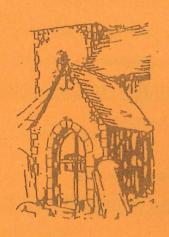
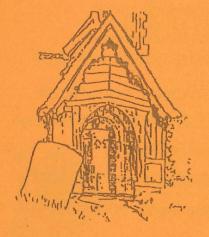
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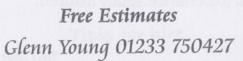














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## Evington Village Hall Committee

## **Coffee Morning**

Wednesday 4th November 10.30am

**Evington Village Hall** 

Hastingleigh



Please bring any gifts along for the Christmas Bazaar which is to be held on 28<sup>th</sup> November.

## WHIST DRIVE

Friday 13th November, 7pm

Everyone welcome
£2 (inc light refreshments)

#### OCTOBER FOOTPATH WALK

Seven walkers set out for the first walk of this season down the lane towards the old tennis courts joining the footpath to Staple Lees. With eyes and ears open just in case the last flight of the Vulcan bomber on its route along the south coast should pass over us. (I think we heard, but did not see it as we left the house on our way to the walk).

It was a glorious sunny autumn afternoon, warm in the sun and fairly sheltered from the cold north east wind which had been promised in the weather forecast. After crossing the field we joined the road briefly, negotiating a particularly tricky stile, before picking up the footpath from Zig-Zag corner to the rear of "Crown Lodge". We crossed the road and joined the North Downs Way which led us back to Hastingleigh via "Cold Blow". An enjoyable walk, mainly on grass (no mud), and real evidence of autumn with the leaves changing colour and abundant berries in the hedgerows.

## CHRISTMAS BAZAAR 2015

Saturday 28th November

## Donations please!!!

As most of you know the Christmas Bazaar is one of the main fundraisers of the year for the Evington Village Hall. The Hall Committee would be very grateful for any donations for the tombola and the raffle. Donations can be brought along to the coffee morning which will be held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November at 10.30am. As a lot of people may not be able to attend this, donations can also be given to village hall committee members. The following members are happy to receive donations: Sue Lawson (750288), Sheila Burrage (750375), Robin Helmer (750236) and Kate Day (750495).

#### HASTINGLEIGH WITH ELMSTED W.I.

Hastingleigh with Elmsted W.I. met on Thursday the 1st of October at the Evington Hall.

Ten members attended our meeting.

Our speaker this month was Eileen Jennings, who spoke to us about climbing Mount Kilimanjaro. Mrs Jennings started to walk for pleasure in the 1990s. She climbed Ben Nevis with Outward Bound, and later climbed Mount Kinabalu in Borneo (14,000 feet). After a few years had gone by, she thought about climbing Mount Kilimanjaro, which at 20,000 feet was the highest point in Africa. She'd lived in Tanzania previously, for 15 years, but hadn't seen it. She went with a group of people aged 26 to 65 years old. Mrs Jennings entertained us with stories about the other climbers in her group, and the challenges faced in climbing in all temperatures - tropics at the bottom of the mountain and the cold at the top. She is always an informative speaker and we enjoy listening to her.

We made final plans for the meal we will be having in the Hall on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of October and we look forward to seeing many of you there.

Mrs Bowes won the flower of the month competition.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday the 5th of November at 7.30 p.m. It will be our Annual Meeting and we will be having a bring and share supper for ourselves once we have discussed the business for the year.

Fiona Steward

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Go to www.doitforcharity.com/robyngardener - Thank you!

#### **VOLUNTEER MINIBUS DRIVERS**

Bodsham School is very excited about the arrival of a brand-new minibus due to arrive in November. This is the result of sponsorship from the De Haan Foundation and a lot of hard work by the PFA. The bus will enable us to travel to events and other schools more easily and save our very dedicated parents time transporting children around the local area. We are now looking for volunteer drivers! Anyone who passed their test before 1997 will have D1 on their licence which entitles them to drive a minibus up to 16 passengers. You will also be required to do a one-day KCC course prior to driving the minibus. If you are over 70 years old you will need a doctor's certificate to undertake this role. If this is of interest to you please let the school office know as soon as possible.

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Evington Community Project



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Evington Village Hall Committee



# CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

# SATURDAY 28th NOVEMBER 2pm

## Evington Village Hall Hastingleigh

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#### CHURCH SERVICES IN THE PARISH UPON THE HILLS - November

Monday 2,9,16,23 & 30 <sup>th</sup>	10-11am: Tots and Tales at Elmsted (see below)		
Sunday 1st	9.30am Cluster Service Family Communion at Petham		
All Saints' Day	5.00pm Evensong BCP at Petham		
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> Remembrance Sunday	8.00am Holy Communion BCP at Waltham		
	10.50am Remembrance Service starting at Hastingleigh War Memorial		
	11.00am Communion Service at Petham		
Sunday 15th	9.30am Holy Communion at Waltham		
2nd Sunday before Advent	11.00am Holy Communion at Hastingleigh 11.00am Family Service in Petham		
	5.00pm Evensong at Elmsted		
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday next before	9.30am Holy Communion at Elmsted 9.30am Family Communion at Waltham		
Advent	11.00am Holy Communion at Petham 11.00am Holy Communion BCP at Hastingleigh		
	4.00pm Messy Church at Evington Hall, Hastingleigh		
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> First Sunday of Advent	10.30am Benefice Service at Elmsted		

**Tots and Tales:** a **free** new group for 0-4 year-olds and their grown-ups. All welcome: do come along! We have stories, craft, singing and fun! Plus tea, coffee, juice and biscuits. **Every Monday, 10-11am at Elmsted Church.** 

Messy Church: We've changed the name of Sunday Teatime to 'Messy Church'. We will still have fun, craft, stories and eat a light supper together. ALL AGES are welcome in the village hall (Evington Hall), Hastingleigh, at 4pm-6pm on the fourth Sunday of the month.

Bodsham Family Service: a less formal family service for everyone. Do come and try it! The second Sunday of each month.

Wed 4th	NOVEMBER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY Coffee Morning (Pages 12 & 13)	10.30am
	Singing	7.00pm
Thurs 5th	W.I Meeting (Page 14)	7.30pm
Sun 8th	Footpath Walk	2.00pm
Tues 10th	Hastingleigh Parish Council Meeting	7.45pm
Wed11th	Singing	7.00pm
Fri 13th	Whist Drive (Page 12)	7.00pm
Sat 14th	Film Night Double Bill (Page 18)	4.30pm
Mon 16th	Evington Hall Exec Committee Meeting	7.45pm
Tues 17th	Gardeners Society	7.30pm
Wed 18th	Singing	7.00pm
Wed 25th	Singing	7.00pm
Sat 28th	CHRISTMAS BAZAAR (Page 19)	2.00pm

Note: All events in Evington Village Hall unless otherwise stated.

Parent & Toddler Group meet every Tuesday - 9.30am

Mobile Library every Wednesday 10.55am - 11.20am

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Nov7th	Mrs Boxall, Mrs Boxall	Mrs Denny	
Nov 14th	Mrs Bacon	Mrs Gregory	
Nov 21st	Mrs Geering, Mrs Sharp	Mrs Pay	
Nov 28th	Dr & Mrs Lawson	Mrs McFarlane	
Dec 5th	Mrs Day	Mrs Hewson	

#### **HELP NEEDED PLEASE**

The churchyard at St. Mary's needs tidying and if you could spare an hour or two on FRIDAY 6th November anytime 9.00am - 11.30am I would be very grateful.

Jobs for all so bring gloves, secateurs, rakes, strimmer or anything that might be useful.

On FRIDAY 11th December we will have a polish-up in the church 9am to noon whenever you can help.

Thank you, Roz Bacon.

THE LORRY WAY DOWN (update to Beginning Oct 2015).

When we last wrote, we mentioned that we were waiting in Tema, Ghana, for a freight ship called the Glovis Sunrise, to take Colonel K (our overland truck), down to Namibia, and we had flights booked to fly us down there ahead of the ships arrival. All seemed to be going swimmingly until about 3 hours before the vessel was due to leave port, we got an email from the Managing Director of the clearing company, saying there was a problem with Customs, and as it was being loaded onto the ship, they decided that the truck needed to go through the scanner. The problem was that this was at 9.00pm, and there was no one on site to operate the scanner until 6.00am the next day and the Glovis Sunrise was setting sail at midnight! Bas (the MD) drove to our hotel, and explained all this to us, we got online and cancelled our flights, only to get an auto message stating that no refund was applicable for these flights, due to the short notice of cancelling (about 12 hours). Things were going from bad to worse.

Next morning (after a very restless night), we got a taxi to the yard and collected the DAF, and spoke to our shipping contact in the UK to find out when the next roll-on roll-off vessel is due into Ghana, or nearby Benin (where there's less trouble with Customs). The best option for us was to try again in Tema, in nearly 5 weeks time. So after a lengthy conversation with Bas, we were convinced that next time (hopefully), the truck would be cleared through Customs, and make the vessel the Glovis Cougar. As we had incurred huge costs with the failed shipping (flights, hotels, taxis), we decided not to travel around too much, but try to stay in one place to camp,

to save some money. The first week was spent at Big Milly's Back Yard, which is a back packers type place just outside Accra, its a very lively spot that has Reggae Nights a couple of times a week with live music. While here we met a German couple, Andreas and Mareike, who had driven down from Germany and had followed almost exactly the same route as us. They were also thinking about bypassing Nigeria and shipping to Namibia (but hadn't started planning how to), so after a few beers they decided to contact all the parties that were involved in shipping our truck to get a quotation to ship their (much smaller) Toyota Hilux Camper. A couple of days later, they were booked on the Glovis Cougar as well.

Jac and I decided we would go back to the fantastic Ko-Sa "beach resort" near Cape Coast, as its so relaxing, and very cheap, and the Germans followed us there. We stayed at Ko-Sa for 3 weeks, and during that time we were made so welcome by the owners and staff, and really got to know some of the locals from the nearby fishing village, we really had a great time here.

Three weeks at Cape Coast went really fast when we look back on it, but it was time to drop the truck off in the yard in Tema again, for round two of our

shipping saga. This time we decided to spend the six days in Accra in a budget hotel, in this case the Sleepy Hippo Hotel, this was \$40.00 USD per double air-conditioned room per night Inc. breakfast. This is about a quarter of the price of most accommodation in Accra, and you could see why! It was a bit grim, and although the staff were very friendly and welcoming, the food was terrible! But we soon learned that it made sense to eat out somewhere, even if it was the 'fast-food' in a shopping mall. Accra really is a typical huge sprawling city in Africa, complete with open drains, huge populations, and very dodgy cars. Eventually the day arrived that our vehicles were due to be loaded, and despite a last minute panic with the customs again, Bas met us in a bar near the airport and presented us with our keys and our Carnet de Passages. The only trouble was that despite customs having the truck and the carnet, they still hadn't stamped the carnet out of Ghana! Bas promised us that he would email us a stamped export document from Customs to confirm that the vehicle had been exported.

Just as we were leaving Accra, to catch a (cheap) flight to Johannesburg, via Nairobi, I noticed that our bank account had been credited almost all of the original flight amount from South African Airlines! This was fantastic news and very unexpected, and just goes to show it was worth Jac's sending a heart felt sob story to them.

So after a single night's stop over at a hotel in SA, we caught a small plane to Walvis Bay in Namibia, the view over the Namib Desert was amazing and reminded us of the raw beauty of this stunning country, from when we were here last, about 12 years ago. At the airport we were expecting a few problems with immigration, (we had been crossing borders in West Africa remember), as we know that to get issued a visa you must have a return ticket (which we obviously didn't), we were also going to ask for a full maximum 90 day visa (and expecting to only get 60, or 30 days). So we purposely hung back to the end of the queue, and politely smiled at the Officer, and stated that we would like to stay 90 days (we also had to state how much we were planning on spending during our trip). Three minutes later we were stamped through with the full 90 days visas in our passports. this was not what we were used to! A short taxi ride got us to the clearing agent that we were using at this end to deliver the Carnet de Passage, and keys (this was a much more organised set up that we had in Accra), and then we got the taxi to take us to our B&B in the nearby town of Swokopmund. We might still be in Africa, but this is so different to our last 5 months, the streets are immaculately clean, there are western type shops, fantastic coffee shops, and after 6 months away from home Jac felt safe enough to trust someone to cut her hair! The Glovis Cougar arrived on time, and the following day we got a taxi to

Walvis Bay to collect our vehicles (the Germans were still with us), but of course there was a problem. Customs had noticed a slight discrepancy on the chassis number, it didn't quite match the Carnet de Passage (it was a Z instead of a 2), and they wouldn't release it from the port, so we spent a couple of hours in a police station trying to convince them that it wasn't stolen. Eventually at about 4.30 that afternoon we were driven into the huge port to be re-united with Colonel K. As soon as we saw it we knew there was a problem with the mountain bikes on the rear rack, the tarpaulin that was covering them was ripped and been retied, and Jacqui's bike had been stripped almost completely. The bikes were very securely fixed on the back, with chains through the wheels and frames, so they took the suspension forks, saddle, several smaller items and broke spokes in the front wheel. When we got into the cab, it was obvious that the had also tried to gain access (and thankfully failed) into the rear living accommodation. Some damage had been done by these thugs in the cab, and the locks to the main rear door show some signs of damage, but they seem to have held them at bay. We knew the risks of shipping on a Ro-Ro vessel, and it could have been worse. We have scrapped Jac's bike and bought her a cheap new replacement.

It is spring time here in Namibia, and on the coast is very hot in the sun (though max daytime temperatures are about 26c), but as evening approaches the temperature really drops, and a jacket or a fleece is needed. This will change as we head North towards the Angola border, and Etosa National Park, and then inland, where temperatures are much higher and still rising.

It is really great to be back in Colonel K, and we are looking forward to the next stage of our little adventure.

You can view our full blog at <a href="www.lorrywaydown.com">www.lorrywaydown.com</a> Our best wishes go out to everyone back home in Hastingleigh and Elmsted. Vince and Jacqui Martin

#### DO YOU ENJOY A GAME OF SCRABBLE?

If so, do come to Waltham Village Hall on Wednesday 11th November 10.00 - 12noon where we hope to enjoy a couple of games within the time margin. Purely for fun and enjoyment, and certainly not too serious, you would be most welcome.

#### FROM THE WYE OFFICE

At the beginning of August 30 of us from or associated with Wye Parish Church set off to the Bath & West Showground in Somerset for a week of camping at 'New Wine', which is a large Christian conference. www.new-wine.org

We had a wonderful God filled week, with amazing worship, inspirational and encouraging teaching. With so many different seminars and activities running from 7am til late there really is something for everyone; from weeklong Bible studies, to creative prayer; children's ministry to zorb balls; or art workshops to silent sanctuary. The fellowship of camping together, getting to know each other better and helping and supporting one another is wonderful and being able to share the week as a church family makes it so much better.

I am not a natural camper and find that side of it hard, and if I stopped to think about it too much I wouldn't go, as the logistics of having three young children, one with special needs, really doesn't add up. But I go in faith that it will be okay. Trusting that whatever needs to be put in place for it to work will be. It can be really hard stepping out of our comfort zone into the unknown. But I think sometimes it is just that that God wants us to do.

God puts a dream or an idea on your heart of something you should do or a situation you could change. He starts a tiny flame flickering within you and that dream can seem so overwhelmingly massive and unachievable that fear and doubts creep in. We start thinking 'it's not possible', 'there is no way I can do that', forgetting that we never have to do anything on our own, we have God's power and strength available to us. Last week we ran the first 'Lighthouse' club at Lady Joanna Primary School. Lighthouse is a fun filled club full of games, songs, crafts, Bible stories and even custard pies! It is open to children in years 2-6 from within the benefice. We had a fantastic first session with really positive feedback. For me, being involved with something like this is not what I would choose to do and is definitely not within my comfort zone, but we saw a need and in faith we stepped out to try and fill it. I believe God has a plan for all of us:

Hebrews 12 v1&2

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of

witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith..."

So I just want to encourage you in whatever it is God has put on your heart to start running, take that first step, focus your eyes on Jesus and don't look back.

You don't have to be a Christian to step out and make a difference; it is about seeing a need and choosing to do something about it.

Personally however, knowing that God is in it with me helps massively.

And if you're thinking about joining us at New Wine next year - there are other options to camping!!

Lucy Carvill (studying to be an ALM at Wye Church)

## Prayer Day - Quiet Day

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#### WYE PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP

#### Patients can help themselves

September's article reflected on the daunting task of the named doctor, who is accountable for the continuing care of all patients, some with complex health problems. This article suggests how patients can help themselves.

#### Hospital treatment and communication

When patients go to hospital for whatever reason, it is very important that they make the hospital aware of their current medication, so that decisions can be made on whether or not the medication continues during their stay.

Sometimes, when patients are very ill, it would be helpful if relatives pass on this information.

#### Hospital discharge

Patients in hospital for more than two days, are given an estimated date of discharge and a booklet entitled "My role and responsibilities in helping to improve my recovery" which includes information on a hospital stay and the planning for returning home afterwards. It describes the best attitude to aid recovery and many tips on how to maximize a speedy return to health. It also reminds patients to make certain that they have made arrangements for their transport home.

The 'Hospital Discharge Information' Booklet then enables forward planning. It make 5 pledges that:-

- 1. you are clear about what has happened,
- 2. you have written information about what to do after leaving hospital,
- 3. you are aware of danger signals to look out for,
- 4. you know how to take your medication and about possible side effects,
- 5. you know who to contact if you are worried about your condition..

#### At home

The Intermediate (Customer) Care Team at the Kent Community Health Trust (0300\_123 1807 or Ashford area 0300 123 0915) helps patients to achieve maximum independence when they return home. This can include adaptations to the home such as grab rails in the bath or in showers. If supplementary equipment, such as perching stools, raised toilet seats, sticks and frames are needed, the Trust can provide it. Beds for those temporarily sleeping downstairs are not on its list, but can sometimes be

found at a reasonable price in the Pilgrim's Hospice Furniture Shops.

Advice on diet, exercise programs, and even the availability of possible financial benefits is also provided.

If extra support is needed to enable patients to live independently at home, Kent Adult Social Services can be contacted on 03000 41 61 61 or at Ashford Gateway. They will discuss all the available options tailored to needs, draw up a plan and appoint a care manager. This care may take the form of visits to help patients with washing or dressing. It is not a free service but the advice is reliable and sympathetic and the costs reasonable.

John Fletcher Chairman: 01233 813148 Leonie Saint Secretary: 01223 812084 Email wyesurgeryppg@yahoo.co.uk

## A Service of Remembrance on All Saints Day Sunday 1 November at 4 pm in Wye Church

We invite you to a time of remembrance, thanksgiving and hope for those we love who have died.

If you would like us to remember a loved one by name, do let us know beforehand or as you come into the church.

If there is a particular hymn you would like, let us know.

Please join us for this short service and tea afterwards to which all are welcome.

We will be remembering in particular those members of our communities who have died in the past few years.

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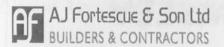
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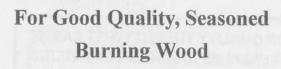




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