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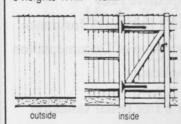
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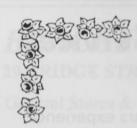
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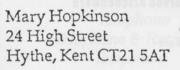
















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The Revd Paul G. Cox The Vicarage Hastingleigh 01233 -750414 Dear Friends.

I have just received the offer by a bank to change to Telephone Banking. Of course there is the claim that I will only benefit from the change. But I wonder! This seems to me to be just one more example of the way personal relationships are being eroded. You will no doubt have your own list, mine include: all the self-service outlets, from supermarkets to petrol stations. I have been in schools that have resisted self-service as the way to serve meals and I was glad - it meant that food was brought to the tables to be served there, but we sat in groups where not only did we eat our meals but also made time to exercise the art of conversation. Family life has become less personal as children have moved away from parents and contact is made mainly by telephone, which I do not find always a very happy medium for communication.

For the housebound, television may be the only way to "go to church", but it is a poor substitute for the coming together of people to share together in their worship of God. There is no personal involvement in the receiving of Holy Communion when only watching people go up to the altar rail in a church hundreds of miles away! At present I take Communion to several people around the parishes, either regularly or to the sick during their time of illness and recovery. If you would like me (or one of the Readers) to visit you please do let me know.

Some people say that they are Christian but do not go to church. This may be because they are not comfortable with a particular service style, but it does mean that in their faith they are not finding a personal relationship with others who come to worship God. I hope that throughout the parishes in the Stone Street Group anyone visiting our churches or new to the communities is able to feel welcomed. We do not wish to be seen as a self-service church but one which enjoys personal relationships as they develop, without being intrusive.

The message of the Christian faith is that we come to know God who knows us personally, through Jesus who came to be as we are so that we may become what He is. What an offer and what an offering!

Yours in His service, Paul.

The following letter has been received from Kent County Council

"Local Bus Service 518 - Wye and Ashford As you are aware, following a survey in your parish, the above service was enhanced in November 1996 to include Bodsham & Elmsted and provide a link to

Wye and Ashford.

We are now in the fourth month of this trial and although timetables and posters were distributed I have to inform you that support for the changes have not been as great as had been hoped. has caused concern to the operator whose costs have risen. and he has asked that we review the service. In doing this it has been decided the SATURDAY SERVICE WILL BE WITHDRAWN from the 6th April due to low patronage, and that unless greater use is made of the enhanced weekday timetable, this will have to revert back to the original service later in the year.

I am therefore asking that your parish promotes this service to its residents so that it can continue to serve at its current weekly level.

I am sorry 1 must write to you with disappointing news but the County Council is under financial pressure and as a result all services are under review.

Yours sincerely Kate Phillips

KCC Highways and Transportation"

The Parish Council met recently and it was their view that KCC's letter should be published in Community News to advise parishioners of the actual and potential reduction in bus services. As can be seen, the last Saturday service to Hastingleigh. Elmsted & Bodsham will be on 6th April. Thereafter, if there is not sufficient demand. the Elmsted and Bodsham service will be withdrawn on Tuesdays and Thursdays although the service to Hastingleigh would continue. KCC have advised me that they will be monitoring the use of these services over the next few months.

So the message from the Parish Council is plain, if you wish to continue to have a bus service from Elmsted and Bodsham to Wye on Tuesdays, and to Tescos or Ashford on Thursdays, then you must use it.

Keith Griffiths (Parish Clerk)

HASTINGLEIGH STORES AND POST OFFICE

First of all I would like to take the opportunity to thank all the customers of the shop for being so patient with me whilst I have been "learning the ropes". I hope your tolerance levels will remain while I am training in the new Post Office until it is all running smoothly.

For those of you to whom I have not yet introduced myself, I am the new Postmaster of Hastingleigh Post Office. My name is Garry Block, I am 26 years old and am engaged to Tracey Helmer. I will be moving into the village of Hastingleigh in July, when Tracey and I will be married and we will live in the bungalow, The Briars, (next door to the Bowl Inn) which we are trying to finish building.

The POST OFFICE hours will be as follows, with effect from 20th March, 1997:-

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I hope this change is not too inconvenient to all my customers.

The shop and the Post Office offer a wide range of products and services and the staff will always be willing to assist you in any way.

Finally, I would like to say a BIG THANK YOU to Jean for being such a patient and kind "Trainer" and I look forward to working alongside her for many years to come and hope that our teamwork will aid both of us and create a good atmosphere in the shop once again.



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AUCTION OF PROMISES

MARCH 15TH, 1997

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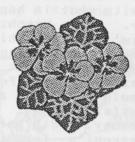
Thank you also to all who came for what was a real showman's evening, with James Linington (of Finns) extracting every last penny from your pockets.

Thank you to every one who gave food or helped in

An amazing final total of £2626.50 was raised to be shared between the two Churches.

Roz Bacon



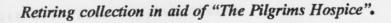


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The juniors visited The Environmental Education The theme of the Centre on Tuesday, 11th March. visit was 'Changing Materials' which related to their science topic for this half term. The children were able to make a video of the various pond creatures they found by linking the microscope with the video camera. They also searched for life cycles occurring in the pond environment and were able to take images of what they found through a microscope linked to a computer. We all had an enjoyable, informative day, which was also the warmest so far this year. Mrs Robus very kindly worked with the infant children on pottery on 12th March, making Easter ornaments.

On Thursday, 13th March, parents had the opportunity to attend the 'Drugs and Young People Resources Fayre' held in the Ashford International Hotel. It is a very good way of keeping up to date with what is happening in this sphere.

Friday. 14th March. The children had a 'non-uniform' day for which they paid 50p. They also collected loose change to build a clown face with. The children brought in 2,153 coins which totalled an amazing £44.00 For the first time this year we have sold red noses at school and it has been very successful.

On Tuesday, 18th March, the infants visited Peter Francesconi's farm to watch the lambing. I think it is always a shock to find out that new-born lambs are not soft and fluffy.

At the beginning of next term the children in years 5 and 6 are looking forward to spending two days away in Cranbrook to do adventure training. This also involves building team spirit and building self esteem. They will have outdoor problems to solve such as building rafts to cross a lake. There is a night hike as well. I think all should be quite tired by the time they return home.

Looking at the League Tables which came out in March. I was pleased to see that our results (which are not published because we had fewer than 10 pupils sitting the SATS tests) would have put us among the leaders in Kent.

G. V.d.W.

MOWING ROTA FOR ST MARY'S 1997

Thanks again to our loyal band of workers and to Ron for getting the mowers ready for yet another season.

The bank is still to be left unmown.

Please change if these dates are unsuitable.

Please remember to check the oil before using the mowers.

23 Mar - 5 April
6 April - 19 April
20 April - 3 May
4 May - 17 May
18 May - 31 May
1 June - 14 June
15 June - 28 June
29 June - 12 July
13 July - 26 July
27 July - 9 Aug
10 Aug - 23 Aug
24 Aug - 6 Sept

7 Sept - 20 Sept

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T & M Bowes
The Bacons
J Link & P Boxall
G Jessel & R Russell
A & E Ball
M & D Rust
The Gardeners
The Harrisons
B Young & N Young
The Youngs



Art Group

Please note that the Art Group will change from Wednesday to Thursday mornings when the Summer Term starts on 17th April. We continue to meet at 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and everybody is made welcome.

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G.E.

OF EVINGTON VILLAGE HALL TUESDAY, 1st APRIL 1997 - 8.00 p.m.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND



Cat in Moonlight

She threads mysterious avenues of grass, Her tawny flanks dark-mottled with the dew, From tunnelled blades her widened green eyes stare At moving patterns where the moon breaks through.

Beguiled by night, wild odours allure, She arches, flexes, ears alert for sound, Treads with high step, deceptively demure, The curious white ground.

KATHERINE VAN DER VEER

SUNDAY SEEKERS

In the Community News for April, 1994, Pam Cameron and I expressed our pleasure on welcoming six 'Sunday Seekers' to our first meeting. years later we would like to report that our little group has steadily grown and on March 16th totalled fourteen children. We have lost one two children, with age i.e. over 8 years although they sometimes stroll in because they haven't anything else to do! How lovely to think that they wish to return! We have three more four year olds who wish to join us - but were unable to this month for various reasons. We look forward to their visit next month when we meet - April 20th. With the increasing numbers it is now possible to divide the children into two groups for part the session, so that work/information can be appropriate for their age level.

As you may imagine. Pam and I are very thrilled how this group has developed. We would like to thank all the Mums & Dads who support us and get their children to the hall so promptly at 9.30 a.m. on these mornings and to the Family service on the 1st Sunday of the month.

Pam Cameron & Jenny Cox



From the Registers

Wedding.....



8 March at St.James the Great Elmsted Heather Sanders and Timothy Darwell-Smith

Funeral.....

20 March at St. Mary the Virgin Hastingleigh Dennis Ernest Hawke (70) of Basque Close

SERVICES in APRIL

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Sunday 6	LOW SUNDAY	
9.30am	Family Service	ELMSTED
Sunday 13	EASTER 2	
9.30am	Holy Communion	ELMSTED
	(The Revd John Hewes)	
11.00am	Holy Communion	HASTINGLEIGH
	(The Revd John Hewes)	
Sunday 20	EASTER 3	
9.30am	H.Communion (ASB A)	ELMSTED
	(The Revd Arthur Soar)	
11.00am	H.Communion (ASB A)	HASTINGLEIGH
	(The Revd Arthur Soar)	59374\N0_1,0,4
Sunday 27	EASTER 4	
9.30am	H.Communion (BCP)	HASTINGLEIGH
	(The Revd Paul Cox)	TINOTHIOCELIGIT
6.00pm	Sung Evensong	ELMSTED
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Sunday 4 May	Rogation Sunday	
9.30am	Family Service	ELMSTED
2.30pm	Rogation Walk	HASTINGLEIGH
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SUNDAY SEEKERS - 20th April 9.30am Evington Hall

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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APRIL	
Tues. 1st	A G M of Evington Hall
	Evington Hall 8.00 p.m.
Thurs. 3rd	W.I. Meeting
	Evington Hall 7.30 p.m.
Sun. 13th	Footpath Walk from Rose & Crown
	Stelling Minnis 2.00 p.m.
Tues. 15th	Evington Gardeners A G M & "Kent
	Through the Ages"
	Evington Hall 7.30 p.m.
Thurs. 17th	Art Group recommences
	Evington Hall 9.30 a.m.
Sun. 20th	Sunday Seekers
	Evington Hall 9.30 a.m.
Wed. 23rd	Supper Talk
	Whatsole St. Fm. 7.15 p.m.
Thurs. 24th	W.I. Group Meeting
	Evington Hall 6.30 p.m.
Wed. 30th	Chiropody Clinic Evington Hall
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Sat. 3rd	Boot Fair Lord Whisky Centre
Wed. 7th	Plant Sale Evington Hall 7.00 p.m.
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ELMSTED CHURCHYARD - MOWING ROTA 1997

The good news is that with at least one new recruit. Keith Carey, we can expand to five teams thus reducing the number of turnouts from seven to six for the season. Chris Jeffery has been promoted to command the new team (see below). Keith, welcome and 'thank you'.

The bad news is that growth appears to have started earlier this year and with Easter on 30th March I am keen that we get things 'shipshape' for that important event in the Church calendar and this will mean starting one week early with mowing.

The teams and rota are as follows:-

Nicholson/Calcutt Team Christopher Calcutt. Paul Argar. Alan Rountree Weeks commencing - 24/3, 28/4, 2/6, 7/7, 11/8, 15/9.

Wright Team
Richard Wright, Jim Risby, Will Thrupp
Weeks commencing - 31/3, 5/5, 9/6, 14/7, 18/8, 22/9.

Nichols Team

James Nichols, Keith Griffiths, Robin Briscall

Weeks commencing - 7/4, 12/5, 16/6, 21/7, 25/8,

29/9.

Browning Team
Graham Browning, Richard Crouch, Andy Jakeman,
Clive Robus
Weeks commencing - 14/4, 19/5, 23/6, 28/7,
1/9, 6/10.

Jeffery Team Chris Jeffery, Keith Carey, Brian Inkley, John Wiseman weeks commencing - 21/4, 26/5, 30/6, 4/8, 8/9, 13/10.

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO TURN OUT AT. ANY TIME PLEASE ARRANGE TO SWAP DUTIES WITH A MEMBER OF ANOTHER TEAM.

James Nichols

FOOTPATH WALK

Sunday. 9th March was Mothering Sunday. It was also the first really nice gardening Sunday this year. All things considered we did really well to get as many as 12 on the walk. And what a magical day for walking it was - mild, cloudless and still. as though Mother Nature was holding her breath. After what has seemed quite a long winter, spring was breaking out all over, shining golden celandine, pale primroses modestly hiding in the grass, patches of violets both pale mauve and white and many more. Butterflies, a peacock and a tortoishell fluttered in the sun and the most delicate of greens dusted the bare twigs with a promise of leaves still to come.

We set off from Little Coombe, made our way toward Marriage Farm and then up towards Crundale Church. I was one of the two of us who had to leave early to fulfil other commitments. So instead of toiling up Crundale Downs we took the path lower down back via Hassell Street to Little Coombe. A marvellous opportunity to appreciate nature and the countryside in this lovely part of Kent.

Next months walk will start at 2.0 p.m. on Sunday 13th April from the Rose & Crown, Stelling Minnis. Look forward to seeing you all then.

G.E.



LITTLE COOMDE

ELMSTED WITH HASTINGLEIGH WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Members were given a comprehensive insight into the workings of the Citizens Advice Bureau when Mrs. Lyn Bolt, Manager of the Ashford Branch, spoke at the March meeting. Bureaus were first opened in 1939 when there were two hundred, around the country, now there are about five thousand. They were originally supported by National Funding and used by the Government during the last war to publicise messages about rationing and defence regulations etc. Today they are funded in part by the Local Council. Ninety per cent of the staff are volunteers but all have to undergo six to nine months training. Interviewing skills are very important and there are lots of notes to be studied. As well as working in the office, staff also carry out other duties such as visiting the William Harvey Hospital, Tribunal Courts for Incapacity and Social Security hearings. principles are to be Free, Impartial Confidential and they will make every effort to help with your problem however big or small. Mrs. Gunn gave the vote of thanks.

Mrs. Nancollas had attended the planting of a Sweet Chestnut Tree by Canterbury City Council on the 6th March to commemorate 100 years of the W.I. and Mrs. Nye agreed to be our representative when Ashford Council planted a Red Maple on 27th March. Mrs. Marion Collins is to be the delegate at the Annual council meeting at Margate on 25th March. Arrangements were made for the Group Meeting on 24th April when we are the Host Institute.

Plans are afoot to meet Marden W.I. again for tea sometime in June.

Several members are hoping to visit the Goodwin Sands on 5th June, and the Safari at Quex Park on 28th July and the Brighton and Downland Trail in August were suggested as interesting diary dates. Details of candidates for the National Executive Committee were studied and fourteen nominated. The competition for Easter Biscuits was won by Mrs. Nancollas and the Flower of the Month by Mrs. George.

April's speaker is from the Custom & Excise Dog Handlers and the competition is a Pet Photo. AGE CONCERN ELHAM RURAL will be holding an APRIL FAIR at Etchinghill Village Hall on Saturday April 19th from 10.00 a.m. - 12 noon. There will be good quality clothing, bric-a-brac, books, gifts, and more. There will be a Raffle and Refreshments will be available. Do come and help our fund-raising for the elderly in this rural area.

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April 5th	Mrs Bowes Mrs Langford Mrs Etheridge	Mrs Cameron Mrs Elphick		
12th & 19th	Dr & Mrs Lawson	Mrs Healy Mrs Denny		
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OUR HIDDEN HERITAGE IV

The beginning of the Renaissance period as it is known, became widely apparent in domestic architecture during the latter part of the 17thC. Through the influence of the grander works by Inigo Jones, it slowly filtered down to the more ordinary buildings with which we are concerned. Simplicity, symmetry and proportion are the basic rules that apply. The child's drawing of a house sums it up quite neatly, a rectangular facade, door in the centre, and four equally sized spaced windows, one in each corner! introduction of the double hung sliding sash window during this period, (another continental import), with its vertical elongation of openings, itself admirably to this style. The principle focus of decoration in this period is around doorways and the roofline. The earlier William & Mary, Queen Anne style, often had large decorated cornices of wood and plaster under the eaves, and sash windows fitted flush with the wall face, often with a moulded wooden surround. These particular features proved to be a fire risk in terraced buildings, and subsequently through the passing of fire regulations, by the late 1700's cornices were abandoned and windows were recessed a half brick back into the opening. Panelled porticos on columns, pilasters (half doors. columns fixed to the brickwork), with pediments (canopies) above the door, mostly imitating the classical orders became the fashion. Brickwork became finer and more accurate with thinner joints. Arches over windows were emphasised, often executed in red brick with a very fine white joint. A special brick known as a red rubber was used for this purpose. First cut to a rough shape with a saw, it was then finished to an accurate shape by rubbing on a slab of sandstone. The fine joints were achieved by dipping the edge of the arch bricks (voussoirs) into a lime putty slurry as they were laid. Great attention was also paid to the brickwork joints. The commonest finish is weather pointing, a flat outward sloping joint cut off straight along the bottom edge. The new joint of the age is Tuck pointing made by forming a shallow groove impressed into the wet mortar, and when hard, filling the indentation with a raised ribbon of lime putty, usually white, but sometimes red or black. A most laborious and time consuming method, but producing a very striking and effective feature. The most common form of this, what you might call poor man's Tuck! is where the joints are just marked out with a thin groove. usually made with the edge of a trowel. You will have to look closely to see examples of this style of pointing, much it it being badly weathered or painted over. One good example of white jointed Tuck is the Bell Hotel by the tollbridge in Sandwich. but the most and the best I have ever seen is around the Georgian squares of Dublin. The other unique feature to appear in this period is Mathematical tiles, which I will discuss in my next article. Just a final thought, what about a 'Weekend Break' in Dublin? G.B.





The East Kent GROUP 81 is coming to Wye again. Diocesan Drama Group will be presenting "THE BOY WITH A CART" by Christopher Fry in Wye Church on

TUESDAY, 15TH APRIL AT 8.00 P.M.

Group 81 is well known for it's productions of religious drama throughout East Kent and has also participated in the Canterbury Festival on several occasions.

In "The Boy with a Cart" Christopher Fry takes the legend of Cuthman son of a Cornish sheperd, who pulls his long-suffering Mother in a cart "over the trundling miles" to Steyning, at the foot of the South Downs. There he answers God's call to build a church --- "with our own hands, Mother, and with our love of God, and nothing else."

This was Christopher Fry's first published play

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Group 81 has been extremely privileged to have Christopher Fry as one of its Patrons. His neverfailing interest in our work has been greatly appreciated.

for "The Boy with a Cart" are £3. Tickets available from Geerings in Wye, or at Wye Church

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Group 81 are also appearing at:-

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all at 8.00 p.m.

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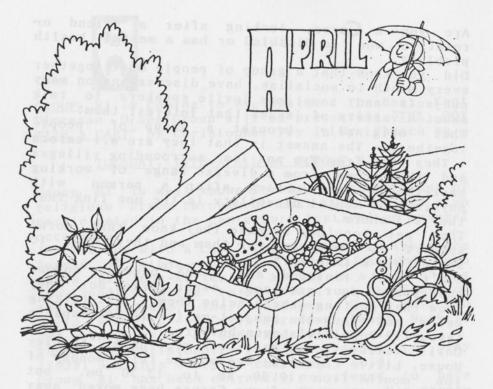
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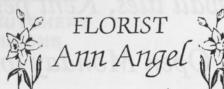
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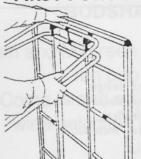
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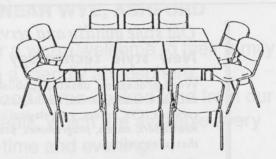
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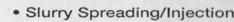
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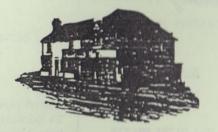
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