

# Elmsted with Hastingleigh **Community News**

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*St Mary the Virgin  
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October 2017

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# October

## in Elmsted with Hastingleigh

**O**CTOBER has brought challenges to your magazine committee!

Your trusty Editor is away, so members of the Committee have taken over the production of this edition. Omissions, errors and typos may well be rife, but please be forgiving! Any serious comments can be addressed to us at the usual contact details below. You will be reassured to know that 'the Ed' is back for November's edition!

This month, look out for advertisements for trips and events, and for calls to arms! Your community needs you: see **pages 14 & 15**.

Bodsham School is one of the gems in our community. Find out about the new Head Teacher on **pages 16 & 17**. We wish him well!

**The Bowl Inn** raised **£800** for the **Kent, Surrey & Sussex Air Ambulance Trust** at the annual Beer Festival. Thanks to everyone for their support! And thanks to you, Ron, for all that you do for this village!

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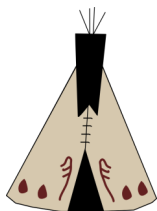
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# Ramblings from the village walkers

## A look ahead to Autumn strolling

**T**HE rain has arrived and the nights are drawing in which means ideal walking weather!

What else would one do on a Sunday in Autumn than join the village walkers?

They all take place on the **second Sunday in the month**, beginning at **2pm** - usually starting from **Evington Hall**.

Details will be posted each month in the Community News including any change in the start point. The following people have kindly agreed to lead the walks

### 2017

8 <sup>th</sup> October	Jean Bowes
12 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Derek & Janet Harris
10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Robin & Yvonne Helmer

### 2018

1 <sup>st</sup> January	Mince Pie Walk
11 <sup>th</sup> February	Hilary Pittock

11 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Stan & Sheila Burrage
8 <sup>th</sup> April	Helen Ransley
13 <sup>th</sup> May	Val Kerry

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# Hastingleigh with Elmsted Women's Institute



## Minutes from last month's meeting

**H**ASTINGLEIGH with Elmsted W.I. met on Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> September at the Evington Hall. Fifteen members attended, and we also welcomed a guest.

Our speaker this month was Heather Woodward, who spoke about Ightham Mote. She gave us a fascinating talk about the house. Built around 1238, it has been in the care of the National Trust since 1985. She told us about its' renovation and restoration. We were shown photos of how the rooms had changed over the years, and also a picture of a garderobe – an ancient privy for the servants – that involved a piece of wood over the moat! The staffing of the house declined dramatically after the Second World War, going from 27 at the end of

the 19<sup>th</sup> century, to 7 staff, still doing the same jobs. The house finally got electricity in 1955.

The house has been described as one of the loveliest manor houses in the world, and is also home to a Grade One listed kennel.

After our speaker had finished and we'd had our cup of tea, we discussed various items of business.

The flower of the month was won by Mrs. Helmer.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, 5th October at 7.30 p.m. in the Evington Hall, where we will be having a cake-icing workshop. Any new members would be made most welcome!

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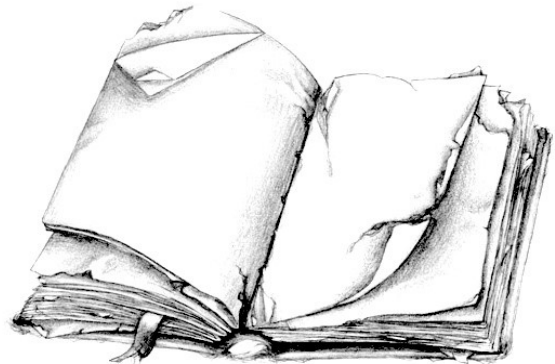
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# Tales from the archives



## Occasional memories from our past

**12 Apr 1836**  
**Kentish Gazette**

**O**n 7th April an inquisition was held before Mr. T.T. Delasaux, in the parish of Hastingleigh, on the body of **Thomas Marshall** aged three and a half.

It appeared that the poor child had gone into a field belonging to his father, in which was depasturing a ram, which immediately run at, and struck him on the hinder part of his head, forcing him against some pailings.

The child lingered about an hour, when death terminated its sufferings. The Jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death, and levied a deodand of 1 shilling on the ram.

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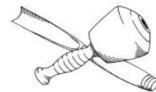
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# About those church pews...

**F**urther to last month's article about the removal and whereabouts of the box pews in Elmsted's St James church c.1874, a reader knows what happened to them.

The Castle family lived at Dowles Farm from 1922. A member of that family interviewed older relatives and produced a history of their stay there. Here is an extract of that history.

"Leading off from the brick-paved area outside the back door of the [Dowles] farmhouse, was the wood lodge, a very old building.

The back wall was the brick wall of the garden. It had timbered walls and a thatched roof. It was very old and might have pre-dated the house. Then we used to go down a slight slope into the sort of grassy area where there was a pond where the ducks used to be.

They were piles of wood that were sawn up for the house. A little further away was the granary, a two-storey building, which was still there in 1993.

Just adjacent to that was the old chicken house, this was quite an intriguing building because it had panelled walls and a thatched roof.

These panels came from the box pews that used to be in Elmsted Church. These panels must have been there for a long time because the building although tarred on the outside inside you could see the oak graining and the panels. It was a very interesting building."

Recycling has always been a way of life. In Mary Harwood's well-known book *Kentish Village: Hastingleigh* of 1952 she says: "The sixteenth century Rectory on South Hill - old in years as well as in name - may yet tell some of its secrets.

In the Ecclesiastical Surveyor's report on the buildings of the united [Hastingleigh and Elmsted] benefice in 1880, it mentions in regard to Elmsted: One acre of meadow land at the angle of the land from Hill Street to Spong Farm in the parish of Elmsted, on which formerly stood the Vicarage House of Elmsted, was pulled down about one hundred years ago, and the materials are said to have been used to enlarge the Rectory House at Hastingleigh."

**History enthusiast**

<b>Church services in the Parish Upon The Hills</b>		
<b>1 Oct</b>	<b>First Sunday</b>	9:30am at Waltham – all four Churches (Elmsted, Hastingleigh, Petham & Waltham) Communion
<b>8 Oct</b>	<b>Second Sunday</b>	8am BCP Communion at Waltham; 10am Messy Church Bodsham CP School; 11am Petham Communion
<b>15 Oct</b>	<b>Third Sunday</b>	9:30am Waltham Communion; 11am Hastingleigh Communion; 11am Petham Family Service (No Communion); 6pm Elmsted Choral Evensong
<b>22 Oct</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday</b>	9:30am Elmsted Communion; 11am Hastingleigh Communion; 11:00am Petham Family Communion
<b>29 Oct</b>	<b>Fifth Sunday</b>	10:30am Petham Benefice Service—all churches

<b>This month's church flowers and cleaning volunteers:</b>		
<b>Oct 7 Oct 14</b>	<b>Mrs Perez, Mrs French Mrs Boxall</b>	<b>Mrs Hewson Mrs Wright</b>
<b>Oct 21 Oct 28</b>	<b>Mrs Pell Mrs Young</b>	<b>Mrs Thrupp Mrs Browning</b>
<b>Nov 4</b>	<b>Mrs Courtney Mrs Jerrom</b>	<b>Mrs Jeffery</b>

<p><b>Priest-in-charge:</b> The Rev Ravi Holy: The Vicarage, Wye 01233 812450 ravi.holy@wyebenefice.org.uk <b>Associate priest:</b> The Rev Lorraine Lawrence (with special responsibility for Hastingleigh, Elmsted, Petham, Waltham): The Vicarage, Hastingleigh, 01233 750987 or 07894 4034409 lorraine_lawrence@btinternet.com. <b>Churchwardens:</b> Mrs Bacon 01233 750327, Mrs Ten Hove 01227 700460. <b>United Wye Benefice</b> 01233 813793 www.wyebenefice.org.uk</p>		
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## 'So they do say...'

WHEN the longest-serving vicar, the Revd Gostwyck Prideaux, was in office, he made it known that he refused to pay the usual Churchyard fee for his burial at St Mary's. He insisted that he be buried just outside the churchyard boundary, thus avoiding this tax.

After he died in 1880, his parishioners thought hard about this and came up with a clever solution. They dug his grave just outside the Churchyard fence but added a short tunnel under the fence into the graveyard.

When his coffin was lowered into the grave outside the fence, as he had instructed, and the burial service performed, it was then slid into its final resting place just inside the fence where it rests today. The grave and memorial stone both to him and his wife, Lucretia, can be seen to the left of the gate on entering.



## Calls to Arms!

**WOULD you be interested in being involved in a pantomime production here on stage in Ev- ington Hall?**



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**YOUNG MEN** (i.e. younger than ME!) Please could you help in the churchyard, especially now the leaves are starting to fall. If you are willing to spare an hour or so when needed, please contact me, Roz Bacon, on 750327 or [roz.bacon@btinternet.com](mailto:roz.bacon@btinternet.com).



# Trips and Events!

## Trip to London

EVINGTON Community Project are organising a coach trip to London on **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**.

The coach will leave Evington Village Hall at 8.00am and travel to London's South Bank. The coach will then return from South Bank at 6.00pm.

The cost is £10 per adult (children under 16 travel for free).

To book your seat, please call Tracey on 01233 750415 or email

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Places are limited so book early to avoid disappointment!

## Singing Concert

RICHARD Dray & The Hampton Lane Singers are delighted to be returning to St. Bartholomew's Church, Waltham on **Sunday 15th October at 4pm**.

The concert will include a medley of songs from Traditional Folk, to Bossa Nova and choral music, with some arrangements by Richard. There will be a musical interlude with pieces played by Richard and guest saxophonist and musician Peter Cook.

Tickets available on the door £5 per adult ( children under 16 Free). Or call Daphne ten Hove on 01227 700460

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# Diary dates

From the Evington Hall website:  
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## Oct

3	Tue	Toddler Group	09.30
3	Tue	Library van	09.45
4	Wed	Coffee Morning	10.30
5	Thur	W.I.	19.30
8	Sun	Footpath Group	14.00
12	Tue	Toddler Group	09.30
12	Tue	Hastingleigh PC	19.45
11	Wed	Community Choir	19.00
13	Fri	Whist Drive	19.00
14	Sat	Lord Whiskey	08.00
15	Sun	Singing Concert	16.00
17	Tue	Toddler Group	09.30
17	Tue	Library Van	09.45
17	Tue	Evington Gardeners	19.30
23	Mon	ECP workshops	10.00
31	Tue	Toddler Group	09.30
31	Tue	Library Van	09.45
31	Tue	WI Event	19.00



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# Bodsham welcomes new Head Teacher

BODSHAM Primary School welcomed Mr Paul Newton as the new Executive Head Teacher at the start of the new school term in September.

Mr Newton takes over following the retirement of Mrs Pettersen at the end of last term. He will lead both Bodsham and Saltwood Church of England Schools in a Federation that has proved highly successful both in terms of the achievement of children and the approval of parents.

Mr Newton joins the Federation from Hornbeam Primary School in Deal, where he was Headteacher for six years. He is married with two young children who attend a Church of England Primary School near Canterbury. In his

first letter to Bodsham parents, Mr Newton wrote:

“I am proud to have been offered the chance to take on the leadership of a Federation of two highly effective Primary schools, each with its own character but both united by shared Christian values and outstanding standards of achievement by our children. I am looking forward to getting to know the families of both schools and, with you, to ensuring our children receive the best possible start in their lives. It is my firm belief that Primary schools have a deep and lasting impact on the life chances of children and it is our responsibility to help prepare children for the next stage in their lives, academically, emotionally and spiritually. I look forward to working in partnership with you to this end.”

## 100 Club

**THE latest winning numbers for the Evington Community Project 100 club are:**

1<sup>st</sup> Prize: No. 84  
2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: No: 83  
3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: No: 47

# Bodsham Cof E Primary School

## OPEN MORNINGS

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# Wye Surgery news

**O**ur phone triage system has bedded in now. It suits some patients well, others less so. There are lots of systems being trialled around the country to cope with the surge in demand for medical advice. Online systems offer the opportunity to leave details of your symptoms for a doctor to assess and either call you back or make you an appointment with a doctor or another health care provider. They also allow the option of dealing with administrative problems such as certificates and prescriptions.

In an ideal world we would expand the number of GPs but unfortunately, for many reasons, the government's plan for 5000 new GPs by 2020 has thus far achieved a fall in GP numbers. With a further fall in numbers forecast, as GPs retire and new GPs fail to materialise, alternative systems are needed. Physicians Associates are coming into the system, they are graduates who go on to train for two years

covering a range of medical areas. Paramedic practitioners are increasingly being used for urgent problems and home visits, under the guidance of GPs. Paramedic practitioners have at least 5 years of experience as paramedics and then a further two years of training in medicine. Nurse Practitioners and Advanced Nurse Practitioners have been used in many practices for years. They deal with a range of problems under the supervision of GPs.

Schemes are in place to try and bring GPs who have had maternity leave or have had a career break for other reasons, back into front line General Practice. Attempts are being made to keep GPs at the end of their careers.

One of the primary issues is the cost of indemnity (the insurance a doctor must carry) Huge rises are expected this year. Providers are waiting for government guidance before implementing such rises. If the government fails to act and the rises are put in place, we may see a mass exodus of GPs who are currently doing odd sessions, whilst raising families or whilst winding down to retirement. Complaints can result in punitive indemnity charges sufficient to price a GP out of the market, I have heard of one GP, who got a minor slap on the wrist from the

£40000 for indemnity. He is leaving the country to work in Australia. This is the single biggest threat to General Practice in this country, watch for the outcome it will determine if General Practice has a future in the NHS.

Incidentally, it has been made clear to us, that we are not indemnified to offer treatment or advice for dental problems. We cannot therefore, provide antibiotics for dental infections, you will need to contact your dentist or **dentaline**. For emergency advice or help in finding your local Kent Dentaline service, please call 01634 890300.

#### Online resources related to health and well-being

There are a growing number of resources appearing on the internet aimed at supporting existing General Practice provision. 'Waitless' is an app that provides information about the waiting times at local A and E centres. As I check it now, on a Sunday evening, it tells me 17 patients are waiting at the Kent & Canterbury Hospital and 68 at the William Harvey Hospital where the waiting time is nearly four hours. The wait at Margate is an hour less.

[www.healthhelpnow.nhs.uk](http://www.healthhelpnow.nhs.uk) is an NHS website. As I open it, it offers me three options: symptoms, services and advice. If I key in a symp-

tom and my postcode, it offers me advice articles, the suggestion that I contact my GP, and the 111 option. If I select 'Advice', it asks me the age-group of the patient and then offers simple advice.

[www.nhs.uk/smokefree](http://www.nhs.uk/smokefree) is, as it suggests, a stop-smoking site that provides advice and directs you to a stop-smoking counsellor for counselling and nicotine replacement or other medication.

<http://www.nhs.uk/livewell> offers advice on healthy living, couch to 5k, alcohol, smoking, weight loss and diet.

<http://www.kent.gov.uk/social-care-and-health/health/release-the-pressure> offers advice and a freephone number for those seeking advice and support with their mental health. It also provides the opportunity for a webchat for those that do not want to use a phone.

[www.alzheimers.org.uk](http://www.alzheimers.org.uk) is a terrific resource for those who have Alzheimer's or are supporting someone with the disease. It offers resources and directs you to support in your local area. It offers an online community, advice on staying independent, financial advice and a helpline.

<http://www.ageuk.org.uk> offer an excellent site with information on benefits, staying healthy and how to get care and support.

[www.diabetes.org.uk](http://www.diabetes.org.uk) offers a comprehensive site providing 'the basics', prevention of diabetes and living with diabetes. Those with diabetes or pre-diabetes should look at this resource.

So many people google symptoms and diseases and find odd 'alternative' sites providing poor-quality information. <https://patient.info> provides a symptom-checker, health information, patient forums and more detailed information aimed at professionals, such as clinical guidelines. Three headings 'understanding depression', 'understanding hypertension' and 'understanding diabetes' are presented on the front page. A health A-Z gives high quality information on any different diseases. A search area invites me to enter my symptoms if I am feeling unwell.

<https://web.ntw.nhs.uk/selfhelp/> is an excellent site, providing self-help leaflets on topics such as anxiety, bereavement, post-traumatic stress disorder, domestic violence and numerous other topics. <http://www.moodjuice.scot.nhs.uk/> is a similar site in Scotland.

Stay well

**Dr Allan Fox**

## Vaccinations save lives!

The annual Flu clinic at Wye surgery was on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> Sep-

tember, but if you were unable to come that day there are appointments available every day in October - please ask the Receptionist in the surgery.

Public Health England is calling for more take up of the MenACWY vaccine in eligible young people, which protects against deadly meningitis and septicaemia.

"Parents are being reminded this summer to encourage their 18 year old children to get vaccinated against deadly meningitis and septicaemia. Those who are due to leave school this summer, or aged 17 to 18 and are not in school (born between 1 September 1998 and 31 August 1999) are now eligible. The MenACWY jab protects against 4 strains of meningococcal disease which cause meningitis and septicaemia, known as strains A, C, W and Y. MenW is one of the most aggressive and life threatening forms and meningococcal disease can be fatal. Many survivors are left with life changing disabilities, including brain damage and loss of limbs. The MenACWY vaccine remains the best form of protection against the A, C, W, and Y strains with a 100% effectiveness rate in those that have been vaccinated so far. Young people are particularly at risk as they can be carriers of the disease. Being in confined envi-

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ronments with close contact, such as university halls, hostels when travelling, or attending festivals, increase the chances of infection if unprotected. Get vaccinated as soon as possible, remain vigilant and seek urgent medical help if you have concerns for yourself or friends. New entrants to higher education (university freshers) are also eligible. Anyone who is eligible and has missed vaccination in previous years remains eligible up to their 25th birthday and is urged to have the MenACWY vaccine. While the vaccine also helps protect against Men A, C, W and Y, it does not cover all forms of meningococcal disease. It is therefore important for parents and young people to be vigilant in spotting early symptoms and to seek

early medical assistance if they are concerned”.



**Up-date to Online Access** at Wye Surgery: there has been a good uptake for the online access service with many patients now signed up. Wye surgery uses the Patient Access system. While this system is developing there is not yet an email address for patients to use and clinical correspondence is not yet available. However, all other services are working well.

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The morning Workshop will run from **10.30am to 12pm** and there will be an afternoon workshop from **2.00 to 3.30pm** in **Evington Village Hall**.

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