

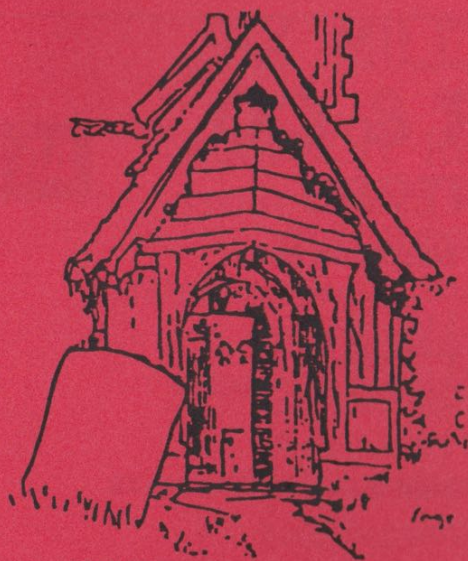
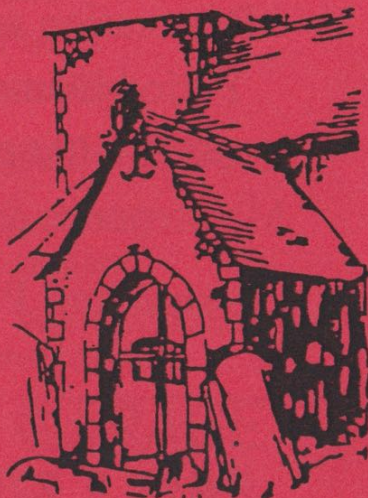
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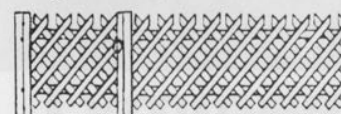
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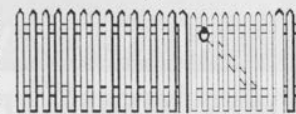
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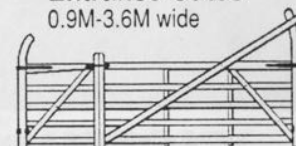
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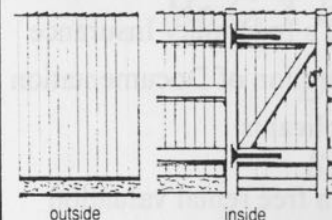
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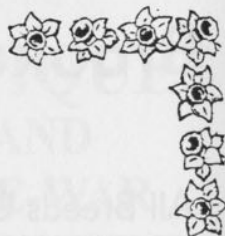
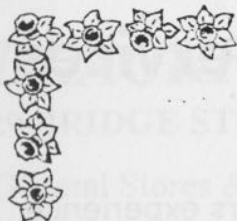


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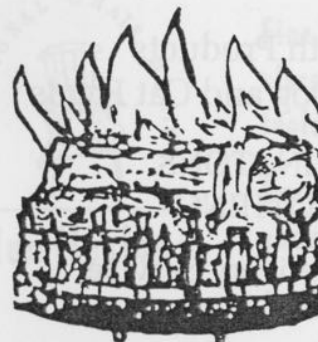
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Dear Friends,

By the time you read this, the weeks of electioneering will be over and the result of the General Election will be known. Whether we voted or not, it is obvious that we cannot avoid the political decisions of both the electorate and the Government. Although many of the decisions of Parliament do not affect our everyday lives they do have a slow, accumulative effect upon the social fabric of the nation. This means that even with a change of government we cannot expect a marked change in our way of life, in the Health service, Education or employment for quite a long time. Which ever party next rules, the changes will not be as swift as the election promises suggested.

Living in what many feel is an "Instant Society" there may be little patience to wait for three years or more to see how political promises are kept. Such impatience is not the way we can approach God. The Old Testament tells us of God making promises, but also tells us that it took many decades, even centuries for such promises to be realised. It took forty years for the Hebrews to reach the Promised Land, (and I think that Moses learnt what an impatient people could be like!). Jesus promised His disciples that they would not be left without support. After Jesus left them at the Ascension, they must have wondered just for how long their waiting would be. In fact it was only ten days before the Holy Spirit (called the Comforter) came to them. Then with inspired joy and confidence they were able to go about Jerusalem telling everyone they came across the Good News that God's love had been expressed so perfectly in Jesus, that although put to death on a Cross, Jesus had been raised into New Life. This New Life is promised to all who trust in Jesus. New Life that does not deny the earthly body and its ageing, its decay and demise, but New Life that has a reality and truth that only God could promise us.

Well that is far beyond what any Political Party can offer us, or wish us to trust! It is a promise though, which I believe is worth acknowledging and which I believe will be kept for each and everyone of us - all we need do is to vote not *with* a cross, but *for* the Cross!

Yours in His service

Paul

## PLANT SALE

WEDNESDAY 7TH MAY



7.00PM



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Perennials

Pot Plants

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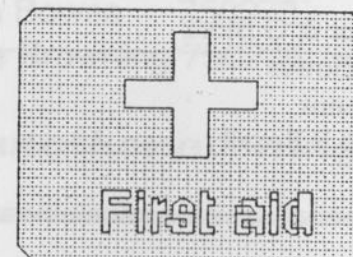
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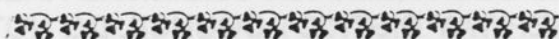




*Thank You!*

Very many thanks to everyone who sent me cards and good wishes during my recent spell in hospital. I am on the way to full recovery and look forward to taking part in village life again in the near future. Again very many thanks.

Ken Homer



# MOWING ROTA

## MAY

### Elmsted

|          |                            |
|----------|----------------------------|
| 5th May  | The Wright Team            |
| 12th May | The Nichols Team           |
| 19th May | The Browning Team          |
| 26th May | The Jeffery Team           |
| 2nd June | The Nicholson/Calcutt Team |

### Hastingleigh

|           |                    |
|-----------|--------------------|
| 3rd       | R Helmer & G Block |
| 4th-17th  | T & M Bowes        |
| 18th-31st | The Bacons         |
| 1st June  | J Link & P Boxall  |



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## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

As you are all probably aware I have taken over from Trevor as your Neighbourhood watch Co-ordinator. Each month I will try and keep you up to date with the latest crime trends that may be applicable in a rural environment. The following excerpt is from the monthly bulletin that I receive from the Kent Police, not necessarily a rural problem, but an important one nevertheless.

### CHECK YOUR CREDIT CARD STATEMENTS CAREFULLY

Jargon is constantly developing in all areas of our lives. Those of us with computers are well aware of this. Crime is no different. Just watch one of those many cop fiction programmes on the telly to hear this. Blagging (robbery), screwing a drum (house burglary) and biking (making off without paying for goods or services) are just a few.

The newest that I have heard of is "skimming". This relates to the reprogramming of the magnetic strip on bank and credit cards to give false information. Kent Police have a Cheque and Credit Card Unit as part of the Specialist Crime Department and are warning the public to carefully go through statements to make sure every item on there is genuine.

Rewriting the computer data on a card means that, because the name, account number and expiry date on the front and the signature are unchanged, the card looks legitimate. The "skimmed" card is then used to buy goods but the person charged will be whoever is unfortunate enough to have had their details coded into the metallic strip on the back.

Detective Superintendent Clapperton from Police HQ said, "Skimming is an offence that has become more prevalent because the card technology has become more readily available to commercial outlets and subsequently to the criminals. It isn't just banks which issue cards now, there are more and more cards around from commercial companies and criminals are using it to their advantage. If the fraudsters get hold of lists of credit card numbers, the potential for deception on a large scale is enormous".

So the advice is firstly look after your cards to prevent them being stolen and always carefully check your monthly statements. Your card may have never been out of your wallet or purse all month but if your strip details are on another card, the items will show on the statement. If you have a busy account, take even more care.

The credit card companies do hold spending profiles of your normal usage so if there is suddenly a great increase in activity in your account, especially away from your usual spending locations, they should pick this up and query it with you. Always let them know of unusual transactions which show up.

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## ROGATION WALK

Sunday 4 May

from the Pond,  
Hastingleigh

at 2.30pm

Everybody  
welcome - dogs  
on leads please.



## FLOWER AND CLEANING ROTA

| May                | Hastingleigh                   | Elmsted                      |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 3rd                | Mrs Voigts<br>Mrs Burrage      | Mrs Nicholson<br>Mrs Hulme   |
| 10 & 17<br>24 & 31 | Mrs Bacon<br>Mrs Gorell-Barnes | Mrs Argar<br>Mrs Francesconi |
| 24 & 31            | Mrs Ball<br>Mrs Barkaway       | Mrs Calcutt<br>Ms Phillips   |

It's that time of the year again!  
To come up the hill  
For LUNCHES and TEAS  
At ELMSTED CHURCH

Sunday 25th MAY  
Monday 26th MAY

11.30a.m. to 5.30p.m.

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*From the Registers.....*



## BAPTISMS

6th April Caleb Benjamin Riley St.James Elmsted

20th April Charlotte Alice Ponting St.James Elmsted

## SERVICES in MAY

St James the Great  
Elmsted

St.Mary the Virgin  
Hastingleigh

**Sunday 4**      **ROGATION SUNDAY**  
9.30am      Family Service      ELMSTED  
(The Revd Paul Cox)

**Sunday 11**      **SUNDAY after the ASCENSION**  
9.30am      Holy Communion      ELMSTED  
(The Revd John Hewes)  
11.00am      Holy Communion      HASTINGLEIGH  
(The Revd Paul Cox)

**Sunday 18**      **PENTECOST**  
9.30am      H.Communion (ASB A)      ELMSTED  
(The Revd Arthur Soar)  
11.00am      H.Communion (ASB A)      HASTINGLEIGH  
(The Revd John Hewes)

**Sunday 25**      **TRINITY SUNDAY**  
9.30am      H.Communion (BCP)      HASTINGLEIGH  
(The Revd Paul Cox)

**Sunday 1 June**      **PENTECOST 2**  
9.30am      Family Service      ELMSTED  
(The Revd Paul Cox)  
2.30pm      Baptism -George Argar      ELMSTED

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**SUNDAY SEEKERS - 18th MAY 9.30am Evington Hall**

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## MAY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

|       |       |                                                   |                                                    |
|-------|-------|---------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| Thurs | 1st   | WI Meeting &<br>Meal                              | Cold Blow 7.00pm<br>Farm                           |
| Sat   | 3rd   | Boot Fair                                         | Lord Whisky<br>Centre                              |
| Mon   | 5th   | 5 Church Walk                                     |                                                    |
| Wed   | 7th   | Plant Sale                                        | Evington 7.00pm<br>Hall                            |
| Sun   | 11th  | Footpath Walk                                     | Evington 2.00pm<br>Hall                            |
| Mon   | 12th  | Wyecycle<br>collects                              | Evington 8.30am -<br>Hall 10.00am                  |
| Thurs | 15th  | Archdeacon's<br>Visitation                        | The 7.30pm<br>Cathedral                            |
| Sun   | 18th  | Sunday<br>Seekers<br>MacMillion<br>Mile Challenge | Evington 9.30am<br>Hall<br>The Bowl 12.30pm<br>Inn |
| Sun   | 25th) | Lunches & Teas                                    | Elmsted 11.30am -                                  |
| Mon   | 26th) |                                                   | Church 5.30pm                                      |
| Wed   | 28th  | Chiropody<br>Clinic                               | Evington<br>Hall                                   |



BOOK THIS DATE IN YOUR DIARY FOR .....

## SENSATIONAL SUMMER DRAW AND TREASURE HUNT

ON: 15 June 1997

TIME: 2.30 p.m.

PLACE: Evington Village Hall,  
Hastingleigh

TREASURE HUNT      SUMMER DRAW      HOMEMADE TEAS

IN AID OF ST. JOHN OF BEVERLEY FOR THE DEAF

MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW

## FOOTPATH WALK



A sunny afternoon, with a cooling breeze - perfect for walking! Seven of us set out - lambing, gardening and the like having thinned our numbers. Keith was leading and raised a few eyebrows by describing the proposed route as "the two windmill walk". From the Rose and Crown, at Stelling Minnis we went westward crossing Stone Street and came to our first windmill. The ordnance survey map described the site as "a mound" which was extremely accurate I thought. Our guide and mentor however explained his researches into the archives showed that this was the site of a windmill. Given a little good will and a lot of imagination, we could almost see the sails turning against the sky! From there we went North and then diagonally across to Stelling Minnis Church where after chatting up the gardeners in the neighbouring cottages, one of our lady members continued the walk with a souvenir daffodil.

We then circled East and South till we came to the second windmill - the one we all know about. Since it was open, we decided to add to our education by a trip round it and an interesting visit it was too. Finally we wandered back across the common to the starting point and our cars, musing about how this Spring seems to have been such a superb one for blossom and such a hard one for ponds.

The next walk will be on May 11th starting at 2pm at Evington Hall.

GE



## ELMSTED WITH HASTINGLEIGH WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

April was a very busy month with arrangements for the Group Meeting on the 24th as well as the usual business.

The National Federation have heard that the Royal Mint is to strike a limited edition of gold, silver and toned bronze medals to commemorate 100 years of the WI.

The Queen Mother will plant a tree to mark the centenary on her next visit to Walmer Castle.

MARION COLLINS reported on the Council Meeting at Margate where they were welcomed by the Mayor. A member of the Trust for Thanet Archaeology spoke of a Roman Minster at Margate. There was also a talk from the "Cooking Canon" which delegates found very entertaining.

Speakers for the evening were two officers from Dover Customs and Excise Dog Unit who told of their fight to curb drug smuggling through the ports. Last year £45 million worth of drugs were apprehended. A sobering thought when you realise how much more has probably got through. They really have no way of telling how successful they have been, but if they hear that the street price has gone up they feel they have made their mark. Highlight of the evening was an introduction to Pluto, a lively Springer Spaniel, champion drug finder for the South East region. He showed his skills by locating some well hidden cannabis with great enthusiasm. Obviously he enjoys his work. Dogs are trained by the Army at a cost of £20,000 each and are bought by Customs and Excise for £10,000 (well worth it the officers say). They live in kennels while working but on retirement at about 6 years, are usually adopted by their handlers.

MARION COLLINS gave a vote of thanks.

The competition for a photo of a pet was won by SANDRA ARGAR and the flower of the month by JEAN BOWES.

JUNE ETHERIDGE submitted a Menu to go forward to the Group Meeting competition.

The May meeting will be at Cold Blow Farm because of the Election. It will commence at 7pm to allow time for birthday celebrations afterwards.

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## AGE CONCERN ELHAM RURAL

### Hi Kent Association for Deaf and Hearing Impaired

The Mobile Hearing Advice Unit will be visiting the Day Centre, Everist Court, Lyminge on Tuesday 6th May and will be in attendance between 10 am and 12 noon.

### Alexandra Rose Day

Age Concern Elham Rural are holding their Annual house to house collection for Alexandra Rose Day this year, and will be collecting around the villages from 2nd June to 14th June. We do value your support and we hope you will respond with your usual generosity when our collectors call. All the money collected is spent locally for the benefit of elderly people in the area.

Sheila Woods  
Area Organiser



## Our Hidden Heritage V

As I wrote in my last article, the arrival of the 'Neo-classical' style of architecture in building during the 17th century, coupled with increasing affluence in society, made building increasingly fashionable. It must be remembered that old was definitely "old hat", and that rebuilding and re-facing was the "in thing" to do! Date plaques were used to remind the neighbours of this, and there are authenticated instances where contemporary dates were inscribed on buildings erected somewhat earlier! This era saw the arrival of Mathematical Tiles. Mathematical or Brick Tiles, are a flanged tile designed to imitate brickwork. Bedded and nailed to timber framing or to brickwork, and with the joints pointed in with mortar, they are almost impossible to distinguish from true brickwork except to the trained eye. Becoming widely used by the mid 18th century, they made a useful cladding to modernise your timber frame house, or to give the impression you have a brick house when you can only afford a wooden one! Confined mainly to towns and large villages in the South East of England, there are many examples to be seen. In Canterbury there are houses in the Cathedral precinct, Ask Restaurant St. Peter's Street, Berni Inn Burgate to name three among dozens of others. Faversham, Sandwich, Tenterden and Rye all have a multitude of tile clad buildings. The tiles are predominantly of buff or yellow colour to the east, and mainly red to the west of the County. In Lewes and Brighton, a black glazed tile laid in header bond is the preferred colour. Nearer home, the School House, East Hill, Ashford is a fine buff tile example, also incorporating a stone string course at first floor level. Even closer, there are some nice red tile clad cottages in Church Street, Wye. To detect these tiles, study the building's external angles, there is usually a strip of timber fixed to the angle to which the tiles abut. Look closely at the arches, these are made of a slab of fired clay with the arch brick joints incised and pointed in to match the other

work. Where wooden buildings are tile clad, a close inspection at ground level will sometimes reveal buckled tiling where the structure has decayed and settled. (The Linen House, West Cross, Tenterden has this problem.) Further embellishments were the introduction of imitation stone quoins, (corner stones) made of wood and built into the tiling. An example is the Laura Ashley shop in Tenterden. The inventor and origin of this very versatile building component is unknown, the first dated tiles appeared in 1724, and since that time until the 19th century they were widely used. Two major houses in Kent have been Mathematically tiled: Chevening near Westerham, tiled clad for fashion sake and now restored to its original red brickwork, and Belmont at Eastling, built by Samuel Wyatt in 1722, still resplendent in its buff tile facades. Mathematical tiles are a unique method of building, and for me the subject has become a great interest. All likely buildings I see come under close scrutiny in the endeavour to ascertain the true nature of their fabric. Doubtless I have raised queries in the minds of passers-by when I have been observed peering at a house wall just inches from the end of my nose! Next month I will discuss the late Georgian- Victorian period, meanwhile, what about a visit to Belmont? Open to the public, marvellous house and grounds, fascinating collection of clocks and a tea room!

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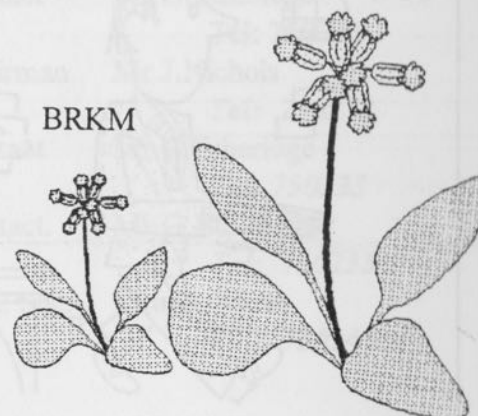
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Above the new sprung corn;
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We reap this blessed morn.





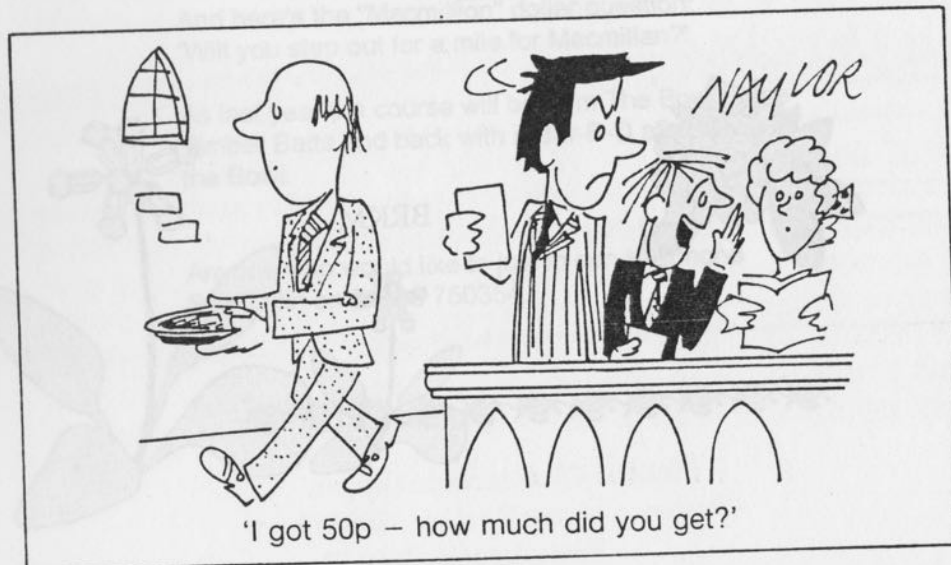
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Valuable financial support was given by the National Westminster and Lloyds banks which funded an excellent 12-strong orchestra, whilst the Upper Hardres PCC also contributed generously.

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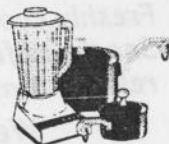
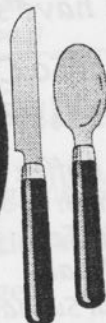
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