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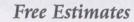












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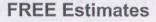
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By the time this magazine lands on your doormat, or is piled up with assorted items on your kitchen table; it is likely that you will know that the lives of the Cleveland family have been radically changed.

Late in July, following a minor problem of my right hand not working very well, investigations revealed that the original cancer had not only recurred but had rather radically metastasised in my brain. The bottom line was that one doesn't get better from this, you just get a bit of treatment and some more time to get on with living and working, which I have every intention of doing.

I shall be undergoing serious radiation of the brain for five days at the end of July and after a couple of weeks of getting over that and getting my strength back and sorting out my funky wigs again (should they prove necessary,) I hope to be around doing what I 'do'

The outcry "why?" or "it's not fair!" resound loudly, not only in my own head but also, I know, with so many dear friends and colleagues. But how often have I had to say on my pastoral visiting that 'life is not **fair**" – but it is **beautiful** - and let's concentrate on that just for now.

I guess the first thing most people do in my situation – after getting over the shock – is to look back and see what lay behind, maybe with regrets. For me it has been a wonderful, full, rich life surrounded by family and friends who provided the cement with which I constructed the foundation and walls of the building that became me. It took a lot of time and a lot of trips up not too spectacular routes to come to the conclusion (or at least to listen long enough) that God had a job for me to do, and why the dickens wasn't I getting on with it? Of course as soon as I was headed that way, I found there were many obstacles and lots of barriers to break down, not least of which my own slight fear of what it would involve. Once I made the decision frustration and impatience set in – after all I was over 60 for goodness sake and I wanted some time to do the job properly. Strangely enough at the time I said to myself "if I could serve for 10 years at least, that would be great". And I have had

my ten years, relishing every moment...well maybe not always at 8am on a cold winter morning in the dark – but like all of you, I'm human!

Several people observed that I tend to travel at high speed, so we could say those 10 became 20, but that's not important. What has mattered and will continue to matter to me for as long as I am functioning, is my place within this wonderful, caring community of Wye, and the wider Benefice, with all that makes it the special place it is – Your many messages of love and support have quite overwhelmed me, but I know too they are sustaining me, so please keep up the good work.

As I write this I am passing through those dark clouds which I know are necessary, because how else could we witness that wonderful ray of light – or possibly even a rainbow - that will break through? So with any degree of luck, come September I will be up and about my business, and sharing life with you all, up to and including "the appointed hour".

Dickie

#### HASTINGLEIGH with ELMSTED WI

The WI meeting on 2nd August was a members meeting with a flower arranging demonstration and workshop by Mrs Bowes. A great evening was enjoyed by the small select group that attended.

Next month's meeting will be held on Thursday 6th September. Mr Richard Goodenough will speak on "British landscape artist depiction of clouds and skies".

Advance notice of our popular WI QUIZ night open to all on Friday 2nd November at Evington Hall. More details to follow in next newsletter, any enquiries to Mrs Argar please 01233 750311.

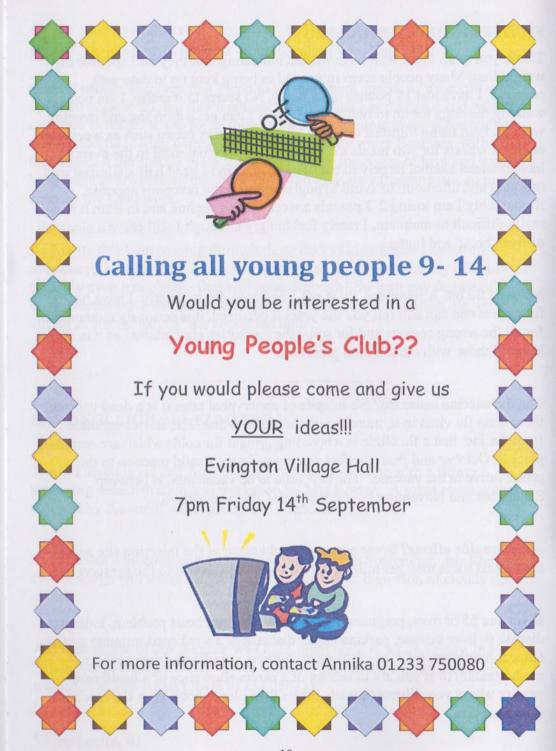
Thank you to all those who have written indicating that they will sponsor my weight loss. Many people seem interested in being kept up to date with progress. I have lost 19 pounds as of today. No secret to it really, I am power walking the dogs for up to two hours a day if I can get a morning and evening walk in. I am using Slimfast or a low glycaemic index cereal such as weetabix or raisin wheats for two meals a day and a fairly normal meal in the evening. I have reduced alcohol largely to the weekends. I find I need half a slimfast mid morning and afternoon to avoid hypoglycaemia and a ravenous appetite. Remarkably I am losing 2-3 pounds a week on that regime and in truth it is not really difficult to maintain, I rarely feel hungry although I still crave a nice slab of fresh bread and butter!

Now the flu bit. A reminder, flu is not a bad cold, flu is ghastly, I have had it four times and can still tell you the years it occurred, it is seriously memorable for all the wrong reasons and for some the memories are curtailed as it is also a killer of those with other health problems.

Can the vaccine cause flu? No in spite of apocryphal tales it is a dead vaccine, there is no flu virus in it, merely particles of the virus. The stories emanate from the fact that a flu clinic is a breeding ground for colds which are common place in October and from the fact some people get a mild reaction to the preservative in the vaccine. The best time to be vaccinated is between September and November before the peak Christmas period.

Are there side effects? Some soreness might occur at the injection site and as mentioned some may get mild cold like symptoms related to the preservative.

If you are 65 or over, pregnant, have a lung problem, heart problem, kidney disease or liver disease, parkinsonism, diabetes or a weakened immune system (cancer treatment, HIV, on steroids or immune modifying drugs such as methotrexate) or if you are in receipt of a carers allowance or a healthcare worker where your illness impacts others then please book your flu vaccine at the surgery.



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We have tried to enjoy the summer, such as it was, so it's now time to look forward to the 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

#### 2012

9<sup>th</sup> September - Barbara George

14<sup>th</sup> October - Helen Ransley

11<sup>th</sup> November - Stan & Sheila Burrage

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

#### 2013

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

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

10<sup>th</sup> March - Chris & Sarah Pell

14<sup>th</sup> April - Robin & Yvonne Helmer

12<sup>th</sup> May - 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!

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2nd September Trinity 13	9.30 Elmsted: Family Communion (CW)	11.00 Hastingleigh: Holy Communion (BCP)
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Sept 8th	Mrs Hewes	Mrs Healy
Sept 15th	Mrs Healy	Mrs Denny
Sept 22nd	Mrs Bowes	Mrs Nichols
Sept 29th	Mrs Helmer	Mrs Jakeman

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#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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Sat 1st	<b>Evington Gardeners Show</b>	2.30pm
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Tues 4th	Elmsted Parish Council Meeting	7.30pm
Wed 5th	Coffee Morning	10.30am
Thurs 6th	Women's Institute	7.30pm
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Sun 9th	Footpath Walk	2.00pm
	(Page 18)	
Tues 11th	Hastingleigh Parish Council Meeting	7.45pm
Fri 14th	Young Peoples Club	7.00pm
	(Page 16)	
Mon 18th	<b>Evington Community Project Meeting</b>	8.00pm
Fri 21st	Gardeners Supper	7.30pm
Sat 22nd	London Coach Trip	8.30am
	(Page 17)	
Sun 23rd	Sunday Teatime	4.00pm

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

Housegroup every Tuesday (Hastingleigh Vicarage 812280) 10.00 -1.30am

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#### IN THE GARDEN

Despite the variable weather peas, beans, parsnips, beetroot and spinach have all been good. The top fruit seems to have been the most hit with a thin crop of apples and pears and no plums at all.

We have not been bothered so much with pests or diseases. Early on aphis on the step over apple trees were stunting the new growth. Manually squashing them did not seem to help. The aphis are protected by the ants so I put down some ant liquid, Nippon, close to the base of the tree. I put this in open ended tubes to protect it from animals and the rain. This seemed to work as I never saw the aphis again.

The worse pest this month was a cat that had decided to turn part of the lawn into a latrine. The level of smell was foul and mowing a messy job. Having chased it off several times it persisted in returning. The problem finally came to a head one morning as the cat was seen marching across the lawn with a young Blue Tit in its jaws. It had obviously been at the bird table again. I have used ultrasonic pest repellers but have never been sure that they work. I would need at least 3 or 4 to cover the garden and at £40 each I decided a different approach was needed. I decided to go for chemical repellents. At Wyevale I found a product called "Kat-a-Pult" which came in sachets which when dissolved in water could be applied to the ground with a watering can to the areas needing protection. As there are multiple accesses to the garden the total periphery had to be covered. An alternative material recommended on the internet is called "Silent Growl". This comes as granules supposedly impregnated with lion poo. This however comes in sachets suitable for protecting a small area like a pond. How long these deterrents are effective we will have to see. The idea is that cats are creatures of habit and if you break the habit they will go else where (sorry to who ever receives the attention of the cat). Finally I purchased a motion detector sprinkler device that sprays water at anything that walks into its path. This seems to work fine. I wonder if owners who let kitty out realise the cost they inflict on their neighbours, particularly as there are available devices that keep a cat in your own garden.

Many plants are now going over, while dead heading will prolong the flowering season it is a good time for collecting seed and taking cuttings for next year. Cuttings generally produce identical plants but not all plants will reproduce identically from seed. Collect seeds in paper bags make sure they dry out and keep them cool and dry throughout the winter. If you take cuttings use semi mature non flowering stems. Cut to 4 nodes cutting just below the basal node. Leave 2-3 leaves at the top. Use a hormone rooting compound and place the cuttings around the edge of a pot. SB

#### **EVINGTON GARDENERS**

#### FORTHCOMING TALKS AND EVENTS

#### 21 September ANNUAL SUPPER

Dr John Mansfield

Fungi: the good, the bad and the ugly

16 October Every Picture Tells a Story

Mr Glyn Bareham

20 November National Trust Gardens in the South East

Mr Paul Fowler

#### 11 December CHRISTMAS PARTY

Cheese and wine
Music by the Studio Players and Trevor Wye

#### Everyone welcome!

Further details available from Jane Pearce

#### A Look at Local Restaurants. The Wife of Bath, Wye.

A long established restaurant with a sizeable reputation, the establishment has changed hands a couple of times, been refurbished, opened rooms for overnight stay and more recently, introduced afternoon tea.

The visitor is taken to a reception area where a variety of beverages are offered including unusual bottled beers, cocktails, an extensive wine list and a dozen or so wines by the glass. These are served with complimentary olives and nuts. It is all very comfortable and restful. There is no music.

Lunch somewhat reflects the evening menu with two courses for £17 and three for £20. The evenings from Tuesday to Thursday offer three courses for £25 with supplements for some dishes, such as crab or steak. On Friday and Saturday, the menu is a la carte with first courses from £7.50 - £11.50 (crab); mains from £15.50 - £25 and desserts from £7.50 - £8.50. We tried spiced crab in Parmesan tacos with a coriander and grapefruit jelly and pork belly with pickled mussels and fennel cream and a stuffed plaice. The crab was excellent and imaginatively prepared, the pork, 'the best pork belly I have ever eaten', though the plaice was bland. We followed on with duck breast on spiced noodles with teriyaki dressing, the duck served pink and reasonably tender. Two dishes of vegetables were ordered (£2.50 supplement for each) for some well-prepared new potatoes and sugar snap peas with carrots, crisp and flavoursome. Rack of lamb with garlic and parsley and a mint jus was finely cooked and very good indeed. Vegetarian offerings include tomato, broad bean and buckwheat tabouleh with hummus tuille. There is evidence of great skill and craftsmanship in the kitchen in the presentation and unusual flavours, of course reflected in the prices, but still reckoned to be good value for what is offered. The glass of Australian shiraz was exceptional and the Chapel Down rosé refreshing and light. Desserts have always been a strong point at the WOB, and tonight was no exception. Lemon tart with thyme flavoured 'espuma' (froth to you and me) with lemon jelly and a white chocolate and passion fruit parfait accompanied by strawberry and lavender salsa both lived up to this reputation. A wide selection of dessert wines, brandy, port and Armagnac by the glass are offered together with coffee etc. Service was good in all respects though the vegetables were accompanied by an unsuitably small dessert spoon for serving. The desserts were served on roofing slates, fine for a dry dessert such as a tart or pie, but useless for melting ice cream. 24

The Sunday lunch menu has a good assortment similar to the weekday menu on offer and includes roast beef with the usual trimmings with red wine gravy. Afternoon tea at different gastronomical and fiscal levels starts with *Cream Tea* at £9 each with scones and cream, *'Traditional Tea'* with finger sandwiches and cakes at £25 for two, progressing to *'Royal Tea'*, the same as above but with champagne at £37 for two.

It is a very comfortable and quiet restaurant offering fine, skilful cooking in pleasant surroundings, table linen and good service.

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#### A SHARED FUTURE FOR OUR CHURCHES

It's now some time since I wrote together with all our church wardens to invite you to a meeting we held in the Evington Hall last February to discuss how the churches at Elmsted, Hastingleigh, Petham and Waltham should work together in future, together with the group that now worships regularly at Bodsham school . The aims were to keep the churches as secure and sustainable centres in all four villages, both for worship and for all their other contributions to village life, and to recognise the new and emerging expression of church at Bodsham .

Since then, we have reached common conclusions in all four villages which will allow the development of the churches' and Bodsham's mission and service to go ahead together in ways that are both effective and make the very best use of the limited people resources at our disposal. This will bring the four churches together into a single parish – for which we now have to find a name! At the same time we will maintain the separate identity of each of the four parish churches, and the funding and building issues for each will be handled by four separate local church councils. None of this will affect our continuing relationship with the wider Wye benefice, from which we have benefitted for the last few years.

This approach has been strongly endorsed by all four of the PCCs. It will now take a few months to finalise the legal arrangements with Canterbury diocese for these changes, but meanwhile the church leaders and I will be getting on with making these changes happen, we believe to the real benefit of all our communities.

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