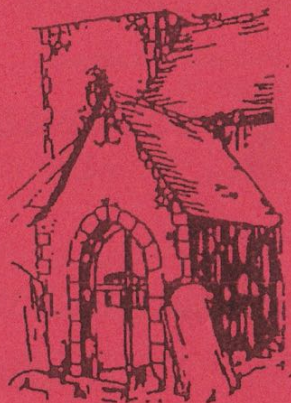


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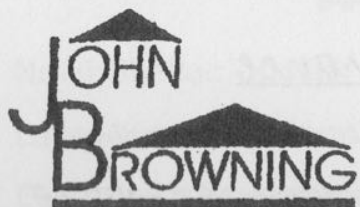
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EVINGTON COMMUNITY PROJECT

SPRING FAIR

Monday 5th May, 2014

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12.30



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Beer Tent - Teas - Cake Sale - Craft Stall

Plant Sale - Coconut Shy - Bouncy Castle

Bodsham School Merry Making Maypole Dancers

Art Exhibition in Evington Village Hall

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SUMMARY OF THE EVINGTON VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE AGM

The AGM of the village hall committee was held on 19th March.

Ten members were present at the meeting. The chairman George Jessel in his report thanked all the members of the committee for their work during the year. The officers on the committee remain the same for the following year.

The main fund raising events for the year which are the Christmas Bazaar, the Trevor Wye concert and the Jumble sale were successful raising very useful funds for the hall especially with the help of match funding by Vanessa London. The chairman commented on how good it was to see the return of the Evington players to the hall. Overall the hall has been well used over the last year and it was decided to keep the rents the same. Some of the funds raised have been used for the repair of the porch, electrical work, microphones for the sound system and decoration of the kitchen.

However the concern of the committee members present was the lack of representatives from frequent users of the hall. The Evington Hall Committee is made up of members from all the groups that use the hall. These groups then become affiliated to the hall and benefit from reduced rents. It would be good to see representatives from some frequent users of the hall join the committee and attend a couple of meetings a year. The present committee consists of people who have been on the committee for many years and it would be good to see some new members with new ideas.

The committee would like to thank all the people who supported the events at the hall during the year and hope that this will continue.

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ENTRY FORM

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EVINGTON GARDENERS

The secret gardens of 'La Serenissima' (one of the many epithets used to describe Venice) with its unique light, whether of the shimmering heat of summer or of the mists of winter, and where the ecological balance between land and water is important, was the subject of the talk at the meeting in March. Dr. Richard Goodenough opened his lecture with some lovely scene-setting photographs. There were aerial views of the city taken from the campanile of San Marco and that of San Giorgio Maggiore which gave an excellent idea of the number and size of gardens which tend to be hidden away behind high walls and are difficult to get into. Richard grouped the gardens into four types: those belonging to sacred communities, palace gardens, public and contemporary gardens. At 2.5 acres the garden of the church of the Redentore on the Giudecca is one of the biggest, dating from the 9th century, with a variety of plants including artichokes, vines, medicinal plants and olives. This contrasted with the simplicity of the box parterres of San Giorgio Maggiore and the cypress groves of the island of San Michele, the cemetery with its distinguished occupants, Diaghilev and Stravinsky.

The gardens of Venice's many palaces tend to follow the same plan with a portego leading from the entrance on the canal to the terrace, usually of a combination of marble and brick, and through to the garden proper which often has a central path and English planting - roses, and a lot of greenery and statuary. There were pictures of the Ca' d'Oro and the Ca' Rezzonico, whose wealthy owners scoured the Mediterranean for plants, with its greenness, coolness and again a lot of statuary. The pictures of some public gardens, on the other hand, showed sad signs of deterioration. Often located in the poorer parts of Venice away from the main tourist trail, such as the Papadopoli near the station or the gardens in Castello where the Biennale is held, they perhaps lack the care and investment. The highly contemporary garden of the Guggenheim museum in the Palazzo Venier showed the trademark evergreen planting, combined brick and marble terracing and an intriguing use of glass and mirrors. Our thanks go to Richard Goodenough for his excellent talk which was much enjoyed by all.

The plant sale is on 5 May at the Hastingleigh Spring Fair where there will be lovely plants supplied by Will Denne. Do all come along.

J.P.

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

I always find bulbs are a conundrum. They have provided glorious colour this year but what do I do now they are over. The leaves are still present and can look unsightly. Do you dig the bulbs out and plant again next autumn? Do you just chop the leaves off? The leaves supply nutrients to the bulb increasing its size and hopefully producing better flowers next year. So leave the leaves on as long as is possible. If you are keen to get planting your border remember this year the fine weather has produced an early season so a frost is still possible. Have some fleece handy to cover them on cold nights. An important aspect with half hardy plants is to make sure they are growing actively and that they have not been stopped by under watering or containment in too small pots. These plants may take some time to grow and never develop fully producing few flowers.

In the vegetable garden peas, broad beans, beetroot, etc. are growing well. We have always had a problem with pea moth when growing peas so we grow "mangetout" varieties to avoid this. In the past we have used biological control which works fine if you are after peas in pods.

We regularly use biological control on our plum and apple trees to reduce maggots. This is easy to do and requires minimum effort on our part. How this works is the pheromone in the trap attracts the male moths and they are caught on a sticky surface. It never ceases to amaze me the number of male moths we catch, 100+ each year. As the male are unable to fertilize the females the eggs don't develop when laid in the fruit.

It is a good time to put up sticky traps in the greenhouse. Insects are attracted to yellow as a colour. This will reduce whitefly particularly.

SB

PLANT SALE

AT THE SPRING FAIR

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SINGING GROUP

Following the success of the Evington Community Choir in the Spring, the participants would like to try to sing more regularly under the umbrella of local charity Living Lively.

We plan a 6 week Summer term of Wednesday evenings from June 11th until July 16th, 7pm until 9ish at Evington Hall. The cost will be £25 per person, payable at the beginning of the term unless you already belong to another Living Lively singing group. This would also include an invitation to a free "Sing Lively" full day singing event for at least 300 people at the Saga Pavilion at Sandgate on Saturday July 5th.

If you think you can't sing or feel nervous about your voice, please come along and have a go, there are no auditions or solos and most of the songs are well known. Mostly it's just a lot of fun. The success of this venture is largely dependent on numbers, so do please come.

To book your place, please ring or email:

Celia Jeffrey 01233 750585 Celia@livinglively.org.uk

Robin Helmer 01233 750236 Robin.Helmer@btinternet.com

Hastingleigh with Elmsted W.I. met on Thursday 3rd of April at Evington Hall.

Eleven members attended. The minutes of the last meeting were read and agreed.

Our speakers were John and Sue Pearce, who spoke to us on the subject of 'Glenn Miller lives on'. Glenn Miller was born in 1904 in Iowa. He found a trombone in the butcher's shop he worked in when he was at school. As a result of finding this, his schoolwork suffered. He went to university but didn't complete his education there - he passed algebra but failed music! He set up his own band in the 1930s, but it wasn't successful, mainly because he was working with drunkards. His wife persuaded him to try again in 1938. His parents in law remortgaged their house to finance it, and he imposed rules and discipline in his new band. His music was played on the radio and they started selling records. In 1941, the U.S. entered World War II and some of his musicians were called up. In 1942, Glenn Miller volunteered to be a band leader in the Navy, but was rejected as he didn't have any leadership qualities. He applied to the Army and was accepted. In the summer of 1944, he flew to London to make arrangements to play in Europe with his band. He was due to play in Paris on Christmas Day. On the 15th of December his plane took off for Paris from R.A.F. Twinwood, near Bedford. The conditions were not good for flying, with heavy low cloud. The plane was never seen again. We were told about the various theories concerning the disappearance - the plane was flying in freezing conditions and didn't have any de-icer; the pilot had been disciplined previously for not being able to fly with only instruments; and they may have been flying over an area where bombs had been jettisoned. His band continued playing, with first his brother, then his nephew, as band leader. The Glenn Miller Band is still playing.

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday 1st of May when we will be going out for our Birthday meal.

Fiona Steward

The weather for the April 2014 walk was very similar to that for the April 2013 walk, glorious warm sunshine. This year, 12 walkers and 3 dogs left the hall, walked towards Evington and then across Forty Acre Field (although I guess it's much more than forty acres now) and down towards Hastingleigh Church. Before reaching the road, we turned right and walked back towards Tamley Lane and then straight across to Hastingleigh cross-roads and on to Cold Blow. From there, we headed right to Staple Lees and then back to the village via the footpath to Boundary Lane, a total of 3.5 miles. On the way we saw Celandines, Wood Anemones, Dandelions, Campions, sweet smelling Bluebells, two Buzzards, some big Bumble Bees but not a single partridge in a pear tree! The weather afforded some lovely views too - Dowles Farm & the Stone Street from Forty Acre Field and Dungeness & the Wind Farm from Cold Blow. We finished at Rayshalay for a cup of tea where much discussion took place as to whether we had seen Bugle. A quick "Google" proved that we had indeed seen Bugle, pictured below.

Join us next month when the walk will be led by Val.

RH



Wild Bugle

CHURCH SERVICES AT HASTINGLEIGH AND ELMSTED IN MAY

Sunday 4 th May	9.30am Holy Communion Cluster Service Hastingsleigh	
Sunday 11 th May	10.00am Bodsham Family Service	
Sunday 18 th May	11.00am Hastingsleigh Service (CW)	6.00pm Elmsted Evensong
Sunday 25 th May	9.30am Elmsted Holy Communion (CW)	11.00am Hastingsleigh Holy Communion (BCP) 4.00pm Sunday Teatime at Evington Hall, Hastingsleigh

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May 24th	Mrs Day	Mrs Thrupp
May 31st	Mrs Young	Mrs Browning
Jun 7th	Mrs Courtney Mrs Jerrom	Mrs Jeffrey



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thurs 1st	WI Meeting (Page 20)	7.30pm
Mon 5th	SPRING FAIR (Page 13)	12.30pm
Tues 6th	Elmsted Parish Council Meeting	7.30pm
Wed 7th	Coffee Morning	10.30am
Sun 11th	Footpath Walk (Page 21)	2.00pm
Tues 13th	Hastingsleigh Parish Council Meeting	7.45pm
Sun 25th	ELMSTED CHURCH LUCHES & TEAS (Page 15 & 16)	noon
	Sunday Tea Time	4.00pm
Mon 26th	Village Breakfast (Moonraker) (Page 25)	8.30am

Note: All events in Evington Village Hall unless otherwise stated.

Parent & Todler Group meet every Tuesday - 9.30am

Mobile Library every Wednesday 10.55am - 11.20am

Art Group meet on Thursdays 9.30am - 12.30pm

MEMORIES OF EILEEN BARTLETT – (Born at The Timber Batts, then called The Prince of Wales in 1924)

Eileen has recorded many of her memories with Robin Helmer and has been recalling the detail of her life in the bakery during WWII. After leaving Bodsham School at 14 she went as a mother's help to the Ogilvies at Vigo and then at 16 years old to work in the Bakehouse (the cottage where Lesley Waters now lives) adjoining what was the village shop.

At 6 am Eileen was at work. (Mr Morris had made up the dough and had also stoked up the oven at 5 am). The dough, weighed at 2lb. 2oz, was formed into two bread shapes – 2 at a time – and put into tins to prove – (Eileen popped home for breakfast at Elmleigh) then put into the oven with a long peel (still in Lesley's house). When the loaves were ready (all brown ones) they were taken out and stacked to cool.

Eileen's father went out in a van with the bread and groceries according to the orders taken on Monday to Stowting, Hill Street, Whatsole Street, Waltham and Petham.

At times Eileen took orders on a bicycle with a large basket. Bread was 4³/₄d (about 2p today) Once the bread was taken from the oven the cakes could be cooked. During the war these went to three army barracks – at Big Combe, The Petrol Dump in Wye (Now de Havillands), and Eastwell.

Eileen worked until 10 at night with half days on Wednesday and Saturday for £3 a week. On Saturday afternoons she often cycled to Ashford with a friend to go to the pictures and to earn extra money she went to Bodsham farm to pick strawberries and recalls the agonies of picking enough lbs to earn £1 in a day!!

Congratulations on your 90th birthday Eileen.

RB

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BEING DRIVEN ROUND THE BEND

As I write this the warmer weather has arrived in our lovely part of Kent. The daffodils are on parade, primroses line the lanes and the woodland floors are carpeted with green shoots.

With this wondrous palette comes the sounds of spring and for those of us living within earshot of the Tamley Lane Chicane it's the start of the annual symphony of car horns that heralds the return of the sun.

That's right, the roads are dry so some drivers speed up as they go about the lanes and instead of using their brakes at bends they announce their arrival, like Mr Toad, with a loud "beeping".

And like the parts played by the birds in Nature's Symphony, this car-born cacophony offers a variety of tunes and moods: There's the standard "toot-toot" and the solitary "beeeep". Occasionally, a triple "beep, bee-beep" disturbs the silence but the master of this audio tomfoolery is the sounder of the "Shave and a Haircut" riff: "beep, bee-bee, beep, beep". A fellow resident of the lane often meets this fanfare with a two-syllable Anglo-Saxon reply!

Most of us, dear villager, aren't responsible for the noise pollution caused by those drivers who, taking a leaf out of Mr Toad's Book of Noisy Motoring, "poop-poop" to warn any oncoming traffic of their approach.

That is because most of us don't feel the need to disturb the birdsong and peace of our sweet corner of England by announcing our arrival to all and sundry; no more than a sane person might shout when pushing open a door to warn anyone who may be on the other side.

That is because most of us slow down. Not so the Toads. Why should they press the brake pedal when the rest of us are expected to get out of their way?

Why should they desist from disturbing those living and working nearby who have moved to a quiet place because they, believe it or not, enjoy the quiet life?

No, the Toads expect the dog walker to jump aside and the mother with the pram to scuttle to safety. Presumably they think the seven children living on Tamley Lane (five of them on the chicane) are brought up to leap over hedges at the sound of the car horn.

As for horse riders and tractors? I cannot imagine what they are expected to do when faced with a Too-fast Toad on the bend.

We all appreciate that the Highway Code states that a horn may be used to warn other road users of one's presence. However, the trick is to drive at a speed so that you can stop in the distance you can see. Because, if another car is coming with windows wound up and the radio on its occupants won't hear you coming anyway.

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The Wye Beagles formerly The Wye College Beagles, celebrated in style the last day of their final season on Saturday 22 March 2014.

There was substantial attendance from past hunt staff, college students and committee members, together with farmers, landowners, members and supporters. Considerable support was also evident from far and wide in the hunting world, including those from the West Country, Midlands, Yorkshire, Lincolnshire, Dorset, Essex, Kent, Hampshire, Wiltshire, and Sussex. Trails were laid for the hounds to follow during the afternoon, and the day concluded with a traditional beaglers hunt tea in a local village hall.

The Beagles were founded in 1947 by Sir Newton Rycroft (owner/ Master of the Dummer Beagles) and a Wye College Student, John Stevens, with the active encouragement of Dunstan Skilbeck, the then principal of Wye College.

Thereafter the pack was largely run and staffed by students of Wye College, many of whom had the rare opportunity to hunt hounds and whip in. In 2000 the pack became independent of the College and was renamed WCB The Wye Beagles when Imperial College London merged with Wye College. The students remained actively involved until the College closed in 2009.

The current team have done an amazing job to keep the pack going for as long as they have after the closure of the College and are proud that the youngest uniformed member of the hunt staff has used the experience to facilitate entry to university. This was the fundamental principle for the establishment of the Pack in 1947. It has now come to its natural end, and the hounds have been drafted to other packs to continue their purpose in life.

Sadly it now means the Wye Beagles are unable to host their annual Wye Beagles Public Dog Show, which for the past few years has supported and raised funds for the Kent Air Ambulance Trust.

The Joint Masters and Committee wish to express their thanks and appreciation to the local neighbouring communities for their interest and support towards the beagles and hunt staff over the last 67 years.

GIVE ME ONE OF THOSE PICK ME UPS, DOC!

There was a fascinating article, captured and tortured into nonsense by one of the dailies recently. The original author later put the record straight and I received it via twitter. What a brilliant source of information! I love it!

The gist of it was this. The author looked at side effects in clinical drug trials, those that a drug has to go through to prove it works and is safe. The findings were odd. Looking at statins specifically, remarkably, patients reported typical statin side effects even when given a sugar coated placebo pill. This is well documented and rather than the placebo effect it is called the nocebo effect. An article in Pain journal dealt specifically with this effect. It looked at every single placebo-controlled trial on a migraine drug (that is a trial of the new drug versus a sugar pill). They found not only were side effects on the dummy pill common but they were similar to those of the active drug. Those receiving placebo rather than an antiepileptic used in migraine reported memory problems, sleepiness and loss of appetite.

A study in 2006 sat patients in front of a revolving drum that made them nauseous and given a placebo pill. Half were told it would make them more nauseous and were found to have increased levels of stomach activity that accompanies nausea.

In 2004 600 patients were taken to an allergy clinic and given either the drug that triggered their symptoms or a dummy pill. Nearly one in three given a placebo developed itching headache and felt unwell.

Another trial looked at the impact of listing side effects on the form given at the time of consenting patients for the trial. They then compared aspirin with placebo, in three centres, two listed the side effects and one did not. There was a six-fold increase in reported side effects in those centres where patients were told the possible side effects.

So, in the modern world of informing patients of every conceivable side effect on a leaflet, are we actually inflicting harm on them given the nocebo effect is likely to cause symptoms in a third of them merely by imparting this knowledge.

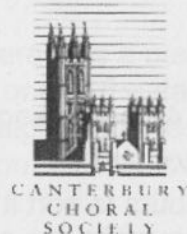
The nocebo and placebo effects are really remarkable and powerful forces.

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Thank you for your forbearance at what is the busiest period in general practice I can remember in 20 years. The flu-like, endless cough bug has brought most of its victims along to see us at a time when we are hurrying to squeeze all the asthma, diabetes, hypertension and COPD checks in. Illness in the normally indestructible Dr DiBiasio and my slightly less destructible self has also added pressure.

Stay well, Dr Allan Fox





CANTERBURY CHORAL SOCIETY
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BEETHOVEN MISSA SOLEMNIS

The Canterbury Choral Society concert on the 21st June will be very special as it will celebrate their Conductor Richard Cooke's 30th anniversary with the Society. This will be a very special occasion and made even more so by the fact that he will be conducting the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra. The RPO are based in London and was formed by Sir Thomas Beecham in 1946 and has gone on to become one of the most prestigious orchestras of its time with conductors including Vladimir Ashkenazey, Charles Mackerras and Yehudi Menuhin.

Beethoven composed Missa Solemnis for the enthronement of his great friend and pupil Archduke Rudolph as Archbishop of Olmütz – completing it three years after the enthronement ceremony. Beethoven was not a religious man – there is no anecdotal evidence of his ever having chosen to attend a church service – but in his final years he did become deeply spiritual. This work – one of only three overtly religious works in his entire output is the most representative of that spirituality. It is therefore a deeply personal expression. It was on the manuscript of this work that Beethoven wrote the words "*From the heart – may it return to the heart*".

There is nevertheless a theatricality to the *Missa Solemnis* that has led many commentators to suggest that it is more appropriate to the concert hall than the church. With four soloists and a choir, some have even suggested it should be regarded more as a short opera than anything else.

The soloists chosen by Richard for this performance all have firm roots in opera and include Sarah Fox who has sung in Wagner's *Der Ring des Nibelungen* for the Royal Opera House, Gaynor Keeble winner of the London Lieder Prize and with many Opera roles including a role in *Peter Grimes* for Aldeburgh Festival. The male soloists will be James Macdougall who is the nation's voice of classical music for BBC Radio Scotland and a regular presenter on BBC Radio 3. The bass part will be sung by Michael Pearce, a firm favourite with Canterbury audiences.

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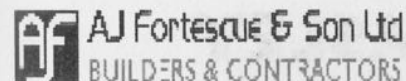
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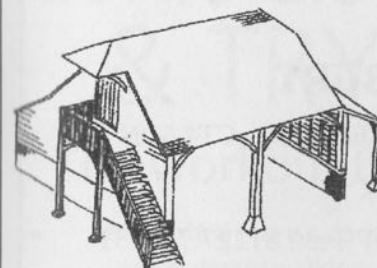
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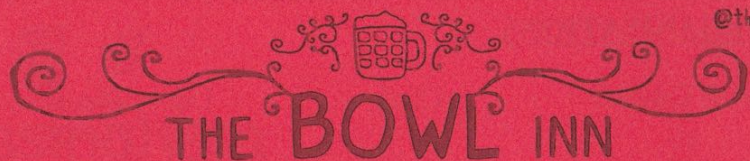
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