

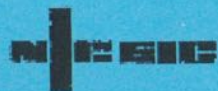
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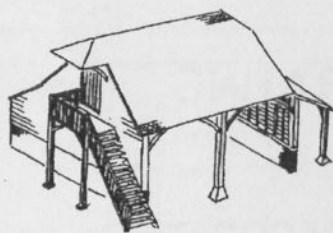
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Rogation and Wye Village Sunday 13 May– living in response to God's gift of creation.

A Rabbi was walking down a road when he came upon an old man planting an olive tree. The Rabbi stopped and asked him, "How many years will it take for the tree to bear fruit?" The old man stopped work, straightened up his back, paused and answered him, "I think around forty years if the summers are good and the rain comes." The Rabbi questioned him further, "And are you so fit and strong that you expect to live that long and eat its fruits?" The old man answered, "I found a fruitful world because my forefathers planted for me, so I will do the same for my children."

And with that, the old man continued planting the tree.

Sustainable development has become a fashionable term. In 1987 a report to the United Nations defined it as *development which meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs*. But the problem is that when it comes down to specifics we find it difficult to agree on exactly what that means.

Recent government planning policy states that building on greenbelt land is not sustainable, nor is building on playing fields or national parks. And there's a presumption against the loss of irreplaceable natural assets such as ancient woodland, species and sites of special scientific interest and outstanding landscapes. But what about our local green spaces, gardens, woodlands and wildlife? What value do we place on them and how do we ensure that they are there for our children?

Simon Barnes a newspaper diarist describes a kingfisher flying over his left shoulder as he sits on a footbridge eating a sandwich. *An explosive flash of blue, an impression of chestnut ...seconds of glory!* Such encounters are a rare occurrence as we're increasingly cut off from nature. We tend to get in the car to travel places and there's not much time to ramble in the countryside. Nature has become a TV experience rather than real life. When did you last smile at an unexpected blossom tree or a burst of birdsong?

We're learning that apart from nature we're less than truly human –physically, emotionally and spiritually. The wild world is not a luxury. It's something we're dependent on and which is dependent on us. We're connected by an intricate web of complex relationships within a global community. Breaking these bonds has consequences, as we're realising – climate change, loss of species and habitats, poverty and mass migration of human populations and a general lack of well-being. They may be global issues but we can do our part in making our own choices and influencing outcomes at a local and practical level.

As a church community we can hold up God's vision of life in all its fullness - life lived constructively, peacefully, joyfully, bound together in the best possible relationship with all creation and our Creator.

SPRING FAIR

Monday 7th May
FOOTBALL FIELD

Hastingleigh
12.30pm



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This year we are organising a photographic competition.
If you have an image taken in our local area and would like to
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Photographic Competition Entry Form

Entered by _____

Age (if under 16) _____

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Class to be entered into: SPRING SUMMER

(Please delete as necessary) AUTUMN WINTER

Where image was taken _____

(We may choose some of the entries to use in a calendar of our local area. By entering your image, you are giving your consent for this).

SUPERFAST BROADBAND

I am pleased to be able to inform you that Shepway District Council, in partnership with Ashford Borough Council, have secured funding totalling circa £650,000 to bring superfast broadband to certain rural areas in Ashford and Shepway. Elmsted and Hastingleigh are both covered by this bid. Shepway District Council and Ashford Borough Council are working with DEFRA to consider how to best move this project forward.

The high level of community engagement was highlighted as a major factor to the success of this bid and it will be this that will be essential to the success of the initiative.

There is still much work to do and the two councils must create an in-depth evidence base that there is, in fact, the demand and need for superfast broadband in these areas. To play your part in helping create this case, please log onto www.makekentquicker.com and fill in the associated questionnaire, if you haven't already done so. This should take no longer than 5 minutes.

Many thanks to those of you who have supported this project thus far.

Robin Helmer

HASTINGLEIGH with ELMSTED WI

Thirteen members plus one guest attended the meeting on Thursday 5th April at Evington Village Hall.

The meeting was Chaired by one of the Vice-Presidents, Miss Steward, who welcomed everyone and gave a reminder of the Whist Drive on Friday 13th April in aid of Kent Air Ambulance.

The business of the evening was dealt with and Mrs Crees gave a report of the Annual Council meeting held on 21st March at the Leas Cliff Hall, Folkestone.

The speaker for the evening was Mr John Keeble from the National Coastwatch Institution. They were founded in 1994 as a result of two fisher men drowning off the Lizard in Cornwall.

All lighthouses now being automatic and Coastguards only able to pick up radar and not visual problems, it was thought a manned presence in busy coastal areas would assist seafarers and holidaymakers. This has been proved correct and the look-out at Copt Point in Folkestone is now manned 364 days of the year by 58 watchkeepers on a roster. They are all volunteers and training is provided in-house, certificates awarded on completion of training. Coastwatch work closely with the emergency services, often being the first point of contact for members of public. Mr Keeble gave a very interesting informative talk and all agreed the subject would be suitable for an Open Meeting one day.

The flower of the month was won by Mrs Watts.

Mrs George won the competition for a seaside memento with some driftwood resembling a boat in sail and the raffle was won by Mrs Farr.

Our next meeting will be our Birthday meeting on Thursday 3rd May and the speaker will be Mr Tony Cooper on Kent Myths and legends. Members are encouraged to bring a friend and a plate of food to celebrate our birthday.

Cheryl Crees

APRIL FOOTPATH WALK

Eleven walkers met at the Rose & Crown. After a good lunch, we drove to Pett Bottom parking the car in a farmer's field. After a short stretch on the road, turning into the field a bit up hill !! and into Gorsley wood, where there was a good show of bluebells and wood anemones; coming out in the open there were primroses and violets on the chalk path. Soon coming to a stile the path took us along the side of Mansfield's strawberry tunnels, after a good inspection of the tunnels we then sheltered for a few minutes from a shower of hail behind some large bales. We moved on over two more stiles, you could see Bridge in the distance then crossing the foot bridge over the old El-ham Valley railway line, down the path turning right past a hop garden, the hops just sprouting nicely. Next in view came Bourne House; stopping to look at the old Bourne railway tunnel we were then greeted by two barking dogs as we walked up the track passing Lenhall Farm with horses on our right. Next came an area of wood that had been coppiced with large stacks of pulpwood and another stop for rain. Looking for shipping off Herne bay in the distance we carried on back through Gorsly wood and back to the cars.



FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome to our new "hi-tech" issue of the Community News. I hope that the opportunity to include colour and arrange the copy digitally will improve the layout and certainly cut down on the time taken to put the magazine together; my thanks to Sue Boxall who has taken on this task. Please note the email address for submitting articles is; elmstedwithhastingleighnews@yahoo.co.uk but handwritten and typed articles are still welcome in the usual way.

Another new venture this month is the start of what I hope will be a series of reviews of local eating establishments, hoping to give a fair overview of the cuisine on offer.



Elmsted and Hastingleigh Jubilee Celebrations

STREET TEA PARTY

At a meeting of ECP and representatives of our Village organisations held on Monday 23rd April to discuss the above, it was agreed that we should hold a bring and share "Street Tea Party" at 4.00 pm on Monday 4th June at Evington Hall. The Street Tea Party will be held outside the hall if dry and inside if wet. The theme of the tea party will be Red, White and Blue. There will be a children's competition for Best Jubilee Hat. All households in Elmsted and Hastingleigh will shortly receive an invitation to this event.

To round off the day, it is anticipated that people may wish to bring along an evening picnic to Cold Blow to enjoy, whilst awaiting the lighting of the Elmsted and Hastingleigh Official Jubilee Beacon and other village beacons which may be visible from this part of the Downs. We anticipate the picnic will start at about 8.30 pm. Further details will follow.

CHURCH SERVICES IN MAY

St Mary the Virgin, Hastingsleigh

Sunday 6 th	Holy Communion (BCP)	11am	Revd J Hewes
Sunday 13 th	Family Service (Bodsham School)	10.30am	Revd Madi Strong & the Team
Sunday 20 th	Family Holy Communion	11am	(CW) Revd R Holy

St James the Great, Elmsted

Sunday 6 th Easter 5	Family Communion	9.30am	Revd Madi Strong
Sunday 13 th Easter 6	Family Service (Bodsham School)	10am	Revd Madi Strong & the Team
Sunday 20 th Sunday after Ascension	Sung Evensong	6pm	Revd Ravi Holy
Sunday 27 th Pentecost	Cluster Service (Petham)	10.30am	Revd Linda Cross

There will be midweek communion at St James' on
Wednesday 2nd May at 9.30am



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tues 1st	Housegroup (The Vicarage) (Page 22)	10.00am
	Elmsted Parish Council Meeting	7.30pm
Wed 2nd	Coffee Morning Plant Sale	10.00am 6.30pm
Thurs 3rd	Women's Institute (Page 17)	7.30pm
Mon 7th	Village Breakfast (Moonraker) (Page 22)	8.30pm
	Spring Fair (Football Field) (Page 14)	12.30pm
Tues 8th	Hastingleigh Parish Council Meeting	7.45pm
Sun 13th	Footpath Walk (Page 18)	2.00pm
Sun 27th	Elmsted Church Teas (Page 15)	12 Noon
Mon 4th June	Jubilee Street Party Beacon & Evening Picnic (Page 19)	4.00pm 8.30pm

Note: All events at Evington Hall unless otherwise stated.
Parent & Toddler Group meet every Tuesday - 9.30am
Art Group meet on Thursdays 9.30am - 12.30pm
Mobile Library every Wednesday 10.55am - 11.20am

CHURCH FLOWER AND CLEANING ROTA

	St. Mary's Hastingleigh	St. James' Elmsted
May 5th	Mrs Young	Mrs Gregory
May 12th	Mrs Bracher	Mrs Pay
May 19th	Mrs Morris	Mrs McFarlane
May 26th	Mrs Waters	Mrs Hewson

HOUSEGROUP AT HASTINGLEIGH

After the success of the Lent Course held at the Hastingleigh vicarage, the group that met together decided that they would like to continue meeting to further explore their Christian faith. So we have formed a housegroup, which will meet every Tuesday starting on the 1st May between 10.00-11.30am.

The group presently consists of people from all the churches up the hill, but you don't have to be a church-goer to attend! So if you would like to join us, please don't hesitate, as transport can be provided if needed.



7th May: Bank Holiday Village Breakfast

Full English Breakfast will be served from
8.30-10.30am

at 'Moonraker' (first house on the right as you enter the village from Wye). Cost: £5 per adult, £2.50 per younger child. Profits to 'Smile Train'.

EVERYONE INVITED!

2 STEPS TO SAVE A LIFE

Following the recent dramatic collapse of Fabrice Muamba, the Bolton footballer, there has been a lot of media interest in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and how effective this can be in saving lives.

Muamba, a very fit 23-year-old footballer was technically "dead" for 74 minutes and received prolonged CPR and also received up to 16 defibrillator shocks, in an attempt to restart his heart. Photographs of him sitting up in bed, smiling a week later, are a powerful reminder that prompt and effective resuscitation can save lives.

When an adult has a sudden cardiac arrest, his or her survival depends largely on getting immediate CPR from someone near by. Unfortunately, less than a third of those people who experience a cardiac arrest at home, work or in a public location, get that help. Most people nearby are worried that they may do something wrong or even make things worse. Current campaigns on the television and other media are designed to help reduce some of these anxieties, in the hope that more people will be willing to take 2 simple steps in order to try and save a life.

If an adult has suddenly collapsed, is not breathing normally and is unresponsive, they are in cardiac arrest. Even if you are untrained your actions can help. There are 2 simple actions you can do to help save their life.

1. Call 999

Push hard and fast in the centre of the chest about 100 – 120 times a minute. Continue this action until the ambulance service arrives or someone takes over these compressions.

This technique is called "Hands Only CPR" and does not require the mouth-to-mouth resuscitation (kiss of life). The British Heart Foundation and Resuscitation Council have recently promoted this as it was felt people would be more inclined to have a go at resuscitating somebody if there was no mouth-to-mouth contact involved and that any attempt at resuscitation is better than none. The principle of the chest compressions is to provide a degree of circulation to the brain, which could otherwise be irreversibly damaged by a lack of oxygen-carrying blood.

The British Heart Foundation campaign suggests performing chest compressions in time to the rhythm of the Bee Gees' song "Staying Alive" although some resuscitation experts suggest that even more frequent chest compressions would be more effective.

Training courses on basic CPR are provided by a number of health charities including the Resuscitation Council and The British Heart Foundation as well as organisations such as St John's Ambulance.

All the staff at Wye Surgery, both clinical and administrative, are required to have annual courses in resuscitation to keep our skills up to date.

Dr Nick Di Biasio

A Look at Local Restaurants.

This is the first of a series of *A Look at Local Restaurants* providing a brief guide to eating out. *The Devils Kneading Trough* on the Wye Downs overlooks Ashford and is claimed by 'Carol' to provide *high quality, freshly made dishes at affordable prices, in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere*. If you are looking for sophisticated menus with stylish sauces, this is not the place. It provides simple food, cooked to order in a lovely setting. We had freshly made carrot and coriander soup, followed by gammon steak with pineapple, carrots and 'new' potatoes, plaice with a salad and potatoes and fried cod, chips and peas. The soup was delicious and noticeably home-made with a good texture and flavour let down only by a portion of packaged sliced bread, disappointing with the Wye Bakery within spitting distance. The vegetables were a lesson to any restaurateur; cooked slightly crisp and not flooded with butter. The potatoes were just as perfectly done but firm. The chips were a delight, and the haddock too though the gammon steak was disappointingly dry and a little tough. Desserts: Apple crumble with either custard or ice cream was excellent, but to top it all was the pear tart made by Carol's sister. This was pure joy. We were tempted to have seconds.

The menu might put some people off: it is 1970s traditional with prawn cocktails and melon with grapes, but if the soup was anything to go by, you might be in for a surprise. The most expensive main dish was sirloin steak at £12.50, the average dish being about £8.50. Music was distant and not disturbing and the service was helpful and prompt. The wine chosen, Wolf Blass Shiraz, was slightly cool but after 10 seconds in the microwave, was perfect and good value at £13.50. There are also wines by the glass. These are new owners, trying hard to please and deserving every encouragement to continue providing simple good food at prices at about half that of some local establishments.

Dinner: Six starters, four of which were vegetarian; Main courses: Six choices with three possible vegetarian offerings. **Open only Friday and Saturday.**

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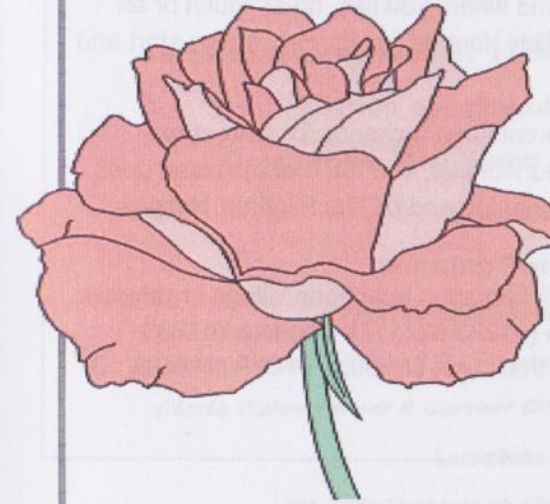
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Viv Hunt, Head Gardener, will demonstrate various methods of plant support in the gardens and then make your own willow obelisk or frame with Alan Sage.

May Day—7th May 11am—4.30pm

Enjoy a day of family fun with Maypole dancing, music. Challock Farmers' market will be selling Kentish goods and Godmersham game will BBQ venison burgers.

Admission to the event and gardens £5 Adult, £2.50 Children

Iris Day—27th May 11am—4.30pm

Celebrate the fantastic collection of Bearded Irises. Zara Evans of Hatch Park Iris will be on hand selling plants and give advice

Admire the bluebells; hear the cuckoo; feel full of the joys of spring

Yes it's feel-good time again with the annual Five Church Walk on Bank Holiday Monday May 7th. Come with the family and friends and enjoy a walk through bluebell woods and along footpaths and bridleways, some not open at other times. We go anti-clockwise this year. ie Chilham to Boughton Aluph (5m), Boughton Aluph to Challock (3m), Challock to Molash (3.5m) and Molash to Chilham (4.5m). You can start when you like (after 10am) and where you like, do as much or as little as you wish, and take as much or as little time as it suits. But please start and finish at one of the churches.

All the churches provide tempting refreshments and a chance for a breather. Entry is by donation (min. £5 please) or sponsorship, and the money raised goes to the participating churches, Kent Air Ambulance and/or The Pilgrims' Hospice according to your wishes.

For entry/sponsorship forms or for further information telephone village organisers: Chilham (01227 738539), Boughton Aluph (01233 627117), Challock (01233 740356), Molash (01233 740631) or Chartham (not on route, 01227 738591). Or just turn up on the day!



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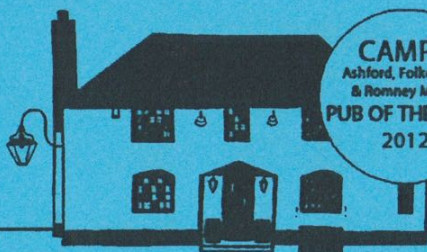
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