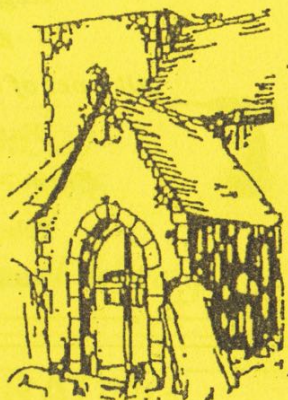


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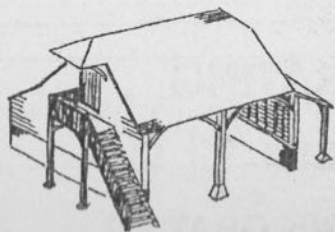




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## **FEBRUARY FOOTPATH WALK**

14 hardy walkers had planned to walk from Stelling Minnis. Sunday morning arrived drizzly and very dull, then came the rain.

At 1 pm we met at the Rose & Crown to be greeted with "I've only come for lunch".

Our tables were ready and lunch arrived with lots of chatter and after much deliberation it was decided to cancel the walk. Well then the next big problem was if we should have pudding as we were not walking, some could not resist when the menu arrived.

So the only walking was from the car to pub and by then it was snowing.

## **SUNDAY TEATIME IN THE CHURCH**



A chance to get together, to talk, to make and do something new, and to have a jolly good tea! Every fourth Sunday at 4.30pm in the Evington Hall. Run by the local church communities.

This month, Sunday Teatime will be held on 24<sup>th</sup> March IN ST. MARY THE

VIRGIN, HASTINGLEIGH. Call Selina Farnfield on 01233 750450 for further details.



## HASTINGLEIGH with ELMSTED WI

Twelve members met on Thursday 7th February at Evington Hall.

The Treasurer gave the financial report and future events and outings were discussed.

Our speaker for the evening was Ms Amanda Cottrell, OBE who asked for all the hall lights to be turned off after lighting a large candle. This was to create the atmosphere for her fascinating talk on her family history dating back to Tudor times. Ms Cottrell was born into the Howard family, Dukes of Norfolk. Probably the most famous being Thomas Howard, whose two nieces were infamous for marrying King Henry VIII and being beheaded. Ms Cottrell's mother was from Virginia but descended from the Neville family, Earl of Warwick, Warwick the Kingmaker. A very enjoyable absorbing speaker.

The competition for an old family photograph was won by Mrs Nancollas with a photo of her grandmother and eleven of her thirteen children! Flower of the month was won by Mrs George and Mrs Argar won the raffle.

### Advance notice of Social Evening.

Hastingleigh with Elmsted WI would like to invite everyone to an evening meal to be held on Friday 10th May at Evington Hall. There will be a raffle in aid of Kent Air Ambulance. Further details and booking for this popular event to Mrs Jean Bowes 01233 811875 or Mrs Jill Argar 01233 750311.

Next meeting will be on Thursday 7th March when speaker will be author Sarah Grazebrook discussing her latest novel "The shadow of The lamp"

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Evington Community Project

## NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

*The Annual General Meeting of the Evington Community Project will be held in the Evington Hall on Monday 4th March at 8.00 pm.*

*We would love to see anyone at this meeting who wishes to join the small group of volunteers that manage the Evington Community Project.*



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## IN THE GARDEN

Although we think of the winter as a dead time in the garden there are many plants still growing. The hellebores are developing and the snowdrops are in bloom. Spring bulbs are appearing and need protecting from the slugs.

The recent snowy weather has given little opportunity for gardening outside. There are, however, still useful jobs you can do in the greenhouse or indoors.

If you lifted your dahlia tubers in the autumn now is the time to check on them to make sure they have not been frosted or going mouldy. Keep them on the dry side to prevent fungal growth and cover them to keep them above freezing. In a month or so they will show signs of growth and shoots will begin to appear. When this happens, make sure they are in the light. This will ensure they develop robust shoots. When the shoots are 2-3 inches long you can propagate to increase your stock. Cut off cleanly near the base and plant in compost with 50% grit. Cover them with a clear plastic cover to retain moisture and place in a warm, bright lit place. The plants produced from these cuttings are less likely to be virus infected so will produce better plants. When the shoots are established destroy the old tubers.

If you have a cold greenhouse or a light window sill you start off broad beans for later planting out. This gives earlier production and can prevent losses due to mice. This did not work to plan this year for me as the mice found the beans in the greenhouse and I had to resort to traps to prevent total devastation. Other seeds like lettuce are also worth starting in this way. Plant 2-3 seeds in modules and thin when they emerge.

During the mild periods it is possible to move perennials and plant bare rooted trees so long as the ground is not solid with frost. Give trees a strong support as on top of the hill the wind can push them over.

In a mild spell recently I mowed the lawn! Setting the mower to its highest height I gave it quick run over. This reduced the taller tufts and will make it very much easier to mow when the growing season starts again.

It is the time to prune fruit trees before they start to shoot. Thin out the spurs of cordons, prune to 4 inches the autumn fruiting raspberries. It is time also for the second pruning of the Wisteria. Reduce all the side shoots to 2-3 buds to give a better display of the flowers.

SB

## EVINGTON HALL

Many thanks to everyone who helped with the jumble sale at the end of January. The sum of £545 was raised for Hall funds.

The AGM of the hall will be held on March 20<sup>th</sup> at 8.00pm in the village hall. Everyone is welcome to attend.

## HOLIDAY FIRE SAFETY

Holidays are now, it seems, an all year round event, but Easter is often perceived as the start of the holiday period. With this in mind I would like to remind you of something that we all too often neglect, that is the fire procedures in your holiday accommodation.

In this country most accommodation comes under fire safety legislation, and is inspected regularly to ensure that their standards are at the required level. These standards will include a notice conspicuous in your room with clear instructions describing the alarm signal and action to be taken if it is sounded. Normally it will be sited on a wall or on the inside of the door in each room in a hotel.

When you first reach your accommodation just take a minute or two to familiarise yourself with the notice, the fire exits and routes, and also where the call points are in case you should need to raise the alarm. Whilst moving around the buildings just make a mental note of where the alternative emergency exits are should the need arise.

Unfortunately, the standards of fire protection and warning elsewhere in the world are not always up to the levels expected in the UK, and familiarising yourselves with exits and routes is even more important, it may even be worthwhile creating a "holiday fire plan" and discussing briefly with the rest of your family.



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## First Mass of Easter

Tired of attending too many services?

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The first part of the service will be the Easter Vigil and the lighting of the new Paschal Candle.

This is followed by Holy Communion and the celebration of Christ's resurrection with the ringing of bells.



As with most things the more bells the better so please bring along sleigh bells, hand bells, cow bells or anything with bells on.



The service will conclude with hot chocolate and fireworks in the churchyard.

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<b>10<sup>th</sup> March</b> Lent 4	10.00 Mothering Sunday Service at <b>Bodsham School</b>	
<b>17<sup>th</sup> March</b> Lent 5	<b>11.00am Hastingsleigh:</b> Family Communion (CW)	<b>5.00 Elmsted:</b> Evensong
<b>24<sup>th</sup> March</b> Lent 6	<b>9.30 Elmsted:</b> Parish Communion (CW)	<b>11.00 Hastingsleigh:</b> Holy Communion (BCP) 4.00pm Sunday Teatime <b>In St. Mary's, Hastingsleigh</b>

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Feb 23rd	Mrs Young	Mrs Gregory
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Mar 9th	Mrs Ball	Mrs McFarlane
Mar 16th	Mrs Pell Mrs Homer	Mrs Hewson
Mar 23rd	Mrs Hewes	Mrs Wright
Mar 30th	Mrs Healy Mrs Perez	Mrs Thrupp



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### MARCH



<b>Fri 1st</b>	ECP Youth Club (Page 15)	7.00pm
<b>Mon 4th</b>	ECP Annual General Meeting (Page 15)	8.00pm
<b>Tues 5th</b>	Elmsted Parish Council Meeting	7.30pm
<b>Wed 6th</b>	Coffee Morning	10.30am
<b>Thurs 7th</b>	Women's Institute (Page 14)	7.30pm
<b>Fri 8th</b>	Whist Drive	7.00pm
<b>Sun 10th</b>	Footpath Walk (Page 13)	2.00pm
<b>Tues 12th</b>	Hastingsleigh Parish Council Meeting	7.45pm
<b>Fri 15th</b>	ECP Youth Club (Page 15)	7.00pm
<b>Tues 19th</b>	Gardeners Society Meeting (Page 23)	7.30pm
<b>Weds 20th</b>	Evington Village Hall AGM (Page 17)	8.00pm

**Note:** All events at Evington 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



## WYE BENEFICE OFFICE

Easter is a time of great celebration for the Church. The Easter story is familiar to all of us, but the true meaning can be elusive or difficult to understand. It is loaded with meaning and quiet contemplation, but how can we make this relevant to people who don't know God or the Bible? What would I say to a friend if they asked me to explain the meaning of Easter?

Well I might start by explaining that although the characters of the Easter story seem surprised by the events (apart from Jesus), it ought not to have been so. Many prophets from the Old Testament foretold detailed aspects of Jesus' life and ministry, including his death and resurrection. Jews had been waiting centuries for the Son of God to come, it's just that they didn't expect him to look like Jesus. When they saw him being flogged and crucified he looked weak, ordinary and anything but a King.

You see, the relationship people had with God before Easter Sunday and Jesus' resurrection was a bit tricky - since Adam and Eve we had proved ourselves to be prone to giving in to temptation, committing all kinds of crimes against other people and God. God tried to help us out with a set of instructions ('the law') that included the Ten Commandments and others. But even then there was nobody who was capable of living entirely without sin (or within the law). This meant there was a separation between us and God.

So the reason why Jesus even came to earth in the first place - the link between his birth and death, Christmas and Easter - is so that he could live a sinless life, fulfilling the law and making amends for our sins. And all this means that we are no longer separated from God.

I hope you'll forgive the simplicity of the message, but one way to understand Easter is to think about love.

The Bible says, 'This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins... since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another'. Christians believe that God is love, and that sending His only Son to die for us was the ultimate act of love. It is this that gives us cause to celebrate at Easter. I pray that this Easter you would know His love for you.

Alex Harris—Deputy Church Warden

## EVINGTON GARDENERS

The Mot-Mot turned out to be a rather attractive turquoise green bird, about sixteen inches in size, with a long tail with a tuft of feathers on the end. It was one of many fascinating birds and plants pictured at a very lively and interesting talk entitled 'Nicaragua, in search of the Mot-Mot' given by Susan Scrivens at the February meeting. As well as the wealth of exotic flora and fauna one would associate with a Central American country, what this reviewer in particular had not appreciated is also how volcanic Nicaragua is.

The Spanish colonial town of Leon alone is surrounded by nine active volcanoes and we saw photographs of hot springs and lava fields with the silk tree with its yellow flowers growing, and great clumps of orchids growing on the side of a volcano. There were pictures too of water hyacinths in Lake Nicaragua, cashew nuts growing, acacia trees full of termite tunnels, the long-tailed mannequin bird, Capuchin monkeys, pineapple fields, the star fruit tree, the cocoa fruit growing directly out of the trunk of the tree (most of the cocoa being exported to Germany), coffee growing, tobacco growing, rubber trees, the calabash tree with its pods being used to make kitchen utensils and many more besides. What was also striking was to see leafless trees in full flower (mainly pink or yellow) in March. Mrs Scrivens explained that this was to protect themselves from the searing heat. The leaves come later with the rains. There were also scenes of Nicaraguan life, from the parakeets on sale as pets to vats of iguana stew on sale in the market – a sight not appreciated by the more faint-hearted members of the audience! It was a well attended talk and much enjoyed by all.

The talk on the 19 March is on 'Medicinal herbs growing in the garden: their use for common ailments' and is to be given by Milena Moore. The annual plant sale is on Wednesday 1 May with plants being provided by Will Denne. As always, everyone is welcome to these events.

J.P



## THE HUNDRED HOST RUSSIAN MUSICIANS

On Sunday March 10 at 7.30 Sergei Vasilyev, piano, and Alina Karpenko, soprano, present a concert of Russian classical music and folk song at Petham Village Hall. Another new departure for The Hundred Shows! For tickets: £10 (£5 for students) - ring 01227 700 847 or 01227 700 327.

When Canterbury created The Three Cities Association by linking with the Russian city of Vladimir and Bloomington-Normal, Illinois we expected friendship, but hadn't reckoned on what fine music our Russian friends would bring. The Kalinka Dance company at the Marlowe and the unforgettable unaccompanied Raspev Choir in the Cathedral quickly made matters clear.

When the Association celebrated its 25th anniversary in 2010 Sergei performed in an international trio in Canterbury's jubilee concert. Now launched on his career as a soloist, he returns to give a solo recital and accompany soprano Alina Karpenko. They are both from Vladimir and with their Masters' degrees from Moscow have benefited from the rigorous musical training that Russia provides. Alina's repertoire, which she has performed in Russia and abroad, ranges from baroque to contemporary music. We are lucky to be visited by this talented pair on the threshold of their promising careers.

### Godinton House & Gardens

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#### Spring Pruning and Garden Tasks – 16<sup>th</sup> March, 9.30am – 2.30pm

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#### NGS Garden Open Day – 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2pm – 5.30pm

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Over the last few years Liz has regularly driven through this valley and has enjoyed seeing the landscape change through the seasons. It is a sparsely populated valley and could be almost anywhere in the UK. "Whenever I stop the car it is beautifully peaceful and I am able to enjoy the sights and sounds of the countryside" said Liz.

The Kent Downs are an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty with a vibrant landscape that includes this secluded valley which is criss-crossed by tiny lanes and historic hedgerows.

The images Liz will be creating will be a mixture of digital and film based photography and possibly alternative process or mixed media. From the final images she will then select a body of work to go into an exhibition.

Liz is seeking crowd funding to help her realise her dream of creating an exhibition on this valley. The project started in January 2013 and will run to December 2013 and will be funded over three separate stages (February to April - June to August - October to December). Funding will go towards the costs of producing the images as well as final prints and exhibition costs. To support the project and give people the opportunity to be part of the art creating process I have decided to use crowd funding. Funding starts from as little as £3.50.

The project can be followed as it unfolds on: <http://kentdownsvalley.blogspot.co.uk/> or [www.lizgarnett.com/valley.htm](http://www.lizgarnett.com/valley.htm)

Liz's career in photography started 20 years ago in April 1993 when she became a travel photographer. Her travel photography has been published worldwide in books, magazines and newspapers. On the art side the majority of her images are created using transparency or print film and she also enjoys exploring alternative processes and montage techniques. Her art photography has been exhibited in London and the South East as well mainland Europe. It is also in public and private collections around the world.

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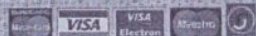
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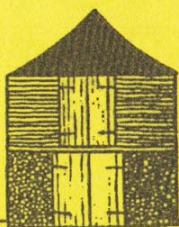
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