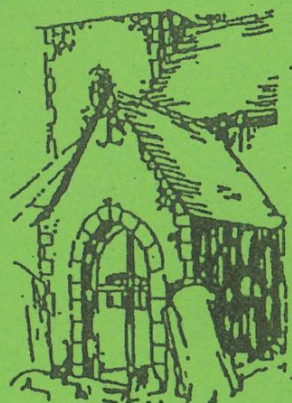


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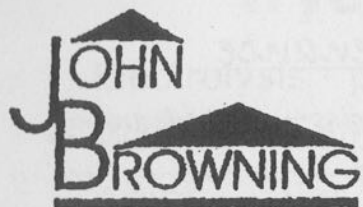
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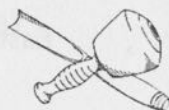
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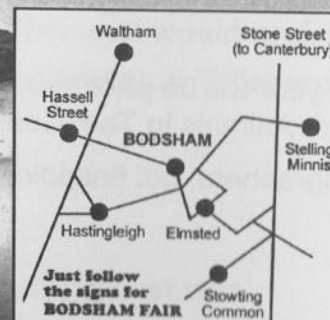
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There were many bakers who generously contributed to the wide variety of goodies available, ranging from quiches to cakes and desserts.

Local produce and plants were of a fine quality and quickly purchased.

Many young children enjoyed Sunday Teatime, an opportunity to make a variety of creative masterpieces and the competition, "Make An Animal Out Of Fruits And Vegetables" had many fabulous entries. Well done to all of those who entered.

The event raised £1173. This will benefit Elmsted Church and Bodsham School.

The competition for next year will be photographs depicting; "The Working Countryside and Animals In The Countryside"

So, all of our keen photographers, get snapping.

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VILLAGE TRIP TO FRANCE OR BELGIUM

We are hoping to resurrect the Village Trip to France or Belgium on 14th September this year. There are two possible destinations for the visit:

- a) Gravelines, which is a small town located between Calais and Dunkerque just inland from the North Sea coast of France (about a 40 minute drive from Calais)
- b) Bruges in Belgium (about a 1hr 45 min drive from Calais)

We would travel by coach from Evington Hall, departing around 7.30 am and returning around 8.30 pm. We would stop at a French supermarket on the return journey, as usual.

The cost would be approximately £20 per adult, children 16 and under travel free.

If you are interested in coming on this trip, then please could you let Robin Helmer know as soon as possible, stating how many adults and children and whether you would prefer to visit Gravelines or Bruges. The actual destination will depend on which is the most popular choice.

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HASTINGLEIGH WITH ELMSTED WI

Hastingleigh with Elmsted WI met on Thursday 6th June at Evington Hall. The President welcomed 14 members, one potential new member and a guest. The business of the meeting was discussed and future events mentioned.

Miss Steward gave us a very interesting account of the AGM held on 1st June in Cardiff.

The speaker for the evening was Mr John Yarrow on "The Ups and Downs of a Wedding Photographer". Mr Yarrow had been a former Scenes of Crime photographer with Kent Police and on retirement took up wedding work almost by accident. He was at the wedding of a colleague's daughter where the official photographer had failed to turn up and the father of the bride threw John his camera and said "Take some photos!", so John did and he realised he had enjoyed it and they turned out rather well! John had brought along some albums of happy couples in stunning locations which we all enjoyed.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 4th July and the speaker will be Mr Alan Stockwell on "Ellen Terry - Darling of the Gods"

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Evington Hall and Women's Institute Donation to Kent Air Ambulance

Jointly we organised a Whist Drive in April to raise money for Kent Air Ambulance. In May the Women's Institute held a supper and raffle for the same charity. With monies raised from these two events, together with a donation from a kind parishioner, we have been able to send **£315.00** to help the Charity with their valuable work.

Both the Hall Committee and the WI would like to thank everyone who helped raise this fantastic sum.



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Saturday 20th July

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ADVANCE NOTICE

Completion of the Boundary Lane Renovation Project

As you may have noticed, Boundary Lane (the lane leading to the Football Field) has recently been renovated, thanks to grants obtained by ECP from KCC and Awards for All, part of the Big Lottery Fund. The Official Opening of the improved Boundary Lane will take place on **Sunday 7th July 2013**

at 12 noon. All residents of Bodsham, Elmsted and Hastingleigh will shortly receive an invitation to attend.

Please make a note in your diary.

A Summary of the Annual General Meeting of Elmsted Parish Council held on Tuesday, 7th May 2013

The pot holes in Whatsole Street need work, as does the Misling Lane/Maxted Street area.

The dog waste situation in Bodsham has improved but will continue to be monitored.

Cllr Argar was duly elected as Chairman and Cllr Francesconi was duly elected as Vice-Chairman.

It was agreed that there should be a third signatory for cheques, Cllr Burge agreed that he would do this.

Financial Statement was approved.

Cheques were signed for CPRE, KALC, Aon Ltd (Insurance), District Audit, Evington Hall and T Block for the Clerks Remuneration from 2012.

The Annual Accounts and the Accounting Governance Statement were approved and signed by the Chair of the Parish Council and are ready for the Internal Audit inspection.

Cllr Monk reported that there will be a new leader in the financial year. There will be no increase in Council Tax this financial year as the Government have funded a zero increase. Should funding be withdrawn next year, there is likely to be a 2% increase. The Community Chest is now available for funding applications; it is available to precepted parishes in addition to others now.

The members of the public expressed their disappointment in the result of the wind turbine application at Beech Tree. David Monk explained that Shepway Councillors do not want to see the wind turbines in an AONB but the planning law states that they should be allowed. The Development Control Committee are getting better at finding reasons to refuse them, there was some discussion about the contentious turbine. The question of whether a referendum would have been useful was discussed. A referendum would have cost the Parish up to £3,000 and it is only advisory not mandatory, therefore, the Planning Inspectorate could have over-ruled the referendum. Cllr Monk continues to work towards a policy for no wind turbines to be allowed in an AONB. His only advice was to write to the MP as

to urge Prime Legislation to apply to these cases. It was suggested that the Planning Officer at Shepway was aware that this wind turbine is non-compliant and is in clear breach of the Government Guidelines. Have lessons been learned from this process? The residents in the area are looking at High Court costs of £25–30,000 to over-turn this decision. Cllr Monk was thanked for attending the meeting.

Road problems were mentioned and it was suggested that if repairs are not completed, the reference number needs to be forwarded to Susan Carey.

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

A SUMMARY OF THE MEETING OF HASTINGLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL ON 11th JUNE 2013

The Parish Council is aware of the new planning legislation but note that the new legislation does not apply in this Parish as we are situated in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

The Parish Council welcomed Charlotte Brooks-Lawrie to the meeting. Charlotte introduced the Local Plan and explained the core Strategy. This is a consultation process that is tailor made to each parish. The entire plan will be completed by 2014/15.

Hastingleigh Parish Council discussed the options available to them and decided that they would deliver a questionnaire to each property in the Parish and collate answers for completion at the September meeting.

A copy of the financial report was distributed to all Councillors.

There were no cheques to be signed.

Cllr Johnson queried whether the Councillors details were available on the website and the Clerk confirmed that they are.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday July 9th 2013.

CHURCH SERVICES FOR ELMSTED & HASTINGLEIGH

7 th July	9.30 Elmsted: Family Communion	11.00 Hastingleigh: Morning Prayer
14 th July	10.00 Family Service at Bodsham School	
21 st July	11.00 Hastingleigh: Family Communion (BCP)	6.00 Elmsted: Evensong
28 th July	9.30 Elmsted: Parish Communion (CW)	11.00 Hastingleigh: Holy Communion (BCP)

Sunday Teatime: No Sunday Teatime this month: we'll resume in September. We've broken up for the summer - so let's hope we get one!!

CHURCH FLOWER AND CLEANING ROTA

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Jul 20th	Mrs Helmer	Mrs Pay
Jul 27th	Mrs Ball	Mrs McFarlane
Aug 3rd	Mrs Pell Mrs Homer	Mrs Hewson

July

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wed 3rd	Coffee Morning	10.30am
Thurs 4th	WI Meeting (Page 16)	7.30pm
Sat 6th	Bodsham School Summer Fair (Page 13)	12 noon
Sun 7th	Boundary Lane Opening (Page 17)	12 noon
Tues 9th	Hastingleigh Parish Council Meeting (Page 19)	7.45pm
Sat 20th	Evington Gardeners Show (Page 17)	2.30pm

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

There has been a great deal of publicity recently concerning both the NHS non-emergency and emergency (A and E departments) services. The new non-emergency service (NHS111) started in April of this year and is now in operation in most parts of the country. But there have been serious teething problems in almost all areas. NHS111 replaced NHS Direct and local 'out of hours services' which were finally discontinued in June 2013. It is available 24 hours a day, and every day of the year and is for urgent but none life threatening issues. It complements the long established emergency 999 number which is used only for real emergencies, although the 111 service does also use the ambulance service when necessary. Unlike the 999 service, the 111 service offers access to various health services and should be used when:-

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You think you may need to go to A and E or some other NHS urgent care service

You don't know who to call

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One of the initial problems with the 111 system has been the long waiting times for the initial phone call to be answered. Coincidentally there has also been an increase in the numbers of people attending A and E.

The Wye Patient Participation Group is anxious to determine how well these systems are working for you. If you have used the 111 system or have been to A and E recently please will you contact the Group before the end of September and give the details of your experience. Important points to report are:-

111 services

How long did you wait for the telephone to be answered?

Was the advice given to you clear ?

Were you satisfied with the outcome?

A and E

Which hospital did you attend?

How long did you wait to be seen?

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I thought this month I would explain how to access health care. It has become clear from recent pronouncements that our political leaders either do not understand the system or are out to deliberately mislead. I can only assume this is a political smoke screen to redirect flack from the appalling 111 system that they introduced.

When I was a houseman over twenty years ago, admissions through casualty were rising at about ten percent per year for reasons which were not clear. GPs were doing their own on call at the time. They have continued this inexorable rise. You will have read recently that the rise in AE attendance is due to GPs opting out of on call. This is propaganda. In fact the only recent change in process is, yes, you guessed it 111.

Triage was invented by Napoleon's surgeon, Baron, Dominique Jean Larrey and the principle has always been that the most highly qualified and skilled person should make the initial assessment. The profession told the government that the 111 system was flawed because it flouts this principle. Why are we not surprised to find that the failings are deflected onto others, plus ça change, plus c'est la même chose! In fact on that note, a friend working for the department of transport as an adviser told me how staggered he was at how little the department understood the railway system. It doesn't surprise me, they know little about the way general practice works and have no interest in finding out.

I was doing an on call session two days after 111 was introduced (you can't have done Allan, Mr Hunt and the Mail tell us GPs are not doing out of hours work, quite who they think is doing the 24/7 cover I am not sure as only qualified GPs can practice general practice!). I was expecting a deluge of work. In the move to 111, SouthEast Health, the local out of hours provider, lost its integrated telephone triage system whereby calls were directed to a doctor or nurse to determine whether a visit or surgery assessment was required. Instead, with 111, non medical people would use lengthy protocols before telling you to ring 999! Or passing requests for a visit or consultation on to SEH.

I hope you are following, I agree it's complex. Anyway back to my on call session, instead of the deluge I saw ten percent of the work expected. Why you ask? Because the organisation running 111 had decided the numbers needed to man the phones were far fewer than SEH used. People failed to get through and.....went to AE. Is a picture emerging here somewhat different to government propaganda, ably supported by the good people of the Mail. That propaganda would be better spent informing people that GPs do actually work 24 hours a day and that they

can be accessed through 111 rather than indicating in every interview I have heard and believe me there have been dozens, that there is no alternative out of hours to going to A and E.

So for the benefit of Mr Hunt, the surgery is open from 8.30 until 7.00pm Monday to Thursday and you can also access the dispensary during these hours. Nurses work until 7pm too. On Friday the last appointment is 5pm and the dispensary closes at 5.30. A doctor is available until 6.30 on Fridays. Doctors do not only work during these hours, they have numerous administrative tasks that have to be done after surgery. I know doctors who finish at 9 or 10 o'clock in the evening.

Outside of these times you dial 111. I believe they are getting their act together under massive government pressure and 70% of calls are now answered in 60 seconds. They will advise or direct you to a consultation centre such as a surgery or in some cases arrange a visit BY A GP ON CALL Mr Hunt.

Only use AE for accidents or emergencies as for anything else you will see a very junior doctor in all likelihood and wait four hours for the pleasure. He or she will then suggest you see your GP.

We have refined the morning super surgery, we will still aim to see all comers in the morning, you can request a female doctor if there is one in surgery. If you think only a particular doctor can manage your problem you can now request a call-back from a particular doctor (if he is in surgery) who will deal with the problem or arrange to see you.

Finally why not ask your MP to discontinue the war on general practice, every GP I know works enormously long hours under fierce pressure of both time and dwindling resources. Their will to do what is best for their patients often against an unwilling system is heart warming. The quality of applicants is though, falling as the milk and honey stories the Mail adore (what is it with those people?) are found to be a nonsense. You may remember the much chastised New GP contract, in fact this was introduced because jobs in general practice just couldn't be filled and they needed to make it more attractive, they need to do the same now, and quickly. What they do not need to do, is reduce resources, pass more work from hospitals to general practice and then feed disinformation about the problems all being caused by lazy GPs.

I really do enjoy my job in spite of that, however I despise dishonesty for political ends. It stinks Mr Hunt, it stinks. Rant over.

FROM WYE BENEFICE

A couple of months ago I was asked to write an article for the magazines around the benefice...a kind of goodbye. As you do I have thought about it on and off uncertain what to say. As I write now I am conscious that many of us have our hearts full of another goodbye as we mourn the loss of Rev Dickie Cleveland an inspirational friend and colleague.

Goodbyes are hard for us wonderful and funny little creatures as we try valiantly to sidestep change and define the unknown, and vicars are no exception to this. It has been just a touch tricky to have those conversations about "what next" and to explain that I don't know where I will be living or when or what I might do next when it comes to the church. Perhaps you too have found yourself cast in the role of reluctant adventurer knowing that the time had come for change.

Over these months up the hills there has been a cry echoing around our churches. "We must have faith" they have said as they contemplate their future. I cannot say begin to say how wonderful it is to be a part of such courageous people.

Like the rest of us I have been tempted to focus on what disturbs the peace, and disrupts the smooth flow of my life, and in so doing I can miss a thing, for in every ending there is always a beginning. For me an opportunity to develop my practice as an artist and an art psychotherapist. For you a new House for duty priest in the hill villages, and the even bigger endings also have new life and new beginnings wrapped in their folds.

For me some things will stay the same I will continue to earn my living as a psychotherapist and clinical supervisor, travelling up to the west end each week and starting a practice in Canterbury in the coming months. I will resume the mission work in the Lebanon which has been put on hold. and I will continue to serve the church as a trainer, facilitator, and priest.

All that remains to be said is a simple and heart felt thank you for your company and encouragement on this last stage of my personal journey and an open invitation to walk together in friendship on the next.

God bless

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Roz Bacon

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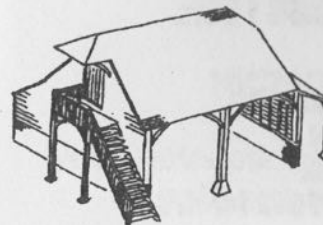
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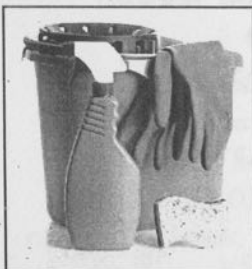
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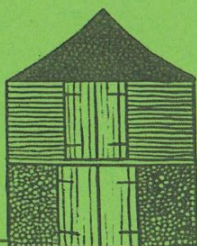
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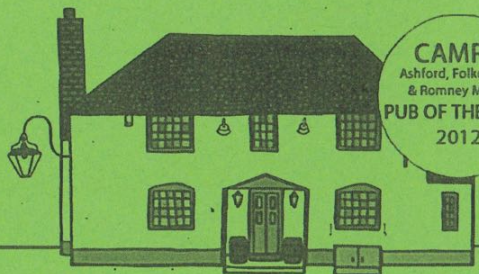
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