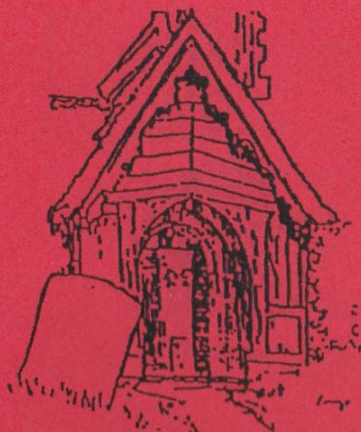
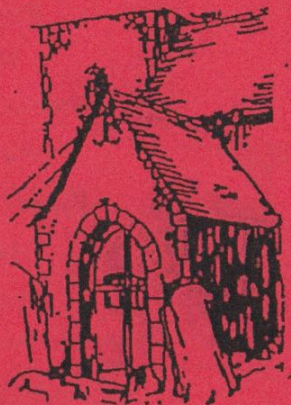


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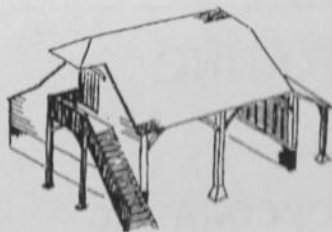
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CELEBRATIONS

I have enjoyed reading these 'leaders' in our magazine for years, and now having recently been elected to serve as a churchwarden for the coming year, it falls to me to take my turn. We are already almost at the halfway point in the year, and a quick look inside these pages will tell you that there is a lot going on in the next weeks and months in our local area and indeed, the country.

Our young people are busy preparing for important exams, and we wish them well and pray for perseverance and peace for them and their families. In the sporting world in June, we have the European football championships, the start of Wimbledon and, of course, on a larger scale, final preparations for the Olympics just around the corner. The wedding season is also upon us – indeed I am writing this in the car *en route* for a family wedding in Cumbria. We look forward to celebrating with all the couples being married this summer in the churches of our benefice.

The other major celebration of course is the Diamond Jubilee – and there are all sorts of events locally to join in. Jubilee is a word we find in the Bible too – it is to do with celebration and, contrary to what many of us think, a lot of our Christian faith is about celebration. We read in the Bible that God (and all heaven) celebrates when we find our way back to Him or are found by Him.

If, however, this magazine were being produced in Syria, South Sudan or Burma or ... many other places in our world, we might not feel that there was much worth celebrating. Even here, for many, there are difficulties – with stagnating incomes (if we are fortunate enough to have a job); rising prices; individual struggles that we feel no-one else knows about or is interested in. Perhaps being encouraged to celebrate seems unthinkable or even insulting.

So, while wholeheartedly throwing ourselves into all the celebrations over the next months, let's not forget the wider world and its concerns and those closer to home who need hope, help and support – reminding ourselves that God is a God who celebrates with us – even because of us – but also understands the nitty-gritty of our lives – because He became one of us – in the person of Jesus

Ali Poole

BODSHAM SUMMER FAIR



Saturday 7th July, 12 noon-3:30pm

Bodsham Primary School field

(Next to Froggies at the Timberbatts)

Cake Stall

Tin Can Knockout

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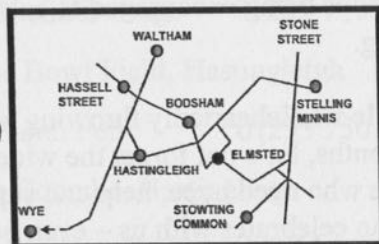
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Bouncy Castle

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**Follow the Bodsham Fair signs
from Waltham, Wye, Hastingleigh,
Elmsted and Stone Street.**



HASTINGLEIGH with ELMSTED WI

Thirteen members plus five guests attended the 87 th Birthday meeting of Hastingleigh with Elmsted WI on Thursday 3RD May at Evington Village Hall.

The meeting was opened by the President who welcomed everyone and introduced Mr Tony Cooper to talk about Myths and Folk Tales of Kent. Mr Cooper delivered a very amusing and sometimes racy account of a variety of folk tales and stories from around the area !

There was a short interlude for the business of the meeting and then everyone joined in with a birthday bring and share supper finished off with a delicious strawberry gateau made by the Secretary.

The raffle was won by Mrs Crees' guest.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 7th June and the speaker will be Ms Christine Dolby on "Healthy lifestyle and relaxation techniques".

Cheryl Crees



**OPEN GARDENS in
HASTINGLEIGH**

Saturday, 23rd June

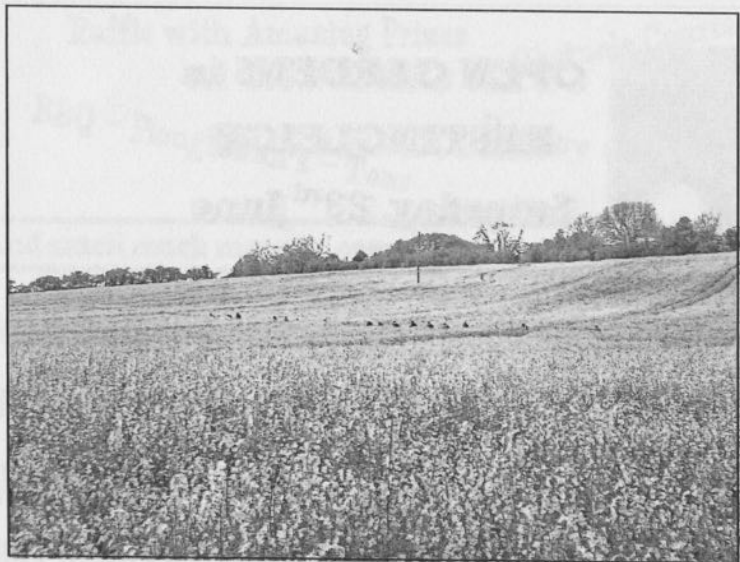
2-5.30pm

Sir Charles Jessel (South Hill) and others in the village, have kindly offered to have their gardens open on this afternoon.

Do visit them all and finish up with sampling the sumptuous cream teas and cakes at South Hill!

MAY FOOTPATH WALK

The May walk, in glorious warm May sunshine, coincided with a walk organised by the Romney Marsh Walking Society from Evington Hall. Since five of our regular walkers are also members of the Romney Marsh group, it was decided to combine the two into one. The Romney Marsh group are twinned with a walking group from St. Sylvestre-Cappel in Northern France and it was the French walkers turn to visit England. Having walked 5 miles in the morning and enjoyed lunch in Evington Hall, 50 walkers, including 20 from France and 11 'locals', set off for a short but quite strenuous walk at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. Our route took us down Boundary Lane to the bottom of the hill, then back up past the old Baptist Chapel. On the way we were able to enjoy the splendour of the bluebells. We crossed the road and joined Pilgrims Lane, turned left and walked to the bottom. A short stretch of road and then up Glory Lane. Right at the top and along the valley, up to Kingsmill Down, then down to Hastingleigh Church, passing a group of cowslips and taking in a track covered in wild garlic. Up again to Tamley Lane and back to the Hall for tea and cakes. Then it was goodbye to the French and to the Romney Marsh walkers. We walked 3.5 miles and climbed a total of 517 ft. Many favourable comments were received from our visitors about our lovely countryside and I think I was forgiven in the end for making everyone walk up four hills!



The Bobbing Heads on the way up to Tamley Lane

BODSHAM CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

During the summer months we relish the chance to get out and about in the local community and on our school trips. We were delighted to be asked to perform at the Hastingleigh Spring Fair on 7th May. A group of enthusiastic children of all ages, led by Mrs Celia Jeffery, sang a variety of songs: including (appropriately as it turned out!) "I'm singing in the rain!", "Them bones" "Banana Boat song" and "What shall we do with the drunken sailor?"

Dragons' class have already been on a trip to the British Museum as part of their Ancient Egyptians project. Highlights of the day included seeing the Rosetta Stone. Other planned class trips this term include visits to the Rare Breeds Centre and Port Lympne.

Other exciting new developments for this term involve the setting up of a Fair Trade stall. Owls' class were inspired by a talk in Fair Trade fortnight and were keen to sell various healthy snacks to the rest of the school. Once we have covered our initial costs we want to donate any extra money raised to charity.

As you can imagine we are all getting excited about the Olympics and the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. All schools in Shepway are busy creating their own Olympic Torch which is to be exchanged with another local school. Bodsham's torch will be going to Stelling Minnis School and we shall be receiving one from Stowting School. To celebrate the Queen's Jubilee we are gathering lots of red, white and blue flowers to plant a special Jubilee Garden. Each child has also decorated a stone to be placed in the Garden. We do hope that you may be able to see our Garden during our Summer Fete on Saturday 7th July.

STREET TEA PARTY - MONDAY 4TH JUNE

To all residents of Elmsted and Hastingleigh

You should have received an invitation to the above event. If you wish to attend and haven't already done so, please could you return the slip at the bottom of your invitation to Robin Helmer, Rayshalay, Hastingleigh, TN25 5HU, Tel: 01233 750236, Email: Robin.Helmer@btinternet.com, as soon as possible. If you haven't received an invitation or if you have mislaid your invitation and would like another, please let me know.

Robin Helmer

PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP (PPG)

Have you considered being a member of Wye Surgery's Patient Participation Group? Would you like to join with other patients and Wye Surgery staff to ensure that services are as good as they can be, given current financial and administrative restrictions? Your views could be contributing to the achievement of these objectives. Currently we feel it would be helpful to hear from those people who are not represented, so that they too could be better served. Are there young people, young parents and people with particular social or medical needs who would be willing to join us? If so, please do not hesitate to contact Alan Billington on 01233 634748, Chairperson of the PPG, or Helen Goodman, Administrator at Wye Surgery, on 0844 3878419.

Our group has been in existence for approximately one year, and its discussions have resulted in:

- a) ensuring that the outer door of the surgery is opened early to allow patients to escape the weather outside
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- c) the creation of questionnaires to help staff to assess their effectiveness
- d) encouraging the extension of in-surgery services.

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There is one important thing which we can all do, whether or not we join the PPG, and that is to inform the surgery if we no longer need, or cannot keep, appointments with medical staff. These appointments would then be available to other patients, which would shorten waiting times for all patients seeking appointments, and would ensure that precious staff time is not wasted. In March the cost of missed appointments to the Surgery totalled £2124.00. In April this has been slightly improved with 34 Doctors, 44 Nurses and 13 Physiotherapists appointments being missed.

Occasionally most of us forget an appointment, but there are those who often miss appointments, possibly because their health problems have become less acute, and these people may well be unaware of the effect of their behaviour on other patients in the practice.

We are fortunate to have a surgery which provides us with excellent care, but it recognises that there is always room for improvement, and you could contribute to that improvement.

Wye Surgery Patient Participation Group

VILLAGE BREAKFAST

Thanks to all of you who came on 7th May, especially to those who even sat outside!

£157 was raised for Smile Train which is a

charity our church often supports for children with cleft palates and associated problems.



RB

CHURCH SERVICES IN JUNE

St Mary the Virgin, Hastingsleigh

As Quinquennial works, including repainting of the interior, takes place between 11th June and 1st July inclusive, services cannot be held in the Church.

Sunday 3 rd	11 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Revd Cleveland
Sunday 10 th	10.30 am	Family Service at Bodsham	
Sunday 17 th	6 pm	Evensong at ELMSTED	Revd Strong
Sunday 24 th	11 am	Holy Communion at EVINGTON HALL	Revd Strong
Sunday 1 st July	9.30 am	Holy Communion at ELMSTED	

Every Monday evening at 6.15pm: Celtic Prayer in the Vicarage, Hastingsleigh. You are welcome to come for a cup of tea from 5.45pm, if you wish.

St James the Great, Elmsted

Sunday 3 rd Trinity Sunday	9.30 am	Family Communion	Revd Cleveland
Sunday 10 th Trinity 1	10 am	Family Service at Bodsham	Revd Strong & the team
Sunday 17 th Trinity 2	6 pm	Sung Evensong	Revd Strong
Sunday 24 th Trinity 3	9.30 am	Parish Communion	Revd Strong

There will be NO midweek Communion at St James' in June



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 4th	Jubilee Street Party Beacon & Evening Picnic (Coldblow) (Page 17)	4.00pm 8.30pm
Wed 6th	Coffee Morning	10.30am
Thurs 7th	Women's Institute (Page 15)	7.30pm
Tues 12th	Hastingleigh Parish Council Meeting	7.45pm
Fri 22nd	Evington Gardeners Society BBQ (Little Coombe)	7.00pm
Sat 23rd	Open Gardens (Page 15)	2.00pm
Sun 24th	Sunday Teatime (Page 24)	4.00pm
July 7th	Bodsham School Summer Fair (Page 14)	noon

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

	St. Mary's Hastingleigh	St. James' Elmsted
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Jun 9th	Mrs Healy	Mrs Thrupp
Jun 16th	Mrs Bowes	Mrs Browning
Jun 23rd	Mrs Helmer	Mrs Jeffery
Jun 23rd	Mrs Ball	Mrs Argar
Jul 7th	Mrs Pell Mrs Homer	Mrs Francesconi

SPRING FAIR 2012

The Evington Community Project held its eighth Spring Fair on 7th May at the Football Field, Hastingleigh. The weather was kinder than expected and we only had a light shower in the afternoon, with the weather quickly turning back to sunshine. Once again, the turnout was terrific.

We raised the fantastic sum of **£905.70** after expenses, all of which will be spent on our joint communities of Bodsham, Elmsted and Hastingleigh.

The organizing committee would like to thank all of you who helped before, during and after the day and all who came along and supported the event.

We should also like to thank the Bodsham School Choir for entertaining us and the Art Group for organizing a splendid Art and Craft exhibition in the Evington Hall during the afternoon.

IN THE GARDEN

Despite the odd climate this year with drought and exceptional rain it has produced some good growing conditions for the garden. The cooler temperatures gave us a long spring show of flowers. It has also given us plenty of time to prepare planting and keep the weeds under control.

On the negative side the cool conditions kept the bees at home and we are beginning to wonder what the fruit crop is going to be this year.

Concerning fruit, each year we have used a hormone trap to catch the male plum moths in the early spring so as to avoid maggots in the plums. This year we were a little early putting the traps out, however, the few sunny days in March brought them out early and several hundred were caught in the trap in a matter of a week. Since that time we have only caught one. Sometimes the weather works in the gardener's favour.

The rain which came soon enough to give strong growth of the emerging summer plants was the "right sort" of rain doing little damage to the emerging shoots of the summer flowers. The main problem was the slugs but grit and bait seems to have kept them at bay.

On windy days emerging shoots can suffer badly. We learned a lesson too this year when a tree which we had planted between ourselves and our neighbour, (a veritable wind tunnel), began to come into leaf. A couple of days of strong wind shredded almost all the new growth. We had to move the tree to a quieter spot or lose it. We went through the books to find a suitable replacement. We eventually settled on a Berberis and a Wisteria. It will be interesting to see how they perform.

Over the last week we have been planting out some of the hardier summer plants. The Pentstemons seem to thrive in the cooler conditions. If we had left them in the pots most likely they would have become pot bound. The more tender Dahlias and Geraniums will be planted out in at the end of the month.

In the greenhouse the tomatoes are growing fast and are already up to truss number 3. The cucumbers however are still finding it a little cool. We have had the best crop ever of strawberries in the greenhouse grown in last years grow bags.

Finally the soft fruit will have to be covered with netting in the next week to keep the blackbirds off.

A Look at Local Restaurants.

Crundale. The Compasses Inn. Always famous for hearty well fried fare, the pub changed hands nine months ago, Phil and Angela now in command with a change of direction. The menu is claimed to be home-cooked and the food locally sourced. The building remains as it always was and has not been smartened up. We tried fried black pudding with a poached egg and salad and duck and orange pate with onion marmalade and toast. The black pudding was crisply cut into cubes with a perfect egg; the rest of the first course was first-rate, everything as claimed, freshly prepared. Their own beef and ale pie with mash and dish of freshly prepared vegetables followed. Always suspicious of pies, we were surprised at the amount and quality of beef used. The mash and vegetables were first-rate. Finely prepared poached salmon on a crayfish risotto was also ordered and that too was exceptional. A good choice of desserts is on offer including lemon tart, also very good. They are enthusiastic and proud of their restaurant as they have a right to be with Will Daws as the chef. The service was perfect. The menus change frequently and a local rump steak is £14.95 with all the trimmings. Sunday lunch is usually beef and pork with freshly cooked Yorkshire pudding at £10.50 though there are alternatives of fish, chicken or vegetarian and a choice of four starters and eight or so desserts. The restaurant is open from 6pm to 9pm and closed on Mondays. It is a welcome addition to our gastronomic scene and they deserve to do well.

PBP

SUNDAY TEATIME: Sunday 24th June

4.00pm until 5.30pm – Evington Hall

We are starting a new venture: a chance for ALL AGES to get together, have fun doing some craft-based activities, gather for a quick talk, and finish by having a Sunday tea of sandwiches and cakes. This is for old and young and is not just 'children getting messy'. We hope you will come and meet others, and maybe take part in exploring faith in a non-pressured way, whether you feel you have any or not. Run by members of our church communities. Please contact Selina on 750450 or Eleni on 812280 for details.

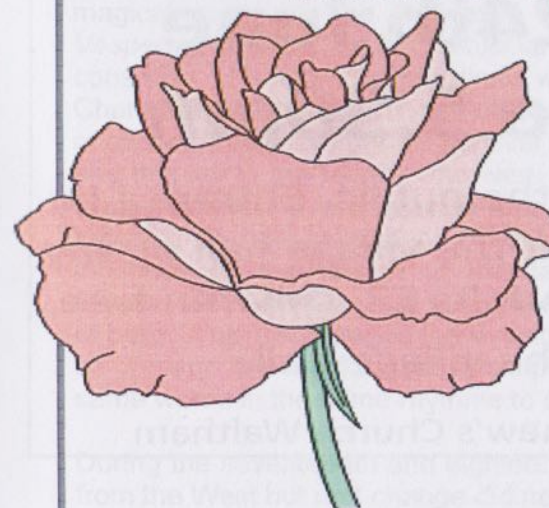
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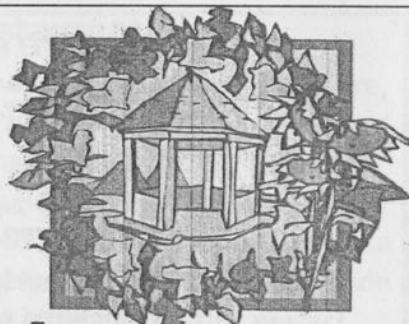
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Canterbury Choral Society will be bringing a magical event to The Cathedral when they perform Rachmaninov Vespers (All-Night Vigil) in Russian. A thousand years ago music consisted of single melodic lines which took the form of Gregorian Chant and in Eastern Europe variants of Byzantine chants. This style of music depended upon its survival on the creation of musical notation and this fell to the Monks who were the scholarly class of the age. A simple notation was used with arrows pointing up and down whilst in Western Europe a variety of symbols appeared. One particular influence on the growth of Russian music was that the Orthodox Church forbade the use of instruments in the liturgy with the exception of bells. This discouraged the development of more complex forms and as a result the monks used a simpler style in which voices sang the same words in the same rhythms to differing notes.

During the seventeenth and eighteenth century music spread to Russia from the West but real change did not come until the nineteenth century with the arrival of Glinka, Borodin, Rimsky-Korsakov and Mussorgsky. Rachmaninov was very much in the main stream of western classical music and a great admirer of Tchaikovsky. He composed his *Liturgy of St John of Chrysostom* in 1910 but felt he had not sufficiently absorbed the style and spirit of the ancient chants, and it was not until five years later that he composed his *All Night-Vigil*. He achieved a traditional atmosphere by using only unaccompanied voices, making contrasting use of varying sections of the choir and introducing later techniques such as polyphony, the interaction between voices, as well as the use of two solo voices. This was Rachmaninov's favourite work.

Camilla Pay, the local harpist will play music by Russian composers including Glinka, the first Russian composer to gain wide recognition within his own country and regarded as the father of Russian classical music.

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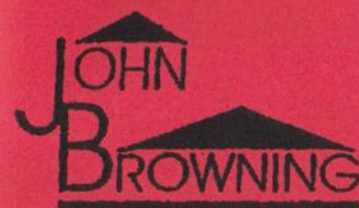
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