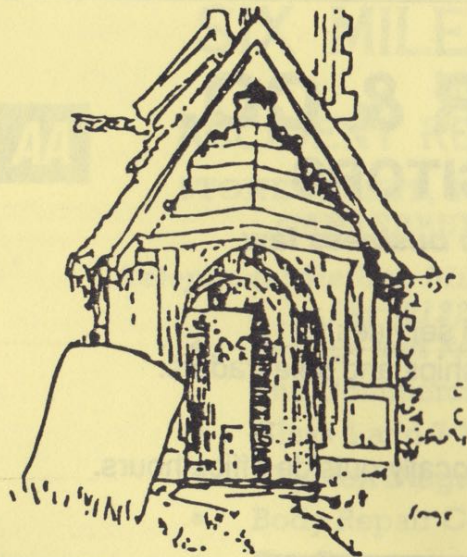


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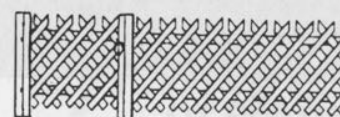
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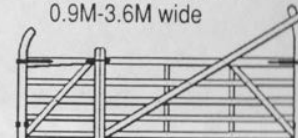
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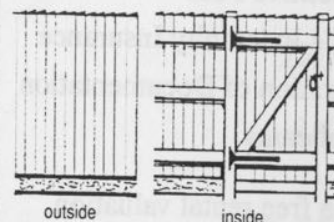
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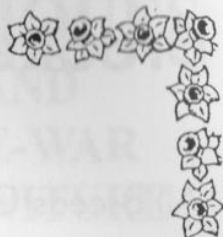
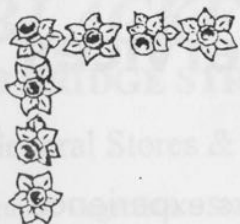
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My dear Friends

When the news of the death of Diana, Princess of Wales, broke early on Sunday, 31st August, no one could have predicted the overwhelming sense of loss that affect not only this nation, but many people around the world. Today, I have returned from San Francisco, where the name of Diana is on so many lips, where ordinary people write letters to the local paper about her relationship with the Royal Family and where the bookstores are filled with copies of her book and magazines about her life.

Speaking on the BBC World Wide Television the Bishop of Wakefield said "In her warm and vulnerable way the Princess was, especially to the weak and marginalized, an ambassador of the love of God". Despite her deep feelings of pain and rejection which dogged her life, she has been recognised as one of the world's most loved and admired people. Though there was criticism of the way she manipulated the media and projected herself, the warmth of her personality, her vibrancy of life and her deep compassion touched the hearts of so many people.

Jesus said that "by their fruits you will know them".

The overwhelming outpouring of grief expressed in banks of flowers and messages so simple yet so poignant can only be fruitful if the nation becomes more compassionate, more caring towards the vulnerable and the maginalized. If through the real tragedy of her death, expressed so publicly by the nation and so privately by her close family and especially her sons, our attitudes are challenged and changed, we also may share her vision of being ambassadors of the love of God.

*In His Service*

*Richard Bateman*

## REV PAUL and MRS JENNY COX

It does seem strange to have the vicarage empty after 7 years albeit only for a short time, but if it was just the void of the empty house we should, no doubt, soon get used to it but it is the departure of the inhabitants that has affected us all and so, although various thanks and tributes have been given at church and other events, it is fitting that we should say a few words of thanks here to Paul and Jenny for their contribution - not just to the churches they served - but to the whole community.

In some ways, it seems as if they had always been here and in others that the time has passed too quickly. They have involved themselves in so many aspects of village life. Jenny's work with the children - through the church and at Bodsham School and her marvellous editorship of the Community News will be greatly missed and their absence at so many of our events not easily adjusted to.

We thank Paul for his ministry here. He has worked tirelessly for the churches and made each one feel that they were "special". A difficult task when you have had 5 parishes. His ministry, vision and encouragement to all associated with the spiritual and social work of the churches has made it a privilege to be involved, and he has been there for all the parishioners, not just those who attend church - a true rural priest. Paul and Jenny have shared our joys, troubles and sadly a few sorrows, but thankfully we hope more joys.

So we say "thank you" Paul and Jenny. We are sad to see you go and wish you every happiness in your new home and parishes and our love and prayers go with you - and Biddenden is not so far away, so we say "Au Revoir" but not "Adieu".

JDB

## FROM THE EDITOR

It is just over 26 years since Peter Ford arrived at our front door to welcome us to Hastingleigh and to present us with our first copy of Community News. Its regular arrival every month since then has become something which we took very much for granted. I think it cost 3p in those early days of decimalisation but apart from the price, the spirit of the 'News' remains very much the same although new technology has allowed for improvement in presentation. Now I find myself responsible for its production, I anticipate very little change in the future.

When Bill Enderby rang and asked if I would be prepared to take over as editor from Jenny, he assured me it would not present any great problems. Now that, in theory at least, I have more time on my hands having joined the ranks of the "retired", I agreed. Jenny arrived armed with a small folder and a few sheets of paper, to allow me to shadow the production of the September issue - being Editor was obviously going to be easy! However, by our second get-together the folder had grown to become a small box and, by the end of the month, a car load of boxes.

Thank you Jenny for your help and advice and for handing over the reins in such a well organised manner which has been easy to follow. Everyone has handed in material for the edition promptly and at the time of writing things have gone without a hitch. Mind you, I haven't got the copy to the typist yet. It will be easier to assess how I'm getting on once the October edition rolls off the press and is circulated to its various distributors. I am looking forward to taking over the baton from Jenny and will welcome your ideas and articles for inclusion in future editions.

Sheila Burrage



## SUNDAY SEEKERS OUTING

On a damp Saturday, August 30th, Jenny Cox and Pam Cameron, kindly helped by Carol Jakeman and Sue Lawson, transported ten excited 4-7 year olds to the Rare Breeds Centre at Woodchurch.

The sky was very grey, and we had warned the "Mums" that we might have to return before our E.T.A. of 4pm.

Fortunately, the rain held off, except for about ten minutes, and we all had great fun looking at the baby pigs snoozing, patting goats and lambs, stroking rabbits, watching chickens hatching, and having our photographs taken holding the tamest animals.

The hardest part of the day was choosing what to buy at the gift shop for £1; then we all enjoyed an ice lolly before heading for home, arriving 20 minutes later than expected, all very tired but happy.

The only sad note was that this was Jenny's last meeting, after over three years of instigating and running the Seeker's monthly meetings.

Thank you Jenny for all your hard work. We will miss you.

Pam Cameron



NEXT SUNDAY SEEKERS - Sunday 19th October  
Evington Hall 9.30am

## FOOTPATH WALK

A new season of footpath walks started and half a dozen of us (and a dog) remembered. We strode purposefully down Tamley Lane led by John Foster and as a matter of principle used the footpath instead of Slip Hill, having to clamber over the padlocked and rickety gate to rejoin the road. We turned left at the junction and soon after cut down the hill along the footpath, having stopped first to admire the panoramic views. We turned down the road to Bulltown and left along the footpath towards the Five Bells. The first part of this was ploughed field and hard going, but the Intrepid Six (and a dog) hardly slackened pace. We then trudged up the hill on the road to Kingsmill Down, recovering our breath at the top under the pretext of admiring the view again! The glorious sunshine enabled us to see what seemed like the whole of South Kent spread out before us and those with good eyesight claimed to see the coast of France - but I couldn't possibly comment. We turned left then along the North Downs Way and back past South Hill, pausing to admire the fragrance of the roses edging the road.

The rickety, padlocked gate then exerted its fascination for our leader and we all struggled over it again, but this time zigzagged across towards the church. From there we went by footpath back to Tamley Lane and two thirds of the party stopped for a welcome cup of tea at Rose Cottage.

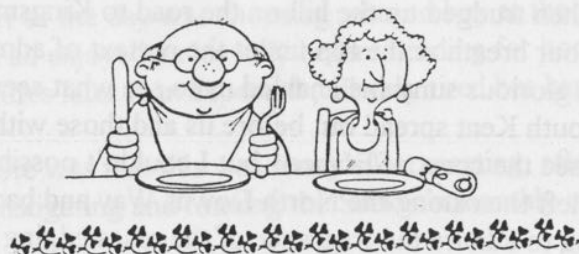
The next walk will be on October 12th at 2pm starting from Evington Hall.

G.E.

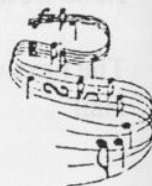
## SUPPER TALK

The stimulating and enjoyable Supper Discussion evenings will recommence this month. The first will be on Monday 20th October, and will be entitled "ARE WE BEING MANIPULATED", and also at the meeting we shall be arranging dates and subjects for discussion for future evenings. The venue for the first one will be BULLTOWN COTTAGE, BULLTOWN. We start with supper at 7.30pm. These are informal evenings - nothing high-powered, so why not join us? Further information from JUNE BROWNING - 750238 or JANET HARRIS - 813711. It would help if you could, if possible, let us know if you are coming for catering arrangements. The evenings are open to anyone from the Benefice.

JDB



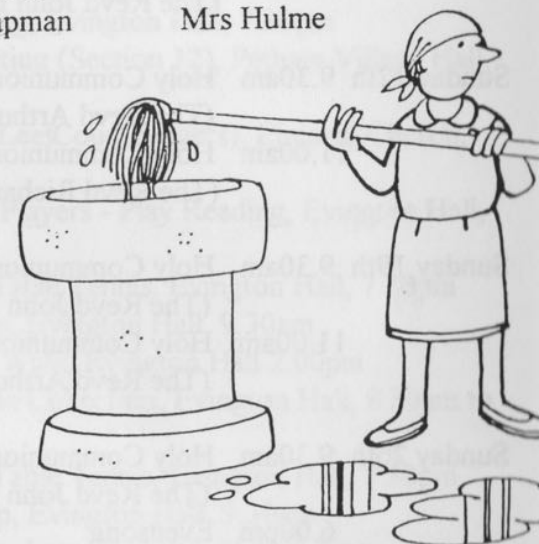
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October 11th -18th	Mrs Ball Mrs Barkaway	Mrs Enderby Mrs Wright
October 25th - November 1st	Mrs Helmer Mrs Chapman	Mrs Nicholson Mrs Hulme



## CHURCHYARD MOWING ROTA

	Elmsted
6th October	Browning Team
13th October	Jeffery Team

## JUMBLE SALE

WI Jumble Sale will be held on November 1st at 2.30pm in Evington Hall. To arrange for collection of contributions of Jumble, contact Jean Bowes (750310)



## SERVICES IN OCTOBER

*St James The Great,  
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*St Mary the Virgin,  
Hastingleigh*

Sunday 5th	9.30am	Family Service, (The Revd Paul Filmer)	Elmsted
	6.00pm	HARVEST THANKSGIVING (The Revd John Hewes)	Hastingleigh
Sunday 12th	9.30am	Holy Communion ASB (The Revd Arthur Soar)	Elmsted
	11.00am	Holy Communion ASB (The Revd Richard Bateman)	Hastingleigh
Sunday 19th	9.30am	Holy Communion ASB (The Revd John Hewes)	Elmsted
	11.00am	Holy Communion ASB (The Revd Arthur Soar)	Hastingleigh
Sunday 26th	9.30am	Holy Communion BCP (The Revd John Hewes)	Hastingleigh
	6.00pm	Evensong (The Revd Richard Bateman)	Elmsted

## From the Registers.....



6th September

Wedding Blessing Andrew and Sara Riley ELMSTED

Wedding Emma Chapman and Piers McGinn  
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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### OCTOBER

1st	Wednesday	Friendly Table Tennis, Evington Hall, 7.30pm
2nd	Thursday	Art Group, Evington Hall, 9.30am
2nd	Thursday	WI Meeting, Evington Hall, 7.30pm
3rd	Friday	PCC Meeting (Section 12), Petham Village Hall, 7.30pm
4th	Saturday	Concert (LeesCourt Singers), Elmsted Church, 8.00pm.
6th	Monday	Evington Players - Play Reading, Evington Hall, 7.30pm.
8th	Wednesday	Friendly Table Tennis, Evington Hall, 7.30pm
9th	Thursday	Art Group, Evington Hall, 9.30am
12th	Sunday	Footpath Walk, Evington Hall 2.00pm
13th	Monday	Wye-Cycle Collection, Evington Hall, 8.30am to 10.00am
15th	Wednesday	Friendly Table Tennis, Evington Hall, 7.30pm
16th	Thursday	Art Group, Evington Hall, 9.30am
19th	Sunday	Sunday Seekers, Evington Hall, 9.30am
20th	Monday	Supper Discussion Talk, Bulltown Cottage 7.30pm
21st	Tuesday	Evington Gardeners Meeting, Evington Hall 7.30pm
22nd	Wednesday	Friendly Table Tennis, Evington Hall, 7.30pm
23rd	Thursday	Art Group, Evington Hall, 9.30am
29th	Wednesday	Chiropody Clinic, Evington Hall,
29th	Wednesday	Friendly Table Tennis, Evington Hall, 7.30pm
30th	Thursday	Art Group, Evington Hall, 9.30am
31st	Friday	Halloween Quiz Night, Bowl Inn, 8.00pm

### NOVEMBER

1st	Saturday	WI Jumble Sale, Evington Hall, 2.30pm
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## LITTER HUNT

Elmsted Parish Council have arranged a litter hunt again this year. It will take place over the weekend of Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th November 1997, according to the following schedule.

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Jenny Denny

Jeremy Farr

Bunty Healy/Will Thrupp

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Of course there are many people who go out of their way to collect litter all year round who we should like to thank. If there is anyone else who would like to assist on 15th/16th November please contact me on 750434. As usual all rubbish collected should be taken home for the council to collect.

Thanks for your help.

Keith Griffiths (Elmsted Parish Clerk)

## VICARAGE TEAS

Because of the weather, the teas had to be held in the hall, but a profit was made thanks to those of you who came to support us.

Our 'talent' of £10 was turned into the £60 that was requested for the Lambeth Conference in 1998 (to help Bishops from overseas who could not otherwise afford to come). Just over £90 was also put towards Church funds.

Our grateful thanks to those ladies who made cakes and scones and helped during the afternoon.

Mersham Hatch Farms very kindly supplied the milk and cream.

During the afternoon a presentation of a plant was made to Mrs Molly Langford in appreciation of her many years of service to the Church.

Paul and Jenny were presented with an oak table, a Portmerion clock and tea towel and a cheque as a farewell gift. We shall miss them both.

The PCC of St Mary's

## WHIST DRIVES

Whist Drives will start again for the winter months with the first on Friday, November 14th.





### Hastingleigh with Elmsted WI

The President welcomed everyone and opened the September meeting with a minute's silence in memory of Nancy Wilson, a long-standing member, who had died recently.

Jenny Cox was thanked for her support of the WI during the time she had lived in the area and everyone hoped she would be very happy with her new life in Biddenden.

Certificates were presented to Mesdames Bowes, Cox, Gunn, Mose Nancollas and Pearson, all of whom had successfully attended a course on life saving techniques.

A Jumble Sale was organised for 1<sup>st</sup> November in the village hall and it was reported that the winter Whist Drives would commence on the second Friday in November.

Mrs Gunn presented a summary of the list of interesting speakers arranged for 1998.

Mr Gatland, the guest speaker, conducted those present on a visual trip round New Zealand's south island with the aid of his slide projector. He interspersed the slides with snippets of information and anecdotes about some of the interesting places that he and his wife had visited during three separate visits to that part of the world.

Nancy Butler won the raffle. The competition for a Holiday Memento was won by June Etheridge with a pebble she had purchased in France, on which an artist had created a picture with a dentist's drill!!! The "Flower of the Month" competition was won by Barbara George with a superb sunflower.

Mr P Ewart will speak about "Elementary Schools in Victorian and Edwardian Times" during the October meeting and the competition will be a pre-1914 photograph.

YH

### SOUTH HILL v EVINGTON

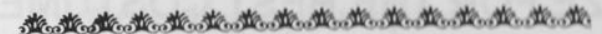
Bank Holiday Monday arrived and there was sadly heavy rain. The annual cricket match between South Hill and Evington to be played on the local ground looked as if it would not be held. However both Team Captains George Jessel and John Martin managed to keep their teams drinking in The Bowl and after an enjoyable lunch supplied by Colin and Sue Brooke, the teams took to the field at 2.30p.m. South Hill won the toss and batted first. Each side had its "ringers" and after 30 overs, South Hill had scored 187.

After tea and another short, sharp shower Evington went into bat. Everybody had to bowl 3 overs each, and Evington set off at a cracking pace. Alan Harrison and Tim Healey kept up the pressure and after 20 overs it looked as if Evington would win. However stumps were drawn with Evington having scored 167.

A highly entertaining game watched by a very enthusiastic crowd. My thanks to : Mark Nicholls for scoring, Chris Bacon for Umpiring and Sid Southern for allowing us to use the pitch.

The running score now stands at 2 wins to South Hill and 1 to Evington, so its all to play for next year!!!

George Jessel



### EVINGTON HALL COMMITTEE

#### *Advance Notice:*

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Saturday, November 8th, Evington Hall,  
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Car problems, as media continually affirm, are not easy to solve and as our village roads, and indeed some schools pre-date the advent of the motor car it is little wonder that at times their coexistence causes problems and disputes. Many people write to me about speeding and parking problems in their villages. Unfortunately, the offenders are too often other villagers, maybe not that village, but neighbouring ones! One option which can impact on the speed problem is that of all villagers consciously sticking to the speed limits themselves and by that I mean driving at no more than 30mph in the villages. I was advised of this strategy being used in another area and within twelve months, they no longer had a problem! They do say 'where there's a will.....' People too often forget that driving a car is like propelling half a ton of metal along a road, fine until an incident occurs and that half ton of metal collides with something. Remember at just forty miles an hour nine pedestrians in very ten will die if struck by a motor vehicle. What price then, those few saved minutes? or how adequate saying, 'It wasn't my fault!'.  
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Dave Pollard - Community Inspector (North Weald)

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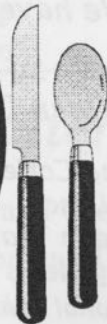
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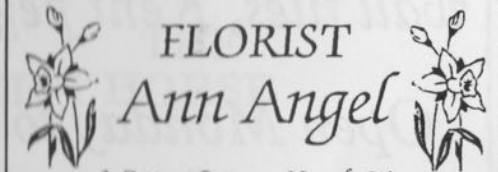
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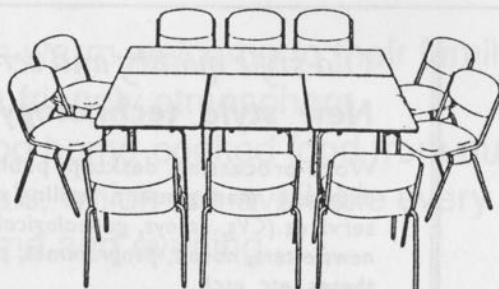
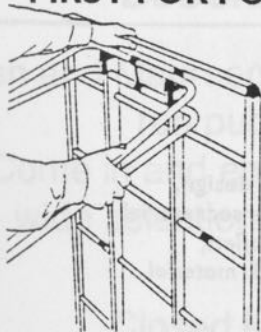
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