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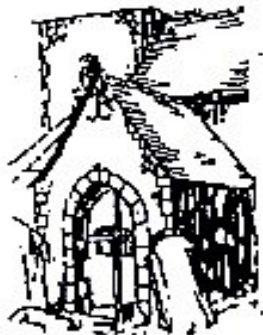
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March

in Elmsted with Hastingleigh

Welcome to the New Ed.

This month we welcome Sue Boxall into the Editor's chair. It's a role she has carried out before, having edited and printed the magazine before Tony took over; and having been driven away by the temperamental printer! We were delighted when she offered to take up the reins again; this time with no printer, and with support from Marie Wenham, the Magazine Secretary. In Sue, we have someone with enthusiasm, experience and commitment, and it is a relief to the Committee to know that, yet again, the magazine is in safe hands! Long may it continue!

Selina Farnfield, Chair of the Magazine Committee

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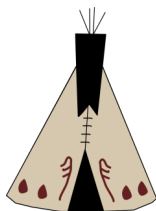
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Hastingleigh with Elmsted Women's Institute

Fun with matchboxes

Hastingleigh with Elmsted W.I. met on Thursday the 1st of February 2018 at the Evington Hall.

13 members attended, and we also welcomed 5 guests.

Unfortunately, our speaker was unable to attend so we used the meeting to discuss future topics for talks, outings to gardens and places of interest. We had a competition on how many things from our handbags we could fit into a matchbox. The winning team managed to fit in 16 items!

The Flower of the Month winner for February was Mrs George, with a beautiful iris, and the winner of the medicinal old wives tale competition was Mrs James, with a remedy using brown sugar to cure constipation in babies.

The flower of the month competition has aroused curiosity in non-members as to why WI members give 'pennies for flowers'. The history of this practice comes from the WI association with an international organisation, Associated Country

Women of the World (ACWW). The ACWW connects rural and non-rural women and their communities worldwide through a network of member societies and individual members. Through projects in rural communities ACWW aims to improve the standard of living for all women and their families in health, nutrition, fresh water supplies, housing and literacy. Member societies pay a deliberately small subscription, to ensure no society is prevented from joining due to cost. In 1937, it was decided to ask all members of each member society to donate the smallest coin of their country to ensure the important work of the ACWW could continue. Hence 'Pennies for Flowers', or 'Pennies for Friendship' as it is officially called, was born. Members of our WI place pennies next to the flowers members bring in, the flower with the most pennies next to it wins that month's competition. All the pennies are collected and sent off to the ACWW.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday the 1st March at 7.30 p.m., in the Evington Hall, where we will be having a talk on the art of ageing. Any new members will be made most welcome.

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Ramblings from the village walkers

Five face brambles and hail in Kingswood

Five of us set off at 2.20pm from the north end of the main car park taking the middle path of three heading in a northerly direction. The first section through a scrubby coppice overgrown with brambles, broom and rushes then two stands of mature trees until a junction of three public footpaths and a forest road where we took the path east to Oathill Farm now a large house with a terraced garden. The road leads up to Molash and the A252.

We continued down past a tall cupressus hedge and through the gate carrying on up the left hand gentler slope heading in a south easterly direction. It soon descended to cross another road and then climbed up again. At the

top was a coppiced area on the left and after a short descent we turned right at the crossroads south westwards following the road to take a path on the right through mature beech trees. We carried on down heading west and at the bottom a path joins from the right. As we continued along the track sheltered by mature trees a hail blizzard enveloped us. We went straight over the crossroads marked by a low round table - one of the Art Installations.

We had reached the home straight, just the second car park sign at the top of the hill, a left turn, some open heathland to skirt to the right before the muddy path through the trees took us back to the car park. About 3¼miles in about 1¾ hours and we feel healthier for the exercise.

Visit in April or early May to see the bluebells.

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Gardeners' Society

Members enjoy talk on exotic plants

Dr. Geoff Chapman, who was a lecturer at Wye College and used to live in Hastingleigh, spoke to us in January about Exotic Plants from around the World. He worked in the West Indies in the sixties and has studied plants in about 33 countries and writes as a botanical author. He now has a conservatory primarily for orchids and showed us many pictures of the flowers together with unusual flowers from his garden. He was keen to promote the protection of bees by not using sprays.

Geoff is very involved with U3A in Wye and said anyone would be welcome to join. He asked that the club make a donation to the Christopher Smiles Charity in lieu of his fee.

Sue Shaw's talk on March 20th is titled 'In the footsteps of Paddington Bear'. An intriguing title – please come and join us to find out more – visitors welcome (£2). SP



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In The Garden

This month we begin to think seriously of spring and the coming summer. Now is the time to get some plants in preparation. The season here is shortened by as much as 2 weeks in the spring and 2 weeks in the autumn as we are 600ft up. Any way we can overcome this is desirable. If you have a greenhouse or handy light windowsill you can plant seeds of half-hardy plants. When these have germinated the seedlings can be planted out into modules or alternatively you can plant the seeds directly into the modules. With a little bit of effort you can have a good supply of plants for planting out later in the season. You can buy in plants already germinated in modules from the garden centre which can be potted on producing plants at less than half the price. It is a good time to start this now as the garden centre plants are fresh and have not been sitting under cover for a few weeks. Avoid large pots as this is costly in compost, also some plants tend to fail if too large a

pot is used. Make sure the plants are kept in plenty of light. The advantage of producing plants in pots is there is little disturbance of the roots when they are planted out so they will grow away more quickly. The same principles can be applied to vegetable plants, particularly leeks, onions, cabbage etc.

There is still time to divide up the perennials in the border. As the new shoots appear the position of the plants becomes clear. I find splitting border perennials that have been in place several years stimulates new growth increasing the number of flowers. Splitting the plants also provides the opportunity to add fresh compost to the soil and provides more plants to enlarge areas or introduce into a new area. Flower beds need larger areas of single variety flowers to give more impact or rows (pathways) of uniform plants snaking across the border.

The coming month will be a busy time of preparation for the summer but don't forget the basics. Apply a general fertilizer like "Growmore" and compost to improve soil fertility. Watch out for slugs and snails on the emerging shoots and remove those weeds while they are still small! SB

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Parish upon the Hills

So, lent is upon us, and Easter is approaching fast. If we gave up something we love for lent, then by now we're wondering if it was really such a good idea and frankly, whether we can hold out the rest of the month!

Maybe, all we did to mark lent was eat pancakes on shrove Tuesday or possibly not even that, but either way, Easter is coming towards us, and what difference will it make to us? Will we eat lots of chocolate or cook a huge roast lamb dinner? Is visiting family something we try to do or maybe all it means is a four day weekend?

I'm not trying to say that any of these things are wrong, or right, for that matter, but I would like to challenge us all to think about why we do whatever we do.

I read recently that a survey conducted recently among European teenagers, found that only one in three knew that the reason we had Christmas was because it was when we celebrate Jesus' birth! Sad, but not entirely surprising. However I would bet that even fewer would know, if asked, what Easter was all about! Whether you believe in God, have some kind of faith, consider yourself to be a practicing Christian, practice another faith, or don't really fall into

any category at all, shouldn't we still inform our youngsters why society does what it does?

I think one of the best things to come out of having the world in my pocket, ('smart phone') is that I never need to say; "I don't know" ever again, instead I can reply to any question, "let's look it up!"

There is so much joy, strength and freedom in knowledge. It gives us a place in the world, an opinion which connects us to others, a point of view which we can debate with others. Knowledge, someone in the third world would say, is power. The power to climb out of poverty, to help others, to hopefully make a difference. So if knowledge is a good thing, why don't we share it with children? We don't have to say 'we' believe it, some people believe will do. But, in this multicultural society we live in, where getting along with everyone, no matter how different they are, is crucial to social well-being, then shouldn't we all know why we celebrate all religious holidays, not only the Christian ones, and then we can learn to respect each other, for what we believe, and for having the courtesy to know what we believe.

So on that note, a really Happy Easter to everybody, no matter what you believe or what you will be doing, and enjoy the chocolate four day weekend.

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What Makes Us Human?

This question was posed by Jeremy Vine on Radio 2 recently and it's quite thought provoking. A variety of people were asked to contribute their views, one of whom was NHS England's Chief Executive Simon Stevens. He argued that the pursuit of health and our capacity to care for each other is part of what makes us human.

"A philosopher once said: "Health isn't everything, but without it you've got nothing"

"So for the last four thousand years – and probably longer – we humans have been treating our ailments and trying to improve our health. That's true of no other species on the planet. We should feel both optimistic and ambitious for the further advances that lie within reach. The National Health Service and our partners have just launched a ground-breaking new effort to decode 100,000 human genomes. Over the next four years,

our doctors and scientists will be undertaking world-leading DNA research into the causes of and treatments for cancer and rare diseases. In future, medicine is going to be much more tailored to each individual patient. We're moving from one-size-fits-all treatments to personalised care, with higher cure rates and fewer side effects.

But while this 'precision medicine' is leading us to think about the 'me' in health care as against the 'us', we also need the opposite. Family and community seem to have more impact on our happiness than health or money and are integral to our health and mental wellbeing, not separate from it. While not perfect, at its best our National Health Service embodies such a shared commitment by the British people. There when we need it, at the most profound moments in our lives. At the birth of our children, at the deaths of our loved ones, and at every stage in between – as we grapple

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with hope, fear, generosity, loneliness, compassion – some of the most fundamental elements of the human spirit. But however good any nation's health service is, it can only ever support – not replace – the mutual respect, nourishing relationships and loving care that embody our shared humanity."

So the challenge for us in Wye is how to develop and sustain such a community. Everyone is invited to a meeting on Friday 16th March in the church 12 noon – 2 p.m. to share ideas on how to address social isolation in the area. Please let Dave Martin know if you would like to come as Our Place Wye will provide a sandwich lunch. **dave@davemartin.org.uk**
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Penny Haynes Chair Wye Surgery PPG.

This month's church flowers and cleaning volunteers:		
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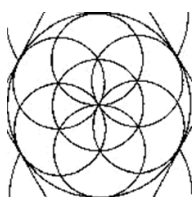
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‘So they do say...’

In the last magazine, mention was made of initials and circles engraved on St Mary’s Church doorway with two examples in the form of crosses shown below.



Here are other examples found in stained glass windows, ornaments and in church architecture throughout the country.



The Trinity



Seeds of Life
Pendant

One medieval graffiti expert believes that the symbols were intended to ward off evil. *“We also find an abundance of these kind of marks inside medieval houses, often close to fireplaces. This coincides with the interest in and fear of witches, which grew markedly during the second half of the sixteenth century.”* Many Suffolk and Norfolk churches have such engravings both on doorways and on font bases.

How were these marks made? The obvious tool would have been geometric compasses but these at this time were exceedingly rare. Matthew Champion, (*Norfolk and Suffolk Medieval Graffiti Surveys*) believes that that they could have been made using the little shears that women tended to carry around with them. *“The shears would be about the right size”*. They would also account for the deep holes in the centres of the circles.



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Pancake Party

Thank you to all who supported the Pancake Party in the Hall, and special thanks to all the cooks.

£127.00 was raised to support The Church Urban Fund appeal for Food Banks.

RB

100 Club Draws

There were no draws in January or February but they start again at the March Coffee Morning.

It's not too late to join in and you can do so by contacting Tracey Block 01233 750415.

Tickets cost £10 which covers 10 draws (March—December). Prizes are:
1st £25, 2nd £15 & 3rd £10
All profit goes to the ECP to be used for the community.
Thanks to those who have paid to take part this year.

Wanted Hastingleigh Book

A letter has been received asking if anyone has a copy of the book titled "**Hastingleigh 1000-2000 AD**".

If you have a spare copy or have one which you no longer want, please telephone Martin Sankey 01732 883212
Thank you.

Jumble Sale

By one o'clock the queues were forming outside the village hall for opening at 2pm. We heard that people had travelled from as far afield as the Medway Towns for our bargains.

Many thanks to everyone who helped on the day, for the donations of jumble and preparation of the hall beforehand. The total raised so far amounts to £534 with a little more due to late sales. This all helps to maintain the upkeep of the hall to a high standard.

Thank you.

SB

Library Van

The Library van will be parked in the village hall carpark on Tuesday 6th and Tuesday 20th March 09.45-10.15.

Church services in the Parish Upon The Hills		
4/3	First Sunday	09.30—Waltham—Group service for Elmsted, Hastingleigh, Petham & Waltham
11/3	Second Sunday	08.00—Waltham – BCP Communion, 10.00—Bodsham School - Messy Church 11.00—Petham – Mothers Day Family Communion 16.00—Hastingleigh Mothers Day Informal Service
18/3	Third Sunday	09:30—Waltham Communion 11:00—Hastingleigh Communion 11:00—Petham Family Service (No Communion) 17.00—Elmsted Choral Evensong
25/3	Fourth Sunday	09:30—Elmsted Communion 11:00—Hastingleigh Communion 11:00—Petham Family Communion
30/3	Good Friday	10am Family Easter Garden building, Petham. The Three Hours, stations of the cross, 12noon - 1.50 Hastingleigh. Reflections around the Cross, 1pm - 1.50 Petham. Music for Good Friday, 2pm - 3pm, Waltham.
31/3	Easter Saturday	18:00—Petham Family Friendly Easter Vigil see Footnote***
1/4	Easter Service	10:00 Elmsted Communion – Group Service

*** Family Friendly Easter Vigil 18.00 31/3 at Petham - This is a family friendly service –to welcome in Easter. We start by candlelight being brought into the gloom of an unlit church. Then fill the church with light and song, salute Easter and Christ’s resurrection with loud noise, (bring whistles, drums etc. for this bit) and finally, the first communion of Easter. (Children will receive a chocolate button and a blessing during communion). Followed by refreshments including Hot Chocolate with whipped cream and marshmallows, hot cross buns, and “sparklers”. Come along and join us.

Diary Dates - March

Thurs	1st	Art Group	09.30 - 12.00
		Bop Shop	13.45 - 14.30
		WI Meeting	19.30 - 22.00
Mon	5th	Hall Carpark Opening Ceremony	12.30 - 13.30
		ECP AGM & Meeting	19.30 - 21.00
Tues	6th	Toddler Group	09.30 - 12.00
Wed	7th	Coffee Morning	10.30 - 11.30
		Evington Community Choir	19.00 - 21.00
Thurs	8th	Art Group	09.30 - 12.00
		Elmsted PC Meeting	19.30
Fri	9th	Whist Drive	19.00 - 22.00
Sun	11th	Footpath Group (car park)	14.00
Tues	13th	Toddler Group	09.30 - 12.00
		Hastingleigh PC Meeting	19.45
Wed	14th	Evington Community Choir	19.00 - 21.00
Thurs	15th	Art Group	09.30 - 12.00
		Bop Shop	13.45 - 14.30
Fri	16th	Talk: Michelangelo	18.30 - 21.30
Tues	20th	Toddler Group	09.30 - 12.00
		Evington Gardeners'	19.30 - 21.30
Wed	21st	Evington Community Choir	19.00 - 21.00
Thurs	22nd	Art Group	09.30 - 12.00
		Bop Shop	13.45 - 14.30
Tues	27th	Toddler Group	09.30 - 12.00
Wed	28th	Evington Community Choir	19.00 - 21.00
Thurs	29th	Bop Shop	13.45 - 14.30

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Saltwood CEP School

seeks new chair of governors

After many years of loyal service to Saltwood school and the Federation with Bodsham CEP, Mr Gareth Rees is reaching the end of his term as chair of governors and will not be standing for re-election next year.

The school is therefore seeking to recruit a new chair of governors who would be willing to take up the post in September 2018.

Being involved with the governing body of a school is a voluntary commitment but it offers great rewards. Governors become involved in the life of the school and are able to support both the staff and children in a way that helps to ensure that our children receive the best possible start to their lives.

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but equally effective 'Ofsted outstanding' Church of England primary schools the chance to enhance and build on our established Christian values presents exciting potential for the future.

If you think you may have the skills and the time needed to effectively chair our governor meetings, with duties that include setting agenda, monitoring actions, refining policies and ensuring the whole governing body operates effectively and as a team towards the common goal of school improvement then the Executive Headteacher, Mr Paul Newton would be very pleased to hear from you. Training and support will be offered as needed. If you would like to talk this opportunity over informally please telephone either Paul Newton or Gareth Rees – details below.

Paul Newton: school phone number: 01303 266058 or email: Headteacher@saltwood.kent.sch.uk

Gareth Rees: 01303 268892 or email: reesg@btinternet.com

Please pass this on to anyone who may be interested.

Close To Calving

Farming Notebook

I think that "raw" best describes the weather today. It is cold and the wind is blowing the rain horizontally across the yard. It feels as though the wind will blow right through me.

Three times a week the cattle are bedded down with fresh straw. Whilst we are driving through the yards with the forklift we let the cattle have a little wander in the small paddock adjacent to the barns. Usually they enjoy their time outside. Not today. No sooner were they outside than they were queuing to come back inside and I don't blame them!

The cattle are looking well and have maintained a good condition over the winter. The closer that we get to calving, the greater the demands of the unborn calves on their mums. It is easy for the cows to go back. The challenge is always to keep the right level of feed to keep the cows in good order, and not too fat. Over feeding can result in very big calves with all

the potential problems that that can cause at calving.

A job we must do soon is to clean out the yards. The dung levels are getting high. All we need is a few frosty days so that we do not make a mess in the field where we are going to make our dung pile or "maxel". At the moment the fields are like a bog.

Soon it will be time for the early fertiliser application to the winter crops. The winter barley, oilseed rape and herbage seed are priorities, with the wheat following on. This year we are using Ammonium Sulphate for the first dressing. Although lower in Nitrogen than Ammonium Nitrate -21% as opposed to 34.5%- it does have 24% Sulphur. Pollution from coal and diesel engines used to provide sufficient atmospheric Sulphur for crops. 20 years ago up to 25Kg/Ha/year of Sulphur was available from the air. Now with low limits of the element in fuel, and power generation the amount available is negligible and it must be applied as a fertiliser. Both Nitrogen and Sulphur are very important elements for crop growth.

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Fortunately there are still indoor jobs to be done. Potato grading continues with a flurry of orders for the end of each month. Also it is that time of year when we have our inspection for both the Assured Combinable Crop Scheme (ACCS) and the Farm Assured British Beef and Lamb scheme (FABBL). Apart for physical inspections of the grain stores, chemical store, drug cabinet, sharps box, cattle ear tags etc etc it requires huge amounts of paperwork and record keeping. Every year there are new rules and changes to some of the old rules. This year a new rule asked the question of what was to be done with any rat or mouse carcasses that were found after baiting. The rules are different if the rat/mouse was a "domestic" rat/mouse or a "commercial" rat/mouse. It is unusual to find a carcass, but if you do, how can you tell which is which?

This year we did have a few mice under our grain store floor which I recorded in the rodent book. Our method of control did not need bait as it was humane biological control. We opened up the ducts under the floor, one at the time with the drying fan at full blast. The mice were blown out of the ducts and immediately eaten by the

dog. He was 100% successful and did not need any supper! Job done, box ticked.

I am pleased to report that we passed both inspections.

Another bureaucratic nightmare for us this year is that we have yet to receive our payment for the 2017 Basic Payment Scheme. DEFRA are supposed to pay this at the beginning of December. So I checked on line. It took an age to find the right page to log into the system with my unique code and password and eventually found that I had indeed submitted my claim on 24th April 2017 and it was still "under review". There was no explanation for the delay, and we still have to get to "payment pending" before actual payment. I will just have to be patient.

I did however notice that I had five messages waiting for me once I had logged in. These messages had a common theme. They notified me that of the 81 field parcels that I have on my claim anything from a woodland strip to our biggest field-41 had had their area, map number, and field number changed due to re-mapping. The area of both my eligible land and total farm, were almost identical before and after re-mapping. In fact we gained 0.02Ha over the whole farm. Now these areas are not something that I have measured and submitted. They are the areas

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provided by the Rural Land Registry. The very people who are changing the areas! AND this happens every year!!

In 1991 every farm had to pay the Ordnance Survey to measure and number each field parcel on the farm, and we still have a roll of very large scale maps in the office from that time. Then came digital mapping and everything changed. Then

came satellite mapping and everything changed again. I have been told that next year we revert back to new Ordnance Survey maps! How much time and money is being wasted on all this all for a change of 0.0004%. It is bonkers... Especially as nearly 30% of the agricultural budget is spent administering the scheme. It really is bonkers!

I am exasperated and frustrated but I must not complain. At least I am inside in the warm...

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Twitten Lane

I read recently that Twitten is an East Sussex term for a narrow path between two walls or hedges. The article continued with appreciating “the words (betwixt, between and betwitten) and why wasn't Twitten used more often.”

In Elmsted we once had our own Twitten Lane. It was mentioned in a legal deed of 1613 which listed all the fields and lanes around St James's church to Spong Wood. These names continually evolved over time and no doubt most field names today are different to those in past times.

The lane from the hamlet of Hill Street originally ended at the entrance to Parsonage Farm the last part once being called either The Highway or Church Lane. Twitten Lane ran for a short distance from the today's Parsonage Farm entrance to meet a footpath or track which in those days ran from St James church across the big field to the original Elmsted Vicarage (demolished before 1758)

past Black Hose Cottage (demolished before the 1901 census) then onto Spong Farm, and onwards across the fields up to Northleigh, St Mary's church at Stelling Minnis and Bossingham.

Yvonne Helmer of Hastingleigh who once lived in Hill Street from about the mid 1900s writes, *“Unfortunately, I have never heard of Twitten Lane, so have no first-hand knowledge about this. However, we did own the old vicarage field and I spent many happy hours there with my father turning hay, etc. Each time the field was ploughed it brought up a lot of pieces of brick, which we assumed came from the old building.”*

Black Hose Cottage has also been called Black Hole Farm. It was thought that Black Hose was more appropriate as it was near the old vicarage. However from Igglesden's ‘A Saunter Through Kent’ on Brabourne, ‘black holes’ were prisons. It has been said that Spong Farm was a courthouse and given that ‘Black Hole Farm’ is at a remote place, that is where a local gaol might have been located. Indeed in the

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Elmsted churchwardens' accounts for the poor in 1792 was this entry "Paid Mr Henry Carter the Gaol money £3 3s 1d".

Yvonne further writes, "*I think an early form of hardcore road used to run from Spong Farm to the area where the gaol might have been. This may have run the full length of the lane up to the current Holly Tree Cottage. I never remember the lane being muddy, even at the wettest time of year, so it*

obviously drained well and I can distinctly remember seeing a base of stones running down the side of Spong Wood."

The same deed of 1613 also mentions a Vicarage Lane. When the fields boundaries are mapped out, Vicarage Lane has been determined as being the track that runs from today's Holly Tree Cottage to Spong Wood going past the location of the old Elmsted Vicarage.

Perhaps users of this ancient track may wish to comment on the appearance of its surface.

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Villagers' Recipes

Whilst sorting out some books, I found a recipe book produced by villagers to raise funds for both churches. Unfortunately there was no date printed on it but some of those who contributed recipes think it was made in the late 70's/early 80's.

I have decided to take some of these village favourites and put them in the magazine along with a few lines about the person and their connection to Elmsted and Hastingleigh.

I'm starting with a Quickie Coffee Cake submitted by **Freda Nancollas**.

Freda moved to School House in Bodsham in 1954 when her husband John was appointed as headmaster of the school and she became the infant teacher until her retirement in 1986. During her time living in Bodsham and Hastingleigh, she was actively involved in community activities especially the WI, Evington Players and St John of Beverly. Her quickie coffee cake was her 'go-to' donation for

cricket teas, cake stalls and whist drives for three major reasons; it was quick, the simple ingredients were always in the cupboard, and it never failed even in the temperamental Rayburn in School House! The recipe has been passed on in her hand written recipe folder and has been recreated in many corners of the globe.

(Written by Sarah Nancollas)

Quickie Coffee Cake

4oz self-raising flour
2 tsp instant coffee powder
4oz golden syrup
2oz margarine
2oz caster sugar
1 egg
2 tbsp milk
Coffee butter cream

Sieve the flour with the coffee powder.

Melt fat, sugar and syrup over a gentle heat.

Cool and combine with beaten egg and milk.

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