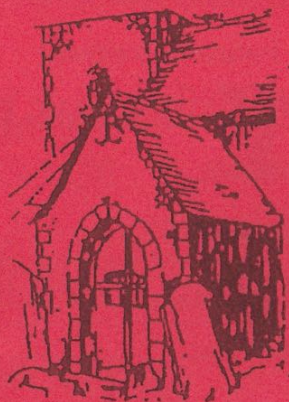


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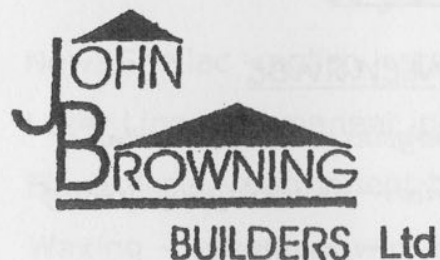
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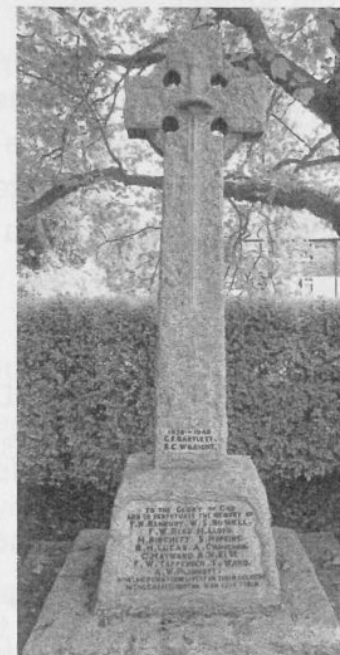


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We will then walk to the hall for light refreshments and a small exhibition about the soldiers, returning to the War Memorial for a short vigil to finish at 11pm.

THE GUILD OF ST JOHN OF BEVERLEY FOR THE DEAF

This year the annual barbecue held in July was a successful event. It was a very pleasant evening where the rain held off and the wind was kind. A large number came along and spent a few happy hours eating, drinking and catching up with friends.

Thank you very much for your support.

At the Spring Fair, the Guild of St John of Beverley had a stall where sunflower seeds were sown and wood burning was undertaken. The sunflower seeds were part of a competition for the tallest sunflower on 5th July. This was jointly won by Edward and Eliza Geering whose sunflowers reached 4ft 9in, they share a prize of a voucher worth £20. Well done!

HASTINGLEIGH WITH ELMSTED W.I.

Hastingleigh with Elmsted W.I. met on Thursday 3rd of July at Evington Hall.

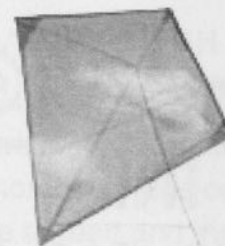
Twelve members and one guest attended our meeting.

Our speaker this month was Brian Doorne who spoke on the subject 'Watermills and the River Stour'. He spoke about the many watermills found in Kent. The earliest remains of a Roman watermill were found in Ickham in East Kent. With the aid of photographs, he took us through the milling process, and told us how people took their corn to be milled, and as payment, the miller took 1/16 of the flour. Not so many mills remain as many of them have been converted into apartments, and in one case, a nightclub.

The competition was won by Mrs Helmer and the flower of the month was won by Mrs Farr.

Our next meeting will be a members' meeting and we are planning on having fish and chips in Sandgate. Our next meeting in the hall will be on September the 4th at 19:30, when Dr. David Mannion will be speaking to us on 'A journey through our universe', and any new members would be made most welcome.

Fiona Steward



The Evington Community Project

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HASTINGLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL ON 8TH JULY 2014

The finials on the memorial fence will soon be fitted. Cllr Mrs Day is to forward ways to clean the memorial to the Councillors. Plans for the commemoration of the centenary of the outbreak of the First World War were agreed and the Clerk is to ask Elmsted Parish Councillors if they might provide some refreshments.

The stagnant water on the football field has been investigated by Shepway District Council, the Clerk forwarded an email update to Councillors.

The dog waste sign has been received and the Clerk was asked to put it up.

Localism Act - The Clerk discussed the Localism Act with the Councillors as it is possible to register places of "community value" in order to protect them as areas that the community would like to be able to keep.

AONB Signs - The Clerk has received communication asking about the possibility of purchasing signs which say that Hastingleigh is in an area of outstanding natural beauty. The Clerk is to pursue the signs if they can be obtained for £250 which has been offered by William Howard.

The correspondence has been circulated by email to all of the Councillors. The recent email from Sir Filmer Honywood was discussed. Hastingleigh Parish Councillors did not feel that any action should be taken to add names to the War Memorial at this time. The matter will be discussed at the Elmsted Parish Council meeting in September.

The Clerk was asked if there had been any further news on the dogs barking in Becketts Close. As this is a matter being dealt with between Environmental Health and the residents of the Close, the Clerk had no further news.

VILLAGE TRIP TO LONDON

Evington Community Project are arranging another trip to London on **Saturday 20th September 2014**.

We would travel by coach from Evington Hall, departing at 8.00 am, arriving at The Embankment at approximately 10.00 am. We would depart the Embankment at 6.00 pm and return to Evington Hall at around 8.00 pm, giving you around 8 hours to spend in the big city as you see fit. Incidentally, 20th September is part of Open House London (see www.londonopenhouse.org for more information).

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Aug 23rd	Dr & Mrs Lawson	Mrs Healy
Aug 30th	Mrs Day	Mrs Denny



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 4th	WW1 Centenary Commemoration (Page 13)	10.00pm
Wed 6th	Coffee Morning	10.30am
Thurs 7th	WI Meeting - See page 14 (Page 14)	7.30pm
Tues 12th	Hastingleigh Parish Council Meeting (Page 17)	7.45pm
Mon 25th	Beer Festival (Bowl Inn) (Page 16)	Midday

Sept 3rd	Evington Gardeners Autumn Show (Page 23)	7.00pm
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Note: All events in Evington Village Hall unless otherwise stated.

Parent & Todler Group meet every Tuesday - 9.30am

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Art Group meet on Thursdays 9.30am - 12.30pm

HASTINGLEIGH FOOTPATH WALKS

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2014

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- 12th October - Stan & Sheila Burrage
- 9th November - Jean Bowes
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2015

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IN THE GARDEN

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This experience emphasises the importance of roots and damage to the roots or poor root growth reduces the plants ability to withstand stress on hot sunny days as the plant overheats. Less frequent but larger amounts of water are generally better as it encourages better root development and more resilience to drought; this is particularly true in potted plants.

A regular problem at this time of year is aphid infection. It has been suggested that ants milk the aphid for their honey dew and in return protect them from their predators. I wondered if I could get rid of the ants I would get rid of the aphid. I tried putting "Nippon" ant fluid inside small plastic tubes (to protect it from rain and other animals) and placed them on the ground near the plants. This has been successful for several years and this year I have found this also works on "woolly aphid" on apple trees which have infections every year. Normally I paint the woolly aphid with methylated spirit which removes their waxy coating and kills them. Unfortunately you have to repeat this several times during the season.

Despite the problems this year has been one of the best for flowers, fruit and vegetables.

FROM WYE SURGERY

A few items of 'housekeeping' Dr Silva is about to go on maternity leave and we wish her well until she returns to us. Dr Bettini is going to cover her absence.

Flu jab season is upon us so remember if you are over 65 or asthmatic, diabetic, have heart problems, kidney disease or are pregnant, please ensure you are covered. 2,3 and 4 year old children will be offered the nasal vaccine this year. Remember the flu virus kills people every year and 10% of those aged over 65 will not survive the illness. The vaccine also reduces transmission to other people which is the one purpose of immunising children, apart from avoiding a very unpleasant illness.

We are introducing a text reminder service for those who wish to have a nudge the day before their appointment. If you would like this service just leave us your mobile number.

Finally, I am dismayed by the systematic destruction of the Primary care Service (General Practice) occurring in this country. The number of District nurses has steadily fallen over the last ten years and now they are placed away from the practice such that we have to email requests to them, Health Visitors no longer spend more than a brief part of the week within the practice, having been placed in 'Childrens Centres' miles from the practice. Practices are set to close en masse, one local accountant was quoted as saying that a third of East Kent practices are now at risk following government changes in funding which have decimated practices. There is now discussion of introducing weekend 8am-10pm cover by practices, this at a time when applications to become a GP are at an all time low because the training is perceived as difficult and the rewards and life style balance perceived as poor. Young doctors are leaving the country rather than join us. How is it proposed that these sessions will be staffed, the 111 system already covers these periods with sessional GPs. Nearly a quarter of East Kent GPs are over 55, how many will opt to work 7 days a week and how many will merely retire compounding the recruitment and retention disaster looming?

Wake up and smell the coffee Government before we reach the stage of no return. General Practice is cheap, less than £100/year/patient, there is no sensible alternative. The NHS could not function without

high quality primary care, you lose one you lose the entirety. The most vulnerable will be the ones that suffer, the well off will make private arrangements. The next twelve months will decide our fate, I am not holding my breath, the Department of Health are not interested in hearing from those at the coal face. I was interested to hear that our rail decisions are in part being guided by a 23 year old with a degree in music and no experience of railways, I suspect the same applies in the Department of Health.

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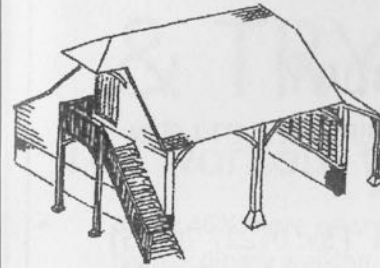
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