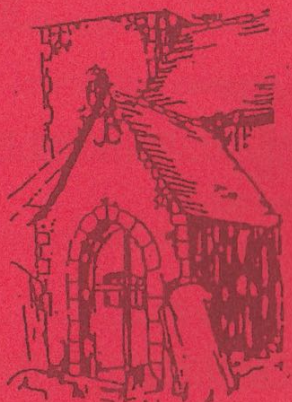


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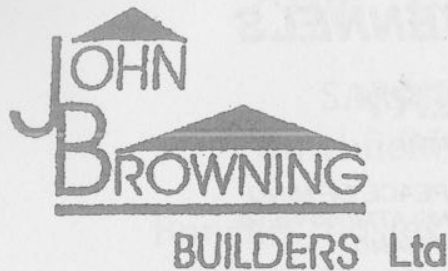
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At the time of writing we are making final preparations for the Christmas Bazaar. The hall committee would like to thank everyone who generously donated a wide selection of items for the stalls at the Bazaar which we hope will be as successful as in past years.

Running costs of the hall continue to rise and our fund raising efforts are important to provide a well- equipped venue for use by the community. At the moment we are in the process of introducing an on-line booking system, remote control of the heating so that it can be put on early to warm the hall before meetings. On a larger scale, we have plans ready to submit to upgrade the existing toilet facilities to include disabled access.

Your support is very much appreciated and we hope to see you at our next fundraising event – The Jumble Sale on Jan 30th.



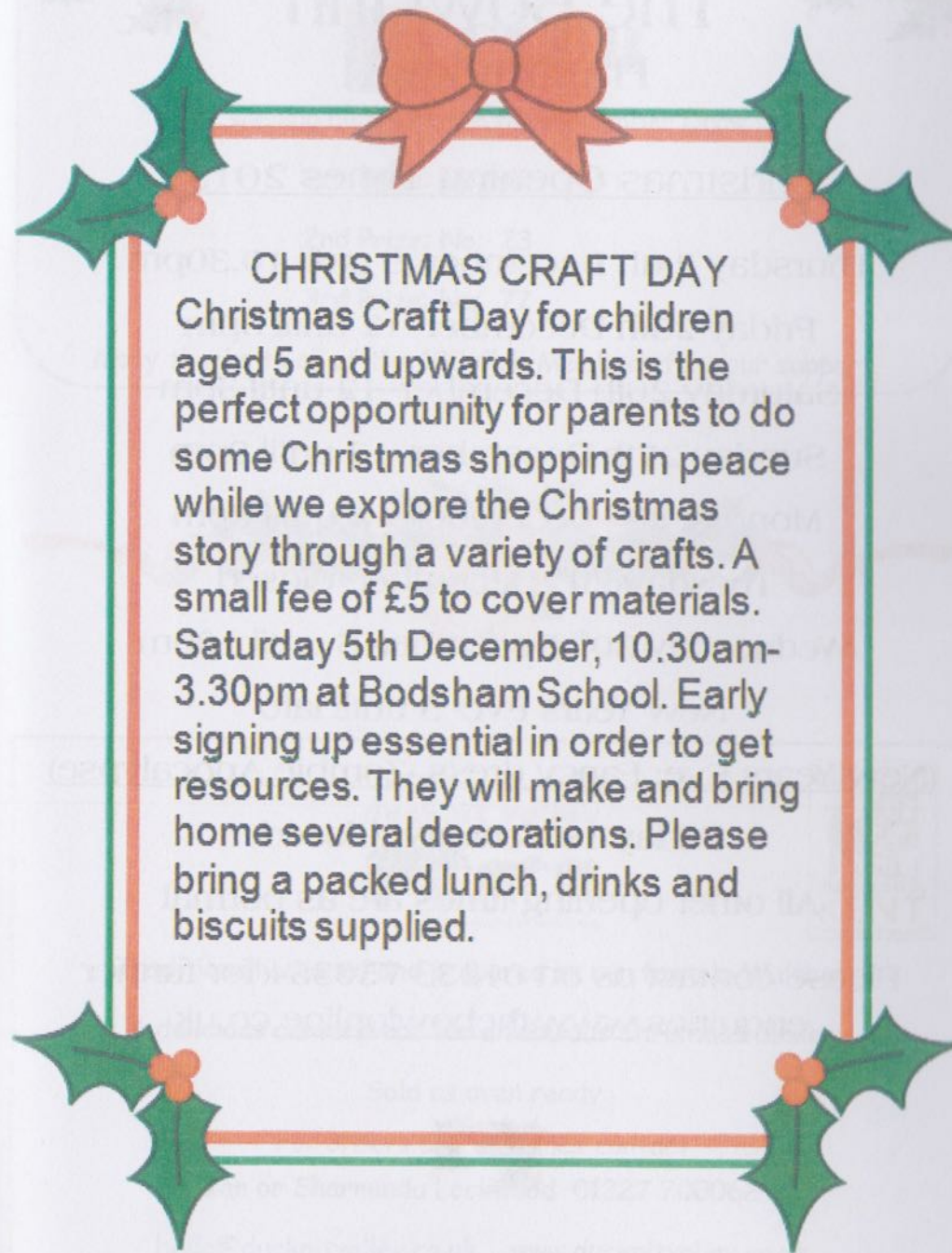
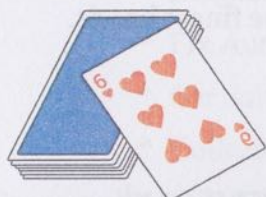
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Friday 11th December, 7pm

Friday 8th January, 7pm

Everyone welcome

£2 (inc light refreshments)



CHRISTMAS CRAFT DAY

Christmas Craft Day for children aged 5 and upwards. This is the perfect opportunity for parents to do some Christmas shopping in peace while we explore the Christmas story through a variety of crafts. A small fee of £5 to cover materials. Saturday 5th December, 10.30am-3.30pm at Bodsham School. Early signing up essential in order to get resources. They will make and bring home several decorations. Please bring a packed lunch, drinks and biscuits supplied.



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Christmas Opening Times 2015

Thursday 24th December- 5 until 10.30pm

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Monday 28th December- 12 until 9pm

Tuesday 29th December- Closed

Wednesday 30th December- 5 until 10pm

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Friday 1st January- Closed

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CLUB

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FOOTPATH WALK - 8th NOVEMBER

Our band of twelve [9 women & 3 men!] started in Wye and passed through the churchyard then took the path by the allotments and afterwards crossed the Olantigh Rd.

We took the track towards the Downs eventually taking a left turn passing a rough field that had just been stocked with sheep. On reaching the road to Little Olantigh walked up it until reaching a footpath to the left, passed through a wood and then came out on a magnificent panoramic view and the site of the Old Race course. Much discussion ensued on when it was last used and the consensus was mid - late 19th century, after which it moved to the fields near the station finally closing in 1974.

Returning along the path, this time we crossed the road and made our way passed the O2 mast array and on towards Cold Harbour Lane, passing one of the many disused college sites.

Briefly going along Amage road we then turned right towards Silks Farm and then right along the track behind Withersdane Hall. We were reminded that this time last year we visited St Eustace's Well, which we could see in the distance.

We then returned to the village via Scotton Street and Jean very kindly invited us back for a cup of tea and cake.

A very pleasant afternoon, amazingly in the dry! – Thank you Jean.

Race course Post script from Wikipedia

"The first racing in Wye took place on 29 May 1849 at the Crown. Originally, racing took place over fences and on the flat, but in 1878 the course moved to Harville Farm adjacent to the station and flat racing ceased. Steeplechases, however, continued to be held in September, January, March, and May until 1974. Wye station had a special designated platform for the race course"

PLEASE NOTE:

The next walk on December 13th will start at 1.30pm

The Annual Mince Pie Walk will leave Evington Village Hall at 11am on Mon 1st January

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY



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Lorraine x

Come and Join Us 😊

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SEASONAL THANKS

Evington Community Project would like to thank everyone for their continued support throughout the years. By way of a sign of our appreciation of your support, we would like to invite you all to a seasonal morning of mulled wine and mince pies.

Saturday 12th December
Evington Village Hall
from 10.30am - 12.00pm

Please do come along and join us for a Christmas thank you, hope to see you there!

We will also be holding an additional draw of the 100+ Club with 5 extra Star Prizes! Come along and see if you are a winner.

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Thank you so much for your invaluable support in 2015, your support has meant that ECP have been able to:

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HELP NEEDED PLEASE

On FRIDAY 11th December we will have a polish-up in the church 9am to noon whenever you can help.

Thank you, Roz Bacon.



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

ST. MARY'S, HASTINGLEIGH

Anyone wishing to give money for flowers in memory of a loved one, please contact Jean Bowes

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If your dog 'poos' in St. Mary's Churchyard would you clear it up, please. It is extremely unpleasant to tread in and hard to see now the grass is longer and there are fallen leaves and does not leave a nice memory of the Church.

DECEMBER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wed 2nd	Coffee Morning	10.30am
	Singing	7.00pm
Thurs 3rd	W.I. Meeting	7.30pm
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Sat 5th	ECP London Coach Trip	8.00am
	Christmas Craft Day	10.30am
	(Page 13)	
Wed 9th	Singing	7.00pm
Thurs 10th	Elmsted Parish Council Meeting	7.30pm
Fri 11th	Whist Drive	7.00pm
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Sat 12th	ECP Seasonal Thanks	10.30am
	(Page 20)	
Sun 13th	Footpath Walk	1.30pm
	(Page 16)	
	ECP Children's Christmas Party	3.00pm
	(Page 17)	
Thurs 15th	Gardeners Society Christmas Party	7.30pm
	(Page 31)	
Thurs 17th	Christmas Carols - Bowl Inn	6.00pm
	(Page 21)	
Sat 19th	Flute Concert - Hastingleigh Church	7.00pm
	(Page 19)	

Note: All events in Evington Village 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

JANUARY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Fri 1st	Mince Pie Walk	11.00am
Wed 6th	Coffee Morning	10.30am
	Singing	7.00pm
Thurs 7th	W.I Meeting	7.30pm
Fri 8th	Whist Drive	7.00pm
Sun 10th	Messy Church - Bodsham School	10.00am
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Wed 13th	Singing	7.00pm
Mon 18th	Evington Hall Main Meeting	7.45pm
Tues 19th	Gardeners Society Meeting	7.30pm
Wed 20th	Singing	7.00pm
Wed 27th	Singing	7.00pm
Sat 30th	JUMBLE SALE	2.00pm
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*On behalf of the Elmsted with Hastingleigh News,
I would like to wish you all
a very Happy Christmas and
a Prosperous New Year*

CHURCH SERVICES IN THE PARISH UPON THE HILLS – December

Monday 8th 15th	10-11am: Tots and Tales at Elmsted (see below)
Sunday 6th Advent 2	9.30am Cluster Service Family Communion at Waltham
	5.00pm Evensong BCP at Petham
Sunday 13th Advent 3	8.00am Holy Communion BCP at Waltham
	10.00am Bodsham
	11.00am Communion Service at Petham
Sunday 20th Advent 4	11.00am Holy Communion at Hastingleigh
	11.00am Family Service in Petham
	4.30pm Carols by Candlelight Waltham
Monday 21st	10-12.00 noon Decoration Day
Christmas Eve	4.00pm Crib Service Hastingleigh
	11.15pm Midnight Mass Petham
Christmas Day	10.00am Christmas Day Service Elmsted
Sunday 27th Christmas 1	10.30am Communion Service at Wye

Shared Brunch: following the Cluster Service at Waltham on 6th December. All are welcome!

Decoration Day: . A chance to decorate St. Mary the Virgin church and to create the Nativity for the Crib Service. Budding Marys, Josephs, donkeys and shepherds are warmly invited! Come and make Christmas decorations and have fun. Christmas refreshments available! All ages welcome!

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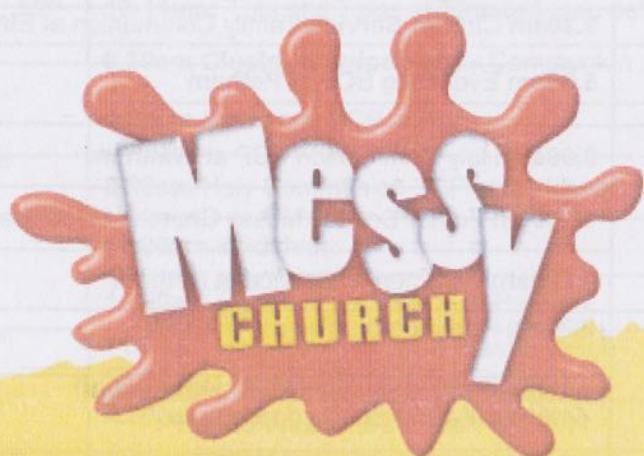
	St. Mary's Hastingleigh	St. James' Elmsted
Nov 28th	Dr & Mrs Lawson	Mrs McFarlane
Dec 5th	Mrs Day	Mrs Hewson
Dec 12th	Mrs Bowes	Mrs Wright
Dec 19th	Mrs Helmer	Mrs Thrupp
Dec 26th	Mrs Morris	Mrs Browning
Jan 2nd	Mrs Waters	Mrs Jeffery

CHURCH SERVICES IN THE PARISH UPON THE HILLS – January

3rd January Christmas 2	9.30am Cluster Service Family Communion at Elmsted
	5.00pm Evensong BCP at Petham
10th January Epiphany 1	8.00am Holy Communion BCP at Waltham
	10.00am Family Service/Messy Church at Bodsham
	11.00am Communion Service at Petham
17th January Epiphany 2	9.30am Holy Communion at Waltham
	11.00am Holy Communion at Hastingleigh
	11.00am Family Service in Petham
24th January Epiphany 3	5.00pm Evensong at Elmsted
	9.30am Holy Communion at Elmsted
	9.30am Holy Communion at Waltham
31st January Epiphany 4	11.00am Holy Communion BCP at Hastingleigh
	11.00am Holy Communion at Petham
	10.30am Benefice Service Brook

CHURCH FLOWER & CLEANING ROTA

	St. Mary's Hastingleigh	St. James' Elmsted
Dec 26th	Mrs Morris	Mrs Browning
Jan 2nd	Mrs Waters	Mrs Jeffery
Jan 9th	Mrs Hewes, Mrs Healy	Mrs Argar
Jan 16th	Mrs Perez, Mrs French	Mrs Frascosconi
Jan 23rd	Mrs Young, Mrs Jerrom	Mrs Hursey
Jan 30th	Mrs Courtney	Mrs Pearce



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A WORD FROM THE VICARAGE

Well I can't believe we have almost completed our first year here in Hastingleigh and we are all looking forward to our first Christmas here with great excitement. Especially as you have all made us feel so welcome and we really do all feel at home and very much part of village life. (In all four villages!)

In order that we can all enjoy spending the celebrations of Christmas together as one big family, we have decided to share the Christmas services out so that we can all go to all of them. So Christmas will kick off with candlelit carols at Waltham on Sunday 20th Dec, at 4.30 followed by mulled wine and mince pies. This service will also feature a special Christmas number from the singing group who meet in Evington hall on a Wednesday evening.

On Christmas Eve, at 4.00 there will be the usual crib service with nativity by local children, the practice for this will be on Mon, 21st. Then at 11.15 at Petham there is a midnight mass for all you night owls who can stay up late! Finally, we will all come together for Christmas morning at 10.00 at Elmsted for a very family friendly and fun Christmas service with communion. It would be great to see lots of you at these services and have a chance to share the season with you all.

We are also having an open house here at the vicarage, on Sunday 6th Dec from 2.00-9.00pm. There will be drinks and festive nibbles, friendly chat and a warm hearth to welcome all who would like to drop in. Children are of course very welcome.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support during our first year and to wish you all a blessed Christmas. I pray that you will get to spend time with loved ones and get some rest after all the business of preparing! May next year bring many blessings upon us all and may we grow to know each other better as the time goes by.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS EVERYBODY.

EVINGTON GARDENERS

"The return to nature as a retreat from Victorian sophistication was initiated by the middle classes and expressed itself in the search for the English rural scene..." (Geoffrey Jellicoe) The essence of the Arts and Crafts movements and its gardens and how it tried to return to the English rural scene of medieval times was the subject of Stephen Harmer's excellent talk at the meeting in October. He explained how the Victorians, after the natural landscaping of William Kent and Capability Brown in the 18th century, started to put formality back into the garden with the emphasis on elaborate bedding displays consisting of plants raised in the new greenhouses of the day. The Arts and Crafts movement, led by John Ruskin and William Morris, was a reaction against Victorian mass production and formality, and looked back to the literature and architecture of the medieval period and the Italian renaissance as well as to the natural world. These ideas were reflected in the garden of the writer and gardener, William Robinson, at Gravetye Manor, and in those designed by his disciple, Gertrude Jekyll. At the Gavetye, a medieval manor house, the bones of the garden were still laid out mathematically but very much softened with planting. Wild flower meadows were included. Plants were to blend and work together, be packed into the borders and remain in the ground all year. Other ingredients in Arts and Crafts gardens were terracing and different levels, garden 'rooms' with strong hedges, a sports lawn (evoking Francis Drake's game of bowls as the Spanish Armada approached in the English Channel), the use of local materials to harmonise with the locality, old fashioned flowers and vegetables, a nuttery and old fruit trees, loggias and formal pools (echoes of the Italian renaissance), pergolas (evoking the medieval arbour), sculpture and terracotta pots and urns together with a general freedom of growth and profusion.

The development of the Arts and Crafts style in gardening was made possible by the fall in land prices at the end of the 19th century. In the ensuing sales by large landowners land was bought by the professional classes for the creation of their gardens. As well as Gravetye Manor, the audience also saw pictures of the Salutation Garden in Sandwich, Upton Grey, Munstead Wood (Jekyll's own

garden), Great Dixter, Hidcote Manor and Long Barn near Sevenoaks. Mr Harmer's talk was most enlightening and was very much enjoyed by members.

By the time this appears, members will also have enjoyed a talk about Old Ashford given by Richard Filmer in November.

Pat Homer has retired from supervising the raffle. We are all immensely grateful to Pat for her help and support over the years, and we continue to look forward to seeing her at meetings as we do to anyone who would like to come and join us.

J.P.

HASTINGLEIGH WITH ELMSTED W.I.

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

Thirteen members attended our meeting.

November marks our Annual Meeting, where we hear reports from the Secretary, the Treasurer and the President. Nominations for President were asked for and voted upon, and Mrs. Argar was re-elected unanimously.

We discussed the meal we had held in the Hall in October. We had received many compliments from our visitors and we all enjoyed the evening. The raffle raised £130 for Pilgrims Hospices, and we have received a letter from them thanking us for our donation. I quote from their letter –

‘Thank you very much for your kind and thoughtful donation of £130 which we were delighted to receive from a recent raffle held at the Hastingleigh and Elmsted W.I. This is so very good of you to support Pilgrims Hospices in this way and I enclose a small certificate for you to display.

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Our next meeting will be our Christmas meeting, held on Thursday the 3rd December, when we will be making Christmas decorations.

Fiona Steward

THE LORRY WAY DOWN (update to Beginning Nov 2015).

After picking up our overland truck from the Port at Walvis Bay, Namibia, we spent about four days on a campsite at nearby Swakopmund, regrouping and sorting the living accommodation out. It was fantastic to be back in our familiar surroundings, where we could cook for ourselves, and sleep in our own bed. Hotels are seriously over rated!

We left Swakopmund with Ze Germans and an English couple, Phil and Angie, that we met there (having shipped their 4x4 camper direct from UK to Namibia), with the plan to drive up the Swakop river bed, bush camp overnight then exit the river bed further ‘up stream’. When we got to our entry point, the deep sand took us all by surprise, and as it was in the heat of the mid day sun, the sand was very “mobile”. Colonel K (our overland truck) very quickly showed his weight and got well and truly stuck! All six of us spent about an hour getting it out using sand ladders, and back to slightly firmer sand. While we were re inflating our tires, Phil got his Iveco camper stuck, and so we then had to extract him out of the river bed, this all took a fair amount of time and it seemed that we were being watched by a local farmer that appeared in his pick up truck, he thought we were completely bonkers trying to enter the river bed here. Anyway in the end no harm was done and we ended up camping in a fantastic secluded spot in the Namib Desert.

The next morning we decided to head off on our own (always our plan), and said our goodbyes (we had been with Andreas and Mareika for about 6 weeks), and headed North into the Erongo District, and to the Spitzkoppe Mountain range. This range is formed from huge granite boulders, that rise up to nearly 1600m from the arid desert floor, it is a fantastic magical place, and although we stayed at the campsite there, you would never know it was a specific site, as each site is so far from the next (200-300 metres apart), and we ended up staying here for 4 nights .

Next stop was Damaraland, and Namibia's highest mountain, the Brandberg which stands at 2573m, this is also a popular place for spotting the famous Desert Adapted Elephants. When we got there we found a fantastic spot next to the dried up river bed, and noticed that the place was covered in fresh elephant foot prints, and some dung, we had just missed them, a herd had been through about an hour previously! arrrrrrr! We stayed two nights here, but this time we were unlucky (we had seen them on our previous trip to Namibia, near here), but it really is a lovely spot. We then moved further North into Damaraland, first staying near Twyfelfontein, and then just outside the very small town of Kamanjab.

Until just under a year ago almost 50% of Etosha National Park was out of bounds to virtually all visitors (all of the West side), and then they decided to open a new campsite in the middle of this area, and so opening up all of this area to self drive campers. So our plan was to enter Etosha at the far west

Galton Gate, then drive through the park to Olifantrus Campsite, and spend a couple of nights here. Wow, what a treat, the water hole here has had a hide built right over the water and you can watch the animals here all day and night (they have red lights on over the waterhole). From here we watched at close range, elephants, rhino, gemsbok, kudu, springbok, warthogs, zebra, and many more animals. Plus the drive around the parks tracks also showed us lions first hand. Etosha NP really is the perfect place to view wildlife in their natural surroundings. We then drove all the way through to the East side of the park, staying at the campsite at Halali on the way (more details on our blog www.lorrywaydown.com). Etosha NP is huge, it is well over 300km from gate to gate if you take the route that we did, and with the West now opened up (but still very quiet), it really is an amazing experience.

After leaving the National Park we stayed just outside the old mining town of Tsumeb for a few days, before again driving North through Ovamboland and towards the Angola border, and Ruacana Falls. There is very rarely any water coming over the falls now as the water is regulated by the Hydro Electric plant and the dam (this power plant provides over 50% of Namibia's power), but the River Kunene here is stunning! We stayed at a campsite right on the river bank, this is a community site, and is run by the local Himba people.

These people have seen their lives turned upside down over the last 30 years (since the Angola war), and though they still carry on their traditional way of life to some extent (dress, and customs especially), it is inevitable that their way of life is changing forever. They are still one of the least influenced peoples in Africa. The Dam at Ruacana Falls was bombed in 1988 by a Cuban airstrike (yes, a Cuban airstrike), and just goes to show how messed up this area of the world was, but should now show what can be done if peace is given a chance. We loved the basic camp area of Ruacana, and the friendliness of the local Himba, including the kids.

Our next stop, after a brief stay in the rough and ready town of Opuwo (where we refuelled and restocked the larder), was Kaokoland, and Epupa Falls in the far North of Namibia, and again on the River Kunene. These falls definitely did have water flowing over them, despite it being the dry season here at the moment, the water comes from Angola, and with us camped right at the top of the falls, the sight and sound was incredible. The temperature up next to the border was well over 40c in the shade and only dropped to about 28c at night, so it was very hot, and it was tempting to have a quick dip in the river. Until we spotted the crocodiles swimming about or lazing about in the sun, so not a good idea! We spent a few days up there, and one morning we had a Himba guide to take us along the river, we spent 3.5 hours in this splendid landscape and learnt quite a lot, not only about the natural flora and fauna, but also about the local Himba way of life.

After another overnight stop in Opuwo, and an aborted trip South via Sesfontain (due to the road being closed for blasting), we headed down the

gravel road back to Kamanjab, and then west towards Palmwag. This smaller gravel road, was to take us over the Grootberg Pass, and wow did Colonel K know about it, the truck had a very tough climb up to its 1540m height. We ended up selecting the low range gear box, and even then we were down to 2nd gear, and just crept up, hoping that the tires maintained traction throughout the climb. But of course the DAF made it!

The next day we drove down through the Skeleton Coast National Park, which has to be undertaken in daylight, as they do not allow any overnight camping in the national park, a permit has to be obtained and you hand it back in on exit from the park. It is a truly wild and in places barren landscape, but as with all places in Namibia, it has its own beauty. As I type this we are camped on the beach just outside the Skeleton Coast, and in the (newly formed) Dorob National Park.

Our plan is to return to Swakopmund for a few days as we need to get a few bits done on Colonel K, including repairs after hitting a cow on route!

You can view our full blog and lots of photos at www.lorrywaydown.com
Our best wishes go out to everyone back home in Hastingsleigh and Elmsted.
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The hospital trust will be having public consultation meetings early in the new year to get your views on proposed major changes in services. Please support these if you can.

Locally, the new appointment system at our surgery is an attempt to do more with less. Personal contact with your doctor is very important as it generates confidence as you get to know each other. This can only be partially achieved on the telephone. Each doctor has a limited number of appointments each day. If it is decided that you need to see a doctor, there are only a small number of appointments available each day and if these are all filled, you may be offered an appointment for a subsequent day or perhaps with another doctor.

Also, should you have transport problems, it is advisable to make preparations before you telephone otherwise you may not be able to respond to the request to come to the surgery quickly.

All patients have to help to make the system successful, remembering that the Practice staff cannot work miracles and are often limited by procedures prescribed by NHS England.

To help us all get the best from the new system, the PPG suggests the following:-

- telephone early if you want to speak to or perhaps see the doctor of your choice.
- inform the doctor about your limitations in terms of transport so that these can be taken into account
- think carefully about what you will say and ensure that clear descriptions of symptoms are given (help is available on the web- search 'describing my symptoms').
- know what medication you are on including dose .

Do not hesitate to ask friends or relatives to help with the collation of your information if you think you may need it. Accurate information will enable your diagnosis and treatment.



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Canterbury Choral Society are delighted to bring you news of the choral works being performed in 2016. On the 23rd January Vivaldi's *Gloria* and Haydn's *Nelson Mass* plus Mozart's *Eine Kleine Nachtmusik*. On the 12th March there will be a performance of Handel Messiah and on the 18th June Verdi's Requiem.

On the 12th December at 7.00pm the Choral Society plus the Choral Society Youth choir will fill the Cathedral with Carols old and new and give the audience and the younger members especially the chance to sing. There will be music by a Brass ensemble which adds to this special evening. The evening is sponsored by Pharon Independent Financial Advisers.

On the 23rd January two major works will be performed, Vivaldi *Gloria*, a joyful work with distinctive melodies and rhythms characteristic of the composer. The opening movement is a joyous chorus with trumpet and oboe obligato. This wonderful work lay undiscovered until the late 1920's when it was found buried among a pile of forgotten Vivaldi manuscripts. Haydn's *Nelson Mass* is arguably his greatest single composition – he wrote the work as his reputation was at its peak in 1798 but the world was in turmoil with Napoleon having won four major battles with Austria in less than a year. The mass was named *Missa in Augustiis* but on its first performance Napoleon had been defeated by British forces led by Admiral Horatio Nelson and hence the work was nicknamed Lord Nelson Mass. Soloists for the evening will be Zoë Brown, Esther Brazil, William Morgan and David Shipley.

Tickets for all performances are available from Canterbury Ticket Shop (Marlowe Theatre) 01227 787787 or www.canterburyticketshop.com and there are discounts available for booking all the concerts for the season.

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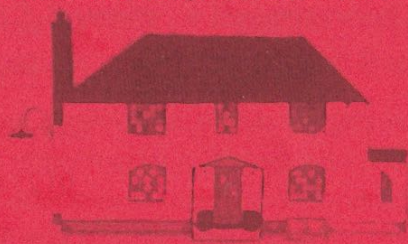
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