

# Elmsted with Hastingleigh Community News

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# October

## in Elmsted with Hastingleigh

**S**ummer has come to an end, and the colours of Autumn are beginning to appear. South Hills Open Garden event raised £450 for the church appeal, and Ron's Folk Fest raised an amazing £1,680.25 for Pilgrims Hospice, thank you for everyone that supported these events. Bodsham Primary School are holding open afternoons for children starting school in September 2020, the first of these is 30th October. See page 22 for information and how to book. ECP is hosting another pottery painting day with Kippy's on Tuesday 22nd October, see page 23 for more information. There is a meeting on 10th October regarding superfast broadband provision in the area, page 25 gives the details. As always letters, articles and comments are very welcome.

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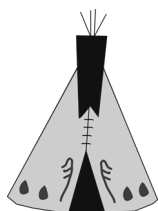
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# Hastingleigh with Elmsted Women's Institute

Hastingleigh with Elmsted W.I. met on Thursday the 5th of September 2019 at the Evington Hall. 25 members attended and 1 guest. This month we had a fascinating demonstration on Origami, the Japanese art of paperfolding. Our speaker Ms Tsuyoko Page started by telling us that the art of Origami is at least 200 years old. It is not taught in Japanese schools, but every child is taught by someone in their families, often their Grandmothers. Ms Page folded many different items; animals and birds (lobster, frog, flapping bird, penguin and the infamous crane), many different boxes, a cup which was drinkable, and a nun. Whilst she was folding, she told the story of Sadako Sasaki, a little girl who developed acute leukemia 10 years after being exposed to radiation during the atomic bombing of Hiroshima. Inspired by the age-old Japanese belief that anyone who makes 1,000 origami cranes will see their

wish come true, Sadako spent her last days folding paper cranes on her hospital bed in the hope she would recover. There is now a monument to her in the Peace Park, where every year 1000s of paper cranes are displayed in the park as a symbol of peace. For more information on this story visit <https://www.japantimes.co.jp/community/2018/08/01/issues/60-years-sadakos-death-story-behind-hiroshimas-paper-cranes-still-unfolding/>

The Flower of the Month winner was Barbara George, with a white and pink rose.

The Competition of the Month winner was Delenda James, with an origami iris flower.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday the 3rd October at 7.30 p.m., in the Evington Hall, where we will be having a talk entitled A Schoolgirls War. Any new members will be made most welcome.

Marie Wenham



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### **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,  
Maria 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.

Please come and bring friends to our church which now has a  
loo/kitchenette extension and much easier access for the  
less able and wheelchairs.

All donations will go towards the appeal we launched for this extension. Wine and light refreshments will be served.

Also...**Saturday 7th December 2019** there will be a quiz  
in Evington Hall, Hastingleigh.

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# In The Garden

**W**ith autumn closing in on our gardens seed sowing out doors is over for the year although some late lettuce, herbs, winter purslane could be sown in the greenhouse or under glass with a little heat as needed. Not too much heat for lettuce seeds – their germination is inhibited at temperatures over 25 degrees C. Some will remain small through the winter but will give a good start for early cropping at the end of the winter.

Nonetheless we can glory in the autumn colours of shrubs and trees. The sugar in the leaves of acers, for example, are what brings forth the reds and brilliant gold. On these hills the more delicate acer palmatums may need a sheltered spot to flourish. The brilliant berries of the hardy pyracantha and cotoneaster are ever reliable and provide a feast for blackbirds and other small song birds. I have a couple of them.

Our crab apple 'Rosy Glow' has been declining for the last few years and this year seems to have completely given up the ghost with no fruit whatsoever. This is a disappointment as I enjoy making crab apple and rosehip jelly a delightful accompaniment to roast lamb and an alternative to the straightforward red currant jelly. I think I will see if I can obtain a Malus 'Everest' to succeed the Rosy Glow (but not in the same spot). This is a dwarf crab apple with pinky white flowers in the spring followed by scarlet apples in the autumn.

I have a couple of cotoneaster franchetii in pots that I grew from tiny two leaved plants found, self-seeded, under the parent tree. They might be somewhat pot bound but I shall have a go at planting them out this autumn. At flowering time honey and other bees can't get enough of their delicious nectar.

As ever, our courgettes continually tried to prove they are marrows. The onion crop has been exceptionally good and is now safely strung in the shed, hopefully out of reach of the mice. Leeks are promising but the carrot bed looks so-so. Parsnips, sown twice, decided definitely not to germinate this year; I would try starting them off in modules but I fear they do not like being moved.

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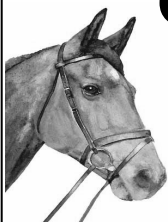
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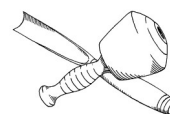
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Brussels sprouts and some cabbages definitely suffered in the very hot weather and, worse than that we had to obtain emergency supplies of purple sprouting broccoli and spring hearting cauliflower as the earlier plants completely succumbed in the heat.

A problem that has cropped up in recent years is the use of the hormonal weed killer used in grassland called 'Aminopyralid'. This is used on grassland to kill broad-leaved weeds such as docks, nettles and thistles and persists in the grass that is then eaten by livestock who do not appear to be harmed. It passes through the animal into the dung which can then be used as manure or made into compost that you might buy at a garden centre. Potatoes, tomatoes, beans, peas, delphiniums, phlox and roses can be affected with distorted curled leaves and fern-like growth. Some poor growth effects might be from other causes so a 'bean test' where broad bean seeds are grown in a mixture of the suspect material to see how they develop. The advice is to return contaminated material or compost to the place where bought which might be easier said than done. The effect can last in the soil for up to a year so I hope you do not come up against this. The RHS has advice on-line.

## WHIST DRIVES

**T**he first of this season's whist drives will be on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October starting at 7pm. The whist drives are run jointly by The WI and the Village Hall Committee every second Friday of the month and provide a pleasant and affordable way (£2.50) to spend a winter evening. If you have not been before we play 24 hands changing partners between each one with an interval for light refreshments at half time. There are prizes to be won (not only for the highest scorers) and also a raffle. We would like to welcome more players, if you enjoy a game of cards or would like to play, why not come and give it a try.

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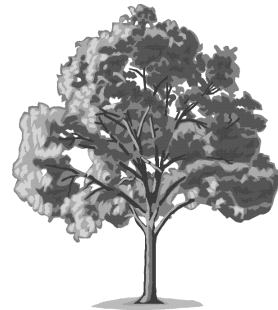
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**W**ell that was a sunshine summer to remember, so it's now time to look forward to the winter monthly walks. They all take place on the second Sunday in the month, beginning at 2.00 pm normally starting from Evington Hall.

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

## **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

If you have not been before, they usually last about two hours and provide a really convivial way to spend a Sunday afternoon, and help to keep you fit!

Please come and join us

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# South Hill Gardens

**I**t was good to see our host Sir Charles Jessel on his buggy chatting to the many who came to enjoy the garden on the 4th August.

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# Wye PPG

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The establishment of PCNs is a building block towards a long-term plan for the NHS that will connect primary care social and community care services. Patients need to feel that their care is co-ordinated, that the services they meet join up around them and that their records are available so they do not have to explain themselves every time. Progress will be evolutionary rather than revolutionary, but the larger PCN groupings will be able to commission, maintain and deliver a wider range of health support for their patients, from pharmacists, district nurses, community geriatricians, dementia workers, physiotherapists, podiatrists/chiropractors, social workers and the voluntary sector. This will be of particular assistance to patients with complex problems. Once data-sharing protocols are agreed, patients will be able to access GP and other services by telephone or online. There will be a strong focus on preventative and personalised care that will enable flexible access to treatments according to patients' differing needs.

**It is important that patients are informed and enabled to have an input as the PCN's develop and this is the aim of the Wye Surgery PPG Health Information Day to be held in the large Village Hall Wye between 10am-3pm on Friday October 25. All are welcome**



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## Wye PPG Cont.

### **REMINDER RE AVAILABILITY OF IMPROVED ACCESS SERVICES AT WYE SURGERY**

As part of the extended hours initiative, Nurse appointments for blood pressure checks, vitamin B12 injections, ECGs and other check ups have been available at Wye Surgery between 6.30-8pm every Thursday evening for some time. However, these services are being consistently under used and of the 18 appointments available at each session sometimes only 2 or 3 are being used. Although not all Nurses can prescribe, they can make any Dr follow up appointments necessary and there is always a GP on call within the Ashford Area. Please contact the Surgery for details and appointments.

JUDITH TIMMS

PPG Chair

## Nature Notes

**N**ow the patchwork colours of fields in view from our hills has totally changed, brown, straw with some green and the shrill cry of the buzzard is more poignant with the onset of autumn. It has been a good year for Hawthorn berries but a very bad year for sloes. Along with apple windfalls, also not so plentiful this year, these berries and fruits are so important for winter birds. With the corn all cut hares will be more visible and sadly to the criminals who course them up her with greyhounds and lurchers. The Rural Police have only about 8 staff covering East, West and North Kent but they still do an incredible job. Soon we can harvest Chestnuts in competition with the squirrels and pheasants. These moments bring some melancholy but by then fresh blue skies will not be so far away.

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<b>Church services in the Parish Upon The Hills</b>		
06/10	First Sunday	09.30 - Elmsted - Group service for Elmsted, Hastingleigh, Petham & Waltham.
13/10	Second Sunday	08.00 - Waltham - Communion BCP 11.00 - Petham - Communion
20/10	Third Sunday	09:30 Waltham - Communion 11:00 Hastingleigh - Communion BCP 11:00 Petham - Family Service (No Communion) 18.00 Elmsted - Choral Evensong
27/10	Fourth Sunday	11:00 Hastingleigh Communion 11:00 Petham Family Communion
<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>		

## Church Polish Up

If anyone is free during the morning of Thursday 3rd October could

<b>This month's church flowers and cleaning volunteers:</b>		
	<b>St Mary's</b>	<b>St James'</b>
Sept 28th	Mrs Bowes	Mrs Healy
Oct 5th	Mrs Helmer	Mrs Denny
Oct 12th	Mrs Morris	Mrs Gregory
Oct 19th	Mrs French	Mrs Pay
Oct 26th	Dr & Mrs Lawson	Mrs Fox
Nov 2nd	Mrs Day	Mrs Leutner

## Diary Dates - October

Tues	1st	Toddler Group	09.30 - 12.00
		Library Van	09.45 - 10.15
		Hall Trustees Meeting	19.30 - 21.00
Wed	2nd	Coffee Morning	10.30 - 11.30
		Evington Community Choir	19.00 - 21.00
Thurs	3rd	W.I. Meeting	19.30 - 22.00
Tues	8th	Toddler Group	09.30 - 12.00
		Hastingleigh PC Meeting	19.45 - 21.00
Wed	9th	Evington Community Choir	19.00 - 21.00
Thurs	10th	Broadband Meeting	19.00
Fri	11th	Whist Drive	19.00 - 22.00
Sat	12th	Talk at St Mary's Church	19.00
Sun	13th	Footpath Group	14.00
Tues	15th	Toddler Group	09.30 - 12.00
		Library Van	09.45 - 10.15
		Evington Gardeners	19.30 - 21.30
Wed	16th	Evington Community Choir	19.00 - 21.00
Tues	22nd	Pottery Workshop	10.30 - 15.30
Thurs	24th	WI Workshop	10.00 - 13.00
Tues	29th	Toddler Group	09.30 - 12.00
		Library Van	09.45 - 10.15
Wed	30th	Evington Community Choir	19.00 - 21.00

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***

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# Pottery painting workshop

On **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October**, Evington Community Project is delivering a day of pottery painting workshops with the team from Kippy's – paint your own pottery studio.

There will be a range of pottery items to paint, from bowls and mugs to animals and even Christmas decorations.

The morning Workshop will run from **10.30am to 12pm** and there will be an afternoon workshop from **2.00 to 3.30pm** in **Evington Village Hall**.

Prices will be significantly reduced from the shop prices as they will be subsidised by Evington Community Project.

This is an ideal opportunity to make a personalised birthday or Christmas gift or just a lovely treat for yourself.

Places are limited so **please book** as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

To book, please contact **Tracey Block on 01233 750415** or **Robin Helmer on 01233 750236**

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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.

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# Farming Notebook

**A**s the autumn equinox approaches the long days of summer begin to shorten, and nature prepares her harvest to store for the colder part of the year. Likewise on the farm we have been combining the crops of cereals, beans, herbage seed and oilseed rape, putting them into the silos and barns. Potato lifting is also well under way, and thanks to good weather going well.

Round the northern hemisphere celebrations begin to show thanks for the safe gathering in of the crops. There are the traditional Harvest Festivals, beer and wine tasting events and even Harvest Moon parties, by the light of the full moon that rises nearest the autumn equinox.

Although many regard the beginning of September as the first day of autumn, it is traditionally marked by the equinox, the day on which the length of day is the same as the length of night. This is on the 21st September. After this date the nights will noticeably start to draw in. A sure sign that winter is on its way. It is hard to believe as we enjoy day after day of bright warm sunshine with hardly a cloud in the sky. Why did we rush to cut wheat at over 20% moisture in August....?

The combine has been cleaned, serviced and put away for another season. Yields have been good. All the crops benefitted from sufficient moisture and good lengthy spells of sunshine, particularly during the grain filling period of June and July. High volumetric weights, measured as Kg/Hectolitre, are a sure sign of good quality. This year the wheats have been coming in at values of 80 or thereabouts, the average most years being in the mid seventies. Lorries are leaving the farm looking only partially filled, but still having a full payload. It is going to be a year where we are going to be pleasantly surprised by the tonnage moved once the stores are empty. Sadly, the markets know this and are offering prices some 25% below that of last year! Still, it is always satisfying to produce a good crop...

The potato season last year was the most challenging that we have ever had. The problems of lack of rainfall, harvesting difficulties and maintaining storage quality made us sit down and thoroughly review the whole enterprise. We looked at our strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats. I will not go into detail, but it was a really useful exercise. We have made changes from variety choice, planting and growing crop management, right through to harvest and storage. Most of this just by making better use of the resources that we already had. The best decision that we made was to

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increase the output of the grader at harvest time. To do this we have borrowed an extra box filling machine and decided to employ a gang of Romanians to man the grader. They have been fantastic. The four of them work from 8am to 7pm, six days a week - they have a 45 minute journey to and from work on top. Any pause in the grading and they are off with brooms and shovels keeping the shed spotlessly tidy. On Saturday tea time, Elizabeth supplies a freshly baked cake for all of the grading crew which has gone down very well – literally! It even resulted in an English word being spoken-“thankyou”. An achievement in itself.

It is the first time ever that we have been able to grade as fast as the harvester can lift the crop. Our potato harvest will be complete after two weeks and two days. Beating our previous best by 11 days!!!

The Hereford bull has been taken away from his cows to ensure a tight calving pattern next spring. We hope to have most of the cows calving down by the end of April. The herd will have a PD (pregnancy diagnosis) by the vet in a few months time to give an indication of calving dates. We know we will have one very busy day when all the cows that were synchronised and fertilised by AI (Artificial Insemination) will all calve together.

Soon we will be introducing the Hereford to our home bred Sussex bull. They will run in adjacent fields and then there will be a certain amount of food involved to ensure the development of a smooth friendship. Herefords and Sussex are quiet breeds, so we are not expecting too much strutting, pushing and shoving...

The cows are looking well, but have become restless. The grass has lost its steam and so we have started to feed some silage and a little corn to keep them content and in good condition for the cooler days and nights. The calves have grown on well and all look solid. No surprise really, as they have had access all summer to a creep feeder filled with a cereal mix. The calves feed ad lib by squeezing through a small gap to access the trough. The cows are too big to get in and have to go without!

Our focus now turns to next year's cropping. The small seeds-grass and oilseed rape-have been planted, but could really do with some rain to bring them on. This year we have planted the rape with a companion crop of white mustard. The mustard grows very vigorously, and it is hoped that any cabbage stem flea beetle will feed on it rather than the slower growing rape plants. The beetle can literally wipe out a rape crop in a few days. We are

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no longer allowed to control the pest with a seed dressing so anything is worth a try.

Soil sampling, both to check for pH and nutrient levels, along with hole digging to ascertain soil structure issues have been carried out. Screened chalk and additional Phosphates have had to be applied to some fields to rectify deficiencies. Subsoil cultivations have also been carried out where necessary during these ideal weather conditions.

We will also be spreading our farmyard manure on fields due for a second successive wheat crop. The well rotted dung from our own cattle yards along with that from a local dairy farm where we “swap” straw for manure, is a great source of nutrients but particularly organic matter which is vital for the health of our soils.

As we seem to be generally on top of things I am looking forward to the East Kent Ploughing Match. It is a really good “farming” day out, and a milestone in the year. A real sign that autumn is upon us...

W Wilson-Haffenden

## Talk on 12th October

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