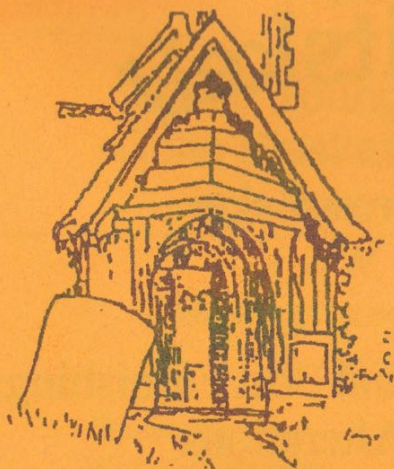
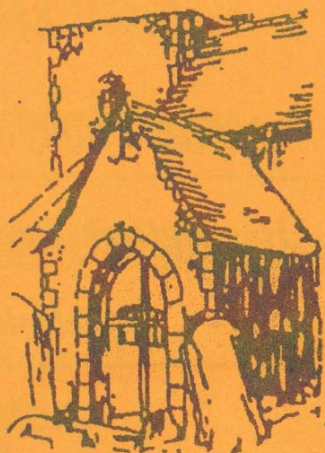


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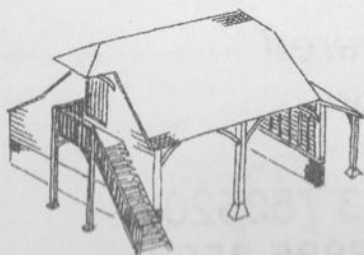
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## A Lent Message from Alan Ramsay and all the clergy of the United Wye Benefice (Ravi Holy, Madi Strong, Linda Cross, Dickie Cleveland and John Hewes)

Dear Friends,

Spring cleaning is the period in spring time set aside for cleaning a house, normally applied in climates with a cold winter.

The most common usage of spring cleaning refers to the yearly act of cleaning a house from top to bottom which would take place in the first warm days of the year. This is when you can open windows and let the dust out and when you stop lighting coal fires, typically in spring, hence the name. Now, I reckon, it is an ongoing process when we have some time. However it has also come to be synonymous with any kind of heavy duty cleaning or organizing enterprise. A person who gets their affairs in order before an audit or inspection could be said to be doing some spring cleaning.

For many it is also when the days are lengthening, hence the word Lent, a good time for a spring-clean in other ways, "getting our affairs in order". Christian Aid offers us a little leaflet, "Count Your Blessings". There is a thought for each day with a suggested action about our life-style and our response to the environment, both personal and global. We have found it both fun and challenging. There is a copy for you in this magazine.

Some like to brush up on their spiritual life as well, as individuals and as a church. So, for any who like to come, there will be groups, both day-time and evening. These will be advertised in the churches' weekly notice-sheet. The subject will be, "Finding Welcome". It would be great to have some participating who don't go to church, so we have the outsider's view of what we are like!

Yours,

Alan Ramsay & Ravi Holy.

## **LENT 2012: Finding Welcome**

A Lent course will begin on the 26<sup>th</sup> February 2012; This will be held at Petham Village Hall at 6.30pm, all welcome.

### **The Mince Pie Walk - New Years Day**

Once again, the annual Mince Pie Walk from Cold Blow attracted a very good turn-out with 37 walkers and 3 dogs. The mild weather we had been experiencing continued and it was very pleasant to be enjoying 11° C, (or 52° F in old money) on the first of January.

We followed our usual route, heading out towards the Devil's Kneading Trough and then crossing the road at the top of Wye Hill. Here we waited for all our walkers to catch up, then off we went towards the Crown. The views from the top of the Downs were very good, although we could see rain clouds gathering.

We turned down towards Coombe Manor and then came upon a dilemma. Should we return via Staple Lees or via Little Coombe?. Although slightly longer, we chose the latter so that the walk was completely stile-less. This was much appreciated by some of our party, including the dogs and their owners.

A short walk across the fields led us to Staple Lees and onwards back to Cold Blow, where Amanda had yet again prepared Mulled Wine and Mince Pies. Our walk was 3.3 miles, just the right distance for those who had stayed up to see the New Year in!

So, another year goes by and another New Years Day walk ends but not without our special thanks yet again to Amanda, Crispin and family for their hospitality and for making us all so welcome.

Our February walk is on Sunday 12th, starting from Evington Village Hall at 2.00 pm. We hope to see you there.

RH

Hastingleigh with Elmsted WI held an Open Meeting on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January at Evington Village Hall.

The business of the evening was dealt with first of all and annual prizes awarded to Mrs George for the most points collected for Flower of the Month and the prize for most competition points was awarded to Mrs Crees.

The President then welcomed several guests and the speaker for the evening, Mrs Amanda Cottrell, former High Sheriff of Kent and now Director for Tourism in Kent and Produced in Kent.

Mrs Cottrell gave a fascinating talk , about her year as High Sheriff and the people she met and places visited representing Kent . She described her recent involvement with Produced in Kent and what it means to England and Kent in particular to have such an exciting eventful year including the Royal Diamond Jubilee and the Olympics to celebrate. Mrs Cottrell comes highly recommended and always manages to deliver an interesting ,amusing and original talk !

The raffle was then drawn and all agreed it had been an enjoyable evening.

Our next meeting for members will be Thursday 2nd February when the speaker will be Ms Veronica Ashby , with a talk entitled "Dungarees to diamonds".



## EVINGTON GARDENERS

A South African Photolog was the subject of the talk given by Vera Orsbourne at the meeting in January. The photolog was a compendium of slides taken by Mrs Orsbourne during a visit to South Africa at the end of the month of September, rather after the season of spring flowers. It was perhaps for this reason that, disappointingly, there were not more photographs of the wonderful flora to be found in South Africa, but nevertheless there were some attractive pictures of plants in flower at that time of year as well as a great variety of birds, animals, and beautiful views of the general landscape and coastline. What did come across was the intense, vivid colour of many flowers, some of which were blooming in desert conditions. In spite of the lack of heating in the hall, the talk was well attended and appreciated by all.

Members also enjoyed a Christmas Party in December when the Studio Players gave a short concert of pieces by Mozart, Vierne, Jerome Kern and an arrangement of a Christmas jazz suite. It was lovely, spirited playing and our thanks go very much to Kristin, Jennifer, Adrian, Jhen, So-Yun and Ko-Yu.

The talk on the 14 February is about growing and preparing vegetables for show and will be given by Mr Francis. As ever, everyone is welcome.

J.P

## EVINGTON HALL COMMITTEE

The Hall Committee would like to thank everyone who helped in many different ways to make the Christmas Bazaar so successful, resulting in a total profit of £880.60 for hall funds. There was a good entry from the children of Bodsham School for the tree decoration competition; congratulations to everyone who entered. The winners are listed below.

- Ladybirds' Class - 1<sup>st</sup> Millie Tatton-Brown (age 4)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Harley Kirton (5)
- Mice Class - 1<sup>st</sup> Hugo Willet (6)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Gregory Rutherford (7), Ludo Rutherford (4)
- Dragons' Class - 1<sup>st</sup> Freya Elliot (9)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Jack Palmarini (7)
- Owls' Class - 1<sup>st</sup> Archie Bailey (11)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Josie Bailey (9)

Extra categories:

Special award for unusual medium/design - James Kirk (4)

Special award for exceptional effort - Clement Pradier (11)

Following the theft of the boiler, fuel tank and fuel between Christmas and New Year our insurance claim has been met (less excess) and we hope to have normal heating back in the hall as soon as the repairs have been carried out. We will now need to spend more on security for the hall and hope that the jumble sale at the end of Jan will be successful and add to our funds for these additional and unexpected expenses.

## Evacuation to Bodsham!

When my Year 3 / 4 class at Bodsham School were due to study World War Two at the end of last year, I was determined that their knowledge would be embedded by gaining an understanding of this eventful period in history through the local area. With this in mind, I delved into the musty, old school records, which are fortunately still held on site.

Reading carefully through the illuminating school log book, which details everything from contagious diseases spreading through the school to corporal punishment, I came to the following entry: *'19<sup>th</sup> September 1939. School reopened after summer holidays. Miss M. I. Standing, L.A.C., head of Rathfern Road School in charge – all local children to attend for present owing to transport difficulties caused by war. 27 local children on roll, 36 London children, 3 Erith and 1 Rochester.'*

The Admission Register for this period is also still held in school and provides an expansion about the children who were sent to Bodsham: they ranged in ages from four years to nine years old. The register lists the evacuees' names, dates of birth, billet address and host name as well as when and where the children went following their evacuation. Many familiar properties received the London visitors: Vigo Farm, Follytown, Coombe Grove, South View, Woodman's Arms, Kingsmill Down Cottage, Cleveland's, Myrtle Cottage, Pett Farm, Bodsham Farm, Itinge Farm, etc.

After attempting to trace several of the Rathfern evacuees, I received a reply from one lady who had been among their number. After more than seventy years, she was understandably unable to recall much detail from her time, but did have this to say: *'I can remember being in a hall with the other children. There were people arriving and taking them away. I sat for a long time until there was hardly anybody in the hall by the time we left. I felt that no-one wanted us. I recall going through farm gates on the long walk to school, across what looked like the Downs grass land. It was a made up road for the last little bit, to the school. It was too far to go home at dinner time and still be back in time for the afternoon. It could have been a workers house on a farm; there was also a vegetable garden.'* According to the official school records, this lady was evacuated to Kingsmill Down Cottage, in the care of Mrs Smith.

I decided that simply teaching lessons about rationing, evacuation, bombing, etc. with a mind on the local area was not quite enough and so I made contact

with Rathfern Primary School, which was still going strong in Lewisham, with a view to some kind of joint project. Rather amazingly, my headteacher backed my seemingly hair-brained idea of 'evacuating' thirty of their current children to our small school in Bodsham. This plan was put in motion and, on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2011 a coach-load of Lewisham children and their teachers arrived in the Kent countryside - seventy-two years after the first evacuees had been sent from their school. This evacuation was thankfully under more peaceful circumstances!

We started the day with Bodsham children 'picking' Rathfern evacuees and leading them into school ready for a welcome assembly from the deputy headteacher. As I'm sure the initial evacuees felt, the Lewisham children could not believe how different our rural school was; the main source of amazement stemmed from the size of the school and its beautiful country location. The idea that our children had a field to play on every break and lunchtime was met with astonishment! The Rathfern children were also intrigued to see that we had our own pond and even our own egg-laying chickens!

After initial introductions, the children were divided into groups and took part in a range of activities, including learning Morse Code, exploring a genuine American army vehicle, first aid demonstrations from St John Ambulance (including some 1940s equipment), a debate on evacuation and an art activity where each school decorated the other school's logo.

When finally the day ended, all children and staff felt that the day had been an overwhelming success and were pleased to re-ignite the historic link between our schools; it was the wish of both to continue this link beyond the occasional World War Two project and so preparations began for a reciprocal visit.

On 21<sup>st</sup> November we made the return trip with our Year 4 / 5 children (those who had been involved in the WW2 project). Despite being only an hour and half 'up the road', it was very apparent upon arrival why the Lewisham children had been so amazed by our school; their large premises (383 children on roll) was situated in the heart of a built-up, poor area of Lewisham without a blade of grass in sight! Our children were immediately welcomed from the coach and duly given a tour of their school. It was really interesting to see that despite the social deprivation of the area, the children were very well mannered with exemplary behaviour. Another very noticeable difference was the ethnic make up of Rathfern School: more than



two-thirds ethnic minority. This perceptible difference between our schools was (and will continue to be) a great benefit for teaching our children about different people which they may not regularly encounter around the Bodsham area.

After the initial tour and a quick run around for the children and a cup of coffee for the staff, we received a lovely welcome assembly from the headteacher before being split into groups for a 'getting to know you' exercise. This really helped the children get over any first nerves and shyness! Next up, our children took part in a 'London bush-tucker trial', whereby they had to taste a range of London dishes, including plantain and Jamaican chicken. One brave Bodsham boy even tried (and enjoyed!) jellied eels. This activity allowed the children to again appreciate the differences within their own country in a fun way.

Following lunch break, the schools were once again gathered together in the hall to receive a talk from a Pearly King, who enamoured the children with his glittering costume and tales of charity work. From the Pearly King talk came a large jump to the next activity: street dancing!

Our children had a wonderful opportunity to take part in a range of street dancing techniques and styles from a larger-than-life character who made the experience fun for them. It was wonderful to see some of the less academic children shine as they proudly showed off their dance moves!

Finally the day came to an end and the Bodsham children all piled back onto the coach, waving goodbye to their Lewisham friends. All the way home the children were chatting animatedly about their exciting day and all the experiences in which they had taken part.

It is the desire of both schools to maintain this historic link – plans for our next joint adventure are already afoot!

N. G.

Bodsham School

Request from Nathan Goodwin (year 3 / 4 teacher at Bodsham Primary)

I would like some further information on Alf Southen (the man who planted the horse chestnut tree in the school playground). Does anyone know anything about what happened to him in later life? Does anyone have a photo of him that could be sent to me?

My school email is [ngoodwin@bodshamkent.sch.uk](mailto:ngoodwin@bodshamkent.sch.uk)

## IN THE GARDEN

It may seem a dead time in the garden but now is the time to tidy up. The shedding of leaves makes the garden more accessible, you can see the bare skeleton. It is a good time to wander round the garden to see what jobs need to be done. The fine weather gives an opportunity to clean up and prepare for the spring and to rearrange those areas where in the summer planting did not work. On dry days one has the opportunity to clear away the old stems now the birds have eaten all the seeds and to clean the area between plants so their position can be clearly identified. Where plants have expanded beyond the areas you intended they should be cut back and if necessary dug out. It is a good time to rearrange borders.

Removal of all the dead plant material will reduce the hiding places for slugs, bugs etc.

Remove also those odd weeds you missed which continue to grow during the winter ready to burst into flower in the spring and to spread far and wide.

Keep an eye on the emerging bulb shoots for slug damage. If necessary cover them with coarse grit or treat them with slug bait. I find the grit particularly good with Hostas.

If you have a bonfire save the ashes, they are high in potash, to put around the roses. Keep spreading the compost it is no good to the plants stuck in the compost heap.

It is time to plant onion and leek seed in small modules, plant some shallots, the onion sets can wait a month. If you haven't already planted sweet peas there is still time. When the weather is fine it is still also possible to plant out bare rooted plants. Start early potatoes by placing them in trays in a bright but frost free place so the eyes produce short shoots.

It is time to cut plants to give better control. Cut last years leaves off the Hellebores so the flowers become more prominent. It also allows any inter planted flowers like snowdrops to show up. Reduce the Wisteria shoots to two buds and cut back hard summer flowering shrubs like Spiraea to maintain a compact shape. Following its earlier pruning Buddleia should be cut back to 2 -3 shoots per branch. Pruning to control apple trees like reducing the number of spurs to maintain an open structure will show benefit later in the year. All the shoots of **late** fruiting raspberries should be cut back to the ground (unlike the early and mid season varieties where only the fruiting shoots should have been removed earlier). Apply plenty of fertilizer and compost to all soft fruit to stimulate growth next season. SB

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## CHURCH FLOWER AND CLEANING ROTA

	Hastingleigh	Elmsted
Feb 4 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Young Mrs Bracher	Mrs Argar Mrs Francesconi
Feb 11 – 18 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Morris Mrs Waters	Mrs Hursey Mrs Pearce
Feb 25 <sup>th</sup> Mar 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Mrs Hewes Mrs Healy	Mrs Fox Mrs Leutner



## PANCAKE PARTY

Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> February, Evington Village Hall  
At 6.00 p.m.

Come and join in and eat delicious savoury or sweet pancakes.

£2.50 entitles you to 4 pancakes – a bargain

All profits go to charity

## CHURCH SERVICES IN FEBRUARY

### St Mary the Virgin, Hastingsleigh

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> 11 am Holy Communion (BCP) Revd J Hewes  
3<sup>rd</sup> before Lent

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> 10.30 am Bodsham Family Service  
2<sup>nd</sup> before Lent

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> 11 am Family Holy Communion Revd M Strong  
Next before Lent (CW)

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> 9.30 am Ash Wednesday Service Revd M Strong  
WALTHAM

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> 10.30 am Cluster Service Revd M Strong  
Lent 1 ELMSTED

Every Monday evening at 6.15pm: Celtic Prayer in the Vicarage, Hastingsleigh.  
You are welcome to come for a cup of tea from 5.45pm, if you wish.

### St. James the Great, Elmsted

Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup>  
3<sup>rd</sup> before Lent 9.30am Family Communion Rev. Madi Strong

Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> 10am Family Service at Chris Jeffery/  
2<sup>nd</sup> before Lent Bodsham School Rev. Madi Strong

Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> 5pm Sung Evensong Rev. John Hewes  
Sunday before Lent

Ash Wednesday 9.30 am at Waltham  
February 22<sup>nd</sup> 10am at Wye  
7.30pm at Brook

Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Cluster Parish Rev. Madi Strong  
1<sup>st</sup> in Lent. Communion (at St. James)

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### FEBRUARY

Wed 1 <sup>st</sup>	Coffee Morning	10.30 a.m.
Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup>	W I Meeting	7.30 p.m.
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup>	Whist Drive	7.00 p.m.
Sun 12 <sup>th</sup>	Footpath Walk	2.00 p.m.
Tues 14 <sup>th</sup>	Gardeners' Society	7.30 p.m.
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup>	A Shared Future	7.30. p.m.
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup>	Pancake Party Supper Talk at Bulltown House	6.00 p.m. 7.30 p.m.
Sat 25 <sup>th</sup>	Double Film Show and Fish & Chips Family Film Classic Romance	4.30 pm 7.00 pm

**Note:** All events at Evington Hall unless otherwise stated

Parent and Toddler Group meet every Tuesday - 9.30 am  
Art Group meet on Thursdays 9.30 am - 12.30 pm  
Mobile Library every Wednesday 10.55 - 11.20 am



## FOUR CHURCHES – ONE CLUSTER – A SHARED FUTURE

**An Invitation from the Revd Madi Strong, and the  
Church Wardens of Elmsted, Hastingleigh, Petham  
and Waltham.**

Dear Friends,

Ever since I've been in post (and long before!), there has been talk of how best to organise our four churches, now that we share vicars and now that the number of people prepared to be members of the Parochial Church Councils (which keep our churches going) is dwindling. The conversation usually revolves around two key questions: **'How can we best play our part in the life of our villages?'** and **'How do we do this without getting so stretched that it simply stops being enjoyable, or even possible?'** Many of you reading this, who are involved in other organisations, will recognise these issues: they are not just a church concern.

So that is why we want to invite **anyone who is interested** to come and meet with our four PCCs on 20<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30 pm at the Evington Hall in Hastingleigh. At this meeting, we will be making a short presentation on the ways our four churches are

already working together; as well as inviting you to discuss some of the issues we are grappling with as we work to ensure that each of our parish churches has a secure and sustainable future.

Happily there is a wholehearted endorsement of our aims from all the wider groups (the Wye Benefice, the Deanery and the Diocese) of which our churches are a part. Whilst there have been several discussions exploring the possibility of changing the legal structures that underpin our churches, these conversations have only served to re-enforce the view that it really is up to local people to decide how they wish to organise themselves.

So now it is over to us to plan the way forward. And because all four churches are alive and very much here to stay, a little change is inevitable as we seek to serve the world of 2012 with the resources available to us.

**All readers of this magazine**, your families and friends, are warmly invited to come and play your part in shaping the shared future of our churches in your communities.

Madi

News from St. James.

**SUPPER TALK** – The February Supper Talk is on Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> February when we welcome back Bishop Richard Llewellyn to tell us about his recent visit and work in Palestine. We begin with Supper as usual at 7.30pm. Numbers for catering please to 01233-813711 by Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> February at the latest.

**CLUSTER SERVICE** – Please note that the Cluster service for the 'Up the Hill' Parishes at St. James on Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> February, is at 10.30am.

### Village Pond

How pleasant to see more artifacts scattered around our lovely pond to help the visitor! The monumental display case could have been angled a little more effectively to enable our many guests to use it as a picnic table thus feeding the body and mind together! I hope the authorities responsible will consider the installation of waste bins for picnickers which could also be made to look attractive and in the summer, these could be emptied daily by nearby residents to avoid odours. The seats are a great addition too though I did think that the approach to them needs more thought. On the day I visited, it was slippery and the installation of a couple of unobtrusive concrete steps would help the elderly and unstable to enjoy the facilities without danger. On the opposite side up the steep bank a similar facility might be installed. *Health and Safety*, you know!

The weeping tree could be cut down too: it does obscure the signpost, especially the fluorescent arrows put up to aid our cyclist friends pass through our Village more rapidly.

At the pond, we now have seating capacity for a maximum of twelve visitors. Isn't there a statute in which it is written that public seating for ten or more requires toilet facilities? It is worth thinking about because with a little more imagination and determination, our Village Vandals could complete the job of b\*\*\*\*\*g up this area.

TW

## Stitch & Knit

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**Stitch and Knit at Petham** started again on **January 5<sup>th</sup> 2012** and will continue until 29<sup>th</sup> March (check about half term) - if there is bad weather please ring one of us to check whether the session will take place.

We are hoping to hold 4 workshops next year – dates to be decided. Email us for more details.

- Knitted Lace shawlette – learn how lace 'works' and how shawls/shawlettes are constructed and designed – you will work in 4ply for a faster result
- Socks – hopefully led by Jan
- Cables – learn different cable patterns and knit a small project
- Beaded Bag – learn how to knit with beads

For information about Thursday sessions or next year's exciting workshops email [stitchandknit@googlemail.com](mailto:stitchandknit@googlemail.com) or ring Anne on 01227 700567 / Rowan 01227 462046  
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## ELMSTED CHURCH LUNCHES & TEAS - SUNDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2012 PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

We are organising a photographic competition at the church this year.

If you have an image taken in our local area and would like to enter, we would love to see it.

There are 4 classes: Spring  
Summer  
Autumn  
Winter

You can enter a maximum of one photo per class and each class is open to all ages.

The photos will be displayed in church and judged on the day.

To enter please send your images digitally to;

[rwrig5@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:rwrig5@yahoo.co.uk)  
(by 20<sup>th</sup> May please)

Or by post to; Kathy Wright, Maxted Barn,  
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FAO Vanessa London

If you would like any additional information, please contact;

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Please include the information below, with your entries;

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**PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION**  
**27<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2012**

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Class to be entered into;      SPRING    SUMMER  
(Please deleted as necessary)    AUTUMN    WINTER

Where the image was taken; \_\_\_\_\_

( We may choose some of the entries to use in a calendar of our local area. By entering your image you are giving your consent for this)

**"A Certain Nobleman"**

The Waltham Players present "A Certain Nobleman" in the series of radio plays. "The Man born to be King" by Dorothy L Sayers

The play begins with the Marriage Feast at Cana to which you are all invited.

The date is the 10<sup>th</sup> February 2012, the time is 7pm and the venue is Waltham Village Hall.

Light refreshments,

No entry charge

Donations to The Church of England's Children's Society

**Petham 100 Club**

At 7.15 p.m. Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> February at Lower Hardres Village Hall, 3 of us who did a project on Shrubs Wood and Dove Wood as part of a course on Woodlands (organised by Adult Studies in Petham) will give an illustrated presentation. If you would like to go you are welcome.

There will be a small exhibition in Petham Village Hall from 2-4 p.m. on Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> February.

Roz B

**"The Olympics Are Coming To Wye"**

During the weekend of 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> June there will be a Flower Festival in Wye Church -- Olympics 2012. The event will coincide with the Wye Gardeners' Society Garden Safari on 10<sup>th</sup> June.  
More details to follow.

Contact Diane Reece, Flower Co-ordinator on 812130 for more information

## Happy New Year from all of us at Godinton.

With everyone busy planning diaries for 2012, this month we have listed our events and workshops for the year. More details will appear on the website and in future newsletters. The workshops only have limited places, so early booking is advised. We all look forward to seeing you later in the year.

Rachael

### Programme of Events and Courses at Godinton 2012

Gardens Open Daily from 1<sup>st</sup> March 2pm – 5.30pm £5.00 (gardens only)

House Open Friday to Sunday from 6<sup>th</sup> April – 7<sup>th</sup> October  
2pm – 5.30pm £8.00 (house and gardens)

**FOR INFORMATION ON ALL EVENTS, PLEASE SEND YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS TO**  
[info@godinton-house-gardens.co.uk](mailto:info@godinton-house-gardens.co.uk)

#### **Rose Pruning – 4<sup>th</sup> February 9.30am – 2.30pm**

Hands on session to give you the confidence to tackle your own roses, pruning techniques will be demonstrated to give you the best display from your climbers, ramblers and shrubs.

#### **Longbow Archery in the Park – 11<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> February**

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reservation online [www.longbow-archers.com/tuitionstgeorge.html](http://www.longbow-archers.com/tuitionstgeorge.html)  
or contact by email [fraternity@longbow-archers.com](mailto:fraternity@longbow-archers.com)

#### **Patchwork at Godinton with Mandy Munroe**

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February 10.00am – 3.00pm

Patchworkers, bring your sewing machine, cutting equipment and scraps to start an exciting new quilt.

For more information or to book call Mandy Munroe on 01233 630127 or email [mandy.munroe@btinternet.com](mailto:mandy.munroe@btinternet.com) (please put "Godinton" in the title)

#### **The Practical Gardener – Six week course**

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March 9.30am – 1.30pm

Understand how to get the best from your garden with this six week course giving hands on, practical experience of essential gardening skills and the knowledge to make the plants in your garden thrive with Fiona Abrahams, Hadlow College.

#### **The Generous Gardener – Spring Propagation – 3<sup>rd</sup> March 9.30am – 2.30pm**

A practical session learning techniques to fill your garden with plants for free, taking home some of Godinton's choice plants.

#### **Spring Pruning and Tasks – 17<sup>th</sup> March 9.30am – 2.30pm**

Prepare your garden for the growing season with practical advice on the pruning of shrubs and climbers, preparing herbaceous borders, glasshouse work and seasonal planting.

### **Big Day Out – 18<sup>th</sup> March**

Working with Visit Kent to offer FREE tickets to Kent residents for the glorious gardens.

#### **NGS Open Day – 25<sup>th</sup> March 2pm – 5.30pm**

Supporting the work of the National Gardens Scheme.

#### **NGS Open Day – 1<sup>st</sup> April 2pm – 5.30pm**

Supporting the work of the National Gardens Scheme

#### **NCCPG Plant Fair – 15<sup>th</sup> April**

Supporting the National Council for the Conservation of Plants and Gardens.  
Purchase a variety of plants from over 10 local nurseries. Adult 5.00, Children under 16 free

#### **Develop your Painting Style with local artist Kaidy Lewis A.V.A** **Taking risks when painting flowers**

**Four week course – 20<sup>th</sup> April – 11<sup>th</sup> May**

These courses are tailored for adults who want to become more creative and confident when painting.

Contact Godinton for booking form, to view artist work visit [www.notonthehighstreet.com](http://www.notonthehighstreet.com) and search KDLewisart. Contact Kaidy on 07733070396 or email [kaidy.lewis@ntlworld.com](mailto:kaidy.lewis@ntlworld.com)

#### **Spring Basket/Container Workshop – 28<sup>th</sup> April 9.30am – 12.30pm**

Fun morning creating your own Summer garden in a pot.

#### **Plant Support Workshop – 5<sup>th</sup> May 9.30am – 2.30pm**

Viv Hunt, head Gardener, will demonstrate various different methods of plant support in the gardens and then make your own willow obelisk or frame with local craftsman, Alan Sage.

#### **May Day – 7<sup>th</sup> May 11am – 4.30pm**

A traditional family celebration of Spring.

#### **Iris Day – 27<sup>th</sup> May**

Celebrate the fantastic collection of Bearded Irises.

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#### **Delphinium Week – 17<sup>th</sup> June – 24<sup>th</sup> June**

A week of events to celebrate the spectacular collection of delphiniums in Godinton's walled garden.

#### **Picnic Evenings**

17<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> gardens open until 8pm

Enjoy an evening in the glorious gardens, remember your rug or chair.

#### **Delphinium Society Day**

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> 11am – 4pm



Expert advice and plant sales

**Painting in the garden with Kaidy Lewis**

Wednesday 20th 11am – 2pm  
Booking essential, bring your materials, £8.00 for the session.  
Kaidy will be painting and providing advice.

**Jazz Evening – The Colrose Five**

Wednesday 20th 7pm – 9pm

**NGS Open Day**

Friday 22nd 2pm – 8.00pm

**Charity Day**

Music from Highworth Jazz Band in the Walled Garden  
Sunday 24th 2pm – 4pm

**Open Air Theatre Performances**

**30th June – As You Like It**

Performed by The Changeling and Hazlitt Arts Centre

**Open Air Theatre Performances**

**7th July – The Brothers Grimm**

Performed by The Pantaloon

**Sculpture In The Gardens – 21st July – 12th August**

Godinton's eighth annual exhibition of contemporary work by artists of the South East.  
The sculptures are displayed throughout the twelve acres of fabulous gardens including a trial through the wild garden where mature trees, swaying grasses and the reflections of a large wild pond make the perfect backdrop.

**Autumn Propagation – 15th September 9.30am – 2.30pm**

A practical session learning the secrets to fill your garden with free plants - cuttings, division, seed collection.

**Develop your Painting Style with local artist Kaidy Lewis A.V.A**

**Taking risks when painting flower**

**Saturdays mornings**

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**Kitchen Garden Workshop – 29th September 9.30am – 2.30pm**

A morning of practical advice on how to grow your own fruit and veg to include rotation and successional planting, companion planting and composting.

**Autumn Tasks – 6th October 9.30am – 2.30pm**

Topics to include pruning of shrubs and climbers, mulching, winter protection and plants of seasonal interest.

**Pumpkin Day – 28th October**

Family fun with ghost stories, pumpkin carving, treasure hunt and games.  
11.00am – 4pm

**Winter Containers Workshop – 10th November 9.30am – 12.30pm**

Fun morning, creating your own pot to look great all Winter.

**Christmas Arts Fair - 30th November – 2nd December**

11am – 4pm daily, entry free of charge  
Art and Crafts by local artists

**Christmas Workshop – 8th December 9.30am – 12.30pm**

Enjoy the ambience of the Great Hall while learning how to make festive swags, table decorations. Make your own wreath to take home and adorn your door.

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### Future events for your diary

Indoor Fair at The Village Centre, Alpha Rd, Birchington  
 Sat 14<sup>th</sup> April, 9am - 12 noon

### Events at Park House

Boot & Spring Fayre ~ Sat 5th May, 12 noon - 3.30pm

3rd Annual Cyclo-sportive ~ Bank Holiday Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June from 9am

Dog & Owners Fun Day ~ Sat 9th June, 12 noon - 3.30pm

Boot & Summer Fayre ~ Sat 28th July, 12 noon - 3.30pm

Boot & Autumn Fayre ~ Sat 8th September, 12 noon - 3.30pm

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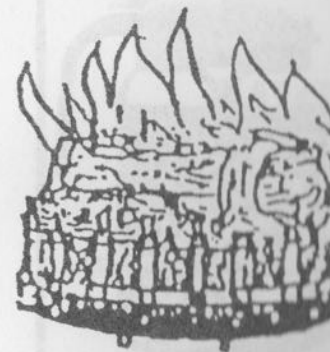
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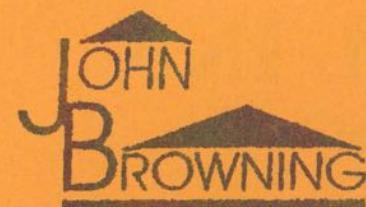


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