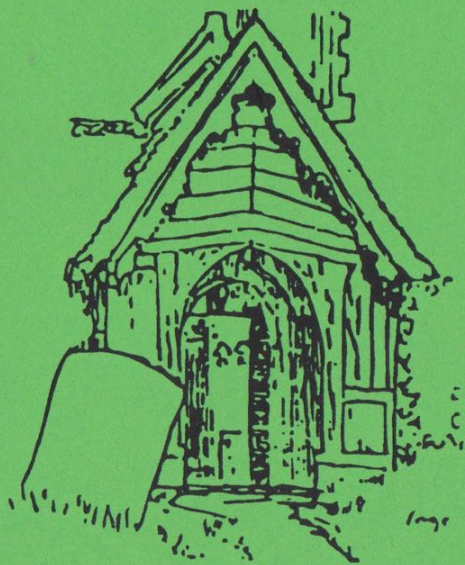


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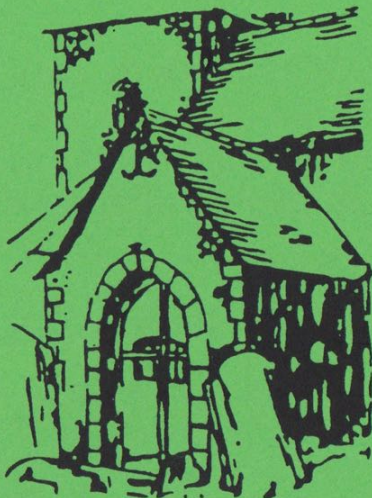
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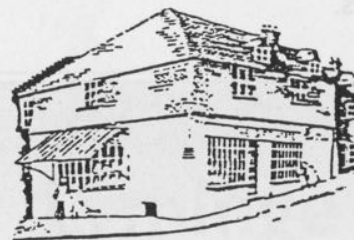
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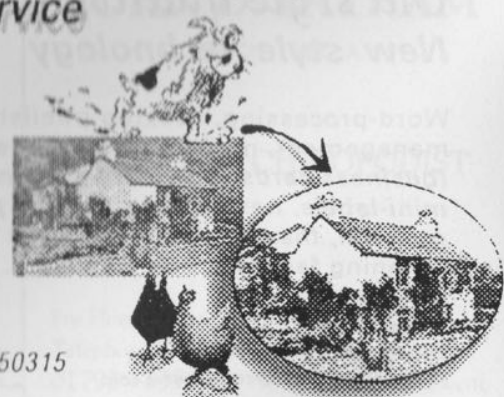
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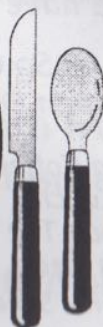
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My Dear Friends

The Way Forward

There has been a great deal of speculation about the appointment of a replacement for Paul Cox. At a meeting of the Churchwardens on 5th January, which reviewed the appointment, it was decided not to re-advertise but to consult with the PCC's and the Bishop was so informed.

On 6th May the Archdeacon will meet with the Churchwardens and the clergy to agree a way forward. The Diocese is encouraging parishes to bring together lay ministry leadership teams that, in partnership with the clergy, take forward the life of the churches. We will aim to have two teams in place by the end of the year.

The response from the parish groups that I have met has been most encouraging. With the help that the Diocese will provide and with Paul Filmer being ordained priest on 28th June at Canterbury Cathedral, the future appears very challenging and exciting.

One great encouragement has been the acceptance of Sheila Porter by "ABBM" for training for the ministry. This training will be undertaken locally at the South East Institute for Theological Education in Canterbury. We hope that you will continue to encourage her by prayer and support her in the three years of training that lie ahead.

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ELMSTED PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting is the Annual General Meeting which will be held in Evington Hall on Tuesday 12th May at 7 pm. A full meeting agenda will be displayed on the noticeboards a few days before the meeting takes place.

Keith Griffiths

THE FOOTPATH WALK (APRIL 12TH)

All week long there had been forecasts of winter weather at the weekend - dire warnings of cold, wet, windy conditions, perhaps snow, certainly no sun. So when Sunday morning dawned fresh, clear and sunny it seemed too good to be true. By 2 o'clock it would surely change to cloud and rain. But no, it remained perfect for the whole afternoon. The seven of us, led by Sheila Burrage, counted ourselves very lucky indeed.

From the hall we went north past the tennis courts, across the fields at the back of Becketts Close crossing the Waltham Road to carry on west by footpath and then south to Cold Blow Farm. We then took the path down the hill past Fishponds Farm and curled round north again to climb back up to the nature reserve at the Devil's Kneading Trough. From there we followed the North Downs Way past Cold Blow again and round to South Hill and back by road to our respective homes.

Many of the Spring flowers were in bloom - carpets of wood anemones and bluebells, gleaming celandine, delicate stitchwort, shy primroses and many others all lit up by the sunshine as well as grazing deer and strutting peacocks. Truly it was a delight for the nature lover.

Next month's walk will as usual be on the second Sunday, May 10th and will start at 2 pm from Evington Hall.

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EVINGTON HALL COMMITTEE

At the AGM held on March 24th a profitable year for the village hall was reported. The successful coffee morning, bazaar and jumble sale boosted the reserves towards the planned refurbishment of the kitchen. It was agreed that this would be our target for the year 2000. The existing executive committee of George Jessell (Chairman), Peter Francesconi (Vice-chairman), Sue Brooke (Secretary), Sheila Burrage (Treasurer), Avis Ball, Jill Argar, Jean Bowes, Tim Bowes, Gordon Etheridge and Ron Marsh were re-elected.

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The President drew attention to some of the outings, entertainments and classes offered in East Kent News.

The final Whist Drive of the winter season had been very successful and showed a profit of £40.

Advance notice - Hastings with Elmsted are to host the Group Quiz on 11th June. Home-made biscuits will be needed for refreshments.

Vi Foad gave a report on the Council Meeting at Margate and Eileen Parrett told of the Group Meeting at Thanington.

Yvonne Helmer won the competition for a Flower Arrangement and Jean Bowes won the Flower of the Month with a lovely pink camelia. Angela Watts had the winning raffle ticket.

In May we shall meet at the George Inn at 7pm when the resolutions for the June Intermediate General Meeting will be discussed and then we plan to celebrate our birthday with a meal.

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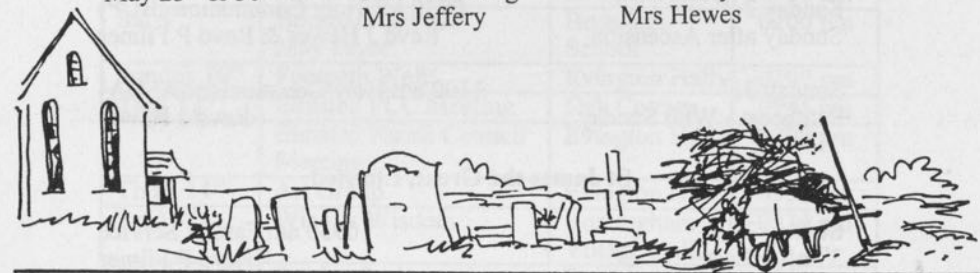
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Sunday 24 th *	NO SERVICE
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Wed 6 th	Evington Gardeners Society Plant Sale	Evington Hall	0700 pm
Thurs 7 th	WI Birthday Meeting	George Inn	0700 pm
	Art Group	Evington Hall	0930 am
Sat 9 th	Bodsham School May Fayre	Bodsham School	0200 pm
Sunday 10 th	Footpath Walk	Evington Hall	0200 pm
Tues 12 th	Elmsted PCC Meeting	Oak Cottage	0745 pm
	Elmsted Parish Council Meeting	Evington Hall	0700 pm
Thurs 14 th	Art Group	Evington Hall	0930 am
Sat 16 th	Wine & Wisdom	Bossingham Village Hall	0730 pm
Sunday 17 th	Sunday Seekers	Evington Hall	0930 am
Thurs 21 st	Art Group	Evington Hall	0930 am
Sunday 24 th	Lunches & Teas	Elmsted Church	1200 noon - 0530 pm
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JULY			
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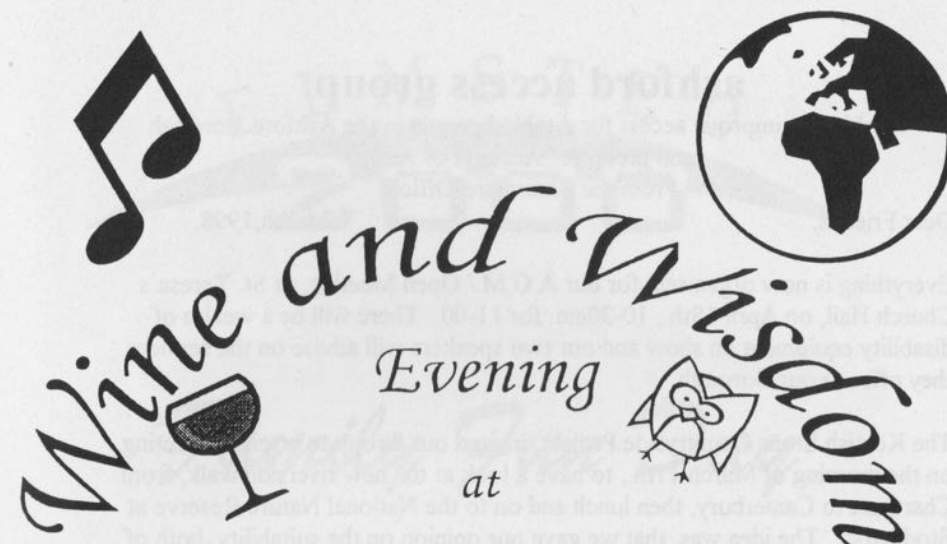
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The Kentish Stour Countryside Project, invited our Group to attend a meeting, on the morning of March 11th., to have a look at the new riverside walk, from Chartham to Canterbury, then lunch and on to the National Nature Reserve at Stodmarsh. The idea was, that we gave our opinion on the suitability both of these, for disabled access. A variety of local people were present, plus a large contingent, from the Parc Regional Audomarois in the Nord, Pas de Calais, who had come over to see how it compared with their own project. A reciprocal visit is being planned. Susan Mansfield, one of our own able-bodied Committee Members, actually did the walk, but I returned home, to put together, more of our Newsletters and send off invitations, to our A.G.M.

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HYMN: 109

When all thy mercies, O my God, my rising soul surveys,
transported with the view, I'm lost in wonder, love and praise.

Addison, the son of a Dean of Lichfield, enjoyed a full and distinguished career. He became a prominent scholar at Oxford, and was for a time a Fellow of Magdalen College. He was a Member of Parliament all his life, holding important political posts as Under Secretary of State and Chief Secretary for Ireland, but also found time to develop his talent for writing, becoming an eminent journalist and man of letters. He moved in high society, married the Dowager Countess of Warwick, became a founder member of a London club, and at his death had the honour of being buried in Westminster Abbey.

Today, he is remembered for his literary achievements. His prose writings, praised at the time by Dr Johnson, appeared in a number of periodicals. Addison also wrote within the political arena and founded 'The Freeholder', a periodical devoted to politics. Quite early on he had proved to be no mean poet, drawing the admiration of Dryden by his Latin verses, and in 1705 writing the poem 'The Campaign' to celebrate the victory of Blenheim.

The poems which were eventually used as hymns were only five in number, all of which appeared in 'The Spectator' - issued daily - within weeks of each other, in the year 1712. All five were eventually set to music by J Sheeles (1688-1716), adapting tunes from his composition 'The Skylark' published around 1720. Any further information on Sheeles has been difficult to find - no mention of his name appears in the new Grove Dictionary of Music and Musicians, and other reference books have drawn a blank. Only three of Addison's five hymns are included in modern hymn collections. They are:- 'The spacious firmament on high' (103), the only one that retains the tune by Sheeles: a tune popularised by the Methodists. Unfortunately, it is not a hymn often heard - possibly never within the living memory of either Elmsted or Hastingleigh congregations! The words, however, represent one of the gems from

English Poetry, and if not sung they certainly deserve to be read. 'The Lord my pasture shall prepare' (111) is based on Psalm 23, and concluded an essay entitled 'Divine Providence'. It is interesting to compare Addison's rendering with Herbert's (110) and Henry Baker's (126) on this Psalm.

The third hymn, 'When all thy mercies, O my God', concludes an essay by Addison on Gratitude, appearing in 'The Spectator' for 9th August, 1712. It was originally in thirteen stanzas. However, this poem along with others was hotly disputed over authorship. It was contended for a while that this hymn was written by Isaac Watts, the problem being that Addison used a single letter as a pseudonym - in this instance 'C'. The confusion was eventually resolved. This hymn and 'The spacious firmament on high' were included in 'The Charlestown Hymn Book' compiled by John Wesley and the first of a series that both John and his brother Charles were to participate together in their future work. Both hymns were added to the Paraphrases of The Scottish Psalter in 1781.

'When all Thy mercies' gives us a window into Addison's Christian faith. Here was a gifted man who had great wit, intelligence and humour; one of our foremost essayists; a political figure; a man of his age. Yet this worldly success and the social fopperies of the time never deterred his feelings of indebtedness to daily mercies which he deeply believed came from God's guiding hand. He looks back to infancy, through 'the slippery paths of youth', indeed, to every period of his life, and testifies to what a later twentieth century poet, John Masefield, was to describe as 'The Everlasting Mercy'. What is more, Addison looks towards eternity where he will repeat the same song.

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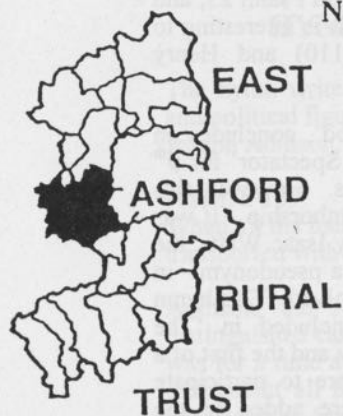
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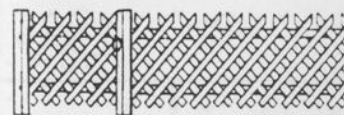
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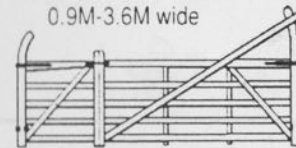
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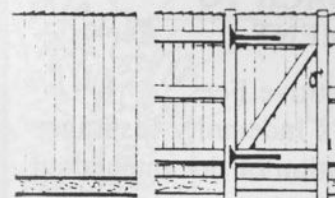
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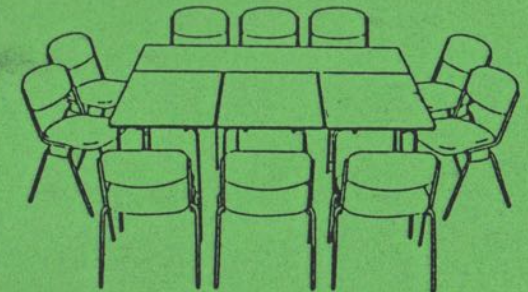
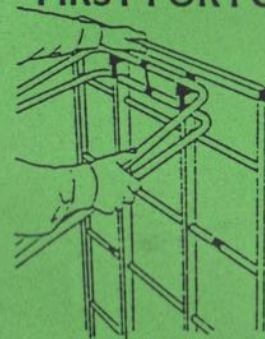
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