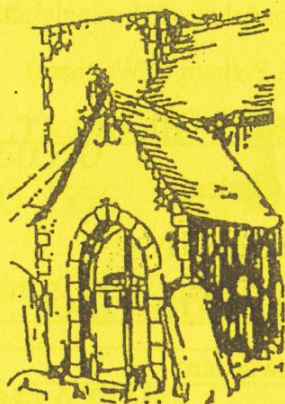


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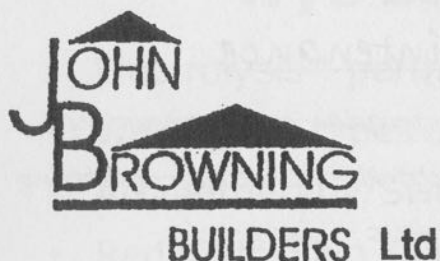
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WI OPEN MEETING

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Thursday, 3rd October 2013

8.00 pm

in the Evington Hall

Everyone welcome

Just £2.00 per person (including light refreshments)



W.I. REPORT

Eleven members met on Thursday 5th of September at Evington Hall.

The President dealt with the business of the meeting including more discussion about the proposed reorganisation of the Group meeting.

Our speaker this month was Mrs Kristina Boulden. Her husband is the sixth generation of farmers who have farmed on Romney Marsh, and in 2008 they established 'Romney Marsh Wools'. She gave us an entertaining talk about their life. March and April are very busy months for them as they have one thousand ewes lambing. They also have crops and cattle on the farm. Did you know that 80 % of British wool ends up in carpets? She showed us a selection of the products her company makes from their wool - throws, toys, slippers and lots of lotions and potions made with the lanolin extracted from the wool.

The competition was won by Mrs. Nancollas and the flower of the month was won by Mrs. Bowes.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday October the 3rd, which will be an open meeting. Our speaker will be Ms Alison Ruyter who is from the Kent Wildlife Trust. You are all welcome to join us - the meeting will start at 7.30 p.m. There will be a small admission charge of £2.

Fiona Steward

FOOTPATH WALK 8th SEPTEMBER

A sunny afternoon with a threat of showers saw eight of us set off for a "lowland" walk from Bulltown. A short walk down Bulltown lane and then off to the right skirting Cadman's Wood. We were very pleased to see one of the new style kissing gates that are appearing on our footpaths – an excellent development. Then we passed by Beddlestone Farm and across Hampton Lane where a Horse Show was in full swing – it was great to see the Pony Club races, always fun.

Turning south we passed the ancient "moat" - does anyone know what used to be there? Along the edge of Hampton Wood and turned north to follow the edge of Brook Wood with views of Brook village, including the cricket match, in the distance. At Troy Town we avoided the footpath through the back gardens and kept to the edge of the field instead and then turned south again back towards Hampton.

At the top of the rise we just had to stop and turn round to look at the beautiful view of the North Downs towards Wye, barely a house in sight. On reaching Hampton Lane a left turn soon took us to the path that goes right across the fields to Bulltown. Here the paddock system for dairy cows can be experienced with some six or seven mini fields. I am sure it's very efficient but the sight of nearly 500 cows in such a small space looks very odd!

Once back there was a very welcome cup of tea, with lots of cake!

Next month Stan & Sheila will be leading us, which with the French returnees should bring us back to a full compliment.

See you then,

Derek Harris

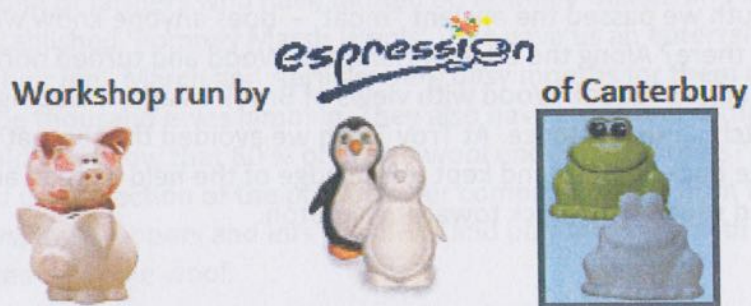
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The Bowl Inn Beer Festival 2013

It was a wonderful day!


We would like to say a big **THANK YOU** to those who helped and a big **THANK YOU** to everyone who supported the event by joining us on the day.

£1300 was raised for Macmillan Cancer Support from the sale of the Hog Roast and from the collection buckets.

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A SUMMARY OF THE MEETING OF ELMSTED PARISH COUNCIL

ON 3rd SEPTEMBER 2013

Cllr Burge declared an interest in Holt Lodge's planning application.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved as a true record.

New signatories have been added to the bank account. Roads continue to be an issue.

Website - The Councillors have all seen the website and they are all happy with the content. A summary of the minutes is to be placed on notice boards as well as in the magazine and once ratified a full set of minutes is available on the website.

Planning - The Council had received two applications that will be circulated. The Clerk is to send the link to the applications as well as the letter so that it can be forwarded to all Councillors.

Pot holes in Bodsham and Whatsole Street are an issue. The Clerk is to contact Susan Carey about this matter.

Hedges are covering the signs for Thorn Lane and Misling Lane. The verges in Spong Lane have not been cut for 2 years. The Clerk is to report this.

The next meeting was confirmed as Tuesday, 3rd December 2013.



WHIST DRIVE

FRIDAY 11TH OCTOBER

7.00 PM

A SUMMARY OF THE MEETING OF HASTINGLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL

ON 10th SEPTEMBER 2013

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed and signed.

The Dance Theatre plans seem to be progressing.

The responses to the Plan It Ashford questionnaire were presented and considered. Copies of the response results are to be sent to Ashford Borough Council and placed on the notice board/magazine.

The fireworks are planned for the 2nd November, however, in order to avoid a conflict of interest any final decision on the fireworks will be delayed until the October meeting.

A letter had been received from a resident of the Parish expressing concerns over the barn at Cold Blow. It was agreed that some investigation over the situation was required, the Parish Council will consider the situation at the next meeting.

The Parish Council considered whether the Parish would benefit from a Handy man. It was considered that, as a Parish, we would not have enough work for a handyman to undertake.

A letter has been received from Mr Pell requesting signatories for the War Memorial account. 2 Councillors agreed to be signatories for this account in the first instance.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday October 8th 2013.

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm

CHURCH SERVICES FOR ELMSTED & HASTINGLEIGH

6 th October	9.30 Elmsted Family Communion	4.00 Hastingleigh <i>Harvest Festival</i>
13 th October	10.00 Family Service at Bodsham School	
20 th October	11.00 Hastingleigh: Family Communion (BCP)	6.00 Elmsted: Evensong
27 th October	9.30 Elmsted (CW)	11.00 Hastingleigh: Holy Communion (BCP) 4.00 Sunday Teatime at Evington Hall, Hastingleigh

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wed 2nd	Coffee Morning	10.30am
Thurs 3rd	WI Meeting (Pages 13 & 14)	7.30pm
Sun 6th	The Bowl Inn Antiques Fair (Page 17)	midday
Tues 8th	Hastingleigh Parish Council Meeting (Page 19)	7.45pm
Wed 9th	WI Group Meeting	
Fri 11th	Whist Drive (Page 18)	7.00pm
Sun 13th	Footpath Walk (Page 15)	2.00pm
Tues 15th	Gardeners Society	7.30pm
Sat 19th	Bodsham School Wine & Wisdom	7.30pm
Wed 23rd	Evington Village Hall Committee Meeting	7.30pm
Sun 27th	Sunday Teatime (Page 20)	4.00pm
Tues 29th	ECP Ceramics Workshop (Page 16)	

Note: All events at Evington Hall unless otherwise stated.

Parent & Toddler Group meet every Tuesday - 9.30am

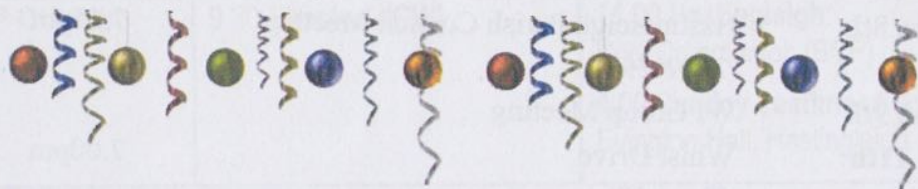
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WE'VE TAKEN OUR EYE OFF RICKETS

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Vitamin D has several important functions. For example, it helps regulate the amount of calcium and phosphate in the body. These nutrients are needed to keep bones and teeth healthy. A lack of vitamin D can lead to bone deformities such as rickets in children, and bone pain tenderness and fractures as a result of a condition called osteomalacia in adults.

We get most of our vitamin D from sunlight on our skin. The vitamin is made by our body under the skin in reaction to summer sunlight. Vitamin D is also found in a small number of foods. Good food sources are: oily fish, such as salmon, sardines and mackerel, eggs, fortified fat spreads, fortified breakfast cereals, powdered milk.

Most people should be able to get all the vitamin D they need by eating a healthy balanced diet and by getting some summer sun. Groups of the population at risk of not getting enough vitamin D are: all pregnant and breastfeeding women, babies and young children under the age of five older people aged 65 years and over, people who are not exposed to much sun, such as people who cover up their skin when outdoors, or those who are housebound or confined indoors for long periods, people who have darker skin.

The Department of Health recommends: all pregnant and breastfeeding women should take a daily supplement containing 10 micrograms (400iu) of vitamin D, all babies and young children aged six months to five years should take a daily supplement containing vitamin D in the form of vitamin drops to help them meet the requirement set for this age group of 7-8.5 micrograms of vitamin D a day (Abidec or Dalavit). Babies fed infant formula will not need vitamin drops until they are receiving less than 500ml (about a pint) of infant formula a day, as these products are fortified with vitamin D. Breastfed infants may need to receive drops containing vitamin D from one month of age if their mother has not taken vitamin D

supplements throughout pregnancy. People aged 65 years and over and people not exposed to much sun should also take a daily supplement containing 10 micrograms of vitamin D.

You can buy single vitamin D supplements or vitamin drops containing vitamin D (for use by under-fives) at most pharmacies and supermarkets. Women and children who qualify for and already participate in Healthy Start can get free supplements containing vitamin D.

If you take vitamin D supplements, do not take more than 25 micrograms (0.025mg) a day, as it could be harmful. It is fine to take 25ug alternate days and a six month course from Sainsburys is less than a fiver.

One plea DO NOT rush to be tested for vitamin D, if you are in the risk groups, just take it, if you are worried you might be deficient, just take it. Those already on calcium and D3 tablets are already covered.

Further news, those who do not take their blood pressure medication regularly are up to four times more likely to have a stroke a Swedish study has found. So try and find a way to remember, if you are not taking them because of side effects, come back and let us know.

The local CCG are heading for a million pound overspend on drugs. Many are wasted by pharmacies ordering drugs on your behalf that you do not need or even take. Please let us know if this happens. If you are not taking drugs, don't order them to keep us happy!

We have taken a delivery of the new nasal flu vaccine for 2-3 year olds, part of a drive to protect tinies and to prevent them disseminating flu with their endless streams of green snot (where does that all come from!)

Finally, the Daily Mail (hail, hate, fail) call it what you will, has come up with a couple of blinders. First we are taking the wrong sort of blood pressure and should be taking central blood pressure. This involves admission to hospital to have a tube inserted into your neck and passed down to your heart. Let me know if you'd like this and I will apply to the Mail for funding. Second beetroot protects you from aortic aneurysms. I would personally treat my blood pressure and stop smoking but each to their own, just do not hang your hat on the beetroot is my advice.

Happy days, Allan Fox

OLD, NEW AND INTERESTING PHOTOGRAPHS WANTED of Waltham and surrounding villages.

Waltham Village Hall Committee would like to collate a pictorial record of our lovely village and its people.

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Waltham Village Hall

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Celebrating the launch of Wye School

Wednesday 4th September was a very special day for me and for many other people in this community. After months – and indeed years – of preparation and much hard work by lots of people (especially Margaret Williams) Wye School (formerly known as The Free School) finally opened for business. And I was absolutely delighted that pretty much the first thing they did on that first day was process over to the church for a service of celebration. This is an edited version of what I said to them (after 'Hello and welcome'!)

Obviously, this is an exciting day for all of you but it's also exciting for me and a lot of people in this village because, as you probably know, Wye college was completely empty for just over four years and we're all absolutely delighted that it's being used again. I know the school's only in the most modern part of the old college (at the moment) but the fact is there's been an educational establishment of some sort next to this church for over 500 years.

The original Wye College was built in 1447 (so nearly 600 years ago) by Cardinal Kempe (who was Archbishop of Canterbury at the time) as a theological college; so, a place where people like me learnt how to be vicars. And then later it became an agricultural college which is what it remained until four years ago when it was closed down. And when I first moved to Wye, just before Christmas 2009, everyone was really sad about that. They missed having all those young people in the village. And at the church, they were all praying that something good would replace it; something that would bring new life into the community; and ideally another place of education – and here you are! So, how does it feel to be an answer to prayer?

But this church is even older than the college. We know that the current church building was built in 1290, so over seven hundred years ago, but it's possible that there'd been a church here for some time before that. And it's astonishing to think how much the world has changed in that time. For example, what do you think someone from the 13th century would think if they suddenly appeared here and now and saw things like cars and mobile phones? And what would we think of them? Well, they'd probably be quite smelly for a start because even rich people only had a bath once a year in those days.

[We then watched a clip from a French film called Les Visiteurs in which precisely that happened: a twelfth-century knight and his servant wake up in modern-day France after an incompetent wizard's spell goes wrong and much hilarity ensues. The children seemed to enjoy it and the clip ended with the knight seeking asylum in the church – which obviously hadn't changed much since his time so I then had to explain what seeking asylum meant...]

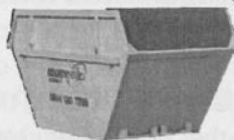
In the olden days, you could turn up at a church and ask for asylum which meant they had to protect you from anyone who was trying to get you whether that was bandits or even the police. But we don't do that anymore. We don't often have horses in church anymore. Apart from when we do pet services. But in a way we do. Churches are still public buildings which anyone can come to any time and not just on Sunday. So lots of people in the village pop in here during the week, to pray, to think or just to sit quietly and I want you all to know that you're welcome here any time, pupils and teachers. I want you to think of this as your church and I hope that we'll have lots more services here over the years...

We then had a time of prayer led by two of the students and I would encourage all our readers to likewise pray for the success of Wye school and for all its teachers and pupils.

God bless.

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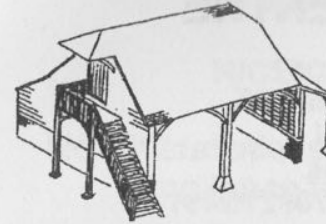
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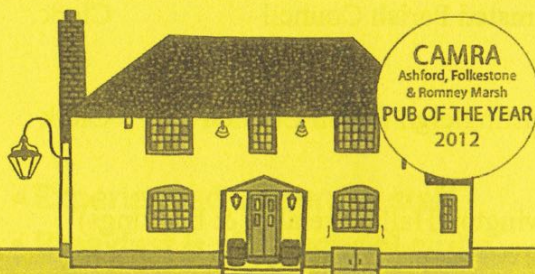
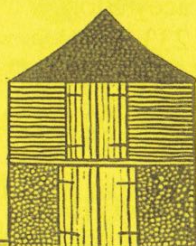
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