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August

in Elmsted with Hastingleigh

We have had an amazing amount of sunshine and warm, hot weather over the past few weeks, although as I sit down to write this we are having a day of much needed rain. Unfortunately, due to the extraordinary weather we have been experiencing, South Hill Gardens has had to cancel their open day on the 5th August. The Bodsham School Summer Fete was a huge success, thank you to everyone that supported the day. The school has had a successful year, with an amazing 66% of Year 6 pupils gaining places at local grammar schools. The August Bank Holiday brings us the annual Beer Fest at the Bowl Inn, see page 17 for further information. Waltham Parish Council are looking for a new clerk, see page 22 for details. As always letters, articles and comments are very welcome.

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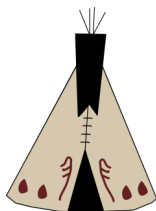
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Hastingleigh with Elmsted Women's Institute

Red Rock & Romans

Hastingleigh with Elmsted W.I. met on Thursday the 5th of July 2018 at the Evington Hall.

16 members attended, and we also welcomed 2 guests.

We discussed various items of business before our speaker, Andrew McNally, gave us a talk on Jordan – Reinforcing bars, Red Rocks and Romans.

Mr McNally's sister lives in Jordan, where he has visited her on a number of occasions. His talk was based on his visits there and things he had seen. He pointed out that there was a connection between the Red

Lion Pub in Bridge, Canterbury and Jordan; the landlords daughter Toni Gardiner married King Hussain, and is the mother of the present monarch of Jordan. The area in which his sister lives is arid, and only scrubby grass and olive trees grow. The summer temperatures average 32°C with a constant wind, which bend trees and whips up dust creating amazing sunsets. The average rainfall is similar to the UK but falls over fewer months, there is none to little rain between April and October. On one trip to Jordan, they visited Petra, which is famous for its architecture cut out of the red rock. Here can be found the 'Treasury' or AL Khazneh and many caves and tombs. There are many Roman remains in Jordan, the biggest of which can be found in Jerash. Mr McNally showed a number of pictures showing the amazing Roman architecture that can be seen. The mention of reinforcing bars in the title of his talk turned out to be a description of the buildings to be found in Jordan. Buildings are generally built a floor at time, and the reinforcing bars for the next floor are installed and left showing.

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WI for a trip to Dungeness, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all that attended.

The Flower of the Month winner for July was Betty Pearson and the winner of the holiday momento competition was Nicola Phipps.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday the 2nd August at 7.30 p.m., in the Evington Hall, where we will be having a craft and chat evening. Any new members will be made most welcome.

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who you are, God loves you just as you are. Whatever you do God will never love you more and whatever you do God will never love you less.

A recent survey of clergy ordained in 2009 & 2010 showed a shift towards the "conventional & conservative" keeping the show on the road, personality. They bring order and stability to their congregations. This is a move away from the "idealistic & romantic". These people see the overall picture and follow their inspirations enthusiastically and often aspire to bring innovative change. Surely we need both if we are to both maintain the tradition and grow. Where do you think your clergy fit in? We have both to some degree, that is the advantage of a team, not dependent on one person's character to lead us.

So too in the village, different types help build our village into the caring community I believe it is, and will develop it further, as is the aim of "Our Place".

Whether you are attracted to the course or not, a number of us have benefited, we can all learn to accept our differences.

Yours, Alan.

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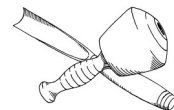
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There are 89 children on the school roll and two thirds of the year 6 children gained grammar school places this year.

The Owls class (year 5 & 6) performed 'Alice, The Musical' at Evington Hall on the 16th July to the whole school and then later on to family and friends.

Sports Day was much enjoyed by everyone in June and on the same day, the school had a Church School inspection (SIAMs) and gained 'Outstanding' in every aspect.

The Bodsham Fair, run by the school's PFA, was a huge success

on the 7th July and raised an enormous £4,500 for school funds.

The school uses both Elmsted and Hastingleigh churches for main occasions and small groups from the school visit the churches throughout the year.



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From the History Enthusiast

History of Parish Councils.

Readers might be interested to know how our present day parish and district councils came about.

Some thousand years ago when communications were poor and central government weak or often non-existent, villages were ruled by local people. The lord of the manor was predominant. As time progressed though, parish priests and schoolmasters became involved in matters relating to the whole community as they were the only inhabitants with any form of education.

Around 1600 the church took on a more active role in the government of the community and church vestry meetings were organised and introduced legislation to give themselves the responsibility of levying a rate to

give relief to the poor.

People in want were looked after by 'an overseer to the poor' an official position undertaken in rotation by worthy men in the parish who administered relief such as money, food, and clothing. Overseers were first seen during the reign of Elizabeth I. These levied rates were the first effective local taxes and amounts raised varied according to how much land was owned. The Poor Rate was the main tax on the parishioners for the support of the less fortunate in their parish.

Everyone in the parish was entitled to attend church vestry meetings but in reality the work fell to a few individuals, rather like the parish councils of today.

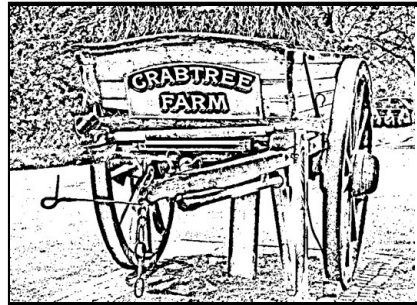
Although the Squire, the Parson and sometimes the Schoolmaster were still the leaders in the village, popular education was spreading and more people wanted a say in managing local affairs and it was W. E. Gladstone, then Prime Minister, who introduced the 1894 Local Government Act which became law and resulted in the formation of Parish Councils as we know them today.

This new legislation resulted in

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the Parish Council being responsible for civil matters whilst church affairs became the responsibility of the Parochial Church Council.

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Poor Law of the 1600s and attempted to fundamentally change the poverty relief system in England and Wales. It handed responsibility to the Poor Law Unions who were the forerunners of what is now our District Councils.

History Enthusiast

‘So they do say...!’

In 1879, the architects report stated that ‘... *the old stove in the chancel was the only means of heating*’. The floors: ‘*These are about the worst I have ever seen, the passages are paved with the poorest brick flat, and the wood floor (as much as 6” out of level in places) may be fitly described as a mass of rottenness*’. The whole floor was subsequently excavated and relaid with concrete and the

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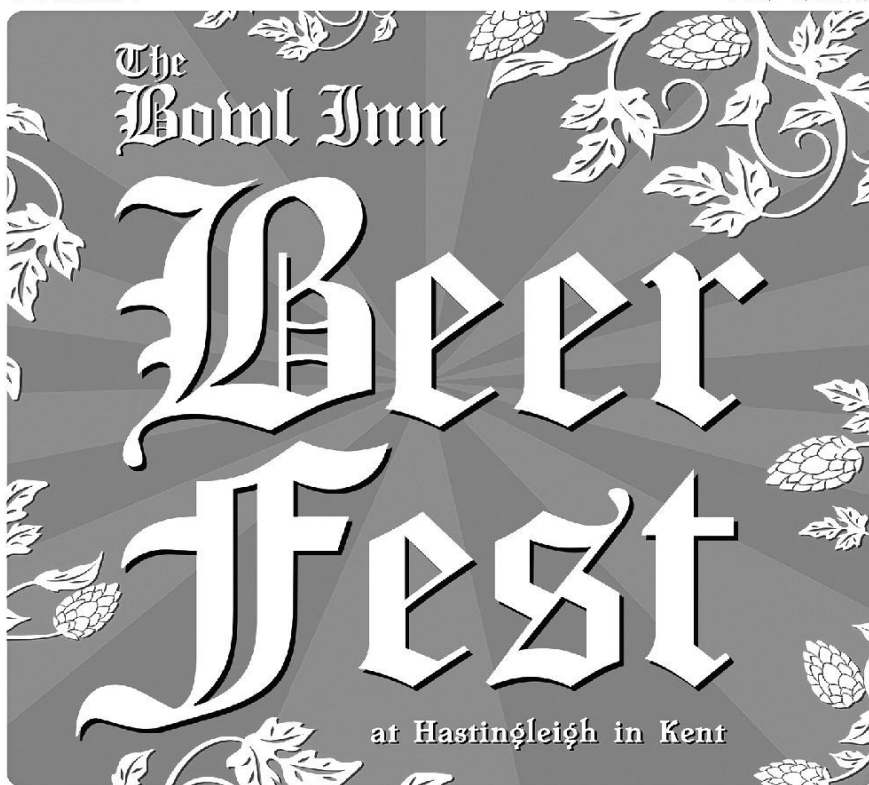
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Diary Dates - August

Wed	1st	Coffee Morning	10.30 - 11.30
Thurs	2nd	W.I. Meeting	19.30 - 22.00
Tues	7th	Library Van	09.45 - 10.15
Tues	21st	Library Van	09.45 - 10.15
Mon	27th	Beer Festival (Bowl Inn)	Midday

The above dates are taken from the Evington Hall website calendar
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All events at the village hall unless otherwise stated

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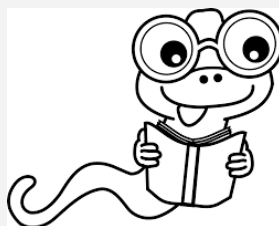
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Farming Notebook

Worrying time for the potatoes.

Harvest is about to start a few days earlier than normal, but that is hardly surprising bearing in mind the weather we have enjoyed. Today, ladies' final day at Wimbledon, has again been a glorious day. Temperatures in the mid-twenties and pretty much unbroken sunshine.

Generally the crops have held up well, even in the days of extreme heat. The cereals are still in the process of senescing, and, remarkably, have held on to green leaf until the last few days. Prospects for the wheat, barley and oilseed rape look quite promising. The spring beans, although looking green and healthy, are showing signs of moisture stress. It appears that the plants are aborting pods to conserve moisture. So, what seemed to be a good flowering period, with a really good pod set, may turn out to be less satisfactory.

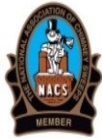
The one crop of real concern for us is the potatoes. Planted very late due to the very wet and cold

spring (seems hard to believe...) they have had little or no rain since then. We still do not have a variety which has a canopy that meets across the rows. Usually, at this time of year we are busy doing test digs twice a week, struggling through a lush leafy canopy, to work out the optimum time to kill off the vegetation to maximise our seed yield. Not this year...

I went round last week and dug all the crops and was encouraged that there were potatoes of 40mm diameter (about the size of a small hens egg) and with good tuber numbers. But this falls very short of the required size to make a reasonable crop. As last year, I am amazed that the potato plants remain turgid and healthy despite the lack of rain. I fully expect to go out into the field and see a limp floppy canopy, but to date, not so. Yields will be a fraction of the norm with very small tubers. We are not alone. One seed grower in Shropshire is still waiting for his crop to emerge! Potato prices are sure to be higher this year, and as a consequence seed values too. Hopefully this will go some way to mitigate the loss of a very low yield. All the crops have had their second inspection by the Plant Health Inspectorate, and all have passed. So that is good news.

The potatoes may still benefit from some rain in the next week or so, but in any event I think the crops

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Farming Notebook cont.

will die before we have to even think about killing them off. I fully expect to be able to put the whole crop into store as "seed" and not have to worry about marketing any oversize for ware.

Our series of "open days" passed off very successfully. All three enjoyed wonderful weather. The main event attracted over 180 farmers. After studying wheat varieties, spring cropping options, and a vast number of replicated fungicide trials, all those who attended then enjoyed a hog roast and a little glass of something to rehydrate!

The last visit to the trials was by the Wingham Wheat Club. The club has run its own trials with the help of Zantra, and the results look interesting. Final conclusions will be drawn once yield data is available. The walk round the trials was concluded with the annual Strawberry Tea. Dennes had left one of the marquees up to provide shelter should it be needed, but in the event a very pleasant sunny evening was spent with a cup of tea and a bowl of fresh strawberries...

The cattle continue to thrive in the dry conditions. The only thing they hate are the flies. They stand in a large group, nose to tail, and take it

in turns to swish their tails to move the flies on. This is fairly successful, but the flies are very persistent... From time to time we treat the cattle with a fly repellent to try and make their lives more comfortable.

Normally we would go round the grass fields with a topper after grazing to keep the fields tidy. This year we have not done any topping as the stalky grass does provide some shade for the base of the plant. Exposed to the full heat and intensity of the sun the grass would very quickly burn up. The cattle do look well, and are doing their calves well. It seems that dry grass suits them...

Several people have enquired about the young cow which had the caesarean. I am pleased to say that she has now had all her stitches removed, the wound has healed very well, and she is now back with the herd with her calf.

We have a few little jobs to complete on Monday morning and then we will be ready to make a start with the combine. We are going in to the Winter Barley which has really come on in the last few days. After that there will be one field of Oilseed Rape (The rest has only been desiccated today and so will be another couple of weeks before being ready). By the end of the week the herbage seed should be fit.

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Farming cont.

There is the usual buzz in the air, as there always is, when harvest is about to start. This year the buzz has a little hint of urgency because we are forecast an inch of rain next Saturday! Is it too much to ask that it only rains on the potatoes?

W Wilson-Haffenden



Thank You!

The children and adults who attend the Toddler Group at the Evington Hall would like to say a big thank you to Nicola Phipps.

Nicola is stepping down from running the group and will be sorely missed.

Nicola is handing over the reins to Lorraine, Abi and Marie, who have big shoes to fill but will continue to make the Toddler Group a fun and enjoyable group.

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