all of them, especially in what has not been an easy season.

The Autumn events begin on 20th September with the Annual Supper when our guest Speaker will be Janet Harris. The first of the Season's talks, on 15th October, will take the form of a nature quiz with Philip Pretty. As always everyone is welcome to join us.

J.P

## CHURCH SERVICES FOR ELMSTED & HASTINGLEIGH

<b>1<sup>st</sup> September</b>	9.30 <b>Elmsted</b> Family Communion	11.00 <b>Hastingleigh</b> Morning Prayer
<b>8<sup>th</sup> September</b>	10.00 Family Service at <b>Bodsham School</b>	
<b>15<sup>th</sup> September</b>	11.00 <b>Hastingleigh:</b> Family Communion (BCP)	6.00 <b>Elmsted:</b> Evensong
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> September</b>	9.30 <b>Elmsted:</b> Harvest Festival (CW)	11.00 <b>Hastingleigh:</b> Holy Communion (BCP)  4.00 <b>Sunday Teatime</b> at Evington Hall, Hastingleigh
<b>29<sup>th</sup> September</b>	10.30 Benefice Service at <b>Hinxhill</b>	

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Sept 14th	Mrs Bracher	Mrs Francesconi
	Mrs Jerrom	
Sept 21st	Mrs Morris	Mrs Hursey
Sept 28th	Mrs Waters	Mrs Pearce



## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

<b>Wed 4th</b>	Coffee Morning	10.30am
<b>Thurs 5th</b>	WI Meeting (Page 15)	7.30pm
<b>Sun 8th</b>	Footpath walk (Page 14)	2.00pm
<b>Fri 20th</b>	Gardeners Society Supper (Page 19)	
<b>Tues 24th</b>	Supper Talk (Bulltown House)	7.30pm
<b>Wed 25th</b>	Singing for Fun (Page 17)	6.30pm

**Note:** All events at Evington Hall unless otherwise stated.  
Parent & Toddler Group meet every Tuesday - 9.30am  
Mobile Library every Wednesday 10.55am - 11.20am  
Art Group meet on Thursdays 9.30am - 12.30pm

## BEN (REGINALD) EVLYN GUNN

27<sup>th</sup> April 1936 to 21<sup>st</sup> June 2013

My father was born in 1936 in the countryside of the Rodings of Essex, and he told me that he remembered that at first the water came from the pump outside and there was no electricity in the house. This was farming on the edge. He was forever grateful and proud of his Dad, who essentially allowed him to leave the farm and pursue his thirst for knowledge and science. However, the countryside of Essex always stayed with him, indeed the sweet chestnuts and willows that we planted in our meadow, were due to his love of watching them blowing in the wind when he was a child.

Dad was obviously hungry for knowledge and so after a year working for May and Baker, he went to study at Reading University, Agricultural Botany. It was at University that Dad first became involved in this area of Kent, where during the summers, he worked for the Nature Conservatory Council, surveying the Flora around Dungeness but also Yocklett's bank which of course we know for its orchids. I am reliably told that Dad spotted Mum in fresher's week, and that seemed to be the catalyst, as after Reading, Dad joined what was then called the British Empire Cotton Corporation, who told him not to get married as he was going to be posted overseas, but in the week he obtained his degree, he also got married to Mum. At first Dad was sent for a year for postgraduate study at Cambridge, but then he was sent to work on cotton, with the aim to improve the crops of the "The Sudan".

The years that Dad and Mum spent in Khartoum seemed to influence the rest of their lives: from the multitude of friends that they made, but more importantly because this is where my sister was born. Dad worked for 5 years on cotton, and it was hard work in the fields and the sun. My parents left the Sudan in the Mid 60s and Dad was offered, either Uganda, Nigeria, but thankfully especially for what happened next in those countries, Oxford. He told me that he remembered his first day, beginning of May, wet, freezing cold, wondering whether it had made the right choice. But it was the right decision, as my father was able to step up a gear in the research he was doing, and he was able to work with some truly excellent scientists, many of whom recognised my father's potential as a scientist and also acted as his mentors.

In Oxford, he started his work on maize and was given the task to develop strains that could grow in the relative cold of this country. Even now every time I see a field of maize in this country, I think of the work my father did to bring this crop into this country. Having worked for 5 years in Oxford, he was persuaded to continue his work on maize at Cambridge, where he worked at the Plant Breeding Institute (known as the PBI). I now know from my own experience as a scientist, that Dad's work in the PBI was the making of him. The work at the PBI was truly world-leading and inspiring; for example the development of maris piper potatoes and the wheat fields you will see growing in the fields around here, all came from this amazing establishment, and I am proud to say that my father was part of it. Dad's work on maize always had a bonus for us, as he secretly used to grow a plot of sweetcorn in the middle of it for us.

But it was a career change at about the same age as I am now, that I personally hold more dearly. As Dad went to Kansas for six months where he worked on some really cutting edge science, as he helped in the development of being able to grow potato plants from single cells. As a 13 year old boy, I remember him showing me what he was doing in the lab, and for me that was where my own delight in science started.

Back from Kansas and then it wasn't long until we moved here. Dad was asked to run the Hop department for the Agricultural Research Council, here at Wye College. I remember him telling me that it was a tough job, especially and he rarely admitted it, because he didn't really like beer, apart from when it is distilled into whisky. He was the first to show that you could grow hops from single cells, and was also involved in the development of dwarf hops. As I have become more senior myself, I meet people who knew my father from his work, for example, I recently met Lord Selbourne at a conference I was asked to organise, and it was with fond memories that he had of my father: the thing he liked about my father was that even though he was a researcher, it was the fact that he understood farming, that always made Dad popular with the farmers and growers.

When dad retired he took up his passion for art. He was very good, and indeed I am pleased to say that in my family, we have 4 generations who have won prizes for Art, myself being the last though I have to admit I was only 12 at the time. He also became a great story teller, as my niece will vouch. The

adventures of the "crocobears" and Fred the vegetarian Tiger, I now associate with our meadow as Dad even put in a sign and an arrow showing Emma where they live in the garden (it's under the eucalyptus tree). In this time, my father helped me a lot with my own career; the "KISS" principle was one of his favourites. He was always good at doing things quietly, I remember mum complaining that he didn't seem to be doing anything and his foot was hurting, only to find out in spring that he had planted ~ 1000 daffodil bulbs to mark her 60<sup>th</sup> birthday.

In later years, Dad's health wasn't great and my family are all indebted to the district nurses who helped him through what must have been very painful times. When things became closer, I also want to thank Dr Bill Crawley and the staff of the Pilgrims Hospice who were all a great help to my family. I also wish to thank particularly the community here and our wonderful neighbours, who have helped my mother.

My own research is into trying to help prevent the scourge of old age: dementia. Indeed when I received the phone call to come, I was busy lecturing a group of people in St Andrews about our research and even factoring in my father's ideas that he taught me. Dad would have liked that. He believed fully in the need for education and the pursuit of science. Indeed it was the Wonder of Nature that Dad loved the most, and in trying to understand it, to help all of us. So whether it be the cotton that you are now wearing, the maize that fed either you this morning in your cornflakes or fed the cattle for your next steak, the potatoes that you will have tonight for your dinner or even the next pint of beer that you drink: just remember, my father helped you have these things.

By Professor Frank Gunn-Moore

## I'd like to see the doctor, please!

Nearly everyone needs to go to see a doctor or nurse at some time and there are various ways of accessing medical care at Wye Surgery.

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Many problems that don't need a physical examination can be dealt with over the phone instead of coming into the surgery to see a GP or nurse. If you phone before 12 noon to ask for a phone appointment, the GP or nurse will call you back later to conduct the consultation.

If you want to plan ahead or see a specific GP, it is possible to call and book in advance for the date you prefer.

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One of the biggest problems for the surgery is missed appointments, currently running at 74 per month (down from 129 in May), as precious time is wasted. All patients are urged to remember to attend their appointments or to cancel them in advance if they are unable to attend or no longer need them.

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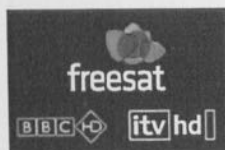
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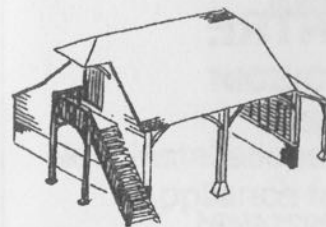
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