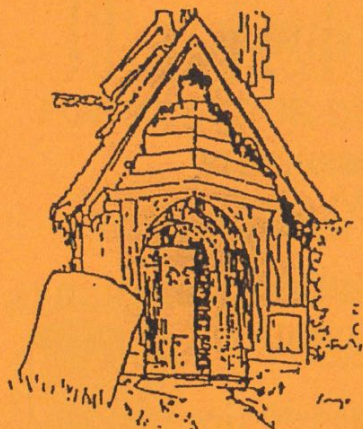
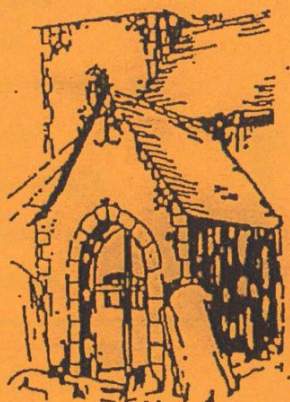


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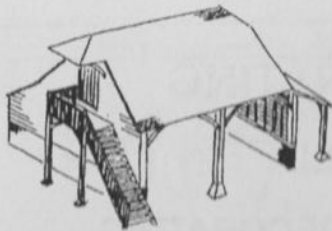
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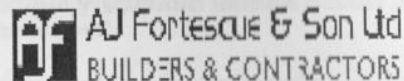
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FROM WYE BENEFICE

When asked to write this month's leader I happily agreed, knowing that I had plenty of time to write it. But with two young boys and a busy job, and a pregnant wife who sends me to the Co-op at all hours of the day to satisfy her cravings for prawns and chocolate ice cream (not eaten together you'll be relieved to know), I suddenly find myself penning this a few nights after it was due to be submitted, and feeling the pressure! I don't think this is what Thomas Edison meant when he said that genius is one percent inspiration and ninety nine percent perspiration.

It seems to me that there are two things on the nation's mind at the moment, and because the weather is so depressing I thought I'd write about the Olympics instead. You see the Olympic Games are a rich source of sporting analogies. If you've been able to bear the onslaught of big brand advertising around the games, you will know how focused a lot of the marketing is on achievement and success (for which read winning). Athletes toil away for years for the chance to compete at the Olympics, and we should rightly admire the dedication and discipline they have shown to get to the start line, and applaud those who win. But what about those who don't win?

I'm sure we all remember Eddie 'the Eagle' Edwards at the Calgary Winter Olympics of 1988. Eddie was 9kg heavier than the next heaviest competitor in a sport where the aim is to prolong the effects of gravity, and he was so farsighted that he had to wear his glasses at all times, even though when skiing they fogged so much that he couldn't see. But so determined was he to make the Olympics that trained in Finland (while working as a plasterer) and resided temporarily in a Finnish mental hospital due to lack of funds for alternative accommodation (rather than as a patient). By his own admission he was certain to come last, but in the words of the president of the Organizing Committee at the closing ceremony: "At this Games, some competitors have won gold, some have broken records, and some of you have even soared like an eagle."

And who can forget Eric 'the eel' Moussambani Malonga, whose time when he swam his heat of the 100m freestyle at the 2000 Olympics was more than twice that of his faster competitors, and outside even the 200m world record. But because the other two swimmers in his heat false-started, and were thus disqualified, he won the heat! All this having taken up swimming eight months before the Olympics and training in a 20m pool at a hotel in Guinea.

Amusing, I hear you say, but what is the message? It's very simple really – our relationship with God is not supposed to be like the Olympics. Although heart can get you some way in the Olympics (like Eddie and Eric), in order to be successful you need to be blessed with good athletic genes; in some cases you need to have the right climate to train in; and in others you need sound financial backing.

We don't get the winner's medal and a pat on the back from God because we are the smartest, the strongest, the quickest, the richest, the most outwardly successful individual or team. We don't even win because we pray the most, or sing the loudest in church, or give the most to charity, because it isn't a competition. What God cares about most is the attitude of our heart towards his Son, Jesus Christ and towards others. If we focus on loving God and our neighbours then will we receive the winner's medal that lasts for eternity.

FROM THE EDITOR

Another month has gone by and at the time of writing we are still waiting for summer to arrive. August is always a quiet month as far as news is concerned with most people looking forward to a holiday. The art group and parent and toddler groups have both finished for the summer break and will start again in September.

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Crabble Corn Mill in River near Dover was the venue chosen by Hastingleigh with Elmsted WI for their annual outing on Thursday 5th July.

Members Miss Steward and Mrs Crees hosted the evening and had arranged for the members to receive a guided tour of Kents last working watermill by one of the young volunteers.

Fortunately it was a pleasant evening weather wise and we were able to sit out in the marquee for tea and cakes after the tour.

The Shop was open for ladies to browse and enjoy all home-made goods for sale including jewellery, gardening hampers, scarves and food items such as preserves, honey and cakes.

Everyone agreed it had been a very interesting evening.

Anyone who would like to arrange a group outing please contact Mrs Cheryl Crees on 01304 832320 or email chezcrees@aol.com

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 2nd August at Evington Hall when Mrs Bowes will give a flower arranging demonstration and workshop.

Cheryl Crees

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8pm

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IN THE GARDEN

Slugs !!!!! The wet weather over the last weeks means we have had a plague of them. They are even to be found marching across the lawn in the daylight. The plants that they like have been stripped to the "bare bones". I had some dahlias and African marigolds that were doing very nicely when the leaves were stripped to the thickest veins overnight. They had even chopped the stems of the flowers through so these were lost. I am not keen on using slug pellets but it has become a necessity if anything is to survive. An interesting point however was made in an article in a newspaper, the writer said don't put the pellets on the plants. I think he was referring to the chemical contamination of a food crop. However having given this some thought instead of putting the pellets close to the plants I placed them in the space between the plants and the lawn where I thought the slugs were coming from. Next morning I found 25 slugs in the space between the lawn and some lettuce plants. I did this in other areas and found I was catching many more slugs. I can see the logic of not putting the slug bait close to the plants I want to protect as this will simply attract the slugs to the plants. The laying of grit around some plants worked fine at the beginning of the season but needs to be replenished at intervals and this can be quite difficult now the plants have a full canopy.

Enough of the doom and gloom, perhaps gloom would be a better word. We have been picking the early and mid season raspberries, this year they are large and plump probably due to the plentiful supply of water. The unusual weather has upset the late variety and we would seem to be getting both an early and late crop with them.

This is the time of year when the compost heap grows rapidly as we cut back the flowers and mow the lawn. It is important to put these on the compost heap to be recycled into the garden in a year's time. Spread the grass clipping thinly to allow air into the compost.

Now is a good time to take cuttings of plants you like to multiply. Use well drained compost with plenty of grit. Cover the cuttings with a polythene bag or put them into a planter to keep the air around the leaves moist to reduce transpiration. Use hormone powder to stimulate quicker growth. Choose non flowering shoots and cut off below a node.

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Thurs 2nd	Women's Institute (Page 16)	7.30pm
Mon 20th	Evington Players AGM (Page 16)	8.00pm
Sun 26th	Bowl Inn Beer Festival (Page 17)	noon
Sat 1st Sept	Evington Gardeners Show (Page 15)	2.30pm

Note: All events at Evington Hall unless otherwise stated.

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Peggy Hewes

CHURCH FLOWER AND CLEANING ROTA

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Aug 25th	Mrs Morris	Mrs Wood
Sept 1st	Mrs Waters	Ms Flitney

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A LOOK AT LOCAL RESTAURANTS - FISH AND CHIPS

Brook: the Honest Miller. *** This advertises 'freshly cooked' F&C on Fridays, and 'must book'. On arrival after drinks were ordered, without a menu or placing an order, we sat and quite soon the meal arrived via the commanding landlord who announced that we were served fresh cod loin, 'the best'. The fish was of a moderate size, obviously freshly cooked in crisp beer batter with peas though the chips had been prepared earlier. The fish was quite good; the chips were soft though had a good potato flavour. A tartar sauce was also served. The music was not too loud and the lighting very good. At £11.95, rather expensive but very pleasant. A dessert of spotted dick and custard was rather dry.

Brabourne: The Five Bells. **** F&C isn't always available, though even when not on the verbose menu's (sic), (of the 'our very own', 'oven baked', and 'fresh local hen's egg' variety), they can often provide it. Chips are usually potato wedges, but freshly cooked and very tasty, though we suggest asking for them unsalted with the option of adding it. Tables can be dimly lit at the 'shop' end, though elsewhere they are fine. Live music on certain days is excellent. Service is very helpful but expect it to be slow as all the dishes are freshly prepared. The fish on fresh fish days was of high-quality with choices of cod or haddock @£12.00. They try hard and with enthusiasm. The choice of real ales and Chapel Down wines and other wines is admirable. The two homemade soups, parsnip and mushroom were some of the best ever experienced and worth a visit for these alone.

Dungeness: The Pilot ***** Reckoned for to be the best F&C establishment, we visited it three times over a year. The fish and chips were constantly good but other items from the menu, though tasty, were about the same as in a good pub. There are three sizes of fish, £8.25, £9.25 & £10.75, the last huge, overlapping the plate both ways. The choice was cod, huss, plaice, skate wing or haddock, steamed or fried, served with chips or salad with either mushy or garden peas. They seemed willing to please by offering to mix options to suit. Good quality fresh cod, cooked with crispy batter can't be beaten. The chips were good and with the busy staff, even on 'quiet' days means freshly cooked. On busy days, it can be noisy with holidaying families. The drive is about 40 minutes.

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HASTINGLEIGH FOOTPATH WALKS

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

- 9th September - Barbara George
- 14th October - Helen Ransley
- 11th November - Stan & Sheila Burrage
- 9th December - Avis Ball

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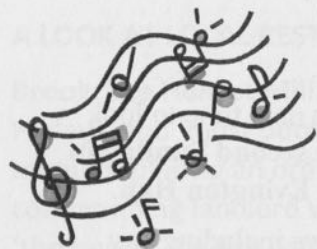
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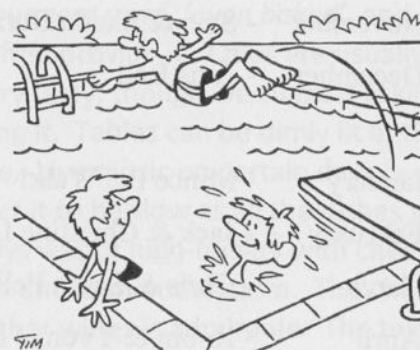
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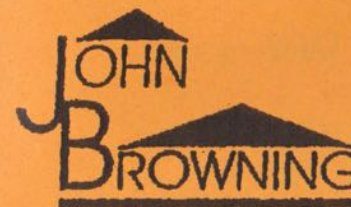
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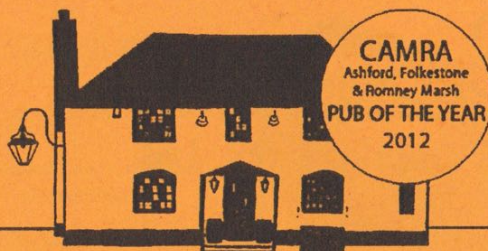
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