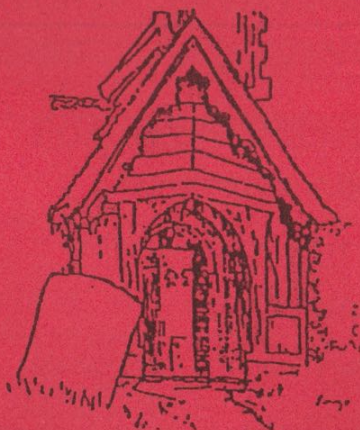
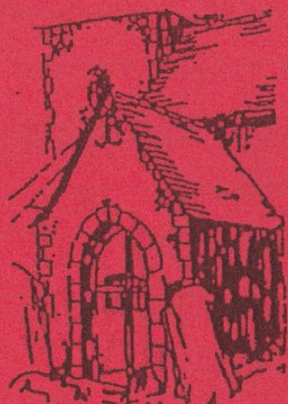


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HASTINGLEIGH with ELMSTED WI

Fourteen members met in the Evington Hall on 7th March. With Mrs Jill Argar presiding, various upcoming dates and meetings were discussed including where to go for our birthday dinner in May as the hall will be in use as a polling station for the local elections.

We were pleased to welcome back Ms Sarah Grazebrook to talk about her new book "The Shadow of the Lamp." She chose this title because she wanted to write the story from the junior nurses' point of view rather than centring it on Florence Nightingale but she found Miss Nightingale to be such a strong feisty character that this was very difficult. The two girls we follow in the tale are very different, one a butcher's daughter, interested in anatomy from seeing and handling animal carcasses in her father's shop. The other from a well to do family, only in it for the glamour, which of course was not there.

Florence came from a wealthy background and was well educated but to her parents' dismay was more interested in Mathematics and Anatomy than the ladylike subject they would have preferred her to favour.

The opportunity to go on the grand tour with friends gave her the chance to break away from what was expected of a young lady in the 19th century and while in Germany she visited a penitentiary for fallen women and orphans. This made her sure that she must do something about such human suffering.

Then came the Crimea War, which the powers that be set out to fight as they had forty years earlier at Waterloo. By now telegraph had been invented and people at home could read in the papers what was happening out there in a matter of days, instead of having news that was two months old. Florence persuaded the War Office and was finally given permission to take a band of nurses to the war zone. Out of 283 girls interviewed, only 14 were deemed suitable so she agreed to take nuns as well. On arrival all help was refused. The officers in charge would not believe that it was the conditions in the hospital that were killing the men, not their wounds. It was a French war artist that turned the tide with his picture of the lady with the lamp appearing in a London newspaper and I suppose that was the start of nursing as we know it.

On April 4th our speaker will be Mr Robert Stichbury and his subject "Hearing Dogs" Please bring any used postage stamps and old mobile phones both of which can be turned into funds for this charity. B.M.G.

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It has been an interesting period being a patient and I have been treated fantastically well both by my doctors and the surgery team who I am burdening with extra work. Jess Crouch is on maternity leave at present and so there will be some new faces in the surgery, we have been very lucky to get hold of some very good locum GPs to replace the hours lost by my and Jess' absence.

I will be away for four weeks after which I will be working two days a week for another month before returning full time.

Lets do a bit of disease prevention this month as it seems very apt.

STOP smoking! It's never too late. One in two older smokers will die because they smoke, one in two! But if you stop smoking now you reduce that risk by 25%, one in four, even at this late stage. That's remarkable isn't it? I couldn't believe my ears when I heard fags were £8 a pack now, that's bonkers money! Electric cigarettes probably reduce the risks but stopping is the answer. It is THE most affective way of stopping progression of smokers lung to the end stage of agonising breathlessness at rest.

'Oh but I've tried doctor'. Well smoking cessation one to one sessions double the chance of quitting and champix has a similar additional benefit, it is a tablet you take for 12 weeks that stops the urge to smoke. It can increase the risk of depression so must be used with caution in those with a tendency to depression. It's twice as effective as bupropion which we used to use.

Aspirin and cancer. There is evidence that aspirin reduces the risk of getting cancer and reduces likelihood of spread by 30-40%, it also reduces 5 year mortality. There is an increased risk of bleeding from the stomach so some may need stomach protection pills. There is no general advice for people to start aspirin en masse at present but it is an interesting finding.

Iron in non anaemic women who have periods. An interesting study found that women who menstruate but are not anaemic have an increased tendency to what we call TATT, tired all the time. If they had low iron stores, ferritin, a small amount of iron a day improved these symptoms. 50% in the iron treatment group felt better versus 30% in the placebo group, inactive placebo is a potent drug In all trials.

Well that's it for a couple of months, bear with us at the surgery, we always work hard to provide the best service possible even in adversity.

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28 th April Easter 4	9.30 Elmsted: Parish Communion (CW)	11.00 Hastingleigh: Holy Communion (BCP) 4.00pm Sunday Teatime in Evington Hall Hastingleigh

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Apr 20th	Mrs Morris	Mrs Argar
Apr 27th	Mrs Waters	Mrs Francisconi



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wed 3rd	Coffee Morning	10.30am
Thurs 4th	Women's Institute (Pages 15 & 16)	7.30pm
Fri 5th	Youth Club	7.00pm
Tues 9th	Hastingleigh Parish Council Meeting	7.45pm
Fri 12th	Charity Whist Drive	7.00pm
Sat 13th	Film Night (Page 14)	7.00pm
Sun 14th	Footpath Walk	2.00pm
Tues 16th	Gardeners Society Annual General Meeting (Page 17)	7.30pm
Sun 28th	Sunday Teatime	4.00pm
Mon 29th	St John of Beverley AGM	8.00pm

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

INSPIRED?

Where do we look for inspiration? Maybe we shouldn't look because maybe it's just a matter of waiting. If we are thinking in terms of being inspired by the Holy Spirit, then we probably have to 'be still' and wait on the Lord. If you are looking for inspiration for a sermon or a Parish Magazine article it can be a bit trying when that inspiration does not come immediately!

I got lucky a couple of weeks ago at the Ashford Tip/Re-Cycling Centre; a very insalubrious and basically ugly place.** But it is a place that deals with "life" and all its ramifications. I saw items that have been a part of the lives of many people, who for some reason best known to them have decided to divest themselves of what is now surplus to requirements. Looking at the rubbish in the container for scrap metal alone, I found myself reflecting on certain items that lead me to think about why they are no longer of any use. Some were quite obvious – a broken pram, a wheelbarrow, a sled, some empty paint tins, part of a child's climbing frame, and a zimmer frame (did Granny die?). All these things once had a use and were part of the lives of the people, things to which they were attached yet now found that it was time to get rid of them.

During Lent we were called to 'prayer, fasting and almsgiving' – though of late I haven't run into many people who actually do much fasting! Ravi's sermon on the 3rd March gave us an idea that he didn't think much of 'fasting or self-deprivation', but suggested we find some more positive things to do. You may not want to give up chocolate but Lent is a good time to examine our attachments, and what we most highly value and are not willing to give up; that is often quite uncomfortable because we are faced with things that matter most to us in our day to day lives. It means making choices and working out priorities without fudging the issue. A good time to remember Jesus' words: "where your treasure is, there will your heart be also".

It is my dearest hope that as you read this at the end of March, that we will be finished with the snow and that the darkness of Lent will feel far behind, and that whether or not you're a 'regular' member of our congregation, or a High Day and Holiday Visitor, please do come to rejoice and celebrate the resurrection of our Lord on Sunday. As I write this just after Mothering Sunday I believe that continuing in Gods grace I may be there to share the joy with you.

This threefold formula for Lenten observance opens the door for us into that spiritual realm where we can in fact become the person God wants us to be. Wye is a caring and generous community, so I know for most of you almsgiving is not much of a problem; my family had first hand experience of this for which we are, and will be, eternally grateful; but prayer? that is often a stumbling block for many because they think they need the right words. It won't be, if you allow the Spirit to come and don't try too hard, Brother David in the book *Altar on the World* advises those of "you who struggle.

"*Prayer* is not the same thing as *prayers*. Prayers are important, saying psalms in the morning is a good way to head into the day more prayerfully, so is going to church, but prayer is waking up to the presence of God no matter where you are or what you are doing. When you are fully alert to whoever or whatever is right in front of you;

when you are electrically aware to the tremendous gift of being alive; when you are able to give yourself wholly to the moment you are in, then you are in prayer. Prayer is happening, and it is not necessarily something that you are doing. God is happening, and you are lucky enough to know that you are in The Midst. May this Easter season bring you joy, inspiration and love.

Dickie

***Yes there is still one in Ashford – a little further along the same road- set up because of the hue and cry of the citizens!*

FROM THE EDITOR

Let's hope that by the time this April magazine reaches you that spring will at last have arrived. There is a new look to the magazine this month. First, a thank you to our advertisers; their annual contracts have been renewed and there are some new ones. Second, the "news" is still in the centre group of pages, but the details of organisations and other useful contacts are now inside the front and back covers. This should make them easier to locate and also simplifies organisation of the printing.

Subscriptions for the year are nearly all in, but there are still one or two outstanding. If you wish to continue to receive the magazine your distributor would appreciate prompt payment.

2013 at the Timber Batts

MAGIC EVENING WITH ETIENNE PRADIER

WEDNESDAY 20TH MARCH, TUESDAY 30TH APRIL, WEDNESDAY 22ND MAY

WEDNESDAY 19TH JUNE, SUNDAY 14TH JULY, TUESDAY 27TH AUGUST

TUESDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER, TUESDAY 29TH OCTOBER,

TUESDAY 26TH NOVEMBER

IN THE GARDEN

This month we begin to think seriously of spring and the coming summer. There is a need to get some plants in preparation. The season here is shortened by as much as 2 weeks in the spring and 2 weeks in the autumn as we are 600ft up. Any way we can overcome this is desirable. If you have a greenhouse or handy light windowsill you can plant the seeds of half hardy plants. When these have germinated the seedlings can be planted out into modules. Alternatively you can plant the seeds directly into the modules. With a little bit of effort one can have a good supply of plants for planting out later in the season. You can buy in plants already germinated in modules from the garden centre. These can be potted on producing plants at less than half the price. It is a good time to start this now as the garden centre plants are fresh and have not been sitting in poor light for a few weeks. Avoid large pots as this is costly in compost. Some plants tend to fail if too large a pot is used. Make sure the plants are kept in plenty of light. The advantage of producing plants in pots is there is little disturbance of the roots when they are planted out so they will grow away more quickly. The same principles can be applied to vegetable plants, particularly leeks, onions, cabbage etc.

There is still time to divide up the perennials in the border. As the new shoots appear the position of the plants becomes clear. I find splitting many of the border perennials that have been in place several years stimulates new growth increasing the number of flowers. Splitting the plants provides the opportunity to add fresh compost to the soil. It provides more plants to install to enlarge areas or introduce into a new area. Flower beds need larger areas of single variety flowers to give more impact or rows (pathways) of uniform plants snaking across the border. The splitting of the perennials would provide the extra plants needed without expense.

The coming month will be a busy time of preparation for the summer but don't forget the basics. Apply a general fertilizer such as "Growmore" and compost to improve soil fertility. Watch out for slugs on the emerging shoots and remove those weeds while they are still small! **SB**

EVINGTON COMMUNITY PROJECT

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Chairman's Report for 2013

We held a successful Spring Fair on the 7th May 2012 which boosted our funds by just over £900. We have ploughed all the money raised back into our community by arranging sporting and leisure events that are either free or heavily subsidised and by offering financial support to village organisations.

We organised three Film Evenings with Fish and Chips during the year, which continue to be very well supported. We supported financially and arranged, in association with some of the other village organisations, the Elmsted and Hastingleigh Celebrations for HM The Queen's Diamond Jubilee, which included a street party outside the hall, an official Jubilee Beacon and a Jubilee Mug for all school-age children in our two parishes. We cooked and served food for the Bonfire and Fireworks night, which raised £95 for the Kent Air Ambulance and we gave a sizeable donation towards the cost of the fireworks. Sadly, our coach trip to London in September did not attract sufficient numbers to make it viable. However, we are hoping to help resurrect a village trip to France or Belgium in 2013. We continue to assist financially with the maintenance of the Playing Field.

In October 2012 we started a Youth Club which is kindly run by Annika Kirton, assisted by Rachel Palmarini and James Farr..

At the end of 2012, we held our annual "Seasonal Thanks" morning of Mulled Wine and Mince Pies, to say thank you to the residents and friends of our two parishes who have generously supported ECP throughout the year. This was well attended.

I should like to take this opportunity to thank the Evington Community Project committee who have worked tirelessly throughout the year and have given freely of their time. I should also like to thank on behalf of ECP, The Powell Family for allowing the use of their field; Sarah Pell for checking our accounts; Elmsted and Hastingleigh Parish Councils and all of you who have generously supported and assisted with our events throughout the year.

Robin Helmer

4th March 2013

FOOTPATH WALK - 17th MARCH

Two Forward and One Back!

So would we, could we, make a go of it this month or would the weather stop us yet again. Having survived the blizzard at the beginning of the week and the torrential rain the day before it was with some trepidation that ten of us met at Little Coombe for an afternoon stroll.

Leaving by the bridle way toward the north west very soon I was reminded of that famous Flanders and Swann song - "Mud Mud Glorious Mud", and that's pretty much how it stayed!

After a while we took a right hand path across the fields to Hassel Street and then on to what is normally a lovely path to Crundale. Turning left here we dropped down to the Crundale Downs path back towards Pett Street Farm. By the time we had reached the farm everyone was beginning to feel the effort of taking two steps forward and one back, plus the need to carry large parts of Kent on the bottom of your boots.

Miraculously only one person fell over and fortunately not hurt. We had to wait at the farm for those wonderful countryside visitors – motorbikes – how they can get enjoyment out of the beautiful Kent downs beats me.

A final walk through the wood to Big Coombe gave us some much needed relief from the mud as the footpath was in reasonably good shape. At Big Coombe two of the party left to take a short cut to Barbara's while the rest of us worked our way up the hill and back to Little Coombe.

Perhaps not our most pleasant walk ever but as always a very happy time with lots of good conversation

Why not try next month's walk which will be in the spring sunshine on the 14th April, probably starting at the hall.

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Starting as a St Paul's chorister, **James Edwards** has sung leading tenor roles in **Albert Herring, The Rake's Progress**, as Roderigo in **Otello** and **Lensky** in **Eugene Onegin**, has performed with the Philharmonic Orchestra in Verdi's and Mozart's Requiems and lately played Don Jose in Carmen at the Royal Albert Hall. The singers are accompanied by **Ian Ryan**, staff répétiteur with Scottish Opera for three years with similar experience at Opera North, ENO and The Edinburgh Festival. As a soloist he has performed at the BBC Proms and the Musikfest Berlin.

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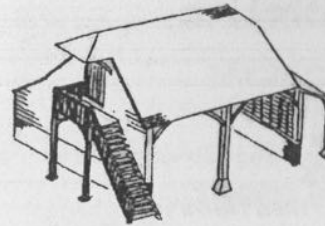
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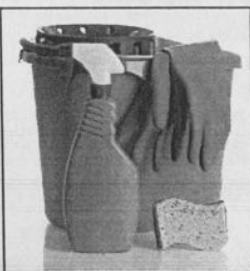
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