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Dear Friends.

It doesn't seem so long ago that we were thinking about preparing for Christmas and already it is time to start thinking about Easter! The Season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, which this year is February 12th. Perhaps because Lent does not get muddled by having the commercial preparation for Christmas that accompanies Advent; Lent as a spiritual preparation for Easter is more clearly recognised. This year as a part of our Lenten Preparation we are having four Wednesday evening events for the whole group of eight parishes. On Ash Wednesday we shall have a service at Waltham Church, and then for the following three Wednesdays there will be led discussions at Evington Hall, Hastingleigh when we shall look at three modern concerns in the light of Christ's three temptations and what He said in three of the Beatitudes (from His Sermon on the Mount). We do hope that you will join us on these occasions when we shall be coming together as the parishes of the Group.

If that sounds all rather "churchy" it is worth considering why Lent is used as an appropriate time for pondering on matters of faith and our own lives. Late Winter evenings may not seem the best for going out but even within our own homes there is likely to be less activity than later on in the year with the lighter evenings and the multitude of things that occupy us in the summer months. So in the quietness of our homes we may take the time to consider what matters to us in our lives -what purpose is there? where do we put most of our time and energies and why? what do we really expect or wish for and how does that affect our relationship with others? where do we fit into any order of events that involve good or wrong? These are a few questions which may come to all of us from time to time. We shall include them in what we are thinking about this Lent!

Yours in His service.

Paul

EVINGTON HALL COMMITTEE

The Evington Hall Christmas Bazaar held at the end of November was again very successful and a final profit of £690.29 was made for hall funds. Thanks are due to everyone for their continued support in manning and stocking the various stalls, to the people who came to buy and even win prizes, and also to Father Christmas and his little helpers - all of which contributed to a successful afternoon.

In the next edition of Community News we hope to report a profitable Jumble Sale held at the end of January. If we are to go ahead with plans to refurbish the hall kitchen as planned we must persist with our fund raising efforts. New readers may like to note that the hall is available for private hire for residents of the Parishes of Hastingleigh and Elmsted for which the current hire charges are £17.50 per day or £5 per hour for short meetings. Tables, chairs and other items of equipment from the hall may also be hired - for the rates for these contact Avis Ball or Sheila Burrage.

S Burrage



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Television is not all bad!!

There are good things on our screen: it takes us to places we would not otherwise visit, and tells us about things we would otherwise not know about. It is very easy to just sit and watch television.

People's awareness of the impact of the media, certainly the potential for harm, is more acute today than ten years ago. Recent tragic events have caused extensive speculation in all sections of the Press as to possible links between, for instance, violence seen on the screen and the indiscriminate shootings in real life.

At the 1996 Cannes Film Festival, Dustin Hoffman called Hollywood to admit their share of the guilt for the recent massacres in Dunblane and Tasmania:

"Are we saying that screen violence doesn't have anything to do with these massacres? Do I feel it contributes? Absolutely. I feel it all contributes."

Do you think that there is too much violence on television? Do you ever wonder if you could do something about it? Have you ever wanted to tell somebody, other than your family and neighbours your thoughts about a television programme?

Most of the time we think someone else will contact the television company. Maybe we feel it wouldn't have any effect, or we don't know whom to contact anyway. But if you are concerned about what you have seen on TV, be it a programme or an advertisement, or you are worried about what your children have seen, what can you do about it?

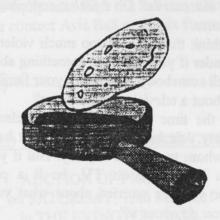
The leaflet accompanying this month's magazine gives the addresses and telephone numbers of the television and radio stations, you can let them know when a programme falls short of your expectations and how, such as unnecessary violence or unsuitable language. Equally you can let the programme makers know that you like a particular programme. A good dialogue is a two way affair.

Happy viewing!!

Janet Harris

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EASTER FLOWERS AT ST MARY'S

I shall be collecting money for Easter flowers again this year. If anyone wishes to give a donation in memory of a loved one, please see me before the end of February.

Pat Young

ELMSTED

We should like to thank all those who braved the cold night to support the Carol Singing on the 18th December and also those who so kindly offered us hospitality. £170 was collected and together with the offertory of £327 at the midnight mass plus a donation from Elmsted Church funds a cheque for £600 has been sent to the Pilgrims Hospice hopefully to help with the Building of the 3rd Hospice when a suitable site has been found.

Elmsted PCC JDB

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15th and 22nd	Mrs Harris	Mrs Browning
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MARCH		
1st and 8th	Mrs Helmer	Mrs Nichols
	Mrs Chapman	Mrs Parker

STONE STREET GROUP WEDNESDAYS IN LENT 1997

12 February 7.30pm ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE at St.Bartholomew's WALTHAM [Address by the Revd Richard Bateman]

19 February 7.30pm at EVINGTON HALL Hastingleigh
"Blessed are the Poor in Spirit OUR NEEDS?"

[led by the Revd Paul Cox]

26 February 7.30pm at EVINGTON HALL Hastingleigh
"Blessed are the Meek POWER or HUMILITY"

[led by the Revd Richard Bateman]

5 March 7.30pm at EVINGTON HALL Hastingleigh
"Blessed are the Merciful FAITH and FORGIVENESS"

[led by the Revd Paul Cox]

THE HASTINGLEIGH CAROLLERS

On the Monday night before Christmas The wind was biting cold, But an intrepid group left the village hall, Hoping to find some gold!

We sang our way round the village, Asking people to be kind. Canterbury Open Christmas Was the Charity in mind.

Vicki and Bill had made some soup, (Delicious and hard to beat!) And The Bowl provided another rest For the throats and wind-chilled feet.

And then to the Major's as a final stop, Another lovely bite. Thanks to you all for a job well done, £85 was made that night.

PY





"Sunday Seekers" meet once a month - 3rd Sunday, in Evington Hall, 9.30 am - 11.00 am. This group is for children of 4 years upwards (to 8 years approx.). During the session we sing, listen to stories, do craftwork, 'drama'. Any parent wishing for their child to join this group or for more information, please contact.

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PICTOGRAMS

PEOPLE AND PLACES IN THE BIBLE

THE CLUES ARE NOT INTENDED TO GIVE ACCURATE SPELLINGS, BUT TO INDICATE THE SOUNDS OF THE NAMES.







PHILIPPI,

SOCIAL TABLE TENNIS EVENINGS

Would you like to have a friendly game of table tennis without the pressures of playing in a league? If so, why not come along to the weekly evenings we are arranging at Evington Hall starting on February 5th. The hall will be open from 7.30 pm. Tables, nets and balls are available but you will have to provide your own bat. There will be a small charge - probably £1 per evening depending on numbers.

This is very much an experimental venture. If not enough people turn up to the early dates we shall cancel the later ones. If, on the other hand, they prove popular, we shall try to make a more permanent and regular arrangement.

The dates provisionally arranged are as follows:-

February March Wednesday 5th Tuesday 4th Wednesday 12th Thursday 13th Thursday 20th Wednesday 19th Thursday 27th Wednesday 26th

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The following are 'howlers' taken from student nurses examination papers, as reported in the K.W.G. News.

Artery

- The study of paintings

Cauterise

- Made eve contact with her

Coma

- A punctuation mark

Dilate

- To live long

Labour Pain

- Getting hurt at work Medical Staff - Doctor's walking stick

Nitrate

- Cheaper than day rate

Tablet Vein

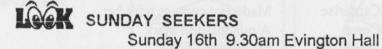
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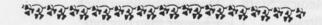
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- Opposite to 'You're Out'.

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Sunday 9 9.30am	7 before EASTER H.Communion (ASB A) (The Revd Paul Cox)	ELMSTED
11.00am	H.Communion (ASB A) (The Revd Paul Cox)	HASTINGLEIGH
Sunday 16	1st in LENT	
9.30am	H.Communion (ASB A) (The Revd Arthur Soar)	ELMSTED
11.00am	H.Communion (ASB A) (The Revd Arthur Soar)	HASTINGLEIGH
Sunday 23	2nd in LENT	
9.30am	H.Communion (BCP) (The Revd Paul Cox)	HASTINGLEIGH
5.00pm	Sung Evensong (Dickie Cleveland)	ELMSTED





DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



February

Wednesday	5th	Social Table Tennis	Evington Hall 7.30pm	
Thursday	6th	WI Meeting	Evington Hall 7.30pm	
Tuesday	11th	Pancake Party	Evington Hall 6.30pm	
Wednesday	12th	Social Table Tennis	Evington Hall 7.30pm	
Wednesday	12th	Bodsham School, As	h Wednesday Service	
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Wednesday	12th	Ash Wednesday Serv	rice	
		Waltham Chu	irch 7.30pm	
Friday	14th	Whist Drive	Evington Hall 7.30pm	
Tuesday	18th	Evington Gardeners	Evington Hall 7.30pm	
Wednesday	19th	Lent Talk & Discusssion		
- 116-1011-012-61			Evington Hall 7.30pm	
Thursday	20th	Social Table Tennis	Evington Hall 7.30pm	
Tuesday	25th	Elmsted Church AG	M Evington Hall 7.30pm	
Wednesday	26th	Chiropody Clinine	Evington Hall	
Wednesday	26th	Lent Talk & Discussion		
			Evington Hall 7.30pm	
Thursday	27th	Social Table Tennis	Evington Hall 7.30pm	
March				
Tuesday	4th	Social Table Tennis	Evington Hall 7.30pm	
Wednesday	5th	Lent Talk & Discuss	sion	
- Rood Invat			Evington Hall 7.30pm	
Thursday	6th	WI Meeting	Evington Hall 7.30pm	



EVINGTON PLAYERS TRIVIAL PURSUITS - November 1996

Once again, on a dull November evening, we were entertained with yet another marvellous performance by the Evington Players. This time, "Trivial Pursuits", about a group of would-be Thespians choosing their next production. Naturally we had all their family problems as well; including a marriage on the rocks. Boring Derek (and how!) was beautifully played by Robert Wells. His long suffering wife, Deidre (Tracy Helmer), arrived later with boyfriend Eddie, - obsessed with T.V. (and we all know someone like that!) played by Garry Block.

There were also Teddy (Alex Palmer), Joyce (Judy Ware) - with a love for an extra drink, and Mona - aggrieved because she wanted "West Side Story". Producer Nick (Robin Helmer) was keeping all in suspense and being offered sweeteners by almost everyone to choose what they wanted, having already promised the lead to his girlfriend Jessica. Pearl (Mary Neame) was trying to keep her cool when all around was chaos, and poor Roz (Helen Wakefield), in whose house this all took place, struggled to get the barbecue going and please everyone. The charcoal wouldn't light but eventually it leaped away leaving poor Teddy with burned hands - but not too severe to prevent a stunning surprise end!

It was great fun. Well done! - and to all the back stage crew who do so much. The set was excellent. Thank you all.

Congratulations to Sonia Voigts, the producer - and how about "Sweet Charity" next time? You have the talent available.



HASTINGLEIGH WITH ELMSTED W.I.

The December Meeting was mainly given over to a Christmas celebration when members journeyed to the 'Five Bells' at East Brabourne for good food and wine in a very congenial atmosphere.

Freda Nancollas conducted the preceding business, when members were reminded that this Institute is to be responsible for the coming Spring Group Meeting.

Mrs Betty Pearson was appointed Speaker's Hostess for the coming year.

Belated congratulations to Sandra Argar on the birth of her son George. Sandra is the fourth generation of Mrs Argars to be a member of the Institute.

Mrs Doreen Clark is to be the speaker at the February meeting. Her subject is Porcelain Doll Making. The competition is for a Bowl of Bulbs and hostesses are Mrs E Young and Mrs M Collins.

F.P.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

As a result of the notice in the last magazine, Colin Brooke, of the Bowl Inn, Hastingleigh, has volunteered to take over the Neighbourhood Watch scheme as Co-ordinator. All enquiries and reported incidents should, in future, be addressed to him at the Bowl Inn, tel. 750354.

My thanks to all the Link People who have helped to maintain the NW during the past 7 years. I hope you will continue to help him in this worthwhile scheme.

FOOTPATH WALK - DECEMBER 8TH

On Thursday, I went over the planned route on foot to check how long it would take and to make sure there were no insuperable obstacles. The sun shone, picking up the autumn colours still around and making them glow and providing an unseasonable gentle warmth. At every high spot, the views were lovely.

On Sunday, when eight others joined to retrace the walk, it was grey, cold, damp and foggy so that visibility was a rapidly diminishing asset. Yet such is the perverse nature of the British in adversity, the main feature of the walk was its joviality.

We started off at Stelling Minnis, outside the Rose & Crown, and set a course north across the common. We then bore right crossing the Bossingham Road and curving east to High Chimney Farm and onwards north-eastwards until we met the road to Lynsore Bottom. After a very short distance we turned west and toiled uphill through Atchester Wood and then on to Bossingham carrying a fair amount of the slushy path on our boots.

From Bossingham, we went west to Stelling Church. A short distance down the road towards Stelling Minnis we took the footpath on the right towards Stone Street but then turned South and curled around until we met the common again leading to the Rose & Crown and our cars. In our anxiety not to get caught in the dark and the thickening fog we had set a fairly brisk pace which covered the ground in an hour and forty five minutes. On reflection it might have been more comfortable to take two hours - but I am sure that the exercise did us all good!

GE



WEST WOOD, LYMINGE FOREST - ACTION UPDATE

Many of you may have read in the press, the Save Lyminge Forest Action Group are still continuing the fight to save Lyminge Forest from Rank's Oasis Village. An appeal has been lodged at The Court of Appeal in London following the disappointing outcome of the Judicial Review. If you would like a copy of our latest newsletter please telephone Celia on 01303 862722 ansaphone for details. Wishing all our members and supporters a prosperous and peaceful new year.

ACCESS

Working to improve access for disabled people in the Ashford Borough.

Mr Laurie St John is a committee member of the Access group for Ashford Borough and the local link between our Parishes and Access. (He is disabled, following a Horse Riding accident, which resulted in a stroke, but is now able to drive).

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OUR HIDDEN HERITAGE II

Have you surveyed the Bridge St. Roof Scene? Had you stood outside the Wife Of Bath Restaurant to do so, you might have noticed No. 1 opposite, a fine example of timber frame construction dating from the turn of the 14th-15th Century. Note also, the two unglazed medieval windows beneath the eaves but now filled in. As I have said, (Community News, December 1996), the reintroduction of brickwork wrought a great change in building methods. With brick fireplaces, (ingle nooks), and chimneys inserted or built into wooden houses, it allowed cooking to be done indoors in relative safety, and it also improved heating. Brick also provided a very durable and versatile cladding material. During the period known as the great re-building, the use of brick became more widespread, and indeed fashionable. Great pyramidal fireplaces and stacks were built into Hall houses and the lofty halls floored in. Rotten ground floor wall plates and posts were reinforced with brick underpinning and wattle and daub panels replaced with the more durable brickwork. All this occurring from the beginning of the 16th Century onward. The most common timber frame house of this period in South East England is known as the Wealden Hall, of which many hundreds still survive. Briefly, they commonly consist of four bays or divisions, the middle pair recessed at the front and open to the roof, providing the communal living area, and the end bays floored giving private quarters at one end for the owner, and storage at the other. Three good examples of these can be seen in Elmsted - Dean Farm, Elmsted Court and Spong Farm. Of the three, I suspect Dean Farm is the most important historically, as it contains some very fine and interesting features. A large Victorian extension plus bays and a porch, make keen observation necessary to identify the earlier structure. Elmsted Court opposite the Church is a good example of brick underpinning and cladding. The building presents an unbroken facade, but closer inspection of the brickwork will reveal where, at

different periods, the projecting end bays were clad with brick, and the recessed middle bays were filled in with brickwork to the eaves. Spong is relatively unspoilt, at the front at least, and there is no difficulty in recognising the classic Wealden profile. Both Dean Farm and Elmsted Court were open halls circa 15th Century and have smoke blackened rafters to prove it, and both have inserted chimneys. This transititional period provides us with another dating datum, (no pun intended), pre-ingle or post-ingle? Ultimately, brick brought about the demise of the Wealden Hall and a new type emerged with a different roof structure which I will describe later. Meanwhile, have a scout around Elmsted.

P.S. For those interested, I recommend *Framed Buildings of the Weald* by R T Mason, paperback, Coachhouse Publishing, Hailsham, Sussex, an excellent introduction to this fascinating period.

G.B.

IN AID OF LORD WHISKY SANCTUARY FUND

Our 4th Fur & Feather and Winter Fair Saturday, February 22nd 10am - 4pm Swalecliffe & Chestfield Community Centre Swalecliffe, near Whitstable

An exhibition of chinchillas, bantams, ducks, budgerigars, fish, rabbits, cavies, show pigeons, bats, voles, hamsters, mice, gerbils, kangaroo rats, tortoises, Martins Exotica, reptiles, owls, etc., etc.

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SNOW by local 'Infants' from Bodsham School

Snow is nice and white, snow is water, snow is cold. When it is night snow freezes. Snow is crunchy, snow is like sugar, snow is squeaky, snow is snowmen.

Victoria Lawson



The snow was like sugar,
Soft and fluffy
and really, really cold.
And our feet squeak when we move them.
Susie Day



When I go in to the snow,
I don't know where to go.
Outside, the car is stalling,
And all the wet snowmen are calling.
The whole wide world is a big snow ball.
I just don't know where to go.

Edward Wiseman

The snow settles quiet and deep, lying in the brown sleet.

I like the snow on the ground making not a single sound.

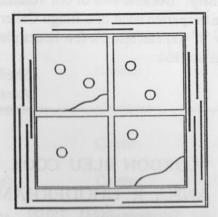
Oliver Neame



Twinkle, twinkle star at night When the snow comes down the stars seem very bright.



Daniel Collins



AGE CONCERN ELHAM RURAL

Age Concern Elham Rural wishes to thank everyone who offered to transport our elderly members to their Christmas Lunch at Lyminge Village Hall on 19th December. An overwhelming response plus a coach provided by Elham Valley Lions meant that we didn't have to call on you all. Nevertheless, we are extremely grateful and appreciate your kind offers.

JUMBLE SALE

We will be holding a Jumble Sale at the Day Centre, Everist Court, Lyminge on Saturday 22nd February at 10.00 am. There will be a good selection of clothing, bric-a-brac, books etc. and refreshments. Do come and support our efforts to raise funds.

VOLUNTEERS

S.O.S. Can you help? Because two of our volunteers have recently retired, we are in desparate need of a Bingo Caller on Tuesday and Friday mornings. If you can spare a few hours please contact Sheila Woods on 01303 862364.

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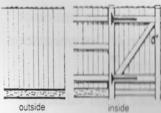


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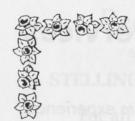
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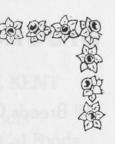
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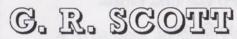
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