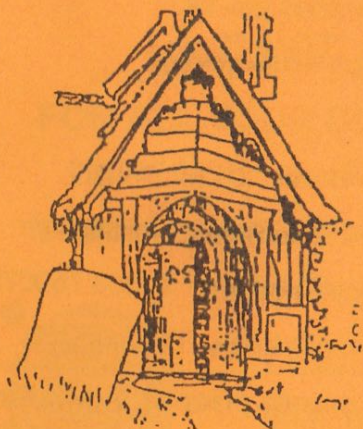
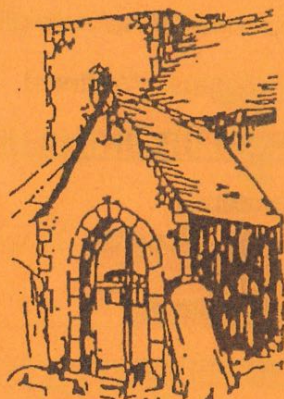


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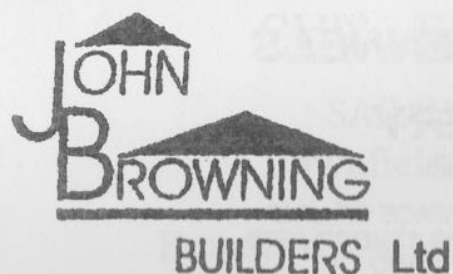
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LUCAS, Burton Henry

Private, G/38. 6th (Service) Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).

Born 1894 in Dane End, Little Mondon, Ware, Hertfordshire. Enlisted Maidstone, Kent. Only son of Alfred Walter Lucas and Mary Jane Lucas (née Sharman) of Elchin Lodge, Elmsted, Ashford, Kent.

Died Saturday 7 October 1916.

Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France. Pier and Face 11 C.

At the time of the 1901 census, the Lucas family resided at Keepers Cottage, Kingsdown, Kent. Head of the house was 35 year old St. Pauls, Ware, Hertfordshire native Alfred Walter Lucas, who was employed as a Gamekeeper by Lieutenant-Colonel Leonard Paul Irby O.B.E. of Evington Place. At this census entry, the then 6 year old Burton was recorded by the census enumerator with his Christian name spelt Bertie, which was what he was known as by all and sundry. Burton had 5 sisters, Gertrude, Gladys, Florence (May), Eva Violet (Vi) and Dorothy Wnnifred (Dolly).

Burton was posted to France for service with the British Expeditionary Force on 1 June 1915. The 6th (Service) Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment) arrived in the Gueudecourt sector on 4 October 1916, in order to play its part in the 'Battle of the Transloy Ridges' as part of the overall 'Battle of the Somme,' and moved into the front line to the north of the village of Gueudecourt. As was the same situation which prevailed with many of the other British battalions on the Somme in 1916 at various times resultant of high casualty rates, at Gueudecourt the 6th (Service) Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment) was barely 500 (all ranks) strong. The initial attacks of the battle had been put back for two days, and it was in worsening weather that the assaults on the enemy positions commenced. An enemy position named Ration Trench was assigned to Burton's battalion to attack and capture. Possible due to the two day delay was a contributory factor why German artillery activity had increased considerably over the same period. In addition to the increased enemy shelling, an exceptionally powerful and well positioned machine-gun defensive ring had been put in place by the Germans. To contribute to the problems faced by the British troops was that the enemy trenches were screened

from direct artillery observation. Having been heavily shelled throughout the morning of Saturday 7 October 1916, the battalion had already suffered casualties prior to going over the top at 1345 hours. More casualties were inflicted on the battalion as it attempted to carry out its allotted tasks, at which time most of the casualties were due to rifle and machine-gun fire. At great cost, the officers and other ranks of "C" Company on the left flank managed to advance a full 150 yards in the face of withering enemy fire, but were then stopped and later withdrew at night time under the cover of darkness. By the time that the remnants of the battalion were taken on by the 6th (Service) Battalion, The Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment), some of the companies of Burton's battalion had been reduced to only fifty officers and other ranks. Of about 500 soldiers of 6th (Service) Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment) who had arrived at Gueudecourt only three days earlier, approximately 330 became casualties on Saturday 7 October 1916. A Captain, a Lieutenant and three Second Lieutenants were killed, as were 92 other ranks. A Captain and four Second Lieutenants were wounded, in addition to at least 185 other ranks. Initially Burton was posted as 'Missing,' but for official purposes he was later assumed to have died on Saturday 7 October 1916 at Gueudecourt.

Evington Place, where Burton's father was employed by Lieutenant-Colonel Leonard Paul Irby O.B.E., was demolished in 1938, but during the Second World War the cellars of the once sizeable house were put to use by the army. Lieutenant-Colonel Irby (1871-1936) served in the Great War, initially in the King's Royal Rifle Corps, and he later commanded the 15th (Reserve) Battalion, Rifle Brigade. He was awarded the O.B.E. in 1919 for his services during the Great War.

The day that Burton died his battalion was attacking the enemy from frontline trenches in the Ovillers Sector of The Somme. The battalion advanced towards an enemy trench system known as "Ration Trench". Many men were lost from heavy machine gun fire.

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Saturday 13th June 2015

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Twelve members attended our meeting.

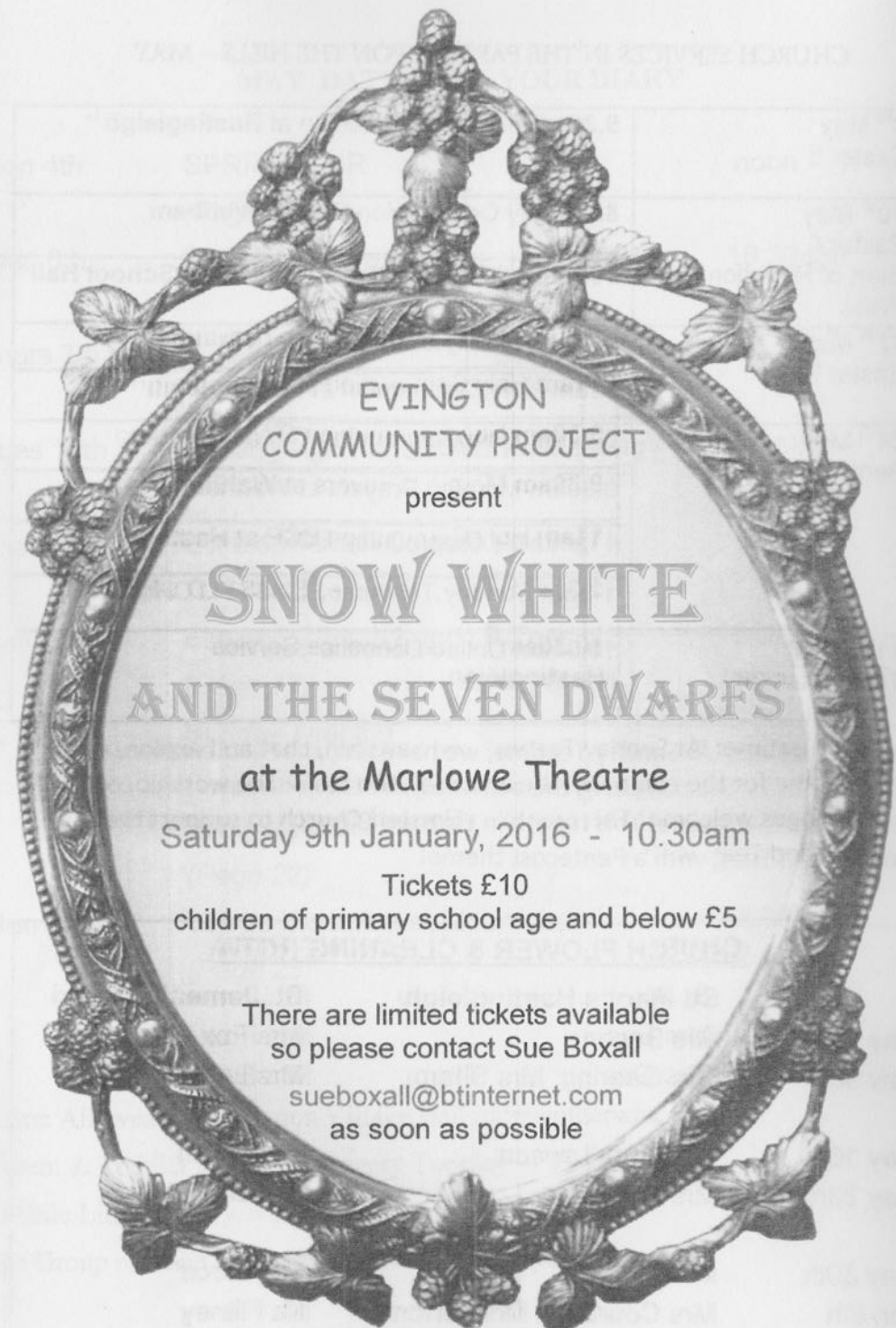
Our speaker was Heather Woodward and she spoke to us about the life of Beatrix Potter. She was born in 1866 to a family and household that had no concessions to childhood. She didn't go to school and the house ran on strict routines. Her parents had made their money in cotton in Lancashire and had moved to London, so that they were 'no longer contaminated by trade'. Her grandmother was affectionate and told her stories. Beatrix wrote these stories down in code and the code wasn't broken until twenty years after her death. The family holidayed in Strathtay in Perthshire for a few weeks each year, but one year their usual place was double booked, so they went to the Lake District instead. Her passions were drawing and painting, and she filled her sketchbook with everything she saw. She wrote the story of Peter Rabbit in a letter to a friend who was ill. She was 26 when she wrote it and then wrote 27 books in eight years. She was still living with her parents and had a holiday in Ambleside each year. She bought Hill Top Farm on one of these holidays. She bought a lot of land under threat and in 1909 bought Castle Farm, and the conveyancing was done by William Heelis. Despite opposition from her parents she was allowed to marry him after four years. She became a sheep farmer and found the contentment that she hadn't had in her life before. She left so much land to the National Trust on her death with instructions on how things should be left. She didn't want anyone else to live in her farmhouse, so the property manager doesn't live in. Miss Potter died in 1943 aged 77.

The competition and the flower of the month were both won by Mrs. Helmer.

As our next meeting is on election day we will be having a meal out.

Our next meeting in the hall will be on Thursday 4th of June and our speaker will be Sheila Boyd who will be talking to us about Nelson and Emma Hamilton. The meeting starts at 19:30 and any new members would be made most welcome.

Fiona Steward



CHURCH SERVICES IN THE PARISH UPON THE HILLS – MAY

3rd May Easter 5	9.30am Parish Communion at Hastingleigh
10th May Easter 6 Start of Rogation Week	8am Holy Communion BCP at Waltham 10am Bodsham Service in Bodsham School Hall
17th May Easter 7	9.30am Family Communion at Waltham 11am Holy Communion at Hastingleigh
24th May Pentecost	9.30am Holy Communion CW at Elmsted 9.30am Morning Prayers at Waltham 11am Holy Communion BCP at Hastingleigh 1-3pm Sunday Teatime, ELMSTED CHURCH
31st May Trinity Sunday	10.30am United Benefice Service Hastingleigh

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May 9th	Mrs Geering, Mrs Sharp	Mrs Leutner
May 16th	Dr & Mrs Lawson	Mrs Green
May 23rd	Mrs Day	Mrs Calcutt
May 30th	Mrs Young	Mrs Wood
Jun 6th	Mrs Courtney, Mrs Jerrom	Ms Flitney

MAY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 4th	SPRING FAIR (Page 15)	noon
Wed 6th	Coffee Morning	10.30am
Thurs 7th	Election	
Tues 12th	Hastingleigh Parish Council Meeting	7.45pm
Thurs 14th	Elmsted Parish Council Meeting	7.30pm
Sun 24th	Elmsted Church Lunch & Teas (Page 17)	noon
	Sunday Teatime (Page 20)	1.00pm
	Footpath Walk (Page 22)	2.00pm
Mon 25th	Village Breakfast at Moonraker (Page 23)	8.30am

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

FOOTPATH WALK 12th April

On Sunday 12th April, Hastingleigh Footpath walkers left the village to walk more unfamiliar territory on the lesser slopes of the weald. After meeting in Bonnington, the walk led us through woods magnificently carpeted by white wood anemones. We followed the well defined paths that wind through Stockhill and Blackthorn woods reserve. The walk then cut across to Poulton Wood, just below Aldington village, which is open to the public, and is criss-crossed by beautifully marked paths. As we entered the site, past the garden area, we stopped to admire the woodland workshops, and all through the woods there is evidence of the crafts practised.

In the sunny spots, the white of the anemones was broken up by the blue of the first bluebells. We walked the perimeter of the wood, then followed the footpath down the hill, through a small stable yard, taking in the beauty of the garden and the advanced vegetables in a poly-tunnel. We paused to comment on the breed of woolly-faced sheep before walking the footpath adjacent to the old prison site, now crowded with new, not unattractive, houses. Another path took us across an arable field back to the house for a well-earned cup of tea. Thank you for the cake Helen.

Please note new date for May - SUNDAY 24TH



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Having rented out Southview (to Peter and Kim), we have finally set off on our "little adventure". We crossed the Channel to Calais, on a bright and calm Monday morning, early on the 23rd March 2015.

The plan is to travel down through France, and Spain, then get a ferry over to Morocco, and spend several weeks exploring this fascinating country, before finally heading to the capital Rabat, to pick up our Carnet de Passage (an internationally recognized importation document for the truck, issued in the UK by the RAC), and visit the relevant embassies, and apply and hopefully obtain the appropriate Visas for Mauritania, Senegal, and Mali.

Hopefully by the time we cross Western Sahara and into Mauritania, we will know if Colonel K (the nickname given to our truck, after the cartoon character, Danger Mouse's walrus boss) is going to be up for the challenge of the heat and terrain.

After obtaining further visa's in the Malian capital Bamako, we plan to cross into Burkina Faso, and hopefully head towards the southern village of Koden, where money raised by the children of Bodsham School, has gone towards the building of a school in this very rural part of a very poor country. Following on from Burkina Faso, and many more Visa applications we aim to travel through, Ghana, Togo, Benin, Nigeria, Cameroon, then Gabon, Congo, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), then hopefully (visa permitting) Angola, and then the more westernized countries of Namibia and South

Africa. We then plan to travel up the East side of the Continent as far as Kenya visiting Botswana, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Tanzania, Burundi, Rwanda, and Uganda on the way. Obviously this is a very loose plan and it needs to be adaptable, as there are many troubled spots en route, and I'm sure politically things will change and prove challenging for us.

We are currently at Jamie and Emma Fulton's (previously of Becketts Close, Hastingsleigh), with their delightful children Jack and Jess. They have a fantastic luxury camping set up in the Midi-Pyrenees that can be viewed on www.campinglavieenrose.com. We will set off for Spain tomorrow doing a bit of sight seeing on the way, then heading for the Southern Coast and then take a ferry to Morocco.

We will try to send an update of our travels for the Community News each month, but if you are interested, more info can be viewed on our website/blog www.lorrywaydown.com

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IN THE GARDEN

The sunny weather has brought on many plants and this year we have had a beautiful spring for flowers. The cold wind however reminds us that we are not in summer yet. It is a good time to see where there are places for improvement and to plan for next year.

I always find bulbs are the most difficult to cope with. They have provided glorious colour this year until the long period of dry weather terminated them. Leave the leaves on to supply nutrients to the bulb. This will increase the bulb size and hopefully produce better flowers next year.

Remember a frost is still possible. Have some fleece handy to cover sensitive plants on cold nights. An important aspect with half hardy plants is to make sure they are not stopped by lack of water, failure to water sufficiently can reduce growth after planting out. Make sure their growth is not stopped by under watering. If the dry weather continues the plants will suffer water stress and they will never develop fully.

In the vegetable garden peas, broad beans, beetroot, etc. are growing well. Keep an eye out for pests and diseases. Early treatment of pests like aphids makes longer term control very much easier.

It is a good time to put up sticky traps in the greenhouse. Many insects are attracted to yellow as a colour and become attached to the sticky surface. By now the tomato plants will be growing actively, remember they need to be fed and watered regularly if you want the best crop. I prefer a simple drip feed system attached to one of my many water butts. There is a point to remember doing this, rainwater is soft ie. it contains little calcium so periodically, once a week I add a little lime to the water or add tap water to the butt. Time to be thinking of the cucumbers, I grow them in the same greenhouse as the tomatoes which most people would disagree with but I find all I need to do is to give them some extra shade.

We regularly use biological control on our plum and apple trees to reduce maggots. This year we were slow off the ground and the trees were already in flower when we put the traps out, the moth lays its eggs in the flower, it will be interesting to see whether many fruit are infected I hope previous years treatments may have reduced the population.

SB

EVINGTON GARDENERS

Nicholas Sandford proved to be an excellent substitute as speaker at the meeting in March. Although his talk was primarily about the restoration of the gardens at Godinton House, he opened with some pictures of the interior, showing the medieval Hall, the staircase of 1623, the Great Chamber and the Gallery (formerly the Solar) which was refashioned by Blomfield. The Godinton estate is a 1000 acres, 700 of which are farmed, and includes a lake and woodland which is coppiced and used for the biomass heating system in the house. A painting of the house from 1870 indicated that there was originally no formal garden. A picture dating from 1890 showed more of a formal garden with Victorian bedding schemes, but by the 1990s the whole had declined into a rather sad state.

Restoration work began in 1997. Old greenhouses in the walled garden were rebuilt, and repairs to the walls and archways replicated the designs by Blomfield. Gravel garden paths were found and the pond reinstated. The former rose garden was redesigned with a mixture of roses and border perennials and the yew hedge round the whole garden, which dated back to the time of Blomfield, was restored. Along with general repairs to stonework, balustrades and flights of steps in the garden much restoration work also had to be done in the wider estate – from hedge-laying to tree-planting, especially oak for a future generation to use perhaps for repairs in the house. Mr Sandford ended with a sequence of lovely photos of the gardens through the seasons of the year. It was a very interesting talk and it was a pity more members were not there to enjoy it.

The new season begins with the Plant Sale at the Spring Fair in Hastingleigh on 4 May. Do all come along. We look forward to seeing you there.

J.P



FROM WYE SURGERY

Polio is still very much alive and well and just itching to infect people. Many countries we travel to on vacation still have active polio. Public health England has recently reminded us to encourage patients to vaccinate their children. Vaccinate your children! If they are up to date with childhood imms then do not worry, if you have not immunised your children then, first, duh, as my children might say (unless you are unable to because of chemotherapy or immune deficiency) and second do not travel to countries where polio is active.

From the 1st of June we will be starting a new system of appointments at the surgery. We are moving to a system of 'doctor first'. When you phone the surgery you will be able to speak to someone about administrative issues such as letters and prescriptions, book a nurse appointment or request a call from a doctor, usually of your choice if available. This will allow the GP to deal with your problem in the most efficient way. That may be to arrange a BP check, foot check or blood test with the nurse if you need a medication review. It may mean a direct referral to physio or to the hospital if that is appropriate from the information provided. It may mean the doctor booking you to see him in the next day or two. Routine appointments will disappear. They are not working currently as it is five weeks before you can see a doctor on a routine appointment because we are focusing on seeing people the same day. This should mean that inefficient use of time is reduced and quality time with patients increased as we can book longer appointments when required.

Dr Allan Fox

PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP

Integration of health and social care- can it work?

From this April, a new strategic body, the Greater Manchester Strategic Health and Social Care Partnership with a budget of £6bn, has united the 10 local authorities and 12 CCGs to jointly commission health and social care services in the Manchester area. These were previously commissioned separately by the NHS and the Local Authorities respectively as they still are in the rest of England.

So what are the aims?

This new arrangement will enable services to continue to be provided for an increasing ageing population. The main aim is to draw together the health and social care jigsaw so that it is easier to co-ordinate care needed by individuals in order to reduce illness and promote wellbeing.

What are the risks?

One large concern is accountability. Who will take responsibility for the big sums of public money involved? Will the decision making process be the same as before or will the new joint body take on this function, adding yet another layer of bureaucracy. How will this joint service be affected if funding proves inadequate? How will risks be shared across health and social care components if, for example, one of them runs out of money?

Lessons from Experience

There is little previous experience on this scale but the success of a similar, but much smaller experiment in the Torbay area some years ago, was attributed to its unified financial and management structure. Managers were able to make decisions across the board without causing conflicts in the 'parent organisations'. For example, staff doing similar work, for the NHS or the local Authority, were on the same pay scales and under single management, which avoided resentment.

Implications locally

The Ashford CCG is very much involved in work on the integration of health and social care services and is working closely with the Canterbury CCG. Nearer to home the Operational Plan of the Wye Our Place Project outlines ways in which care services could be locally managed with health and wellbeing part of the process.

If the Greater Manchester experiment is a success the system will, no doubt, be adopted by other Authorities.

Footnote: Currently the national budget for the NHS is £98bn and for Social Care £17bn. A further complication is that while the NHS services are free at the point of need, Social Care is means tested and all those with assets greater than £23,250.00 have to pay.

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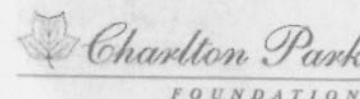
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