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The winning numbers for the April Draw are:

1st Prize: No: 85

2nd Prize: No: 54

3rd Prize: No: 89

EVINGTON GARDENERS

'The Greenhouse Story' was the subject of a talk given by Roland Stevens at the meeting in March. Mr Stevens began with a brief history of the greenhouse, followed by considerations when purchasing and positioning a glasshouse and ended with questions of maintenance and equipment.

The Romans dug pits and placed translucent glass over the top, but it was not until the 17th and 18th centuries that the glasshouse as we know it came in with the advent of plant hunters bringing back plants and seeds from abroad. The early ones had less glass to avoid the glass tax and because warmth was considered more important than light. The 19th century saw the work of Joseph Paxton and the development of cheap, mass-produced glass with a good standard of construction and better power sources.

Mr Stevens suggested the autumn or winter was the best time to buy a greenhouse and to think carefully about its position in a garden (one side which receives the sun all day is ideal), water, electricity, shade covers and heating. Tips on maintenance and equipment included cleaning with Jeyes fluid in and out, green windbreaker for shading, heaters for winter protection, various thermometers, keeping a can of water permanently in the greenhouse so plants are watered with warmer water and also for dampening down during hot weather and using a sulphur candle to extinguish nasty bugs. The audience also saw slides of various greenhouses including former and replacement ones at Wisley, Wakehurst Place and a very attractive Edwardian one in Ramsgate. It was a talk enjoyed by many.

By the time this appears the Society's new season will have begun. The plant sale is on 2nd May at the May Fair, there are outings to Bladbean and Great Comp in June and July respectively, a BBQ in June, the Annual Show at the end of August, a Dinner in September and monthly talks throughout next autumn and winter. So, all of you out there, come and join us! As always, further details are available from me, Jane Pearce.

SUMMARY OF EVINGTON VILLAGE HALL AGM

The AGM was held on Monday 11th April with 13 members present. The main officers were re-elected with Robin Helmer remaining as Chairman. The AGM was immediately followed by a Trustees meeting.

Robin Helmer presented his report where he summarised his busy and eventful first year as Chairman. Firstly, the hall is now run by a board of Trustees rather than a management committee making it fully compliant with the Charity Commission. The committee is partly made up of representatives from organisations in the village and at the moment needs somebody to represent Hastingleigh village as the previous representative now resides outside the parish. Any volunteers?

Sadly, in 2015 our long serving and dedicated caretaker Avis Ball passed away. She is missed by all and was a stalwart supporter of the hall for many years. The Trustees have decided it would be appropriate to install a new noticeboard in memory of Avis.

The committee is pleased to announce that a new caretaker/bookings officer and a cleaner have recently been appointed. The hall has high speed broadband installed and the heating system is remotely controlled via Wi-Fi. The hall now also has a bookings email address and a dedicated mobile phone number.

The main project for 2016 is the refurbishment of the toilets. The idea is to convert the existing ladies toilets into two completely self-contained unisex toilets each with a WC and a wash basin. The existing gents toilets will be converted into a disabled toilet and a ramp will also be constructed at the entrance to the hall. Several grants have been applied for and these together with some donations from local residents should cover the cost. It is hoped to commence work in early August.

The hall's fund raising events held during the year have been successful, but due to increased expenses and running costs the rents are to be increased this year. It is hoped this will cover the cost of the more high tech approach as well as a hall website which is currently under construction.

The Trustees would also like to remind residents that the parking by the hall is private and for hall users only.

Lastly the Chairman thanked all the Trustees for their support during the year and all members of the community who support the hall and enable it to be kept in such good condition.

Dear Resident

Every year throughout the spring and summer KCC Highways & Transportation receive numerous complaints regarding trees, hedges and other vegetation, which overhang the highway from private property. This matter can pose a number of problems for people trying to use the footways,

especially if they are trying to pass with buggies, wheel chairs and scooters. It would be greatly appreciated if you could ensure that any trees and hedges that are bordering the Highway are maintained and cut back to your boundary which would greatly benefit all Highway users. This will help us all keep the highway safe and prevent the need for KCC Highways & Transportation writing to you requesting that you cut back your vegetation.

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If your property is rural, then vegetation should be 0.45 metres / 1'6" feet behind the edge of the road and all signs need to be kept clear of foliage for at least 20 metres.

Also, I would ask that you pay special attention to your trees, hedges and vegetation if your property is on or near a junction, and/or inside bend of the road, to maintain maximum visibility for road users.

Finally, I would like to thank you for the time taken to read this article and wish you a pleasant summer. I am looking forward to working with yourselves and your parish to keep the roads as safe and clear as possible.

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MAY 2nd at the

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12.30PM

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Village sports

Side-shows

Tombola

Cakes

B.B.Q

Teas

Bar

And More

Art & Craft Exhibition
Evington Hall (from 2pm)

HASTINGLEIGH WITH ELMSTED W.I.

Hastingleigh with Elmsted W.I. met on Thursday the 7th of April at the Evington Hall.

Fourteen members and one guest were present.

We started our meeting with our speaker, Eric Spear, whose talk was entitled 'Flights of fancy – a world tour of iconic sights.' He showed us about 100 photos, many of which were taken by him of Red Square, Iceland, Canada, the Great Wall of China and many other recognisable landmarks. It was an enjoyable tour of the world, with many sights that members had been to.

After our tea and biscuits we discussed matters arising, and the menu for our meal out next month.

The flower of the month competition was won by Mrs. Pearson.

Our next meeting is our birthday meeting and as the hall will be used for the election, we will be having a meal in a pub. We will be back in the hall on the 2nd of June, when we will be having an open meeting – details to follow next month.

Fiona Steward

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LUNCHES & TEAS



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CHURCH SERVICES IN THE PARISH UPON THE HILL - May 2016

Monday 2 nd , 9 th , 16 th , 23 rd	10-11am: Tots and Tales at Elmsted (see below)
Sunday 1 st Sixth Sunday of Easter	9.30am Cluster Service Family Communion at Elmsted 5.00pm Evensong BCP at Petham
Sunday 8 th Seventh Sunday of Easter	8.00am Holy Communion BCP at Waltham 10.00am Messy Church Bodsham 11.00am Communion Service at Petham
Sunday 15 th DAY OF PENTECOST	9.30am Holy Communion at Waltham 11.00am Holy Communion at Hastingleigh 11.00am Family Service in Petham 6.00pm Evensong at Elmsted
Sunday 22 nd Trinity Sunday	9.30am Holy Communion at Elmsted 11.00am Holy Communion at Petham 11.00am Holy Communion BCP at Hastingleigh
Sunday 29 th First Sunday after Trinity	10.30am Benefice Service at Waltham

Tots and Tales: a free group for 0-4 year-olds and their grown-ups. All welcome: do come along! We have stories, craft, singing and fun! Tea, coffee, juice and biscuits.

Every Monday, 10-11am at Elmsted Church.

Messy Church is now on the second Sunday of the month at Bodsham School.

MAY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 2nd	SPRING FAIR (Football Field) (Page 15)	12.30pm
Wed 4th	Coffee Morning Singing	10.30am 7.00pm
Tues 10th	Hastingleigh Parish Council Meeting	7.45pm
Wed 11th	Singing	7.00pm
Thurs 10th	Elmsted Parish Council Meeting	7.30pm
Wed 18th	Singing	7.00pm
Tues 24th	Joint Parish Meeting	7.30pm
Wed 25th	Singing	7.00pm
Sun 29th	ELMSTED CHURCH LUNCHES & TEAS (Page 17)	noon

Note: All events in Evington Village 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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We would be very grateful for volunteers to make cakes, serve teas and steward the Royal Celebration in Flowers at Hastingleigh Church and South Hill Farm Garden.

If you can help in any way, please contact:

Sarah Morris 01233 750244

Roz Bacon 01233 750327

ARTS AND CRAFTS EXHIBITION

At the same time as the May Fair on bank holiday Monday (2nd May) there will be an arts and crafts exhibition in the village hall. If anyone would like to show their work on this day they would be most welcome. Please contact Val Kerry (01227 700843) or Sheila Burrage (01233 750375) for more details.

CHURCH FLOWER & CLEANING ROTA

	St. Mary's Hastingleigh	St. James' Elmsted
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THE LORRY WAY DOWN (update to Beginning April 2016).

What a hectic month we've had!

Since I last wrote in the Community News we returned to the UK for just over two weeks, seen as many family and friends as was possible (sorry if we didn't get to see you), and then flew back to Namibia, via Jo'burg in South Africa.

Our trip back home included a couple of visits to Hastingleigh, which really was fantastic, and just goes to prove, 'nothing really changes'. We were lucky enough to see both our neighbours, Pat and Helen, which was really nice, and enabled us to catch up on all the village "gossip" (not that there was any really, like I say nothing changes really). Then of course we visited The Bowl (a couple of times), and met up with Ron, Annie and the rest of the family, and of course the usual regulars that frequent that establishment! It was really great to catch up, and of course drink a few decent beers.

Whilst at home we did lots of walking in the beautiful Kent and Sussex countryside, and realised that this was the main thing that we miss about Britain. There really is nothing like our rural areas anywhere in the world, especially with the historic rights of way that are available to everyone. I think sometimes we take these for granted (unless they are threatened), but being away really has brought them back into focus for us.

One question that was constantly being asked of us while at home was, "what do you miss most on your travels in Africa?", well the answer was always the same from both me and Jac. It isn't living in a house, or a certain type of food, or a local pub, or indeed the people (we meet enough of those), the answer is unequivocally not having a dog with us! As most of you know we lost our German Short Haired Pointer, Dillon a few months before we set off, and we still miss him, but we are also meeting many dogs en-route, and its difficult sometimes not to scoop one up and have it as a "truck dog". But its not practical, and can wait until we return, and we know for sure that we are not going off travelling to some far flung corner of the world (South America maybe?).

We had our new Carnet de Passage delivered from the ADAC in Germany, exactly as they said they would (this truly was "German Efficiency"), and this will enable Colonel K to cross borders for the next 12 months.

Eventually it was time to say goodbye to family (this was especially tough with my sister, who is quite poorly and was the main reason to return to the UK), and head for the dreaded M25 and Heathrow Airport. At check-in we hit a problem! South African Airways refused us entry onto the plane, as we didn't have a return ticket out of Namibia. We explained that we were going to be exiting the country via a land border in our own vehicle, and told them that this was indeed the return leg of our airfare. But rules are rules, and we weren't getting on that plane without a ticket, so we ended up booking a fully refundable flight out of Windhoek to Jo'burg for two weeks time. Its a crazy

rule but SAA are worried that they would get fined for not enforcing the Namibian Immigration rules. Guess what? No one asked at Windhoek if we had a return ticket anyway! All that remains is to get our refund from SAA, which at the time of writing this still remains unpaid.

We collected the truck from the compound, and the next day headed off north, stopping along the way to re-stock the fridge, with fresh meat and vegetables (well what we could get at that point). We then got our gas bottles refilled (including our UK bottle) in the town of Tsumeb, used the Olympic sized outdoor pool there, and got all our laundry up to date.

Our plan was to see the entire length of the Caprivi Strip (now officially known as the Zambezi), this is the long narrow strip of land that extends right out to the Victoria Falls, and gives Namibia borders to Angola (to the north), Zambia (also to the north), Zimbabwe (to the east), and Botswana (to the south). Before we got to the Caprivi we visited a San Bushman village, far off the beaten track (it was a long drive down a very sandy and narrow track, which Colonel K literally scrapped through), this really was a highlight for us on this trip, and was a fantastic experience. We felt privileged to have been given access to these people and see their way of life, the full story of this can be seen on our travel blog www.lorrywaydown.com

Once you get to the Caprivi Strip the landscape really changes, it is very heavily forested, and lush green everywhere. The area is known as the "Four Rivers" route, and at this time all of the rivers are fully in flood. The rains, way off in the north, fall in the mountainous areas of Angola, and then pour down through the Caprivi strip, some flowing out into Botswana's Okavango Delta region, whilst others make their way to Victoria Falls (on the Zambia/Zimbabwe border). Also the feeling up here is more "west African", with the people living in tiny rural communities, living in stick, mud and grass one room huts, each "family" having a few goats, cattle and some corn growing. There are virtually no cars, very few bicycles, and lots of very friendly smiley face's. This is not the usual German infested tourist areas of the rest of Namibia!

We have camped at some fantastic riverside spots over the past week, and are currently parked up on the Zambezi River (looking out across the river towards Zambia), in a lovely place near the border town of Katima Mulilo (oh and making a fuss of the three resident dogs here). The only down side of being in these wetter areas are the bugs! The mossies are much more prolific, and this means sometimes wearing long trousers and sleeves in the evenings, while cooking and eating dinner outside.

As our bags were very light on our return trip back, we got our great nephews and nieces to round up any unwanted small toys that they might have, and have given some of these away to children on our travels. The smile that you get from these kids is so rewarding when they are presented with a smurf, or

a plastic dinosaur, or an old free McDonald's toy, they really don't have anything.

The next few days will see us returning back along the Caprivi, and then crossing into Botswana at the Mohembo border post. This will allow us to drive south and then east to Maun. With the Okavango Delta, to the north and Makgadikgadi Pans to the south, it will give us more options than entering Botswana at the usual (and larger) border crossing at Ngoma Bridge.

Thanks for reading.

You can view our full blog and lots of photos at

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We hope everyone back home in Hastingsleigh and Elmsted are well, and thanks to those that have taken the time to email us, its always great to hear from home.

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IN THE GARDEN

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It is time to be thinking of half hardy annual planting; however, remember a frost is still possible so if you buy any make sure you have somewhere where you can keep them in the light and frost free. Have some fleece handy to cover sensitive plants on cold nights. At the moment the garden centres are selling plug and plants in modules, these can save you money but will need careful looking after. Make sure their growth is not stopped by under or over watering. If they are dry or waterlogged the plants will suffer water stress and will never develop fully. Buying early may be a false economy.

As last year some plants will be on sale at the village fair on May 2nd.

In the vegetable garden peas, broad beans, beetroot, etc are growing well. Keep an eye out for pests and diseases. Early treatment of pests like aphids makes longer term control very much easier.

It is a good time to put up sticky traps in the greenhouse. Many insects are attracted to yellow as a colour and become attached to the sticky surface. In the greenhouse tomato plants will be growing actively, remember they need to be fed and watered regularly if you want the best crop. I prefer a simple drip feed system attached to a water butt. It is time to be thinking of getting cucumbers and tomatoes in the greenhouse and perhaps in a week or so some for outside.

I regularly use biological control on our plum and apple trees to reduce maggots. Unlike last year I was quick off the ground and got the traps out early and I have already caught some plum moths and apple codling moths. I find this technique most effective and require minimal effort on my part.

With the mild winter the lawn has grown throughout and I have already had two cuts this year. Unfortunately, it has allowed the moss to grow as well. This problem is partly due to the poor drainage due to clay nature of my soil. Some control can be achieved by spraying and by scarifying but I really need to improve the drainage.

SB

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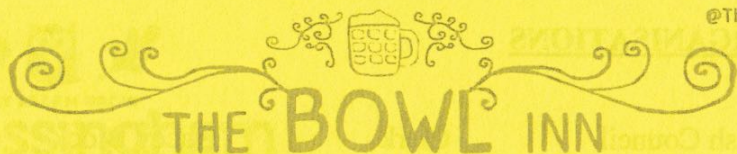
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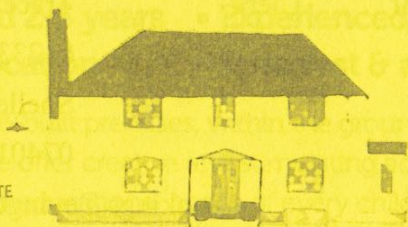


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