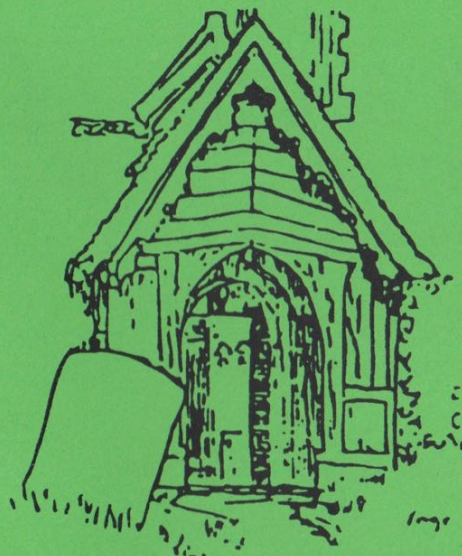


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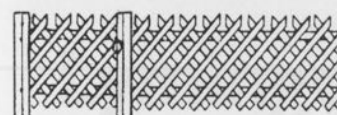
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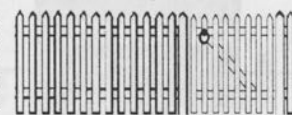
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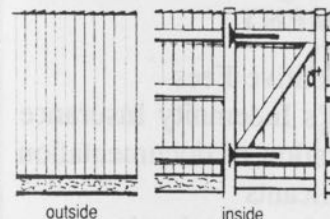
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**Christmas Greetings**

My Dear Friends,


As you are opening your presents or settling down for a Christmas lunch, or are singing carols at Petham Church or celebrating the Eucharist in Hastingsleigh, Ann and I will be flying over the Atlantic towards San Francisco. My grandmother would not have thought that it was possible to conduct a midnight Christmas service in the country Church of St Peter and St Paul, Upper Hardres and then sit down for a Christmas lunch in San Francisco the same day. But neither would she have thought it possible for a man to walk on the moon.

If this journey on a Boeing 747 appeared impossible to someone who lived and died only 25 years ago the journey of Joseph and Mary which resulted in the birth of a boy is seen to be just as impossible to many people who are alive in this country today. They find it easier to believe that a man can walk on the moon than to believe in Jesus; God was embodied in a unique and unrepeatable way.

Mary and Joseph made the journey not of a lifetime but for all time. Their baby, Jesus, began a journey through a short life of 33 years that ended on a cross. Yet His life, death and resurrection has made an immeasurable difference to our journey through life. It has opened up a new way, a new direction. His journey gives us confidence that we are loved accepted and forgiven by God and can experience His gift of joy and peace in our lives. It is a gift we are only asked to open in faith. The message of Christmas is a message of hope to a confused world.

May Ann and I wish you all a very happy Christmas and every blessing for the New Year and thank you for the support you have given us during the years.

Richard Bateman



# From the Editor

I would first like to say a personal thank you to everyone for their concern and good wishes following my recent operation. Your messages certainly helped to cheer me up. I am pleased to say that I am now well on the road to recovery and hope that by the time the next issue of Community News comes out in February I will have got into "top gear" again. Special thanks too to Eric Voigts for stepping in last month to complete the compilation and distribution of the November magazine.

This month sees the last in the series "Hymn Writer of the Month" – thanks to Rodney Pearce for his regular articles; I renew my plea for more contributions to maintain variety in the monthly news.

My comment in last month's edition was perhaps premature for we now have a new contact with the police. The article is a general one for the whole of the North Weald area but in an accompanying letter we were informed that there were no crimes reported in our area for the month of October.

At the recent AGM of the magazine committee it was agreed that the price of the magazine would remain unchanged for the coming year even though each one costs more than 25p to produce. Revenue from advertising and donations helps to offset this. Subscriptions become due again in the new year, so this is a reminder to please pay your distributor promptly so that it does not become an onerous task.

Finally, may I also take this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy Christmas and good wishes for 1999.

SB



## GREETINGS FROM ABU DHABI

As some of you may know, we moved out to Abu Dhabi in the United Arab Emirates at the end of September. We came out here to manage a Training Institute whilst at the same time continuing to run our own Education and Training Consultancy company in the UK.

We are no strangers to this part of the world, having been regular visitors for the past eight years. However, working here is a bit different from being a visitor. Abu Dhabi is a very modern city – 25 years ago it was just desert! We are not city folk and so living in a high rise apartment has taken some adjustment. We moved into our own place six weeks ago. It was good fun to go about finding a place and then furnishing it – just like being married all over again.

There are lots of things here to remind us of home. Abu Dhabi has a "Next", a "BHS" and a "Marks and Sparks". We have a large Coop which opens from 8.00 am to midnight and a "Spinneys" which sells Tesco brands – its nice to open the familiar tin of baked beans occasionally! We travel to Dubai and Sharjah once per week. Dubai is fantastic for shopping.

The working hours take a bit of getting used to. We do a morning shift from 9 to 1 and an evening shift from 5 to 9, six days a week. Our day off is Friday and we really enjoy it! As Abu Dhabi is an island connected to the mainland by two short bridges, the waters of the Arabian Gulf surround us. The sea is a beautiful blue during the day turning to green as dusk approaches. The sunsets are magnificent.

Now that winter is upon us, the temperature has fallen to a chilling 34 degrees C (which as Ron Lobeck would have said is only 93 degrees F). Most of our staff have colds and are complaining of the cold weather!

We keep in touch with Village matters through Tracey and Garry who send us emails almost every day. Recently, we received a copy of the November issue of the Community News, which prompted this article. We miss you all a lot and often think about Hastingleigh and Elmsted. We'll be back for Christmas and hope to catch up with some of you then.

Our best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to you all.

Yvonne and Robin Helmer



From the Editor  
GREETINGS FROM ABU DHABI



## FOOTPATH WALK 8TH NOVEMBER

My brother told me later that while he was driving over to take part in the Sunday walk in the lashing rain, windscreen wipers at full tilt and the road like a river, he wondered what on earth he was doing thinking of a walk in that. Even when we went for lunch, the countryside was enveloped in a grey drizzle and hardly invited the idea of a ramble. Yet at two o'clock sharp, eleven of us together with four dogs gathered for the off in the dry with even a weak and watery sunshine struggling to get through the clouds. Apart from the slippery mud under foot, conditions were good and luckily no-one was unfortunate enough to end up sitting in the mud,

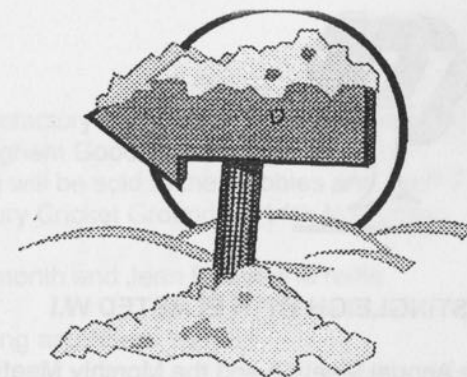
The route was similar to last month's but in the opposite direction and starting at a different point. It was possible therefore, to make direct comparisons between the landscape then and now. This time the autumn tints were in full swing and even in the subdued grey light were impressive. When the sun managed at one point to gleam through a gap in the cloud, it lit up a beech tree in a blaze of flame colours. It was enough to remind us of the glory of this time of year when the sun deigns to show itself. Let us hope that the next walk on Sunday December 13th starting from the Village Hall at 2pm might be blessed with one of those brisk sunny winter days which make walking into the countryside a real delight.

G.E

## NEXT MEETING OF ELMSTED PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting will be held in Evington Hall on Wednesday 9th December 1998 at 7pm. A full meeting agenda will be displayed on the noticeboards a few days before the meeting takes place.

Keith Griffiths  
(Parish Clerk)



## THE MINCE-PIE WALK

Once again Jean and I are looking forward to seeing walkers of all ages on the mince-pie walk starting at Cold Blow Farm at 11am on New Year's Day.

What are we going to do the following year on New Years Day? It has been suggested that a Millennium mince-pie walk has a certain ring to it but to celebrate the occasion perhaps we ought to arm ourselves with spades and plant Millennium Trees in the two villages or better still get the young to do the planting. Has anyone got any ideas?

M.W.B

## EVINGTON HALL COMMITTEE

Many thanks to everyone who supported the coffee morning at the beginning of November. A sum of £163 was raised for funds and we were pleased to receive items for the various stalls for the forthcoming Christmas Bazaar - a report on that in the next issue. The Hall's next fund raising event will be a JUMBLE SALE to be held in the Evington Hall on Saturday 30th January 1999 at 2.30pm. Offers of jumble and help on the day would be much appreciated. To arrange to leave jumble, or for collection contact Avis Ball (750231) or Sheila Burrage (750375)

SB



## HASTINGLEIGH WITH ELMSTED W.I

The Annual Meeting and the Monthly Meeting both took place on the 5th November.

At the Annual Meeting Jill Argar, as Treasurer, was able to report a satisfactory year with a small profit. The adoption of the accounts was proposed by Jill and seconded by Joyce Schooling.

The Secretary told of a busy and interesting year with some excellent speakers.

In her President's address Freda Nancolias thanked the Officers and Committee for their hard work and all the members for their support. She was very appreciative of how everyone worked together in a friendly atmosphere. Jean Bowes was given special mention by both the President and the Treasurer for arranging the Whist Drives and other fund raising activities.

Jill Argar retired as Treasurer, after many years service, and was presented with a "thank you" gift.

Vi Foad is the new Treasurer while Freda remains as President and Di Mose as Secretary.

Edna Young thanked Freda, on behalf of everyone, for her dedication and leadership as our President.

The monthly meeting started with invitations from Charing W.I to visit their Christmas Gift market on 26th November. From the B.B.C to be part of the audience at a recording of a new family entertainment to take place over the next few Saturdays and from B.B.C Kent, who are planning a history project of every-day life in Kent during the 20th century and would be pleased to hear from anyone who would like to talk to them about their experiences.

Next year's programme was presented and approved.

The recent Line Dancing made a good profit which will help to balance the coming year's budget. Special thanks to Sandra Argar for all the support she brought along.

Freda Nancolias reported on a very satisfactory Half-Yearly Council Meeting at Folkestone. There were very many Gingham Goods on display, (made by Institutes from a yard of gingham) which will be sold at the Hobbies and Craft Fair at the Colin Cowdrey Pavilion, Canterbury Cricket Ground on 14th November.

Barbara George won the Flower of the month and Jean Bowes the raffle.

The evening ended with a very tasty Bring and Share supper.

Members are reminded that the December meeting starts at 7pm and that gifts are needed for the hamper to be raffled at the Christmas Whist Drive.

E.P



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Thanks to the generosity of friends and neighbours, I was able to raise over £2000 by taking part in the Cycle Cuba charity bike ride in aid of the National Deaf Childrens Society at the beginning of October. I have just returned from a gruelling 265 mile 5 day trip which took us from Havana on the north west coast across the Escambray mountains to the colonial town of Trinidad on the island's southern shores. The journey took in sugar plantations, small towns and villages, forested hills and a lot of pot holes, lush vegetation and palm trees - and the occasional tropical downpour - affording welcome relief from temperatures in the high 30s. The scenery was spectacularly beautiful and I felt very privileged to be able to explore the island and meet the people on a bike - particularly as with a shortage of fuel and modern means of transport the Cubans themselves rely heavily on bicycles to get about.

We were joined on our trip by two deaf cyclists who were a constant reminder of our aim. In fact this sense of purpose and the support and help generated by 90 committed cyclists of all ages and abilities were as overwhelming as the landscape and the welcome of the Cuban people. The response to these Challenge Cuba rides (I took part in the first of three such events) has been so enthusiastic that the NDCS has donated £20,000 to deaf children in Cuba. In a country where the average wage is equivalent to £7 per month this lump sum will purchase a number of hearing aids and other much needed equipment.

And now I am home you might be wondering whether I will still be seen struggling up the hill to Hastingleigh. Certainly at the end of our longest day's cycle (75 miles from Colon to Cienfuegos) I swore I would never attempt anything like it again. However, I gather there is a trip planned to Iceland next summer.....

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### FROM THE REGISTERS

Baptism: October 4th St James the Great  
Sophie Frances Wright

Marriage: October 24th St Mary the Virgin  
Mark Ian Nicolls to Shona Sharon Collins





### SUPPER TALK

We meet in December on the 14th at BULL TOWN HOUSE, West Brabourne at 7.30pm (by kind invitation once more of Janet and Derek Harris).

We shall be watching a video of the Eldoret Testimony Childrens Home in Kitale, Kenya with which the Sunday Seekers and Elmsted Church have a special link. The discussion afterwards will be on "Overseas Aid" - Where and When? Please do come and partake of these lively and interesting evenings. Numbers for catering to me (750238) or Janet (813711) by 13th December.

Supper Talk in January will be on the 5th January at Bulltown House at 7.30pm. Numbers to me (750238) or Janet Harris (813711) by 4th January. At the time of going to press the subject has not been finalised but will be connected with some resolutions discussed at the Lambeth Conference in the Summer. Details from me nearer the time.



### CAROL SINGING

This takes place this year on Monday 21st December. Please meet at Elmsted Church - **7pm sharp**. Please bring torches. Our itinerary has not been finalised (we are hoping for hosts - invitations welcome!) but anyone wishing to come and unable to make the 7 pm deadline please phone me (750238) and I shall give details of where you can join us. We shall be collecting for the Kent Air Ambulance which will be our Christmas Charity this year.

### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHLD

The Sunday Seekers have sent 22 shoe boxes of gifts off to the above scheme. These will go to children in the Sudan or Eastern Europe for Christmas. Pam Cameron thanks all those who have donated gifts and made this possible.

J.D Browning

### REVD. RICHARD BATEMAN

It is with regret that we say "goodbye" to Richard as our priest at the end of the month. We were saddened to hear a few weeks ago that he was resigning.

He has brought vision and unfailing Christian love to the Benefice, and those of us who have been privileged to be closely connected with him, have been touched by his deep faith and spirituality. We pray that in the future it is possible to have the benefit of his ministry again.

We thank him for his care and dedication, and our prayers and love are with him and Ann - and we assure them that they will always find a welcome in our parishes.

From Elmsted and Hastingleigh Churches

### Farewell Evening for Richard and Ann

There will be a farewell reception for Richard and Ann at The Evington Hall on Friday 18th December at 8 pm. Please come and help to make it a relaxing and special evening for them.

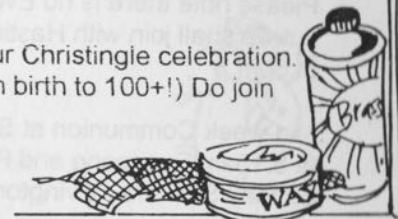
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JDB

### ELMSTED CHURCH

Our pre-Christmas Church Cleaning Bonanza is on Friday 4th December. Please meet at the Church at 10 am with mops, polish, dusters etc. This is an equal opportunities occasion for both sexes!! Hard work will be rewarded with coffee.

The Family service on the 6th December is our Christingle celebration. A lovely occasion for children of all ages (from birth to 100+!) Do join us and stay for refreshments afterwards.





## SERVICES IN DECEMBER

### St Mary the Virgin, Hastingleigh

Sunday Dec 13 11.00am Holy Communion (ASB)  
3rd in Advent (Revd R. Bateman)

Sunday Dec 20 6.00pm Carol Service  
4th in Advent (Revd A. Soar)

Thursday Dec 24 4.00pm Crib Service (Revd J. Hewes)

Friday Dec 25 9.30am Holy Communion (ASB)  
(Revd J. Hewes)

Sunday Dec 27 11.00am Holy Communion (ASB)  
(Revd P. Filmer)

### St James the Great, Elmsted

Sunday Dec 6 9.30am Family Christingle Service  
(Revd P. Filmer)

Sunday Dec 13 9.30am Holy Communion (ASB)  
(Revd A. Soar)

Sunday Dec 20 9.30am Holy Communion (ASB)  
(Revd J. Hewes)

Thursday Dec 24 11.30pm Midnight Mass (Revd J. Hewes)

Sunday Dec 27 No Service (Holy Communion at Hastingleigh)

Please note there is no Evensong at Elmsted on the 20th December but we shall join with Hastingleigh at St. Mary's for the Carol Service at 6pm.

Mid-week Communion at St. James on the 2nd and 16th December at 8.15am Evensong and Prayers on the 9th December at 4.30pm  
Sunday Seekers - Evington Hall 13th and 20th December 9.30am

## DECEMBER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 3 Art Group - Evington Hall 9.30am  
W.I Meeting - Evington Hall 7.00pm

Friday 4 Elmsted Church Cleaning Bonanza 10.00am

Sunday 6 Christingle Family Service - Elmsted Church 9.30am

Tuesday 8 Evington Gardeners Meeting - Evington Hall 7.30pm

Wed 9 Elmsted Parish Council Meeting - Evington Hall 7.00pm

Thursday 10 Art Group - Evington Hall 9.30am  
Hastingleigh Parish Council Meeting - Evington Hall 7.30pm

Friday 11 Christmas Whist Drive - Evington Hall 7.30pm

Sunday 13 Sunday Seekers - Evington Hall 9.30am  
Footpath walk - Evington Hall 2.00pm

Monday 14 Supper talk - Bulltown House 7.30pm

Saturday 19 Christmas Concert & supper - Hastingleigh Church 7.00pm  
Evington Hall 9.00pm

Sunday 20 Sunday Seekers - Evington Hall 9.30am

Monday 21 Carol Singing (Elmsted) meet at Elmsted Church 7.00pm

Thursday 24 Crib Service - Hastingleigh Church 4.00pm

Wed 30 Chiropody clinic - Evington Hall





## SERVICES IN JANUARY

### St Mary the Virgin, Hastingsleigh

Sunday Jan 10 11.00am Holy Communion (ASB)  
(Revd J. Hewes)

Sunday Jan 17 11.00am Holy Communion (BCP)  
(Revd A. Soar)\*

Sunday Jan 24 11.00am Holy Communion (ASB)  
(Revd P. Filmer)

Sunday Jan 31 Benefice Service

\* N.B Time change

### St James the Great, Eimsted

Sunday Jan 3 9.30am Family Service (Revd P. Filmer)

Sunday Jan 10 9.30am Holy Communion (ASB)  
(Revd A. Soar)

Sunday Jan 17 5pm Sung Evensong (Revd P. Filmer)

Sunday Jan 24 9.30am Holy Communion (ASB) (Revd R. Scrine)

Mid-week Communion 6th and 20th January at 8.15am  
Evensong and prayers 13th and 27th January at 4.30pm  
Sunday Seekers Evington Hall 17th January 9.30am



## JANUARY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 1 Mince Pie walk - Cold Blow Farm 11.00am

Tues 5 Supper Talk - Builtown House 7.30pm

Thursday 7 W.I Meeting - Evington Hall 7.30pm

Friday 8 Whist Drive - Evington Hall 7.30pm

Thursday 14 Art Group - Evington Hall 9.30am

Friday 15 Wine and Wisdom - Evington Hall 7.30pm

Sunday 17 Sunday Seekers - Evington Hall 9.30am

Tuesday 17 Evington Gardeners Meeting - Evington Hall 7.30pm

Thursday 21 Art Group - Evington Hall 9.30am  
Evington Players Production - Evington Hall 7.45pm

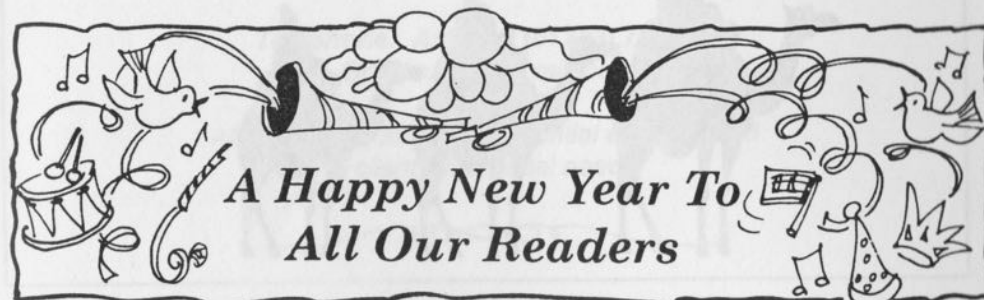
Friday 22 Evington Players Production - Evington Hall 7.45 pm

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Wed 27 Chiropody Clinic - Evington Hall

Thursday 28 Art Group - Evington Hall 9.30am

Saturday 30 Jumble Sale - Evington Hall 2.30pm



### DO YOU KNOW ABOUT ODYSSEY?

Jill Hills, our district nurse, and I have been swimming for charity again. This time, it was for Odyssey, which is a local organisation for cancer patients. It arranges activity programmes, similar to Outward Bound courses, for small groups of people who have had a recent experience of cancer. The idea is to enhance their vitality and zest for life.

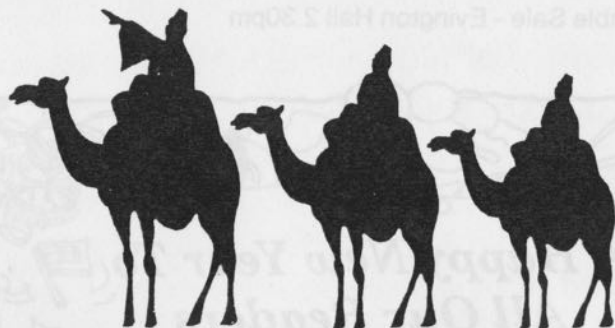
An odyssey is a long eventful journey, so called as this was the name of the epic poem about the ancient Greek, Odysseus, who spent ten years journeying home after the fall of Troy.

As in life itself, the groups who set out on these programmes do not know what is in store for them. They travel together and spend a lot of the time outdoors; at the end, they are often tired but spiritually refreshed having successfully met the challenges encountered on the way.

The idea has been so enthusiastically received by participating cancer patients that the organisers hope that it can be extended throughout the country. If you have had a personal experience of cancer in the recent past and like the idea of broadening your horizons by being challenged physically, mentally and spiritually then ask your GP or hospital consultant to put your name forward. There is no charge for this wonderful experience. If you wish to make a contribution to this exciting new approach to cancer care, please send your gifts to Dr. Howard Smedley or Stephen Gough, Odyssey c/o The Chaucer Hospital, Nackington Road, Canterbury.

Happy Christmas to everyone from all at Wye Surgery.

Roz Wailer



### **BODSHAM SCHOOL WINE AND WISDOM EVENING**

Please come and join us for a fun evening of wine and wisdom in aid of Bodsham School.

This is to be held at Evington Village Hall on Friday 15th January 1999 at 7.30pm. Teams/table of six people.

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## Weald Area News

# KENT

## COUNTY CONSTABULARY

From Superintendent Alan Dann, Weald Police.

Welcome to the new format of news from Kent Police. For many the police 'slot' in your magazine is a new idea, for others, particularly in villages to the north of Ashford, this monthly page is a regular feature. The previous contributor, Inspector Pollard has now moved to pastures new and the crime reduction unit (being PC Tim Hill and WPC George Collins) have agreed to take over the monthly contribution. I would like to thank your editor for giving us the space to keep you informed.

What we hope to do over the coming months is keep you informed about several things:- emerging crime patterns, if any, what we as *your police service* are doing about the problem and the steps you can take as a householder to help *yourself*. Crime levels have dropped in Kent for the second year running. This is an important message. Many of you will be bombarded with images of 'Police and crime' from the media. Our research shows that most people's fear of crime far outweighs the reality. We hope to redress this fear and supply you with the information you need to help prevent yourselves suffering a crime.

I believe the magazine you are reading forms a vital part of any village community and we are happy to support. Communication and vigilance are the keys to reducing crime and I hope the coming articles are of interest and use.

The following telephone numbers may be of use :-

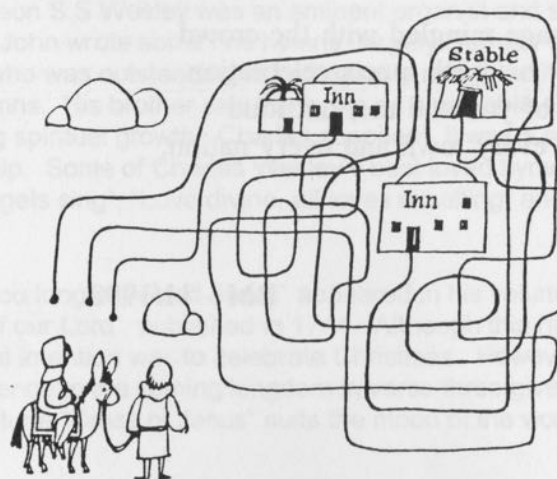
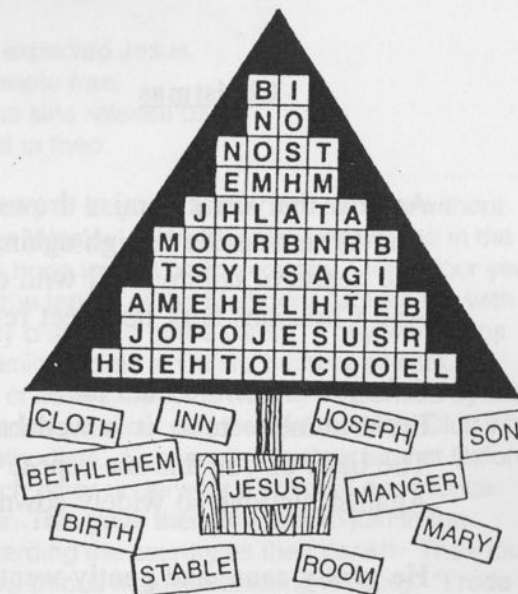
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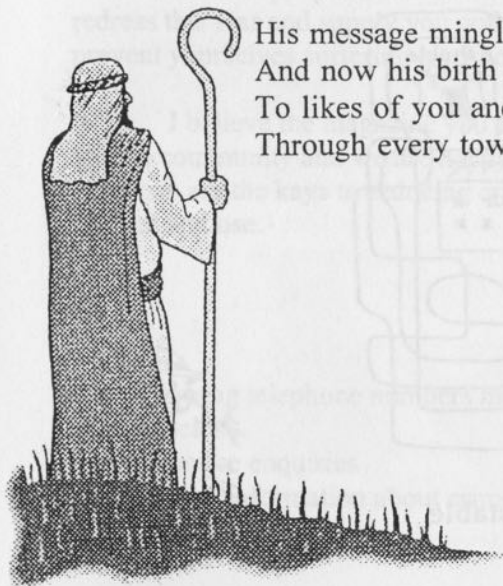
## Christmas

As now the year's demise draws near  
And Christmastide is nigh again,  
The hearts of children fill with cheer  
And Christians hark its sweet refrain.

A boy was born, a man arose,  
From humble stock, it is well known;  
The likes of you and me repose  
Against his love so widely sown.

He gently came and gently went  
And spread his message far and wide;  
Now likes of you and me repent  
Of sins we cause, of sins inside.

His message mingled with the crowd  
And now his birth meets celebration  
To likes of you and me, out loud  
Through every town and every nation.



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## HYMN WRITER OF THE MONTH

Charles Wesley b. Bristol 18 December 1707 d. 1788

HYMN 31 Come, thou long expected Jesus,  
born to set thy people free;  
from our fears and sins release us,  
let us find thy rest in thee.

It is impossible to read the history of England in the 18th century without encountering John and Charles Wesley. They became key figures in the religious revival which made a huge impact on the country. John, four years senior to his brother, became the leader of the Methodist Movement, with Charles as the equally doughty champion of the cause. They were sons of the rectory, and after academic studies at Oxford became priests. At Oxford they had, with a group of others, become heavily influenced by the writings of William Law and became devout members of the Holy Club where the group were nicknamed methodists. Subsequent to their time at Oxford both men independently of each other underwent a spiritual experience within three days of each other. This gave them the zeal to join in the evangelisation of England regarding the country as their parish. Their journals recording encounters and descriptions make fascinating reading. "I rode to Ashford", wrote John in his entry for 4 December 1771, "one of the pleasantest towns in Kent". What can happen in 200 years!

Of the two, Charles became the family man, founding a musical dynasty: his grandson S.S Wesley was an eminent organist and still well loved composer. Although John wrote some fine hymns, largely German translations, it was Charles who was outstanding in both quality and quantity, writing no less than 6,500 hymns. His brother saw the hymn as a valuable aid for teaching and promoting spiritual growth. Charles supplied! It was a solid working partnership. Some of Charles Wesley's best loved hymns are: "Hark! the herald angels sing", "Love divine, all loves excelling" and "Rejoice, the Lord is King".

"Come thou long expected Jesus" appeared in his volume "Hymns for the Nativity of our Lord", published in 1744. Although this hymn is used for Advent, its original intention was to celebrate Christmas. However, the opening line, and reference to the coming kingdom in verse three give it an Advent appeal. Stainer's tune "Cross of Jesus" suits the mood of the words well.

R.P

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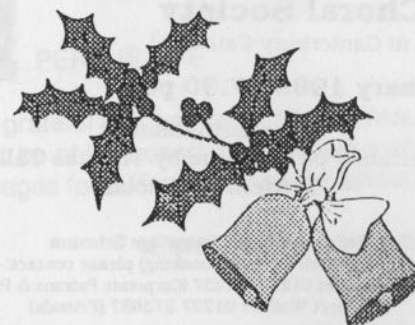
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## CANTERBURY CHORAL SOCIETY

One of the most popular events in Canterbury Cathedral's festive calendar is the Family Carols organised by Canterbury Choral Society.

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This year's carols are on Monday, December 14, at 7pm. Admission is £6 for adults and £4 for children (16 and under and restricted view seats). Tickets may be obtained from Canterbury Bookings, Canterbury Visitor Information Centre, 34 St Margaret's Street, Canterbury, phone 01227 455600.

The carols are open to the public and there are other ways to support the choral society, even if you are not a singer or musician. For an annual subscription of £30, you can become a Friend and enjoy a number of special privileges.

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## **ashford access group**

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From the Chairmans Office

Dear Friends,

Oct 1998,

Despite the atrocious weather on the morning of Saturday 24th., some 34 supporters signed the Attendance List for our Open Special General Meeting - only 1 less than at our April A.G.M. Encouraging, I think.

Our Membership continues to rise : we now total 54, including 34 disabled persons and 6 Member Organisations. The latest to join, being Ashford Age Concern, which meets at the Pop In and South Ashford Day Centre.

On the afternoon of the 26th., My colleague Susan Mansfield and myself, met at Tenterden Museum, where we were asked to advise on the fitting of an entrance ramp, for wheelchair users and another inside, to allow them to move from one room to another. Both verbal and documentary information has been given to the Administrator and Trustees, as well as advice for funding the project. This demonstration of disability awareness, is to be applauded.

On the way home, I called in to see one of our Tenterden members, who was having continual problems on her journeys into Tenterden, due to a householders overgrown front hedge, which, combined with a badly cambered footway, gave her a deal of pain, as well as being a frightening experience.

Councillor Bill Heaton, has been co-opted onto our Executive Committee, in the post of Councillor Liaison Officer. A two-way advisory position, this

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Elsie and Keith Noakes



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| Art Group                   | Contact                 | Mr G Etheridge<br>Tel: 750233                            |
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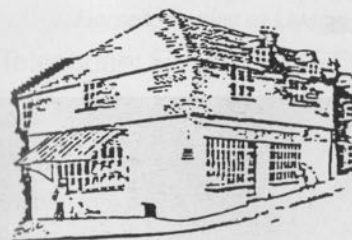
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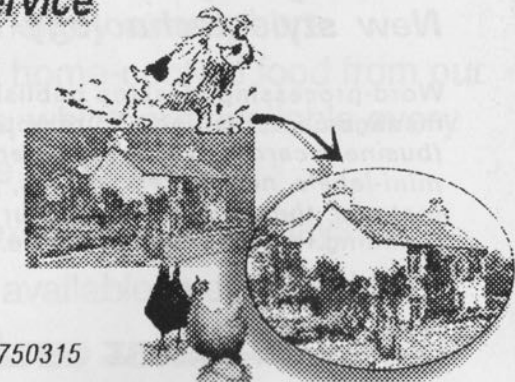
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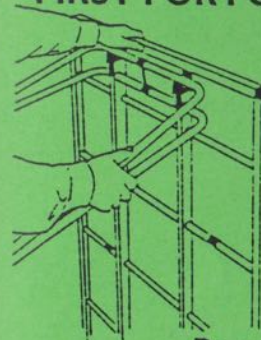
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