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June 2017

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# June

# in Elmsted with Hastingleigh

I write this we're basking in some wonderful weather which, with the May showers, has produced superb growing conditions.

The village gardeners will be thinning and weeding while lugging about their watering cans.

On that subject, look out for the invitation to the Waltham open gardens day (page 7) and the annual Guild of St John of Beverley for the Deaf summer BBQ (page 9).

I would also recommend a trip to the delphiniums over at Godinton House (page 19). They are well worth a visit, you won't be disappointed.

Meanwhile, the communityminded people who make up The Evington Hall committee held their AGM recently (page 3).

Many thanks to Chris Pell, who stood down as the vice-chairman, for his service and thanks to all on the committee for their work in making the hall a fantastic community resource.

The Editor

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# AGM of The Evington Hall Committee



THE Annual General Meeting of The Evington Hall Committee was held on the 25<sup>th</sup> April 2017.

Fifteen members attended the meeting. It was reported that all the events held during the year have been very successful.

However, to keep up with running expenses it was decided to increase the rents by a small amount.

Affiliated clubs will be increased from £12 to £13, children's parties from £30 to £40 and private hire to £50 a day.

This is still very competitive compared with other local village halls.

The Chairman, Robin Helmer, gave his report in which he thanked everyone for their work during the year.

In the last 12 months the refurbishment project which included the toilets, disabled facilities and improvements to the kitchen have taken place.

This was achieved by receiving grants and donations to the hall, for which the committee is most

grateful. The hall also has new curtains thanks to Pat Homer, a new cooker donated in memory of Freda Nancollas and nine new tables thanks to the ECP.

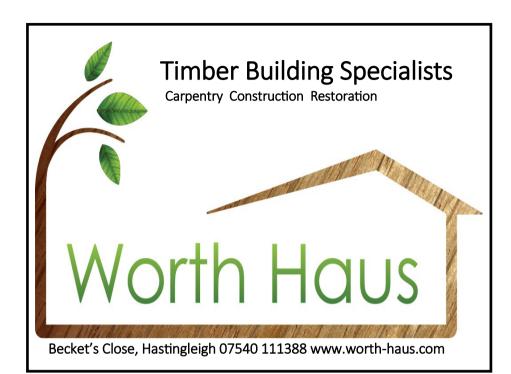
The hall website is also up and running. The site address is **www.evingtonhall.org.uk** and can be used for booking the hall.

The election of officers then took place with Robin Helmer remaining as Chairman, Sheila Burrage as Treasurer and Sue Lawson as Secretary.

The committee welcomed Nicola Phipps as the new Vice Chairman, following the retirement from the committee of Chris Pell. Chris was thanked for all his hard work over the years.

The AGM was followed immediately by a Trustees' meeting in which future projects were discussed, which included the car park, which is in need of repair, and the possibility of solar panels for the hall, subject to grants.

Sue Lawson Hon. Sec.



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# Ramblings from the village walkers

# A report of last month's excursion

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We set off along big Coombe drive just before Coombe House, taking the footpath through the gate that takes you to the path just below Hurst Wood.

On the way Yvonne spotted a slow-worm sunning itself. There was also a lot of growth on the Hart's Tongue Ferns. We also saw Stitchwort, Campion, Herb Robert and Bugle.

Arriving at Pett Street we crossed the concrete road, the track then followed the edge of Fanscoombe Bank.

We walked on up through Fanscoombe Wood and were quite relieved to come out at the top. On, along the track passing Downs Farm, and down the road, stopping to look down on the old Wye race course, then climbing up above Wye Crown spending time to admire the view and back along the top to our cars. We all enjoyed a pleasant walk.



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<u>Date</u>		_			
4-Jun	First Sunday	9:30 at Elmsted – all 4 Churches Communion			
11-Jun	Second Sunday	8 AM BCP Communion Waltham; 10 AM Messy Church Bodsham CP School; 11 AM Petham Communion			
18-Jun	Third Sunday	9:30 Waltham Communion; 11:00 Hastingleigh Communion 11:00 Petham Family Service (No Communion) - Church closed so in Village Hall; 6 PM Elmsted Choral Evensong			
25-Jun	Fourth Sunday	9:30 Elmsted Communion (with Waltham); 11:00 Hastingleigh, 11:00 Petham Family Communion - Petham Church closed so his will be at Waltham			

This month's church flowers and cleaning volunteers:				
	St Mary's	St James'		
June 3	Mrs Day	Mrs Hewson		
June 10 June 17	Mrs Morris Mrs Waters	Mrs Wright Mrs Thrupp		
June 24 July 1	Mrs Hewes, Mrs Healy Mrs Perez, Mrs French	Mrs Browning Mrs Jeffrey		

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# Diary dates

From the Evington Hall website: www.evingtonhall.org.uk

Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> to Mon 5<sup>th</sup> closed for car-park renovation.

6 Toddler Group	09.30			
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7 Coffee Morning	10.30			
7 Community Choir	19.00			
8 No Art Group - polling				
8 General Election Polling	07.00			
13 Toddler Group	09.30			
13 Library Van in Car Park	09.45			
13 H'leigh Parish Council	19.45			
14 Community Choir	19.00			
15 Art Group	09.30			
17 Guild of St John BBQ	17.00			
20 Toddler Group	09.30			
21 Community Choir	19.00			
22 Art Group	09.30			
27 Toddler Group	09.30			
27 Library Van	09.45			
29 Art Group	09.30			

July

4 Toddler Group

5 Coffee Morning

6 Art Group

6 W.I. Meeting

11 Library Van

11 Toddler Group

5 Community Choir

# We raised a fair amount

THIS year's Spring Fair, held on the Football Field, was once again a very successful event, despite the rather damp start and cold wind.

The event made a profit of £1,405.71 which is, unbelievably, the second-highest figure raised in the 13 years that we have been running the Spring Fair.

This money will all be used for the benefit of our community.

A heartfelt "Thank You" to all of you who helped and supported this Annual Event in our Community.

Robin Helmer Chairman Evington Community Project

# Market dates

THERE is all kinds of great produce in season so why not shop at Wye Farmers Market.

The market is held on the first and third Saturday of each month, 9am – 12noon, around The Green in the centre of Wye. We hope to see you there.

09.30

10.30

19.00

09.30

19.30

09.30

09.45

# Blooming good show

DON'T miss the celebration of the fabulous delphinium collection in Godinton's walled garden: 23rd June – 2nd July, 13:00 – 20:00

The walled garden has been a riot of colour this spring with the perfect growing conditions, the Delphiniums are rocketing up and bursting into flower rather early but should still be showing some of their spectacular blooms for our festival week amid the 13 acres of glorious gardens.

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# 100 Club

THE latest winning numbers for the Evington Youth Project 100 club are:

 1st Prize:
 No.
 36

 2nd Prize:
 No:
 32

 3rd Prize:
 No:
 4

Thanks to the 100 Club Members for your support.

# WI report

T was a polling day for the KCC elections and we couldn't use the Evington Hall so we met for a meal at the Chequers Inn on Stone Street and discussed the resolutions that had been put forward to vote on at our AGM in Liverpool next month.

We had two resolutions: Alleviating loneliness and Plastic soup: keep microplastic fibres out of our oceans. After our discussion, these were voted on. We enjoyed a lovely meal, and had lots of chatting.

Our next meeting will be back in the Evington Hall on Thursday July the 6<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm and our speaker will be Mrs Sheila Boyd. Her talk is entitled *American heiresses who married English aristocrats*. Any new members would be made most welcome. Eleven members were present.

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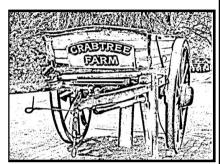
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# Occasional memories from our past

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Mrs Rebecca Wyles, wife of John Wyles, Hastingleigh deposed that on Sunday morning, about six o'clock, she saw Smith come from his house and go to her husband's cabbage bed. He cut some cabbages and carried them to his house.

Witness saw him do this from her top room, and she ran to call her husband, who sent their son to see how many had been cut, and went himself to the prisoner's house, but he was not then indoors.

In the course of the day she sent for Smith to see if he would acknowledge the fault, but he strongly denied it. The prisoner said that what had been stated against him was all false. He went to his father's on Sunday morning procured an armful of Rhubarb, with which he was returning when he

saw some bullocks in the corn near the cabbages, and he drove them out and took his rhubarb indoors; after which he went to Brook and other places to see if there were any cherries fit for gathering.

The magistrate convicted and he was fined £2 and 6d, the value of the cabbages. The prisoner said he had no money, and asked Mr Tappenden to lend it, who declined as Smith was already in his books.

He then caused amusement by turning to borrow from the prosecutor, offering to repay it by weekly instalments; but also failed in his persuasions.

It being suggested that his master, **Mr John Swinnerd** of Hastingleigh might advance him the money, the magistrate allowed him two days to pay it in, telling him that if he had not found it by that time he would be committed for a month with hard labour.

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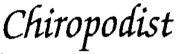
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