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St Mary the Virgin Hastingleigh

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THE results of this summer's weather can be seen in our gardens and on our plates, giving this month's *News* a seasonal recipe theme.

What else would one want in Kent at this time of year than salad, strawberries and cherries? See pages 5 and 13 for recipe ideas from the WI and Wye Farmers' Market. There must be some other recipe suggestions among our readers...

Meanwhile, my call for submissions fell on fruitful ground farther afield and prompted a submission from a former priest of these parishes.

Canon Paul Cox has written an excellent feature about the history of our churches. See **page 7** Who moved the pews? Canon Cox is happy to give talks on the subject. He can be contacted through this magazine.

We also have some new and renewed advertisers — Annie Blown Photography **page 12**, and Carpets Direct, **page 25**.

The Editor

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Hastingleigh with Elmsted Women's Institute



Minutes from last month's meeting

POURTEEN members attended our meeting at the Evington Hall, and we also welcomed two guests. Our speaker was Sheila Boyd, who spoke to us about American heiresses who married English aristocrats.

She gave us many details of some of the 450 women whose money, between 1860 and 1910, rescued some of the aristocracy.

Some marriages were happy, others were not. Mothers and daughters bought fancy dresses and sailed to the UK at the invitation of the Prince of Wales, later to be Edward VII.

One of the most famous of these ladies was Jennie Jerome, who married Lord Randolph Churchill. He was an MP and widely expected to be PM but died at 36 of syphilis. They were parents to Winston and Jack. Her second husband was her son's age, and her third was younger!

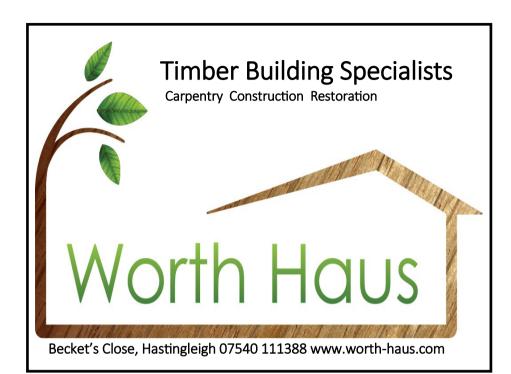
Some American men weren't happy with these marriages: they'd made the money for their daughters, only to find that when they'd married noblemen, the money was used to pay debts.

Many of these American ladies were on the guest list of the Prince of Wales at his Coronation.

We discussed various items of business, including meals out. The flower of the month was won by Mrs Bowes. The competition was won by Mrs George. Our next meeting will be a meal in Wye.

Fiona Steward

 Turn the page for some lovely WI summer recipes...



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WI summer recipes

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Smoked Chicken Waldorf Salad

This is a take on the classic Waldorf salad. Smoked chicken has a really good flavour, but you could substitute cold cooked chicken if preferred.

Serves 4

Preparation time:20 minutes

1 head of Celery, cut into chunks

2 red skinned Apples, quartered and cored

50g Walnut pieces

200g Smoked Chicken Breast, cut into bite-size pieces

3 tablespoons French Dressing

2 tablespoons chopped fresh Parsley, to garnish

Method

Put the celery in a large bowl.
Cut the apple quarters in half again, and cut each into four or five chunks.
Add to the celery.
Add the walnuts, chicken and french dressing and stir to mix well.
Pile on to pretty plates, sprinkle over the parsley and serve immediately

From *Traditional Favourites* published by Simon & Schuster 2012, ISBN 978-1-47110-178-6 priced £12.99

Strawberry Ice cream

Home-made ice cream tastes superb and is a dessert that is easy to prepare ahead; perfect to have in the freezer for summer days.

Serves 4

300ml Double Cream 200g Strawberries, pureed or mashed with a fork 50g Icing Sugar, sieved 2 Egg Whites

Method

Whip the cream lightly and fold in the icing sugar and fruit
Whisk the egg whites stiffly and fold into the mixture
Pour into a freezer container and freeze until solid, (about 2 hours)
Bring out and beat until it is smooth and creamy
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Soft strawberries work well in this dish, alternatively tinned strawberries, drained may be used to capture the taste of summer. Enjoy!



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A former priest of the Stone Street Group tours our churches and asks 'who removed the pews.'

RECENTLY my wife and I revisited the churches of what we knew as the Stone Street Group when I served as the priest (with Richard Bateman) of Hastingleigh and seven other parishes.

The purpose of our visit was to take photographs of features in the churches that would illustrate a talk I have prepared which looks at what changes have taken place in churches and why. I have entitled the talk: Who removed the pews?

As the Editor of this magazine wrote last month, there were few contributions being submitted so I thought I would offer you just a flavour of what I have included in the talk.

How we see our older churches today is not as they have been throughout their history. This applies to St Mary's Hastingleigh and St James' Elmsted, as much as any other churches of its age.

There are hints of earlier times as in the mediaeval wall

paintings that can just about be seen depicting the Annunciation, but what about the door to be opened to let the devil out at a baptism?

Early parish church worship was influenced by what was happening in the monasteries and abbeys. Congregational participation was very limited until the late 15th century and enhanced by the introduction of printing and the reforms under Henry VIII which said every church should have a Bible.

Pews were only introduced when sermons were included in main services. Before then people stood around, although the weakest "went to the wall"!

And now pews are being removed in the wish to have our church spaces more flexible and more welcoming. Although someone suggested seats should not be padded and made comfortable!

In some churches food markets are now being held as they were some

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'We can look for our past in our churches'

From page 7

700 years ago, but the space is used also for concerts and providing teas on special occasions, as at St James' at Elmsted.

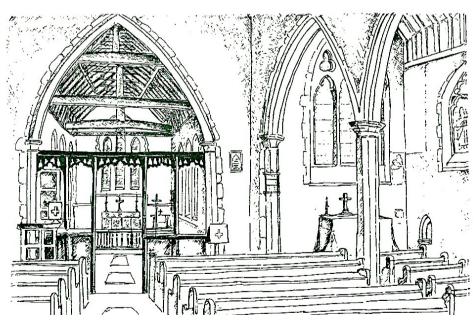
Refurbishment of many churches took place in Victorian times - as was the case for St

Mary's at Hastingleigh. Since then there have been more recent additions such as the cross over the Screen with its golden butterfly and the font cover made by Michael Rust.

And why was the screen there anyway? It was to separate the clergy from the congregation!

But fonts did not always have covers and in the 13th century a law was passed that they should be locked! Going into a church can tell us much of the past if we look carefully, ask questions and use our imaginations.

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Market offers best of Kent's summer

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Perry Court has home-grown peas, broad beans, runner beans and their cherries are still worth trying in August.

A classic for the picnic hamper is bread from Dockers, some great Kent cheeses from the Cheesmakers of Canterbury and ready-to-eat pies from the Kentish Pieman or Enzo's Bakery.

Or why not get all your barbeque needs from VJ Game, Burscombe Cliff Organic Farm or JR Meats?

And, of course, there is lovely fresh seafood from Botterells and seasonal veg from Perry Court and Ripple Farm Organics. Next market dates



are: **Saturday 5th and 19th August.** Look out for Wye
Community Farm Heirloom
Tomatoes and the Farmer's
Market Pet Show.

The summer brings a festive air to the market with various attractions for families on offer.

Last month's Cherry Spitting Event, with a stunning 'launch' of 5.19m was won by Casey Early who won a £5 market youcher.

The junior event was won by Archie Macara who 'spat' the stone 2.46m and won a jar of Challock Chutney Company's lovely Raspberry Jam.

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Wye Farmers' Market
recipe for cherries.

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Summer recipe

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Cherry Focaccia Ingredients

1kg Kent Cherries
1 teaspoon dried yeast
350ml lukewarm water
500g plain flour
extra virgin olice oil
100g caster sugar
Salt

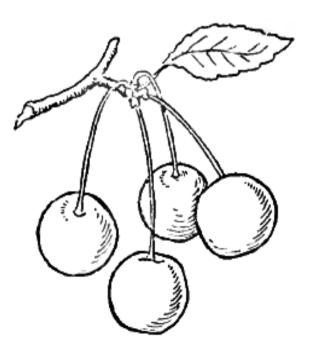
Method

- 1 Remove cherry stones.
- **2** Mix the yeast with warm water and allow to rest for about 5 minutes.
- **3** Mix in the flour and slowly pour in 50ml of the flour, half the sugar and a pinch of salt.
- **4** Knead on a floured work surface for about 5 minutes.
- **5** Return to the bowl, cover with a tea-towel and allow to rise for about an hour.
- **6** Once risen roll out the dough, to about 30cm diameter and place in an oiled shallow pan, cake tin



or over proof frying pan.

- **7** Place the cherries on top and allow to rise for another hour.
- 8 Preheat oven to 180C.
- **9** Sprinkle the rest of the sugar on top, drizzle with olive oil and bake for 30 minutes or until brown.
- **10** Serve at room temperature.



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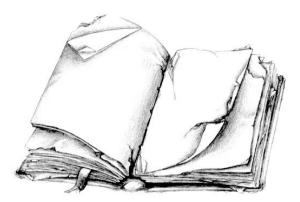
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Tales from the archives



Occasional memories from our past

Whitstable Times 23 Feb 1878

Hastingleigh and Elmsted

At the annual supper of the choirs of these two parishes Mr William Tappenden, who for the last two years has played the harmonium at both churches, was presented with a handsome silver watch from the members of the choirs and the parishioners of Hastingleigh and Elmsted generally as a mark of their regard and esteem.

Mr Tappenden's zealous and persevering efforts to improve the musical portion of the services in these churches deserve high praise; and the cheerful, willing, obliging way in which he has given himself to the work has found him friends on all sides. At the same time, **Mr Wetherell**, the master of the

Bodsham Green Schools, whose services in training and instructing the choirs have been most valuable, was presented by the **Rev A Collett** with a copy of the handy volume edition of Shakespeare, in recognition of his kind help.

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The Parish upon the Hills

O, we've been studying the Book of Colossians in our housegroup (a group of about 10-15 people who meet to read the bible, discuss and learn from each other and to pray for our community – there are a number that meet in Wye and Brook).

Colossians is a short book in the New Testament. It is only four chapters long, which is actually a letter written by the Apostle Paul to the church at Colossae.

It's a very positive little letter – full of words of encouragement to the people of the church to keep doing the right thing, to keep working together and to not be distracted by 'fine-sounding arguments'.

In verse 2 Paul writes: 'To God's holy people in Colossae, the faithful brothers and sister. Grace and peace to you from God our Father.'

It got me thinking of those faithful 'brothers and sisters' in Wye and its associated parishes who selflessly give of themselves for others.

You only have to have a quick glance through the pages of this parish magazine to see some of the things that are going on. Over the last few months it has included the myriad of clubs and societies that run weekly

and monthly events, nourishing our village life. Each of these activities is supported by people who give time and energy to make them possible and we are so much the richer for it.

And there are so many more, 'unsung heroes' that don't even appear in the pages of the magazines of the villages in the benefice.

In this traditional month of holidaying and 'time off', may I encourage you to pray for our community and those unsung heroes to be refreshed so that they can come back in the Autumn with renewed strength to 'keep on doing...'

But don't just pray! Actively seek to encourage one another in what we're already doing. Not false praise or forced sweetness, rather just remember to be grateful for what others are doing for us.

Consider sending a thank-you note to that person who really helped you, or stop, just for a moment and give the compliment that swept fleetingly through your mind.

Let's encourage each other to continue to make our communities great places to live, work and play.

Jo Rall, Music Leader at Wye Church

Church services in the Parish Upon The Hills			
6 Aug	First Sunday	9:30am at Elmsted – all 4 Churches (Elmsted, Hastingleigh, Petham & Waltham)	
13	Second	9:30 at Hastingleigh – all 4 Churches (Elmsted,	
Aug	Sunday	Hastingleigh, Petham, Waltham)	
20	Third	9:30 at Petham – all 4 Churches (Elmsted,	
Aug	Sunday	Hastingleigh, Petham, Waltham)	
27	Fourth	9:30 at Waltham – all 4 Churches (Elmsted,	
Aug	Sunday	Hastingleigh, Petham, Waltham)	

This month's church flowers and cleaning volunteers: St Mary's St James'

Aug 5 Aug 12	Mrs Young Mrs Courtenay Mrs Jerrom	Mrs Gregory Mrs Pay
Aug 19 Aug 26	Mrs Bacon Mrs Geering Mrs Sharp	Mrs Fox Mrs Leutner
Sep 2 Sep 9	Dr & Mrs Lawson Mrs Day	Mrs Green Mrs Calcutt

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Diary dates

From the Evington Hall website: **www.evingtonhall.org.uk** and for other events marked * see relevant article in this edition.

Aug

2	Wed	Coffee Morning	10.30
5	Sat	*Wye Market	09.00
6	Sun	*South Hill garden	14.00
6	Sun	*St James service	09.30
8	Tue	Library van	09.45
13	Sun	*St Mary's service	09.30
19	Sat	*Wye Market	09.00
22	Tue	Library Van	09.45
28	Mon	*Bowl Beer Fest	12.00

Sept

2	Sat	*Wye Market	09.00
5	Tue	Library van	09.45
6	Wed	Coffee Morning	10.30
7	Thur	WI	19.30
9	Sat	*Ride & Stride	10.00



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On the day you can 'clock in' at your first church from 10am onwards.

You can download a form at the website below to be completed with the name of each church visited:

www.friendsofkentchurches.co.uk.

A quick look around perhaps, and then off to the next church or chapel. As time goes by and walkers become hotter, many churches offer a cooling drink.

By 6pm the last keen participants will have signed the register, leaving many churches with over 50 names.

For more information contact Juliet Bracher on 01233811908 or julietbracher@gmail.com.

South Hill garden day

SIR Charles Jessel has kindly agreed to open his garden at South Hill, Hastingleigh, on Sunday August 6th, 2pm to 5.30pm.

Visitors can walk from the garden to the arboretum which incudes specimen trees planted by Sir Charles in the last 14 years. Details from Roz Bacon 01233 750327.

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This month

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The Anglo Saxons called August *Weodmonad*, 'weed month' (though the word *weod* could refer to herbs or grass as well as things we think of as weeds). Bede explains that "Weodmonad means 'month of tares' [vetches], for they are plentiful then."

On Aug 20, 1940, Winston Churchill said his famous words: "Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few."

And the 23 is marked as the first night of the Blitz when German planes bombed the city of London.

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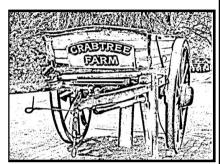
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"Over-the-counter (OTC) drugs are medicines sold directly to a consumer without a prescription from a healthcare professional, as opposed to prescription drugs, which may only be sold to consumers possessing a valid prescription."

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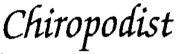
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