

## FRIDAY GROUPS

for school years 7+  
**Eastling Angels**  
and  
**Boys' Cell Group**

Groups run 7-8pm  
on alternating Fridays -  
please contact Joy Faulkner for  
more information, or if you can  
help, on 07999 807 519

## Y - Generation

Club for Year 7+

Eastling Village Hall  
Sunday Nights 6.30-8pm  
Contact Joy on  
07999 807 519

## S Club

Eastling Village Hall  
Sunday 20th April, 10am.  
All primary school aged  
children welcome



## YOUNGSTYLE

10am in Eastling Church,  
on Sunday 27th April  
All ages welcome.

Half an hour of fun, music  
and teaching, followed by  
refreshments.



## Craft Club

25th April  
6.15 - 7.15pm  
Champion Hall, Painter's Forstal.  
50p a session.  
Contact number 532756.

**Holiday Club**  
for 5 - 11 Year Olds



Monday 14th- Friday 18th  
April  
10am-12pm  
Fun, Craft and Games  
£2 a day or £7 for the week  
Contact Joy Faulkner on  
07999 807519 or  
eastlingyouthworker  
@hotmail.co.uk

## Eastling Spring (Bluebell) Walk

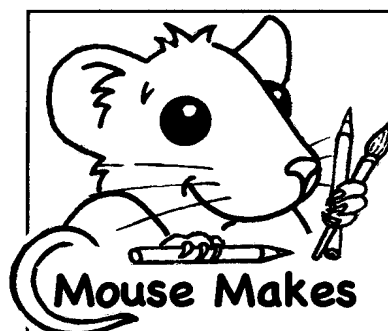
The annual Eastling Spring walk  
will take place on

**May Bank Holiday:  
Monday, May 5th 2008**

Walks of varying lengths through  
the lovely local woods of Eastling,  
Otterden and Stalisfield will be  
marked. Maps and nature notes  
provided.

Cost £2.50 per adult, £1 per child  
or £7 per family. Starting from  
Eastling Village Hall between  
11am and 2pm.

The **Bluebell Bistro** will be open  
in the Village Hall between  
10.30am and 4pm. Hot or cold  
lunches and light refreshments.



God gave Moses **ten** laws to **help** and  
**guide** his people and it is still important  
for God's people to keep these  
commandments today.

The first **four**  
commandments  
are to do with our  
friendship with God.  
The last **six** are to do  
with our friendships with one another.

Read  
Deuteronomy  
5: 1-22

<b>GOD'S LAWS FOR LIFE</b> The Ten Commandments	<b>1. WORSHIP NO GOD BUT ME</b> Put God first	<b>2. DO NOT MAKE OR WORSHIP IDOLS</b>	<b>3. DO NOT MISUSE GOD'S NAME</b> Watch what you say!
<b>4. OBSERVE THE SABBATH AND KEEP IT HOLY</b> Keep a special day to rest and worship	<b>5. RESPECT YOUR PARENTS</b>	<b>6. DO NOT MURDER</b> Don't take away someone's life	<b>7. DO NOT COMMIT ADULTERY</b> Don't take away someone's husband or wife
<b>8. DO NOT STEAL</b> Don't take something that is not yours	<b>9. DO NOT ACCUSE ANYONE FALSELY</b> Don't tell lies about others	<b>10. DO NOT COVET</b> Don't be jealous of what belongs to others	Jesus' summary of the law: <b>LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOUR AS YOURSELF</b> Matthew 22:39

**Make a mini book of God's Commandments:**  
Cut out the strips then glue them together to make one long strip. Zig-zag fold along the dotted lines

# Good News Parish Magazine April 2008

## Wit and Wisdom

Saturday 12th April  
7.30pm in Eastling Village Hall

We are holding another Wit and Wisdom in aid of Eastling Senior Citizens' Christmas Lunch. Usual arrangement; tables of 6 at £3 per head, bring your own refreshments.

Book your tables by phoning Norman on 890242.

Photo: www.lyra-online.org



## The Russian Choir "Lyra"

will give a concert in  
**Stalisfield Church** on

Saturday 26th April at 8pm.  
The visit of this vocal ensemble from St. Petersburg will coincide with our celebration of Rogationtide weekend on 26th/27th April.

Tickets cost £11 (to include a glass of wine) and are selling fast, call now Revd. Caroline or Jane Baker, 01622 858332,

The choir will be singing at 10am service on Rogation Sunday as part of our celebrations at St Mary's, Stalisfield.

www.lyra-online.org for more information about the choir.

## QUIZ NIGHT

On Saturday 10th May

7pm for 7.30pm in Eastling Village Hall

Tickets £5 adults £2.50 children

Bring your own refreshments

**GREAT RAFFLE PRIZES**

Including

**LUNCH FOR TWO at READS RESTAURANT**

Proceeds to Age Concern Faversham

Phone 890865 or 890855 to book

## Stalisfield Church

Future Patchwork and  
Quilting Project?

Are you interested in Patchwork and/or Quilting? We are investigating the possibility of replacing the rather tired curtains either side of the altar with new panels. Whether you are a churchgoer or not, we would like volunteers to be part of this project. If you have not done patchwork or quilting before and would like to learn, we can arrange a teaching workshop/s prior to the project. If this appeals to you please phone the number below so we can make the idea a reality.

Patricia Thompson 01795 890376

The news magazine for the combined parishes of Eastling and Stalisfield with Otterden



# God at work in YOU... - *The 5 Minute Meditation*

Paul's letter to the Philippian Christians is often called his letter of joy. He thanks God every time he prays for these Christians and he prays for them with joy (1:3,4). At their conversion God 'began a good work' in them and Paul knows that God will bring this work 'to completion at the day of Jesus Christ' (1:6).

For the Philippians and for all Christians the work of salvation begins at the moment of conversion but it will continue throughout our lives. Then in Phil. 3:21 Paul speaks about the glorious hope of Christ's Second Coming when our earthly bodies will be transformed into our resurrection bodies. Our Lord will accomplish this by the 'power' or 'working' by which he will subdue all creation unto himself. That will be salvation completed, as Paul promised in the opening verses.

So in chapter 1 it is salvation begun and in chapter 3 it is salvation finished. But there is one more reference to this great work of salvation. In Phil 2:12, 13 Paul encourages these Christians to 'work out their own salvation.' This doesn't mean 'working for' our salvation but it certainly means 'working from' our salvation. All that God is doing in us by his grace and Holy Spirit is to be 'worked out' in everyday living.

And then Paul adds a wonderful word of encouragement. We are able, or rather enabled, to 'work out' this salvation because 'God is at work in you' (3:13). Just think of it! The God who began our salvation and who promises that it will be completed is at work in each of us now! He has redeemed us! He owns us!

He possesses us! And he is at work in us! He indwells us! Our little lives have become the dwelling place of the Lord God Almighty!

Time and time again in his letters Paul writes about how Christians are 'in Christ' and Christ is 'in' us. He opens this Philippian letter by writing to the saints who are 'in Christ'(1:1). Likewise the Ephesian believers are 'in Christ' (Eph. 1:1). He assures the Colossian Christians that Christ is 'in' them as the hope of glory (1:27).

Why does Christ indwell his people? Why does he send his Spirit into our hearts as he promised his disciples (John 14:17)? Paul gives us the answer in Phil. 2:13. 'God is at work in you,' he says, 'both to will and to work for his good pleasure.' Think of it! God gives us his Spirit both to make us willing and to enable us to do God's good pleasure. He initiates both the desire and the doing, the willing and the working, the aspiration and the achievement, the vision and the victory.

Without him we can do nothing but by his indwelling Spirit all his plans for us will be fulfilled. What an encouragement! God hasn't finished with us yet! He's still working in us! He has given us his Holy Spirit! And he will bring us finally to completion, to resurrection, to glory and to be with him for ever! And that is surely worth mediating on!

*Dr Herbert McGonigle is Senior Lecturer in Historical Theology, Church History and Wesley Studies in Nazarene Theological College, Manchester, England.*

## Prayer Pointers April 2008

<u>Sundays</u>	For Christians living under persecution
<u>Mondays</u>	For those working in the emergency services.
<u>Tuesdays</u>	For the mission of our local church.
<u>Wednesdays</u>	For those preparing for exams at school or college.
<u>Thursdays</u>	For the Gideons.
<u>Fridays</u>	For locally elected leaders of our communities.
<u>Saturdays</u>	That we may love one another as our Lord loves us.

## Moses and the Red Sea

Nine-year-old Joseph was asked by his mother what he had learned in Sunday school. 'Well, Mum, our teacher told us how God sent Moses behind enemy lines on a rescue mission to lead the Israelites out of Egypt.

"When he got to the Red Sea, Moses had his army build a pontoon bridge and all the people walked across safely. Then, he radioed HQ for reinforcements. They sent bombers to blow up the bridge and all the Israelites were saved."

"Now, Joseph, is that really what your teacher taught you?" his mother asked, startled.

"Well, no," her son admitted. "But if I told it the way the teacher did, you'd never believe it!"

**Ship of Fools** - a decade charting the stormy seas of Christian unrest

The Daily Telegraph views it as a 'Christian Private Eye', the London Metro as 'brilliant' a compelling reminder not to judge committed believers by one standard.

Ship of Fools (www.shipoffools.com) celebrates 10 years online on April 1st 2008 - with more than 150,000 unique visitors a month currently accessing over 2.5 million pages. Iconoclastic and debunking, but also committed to the ultimate value of faith, the webzine attracts readers more interested in searching questions than simplistic answers.

Taking their cue from the holy fools of history, they're convinced that faith is such a serious business it cannot help but find the world a funny place. Covering everything from po-faced secularists to gung-ho fundamentalists, Ship of Fools is intrigued by the friction between popular culture and faith in today's world.

Regular columns: Mystery Worshipper (where readers review church services), Gadgets for God, the Fruitcake Zone and Signs and Blunders, are supplemented by weightier features on current affairs. Alongside these are thriving bulletin boards -- Heaven, Hell and Purgatory -- where more than 13,000 'shipmates' debate everything from sharia law to the status of Mormonism.

Editor Simon Jenkins, a freelance writer and editor, says: We are not a campaign but a 24/7 conversation - open to people with little or no faith as well. Perhaps our fiercely-guarded independence ensures such a loyal following.

Born from a Ship of Fools experiment in online worship, St Pixels is now a stand-alone internet church with 2000 members, one in three of whom regard the church as their major or only contact with formal Christianity.

"The Internet is an incredible medium," explains Steve Goddard, SoF's co-editor. "We want the church to be at the forefront of change, not decades behind."  
\* Visit Ship of Fools at www.shipoffools.com



## Cinema Paradiso

A new film club starting in Faversham Parish Church in April will meet on the 2nd Thursday of every month.

Everyone welcome!

Since Tony Oehring became Vicar of Faversham Parish Church opening up the church to the community has been a priority. The latest initiative is to be the launch of a monthly Film Club at the church starting on Thursday 10th April at 7 pm. In May and August showings will be on the third Thursday of the month. There will be no charge for admission but a voluntary collection will be made to cover costs.

All films in the programme will be from mainstream cinema: some will have an overt Biblical reference such as ‘The Passion of the Christ’ while others will have a religious theme, such as ‘Shadowlands’ (the life story of C S Lewis). Others, such as ‘Schindler’s List’, will raise important ethical and social issues.

Following each showing there will be time for refreshments and discussion for those who wish to stay on.

The Film Club will be open to those of all faiths, or none, and who are interested in exploring religious and ethical questions through the medium of film.

Under our licensing agreement we cannot publically advertise the titles of the films but a leaflet listing the programme will be available from inside the church if you care to drop by and pick one up. Alternatively, you can join our mailing list by writing to: Film Club, c/o The Vicarage, Newton Road, Faversham, Kent, ME13 8DY or emailing filmclub@stmaryofcharity.org or phoning 01795 520865.

Phil Dangerfield

**eastling.org.uk**  
for news and events in Eastling.  
Send in your event details and list them for free.  
Try the Forum to air your views.

# Eastling Parish Council

Councillors held their regular bi-monthly meeting on 19th March.

The Village Warden reported another quiet period. Overall, the communication of issues to him by residents and ongoing contact with the Police appeared to be working satisfactorily. The local Police team had invited all parishes in the East Downs Ward to a meeting of Partners and Communities Together, which was an initiative to bring to the fore local concerns about law and order, and how best these could be tackled on 20th March. Eastling would be represented.

Councillors were advised that the Village Sign should be ready within the next two months or so. The cost would be met within grants from KCC and SBC, so that there would be no cost to Eastling Council Tax payers. The Chairman had seen the sign and said it would be an attractive focal point for the Village.

No further progress was reported with the establishment of a 30mph. speed limit for The Street, but Councillors agreed to continue to press KCC and Kent Police

on this, as there was a clear community wish for lower speed limits within the Village.

The Chairman said it was hoped to appoint a new Parish Clerk within the next two weeks. It had to be accepted that nowadays these positions were generally paid, and that the Parish precept for 2008/09 had been increased to reflect the cost of this.

The Council noted that elections for a new four year term for Councillors were scheduled for 1st May. A notice of the election, together with information about the nomination process, would be posted on 27th March.

The next meeting of the Council will be on 7th April, when the Annual General Meeting will be held in conjunction with that of the Village Hall Trustees. Members of the public are invited to attend to hear of the activities of the Council in the last year and to consider the financial accounts. The combined meeting starts at 19.30 in the Village Hall.

## Eastling Neighbourhood Watch

Contact numbers:

Parish/Village Warden 07794 010394  
Crimestoppers 0800 555 111 (24 hours, free and anonymous)  
Sittingbourne police station 01795 477055  
Emergencies or crime in progress always use 999

Now that the lighter evenings are on their way, please be extra vigilant as that window you leave open as it gets warmer, is an invitation to the opportunist to invite themselves into your property and remove some precious items - be warned.

There are still one or two unnecessary items being left on the footpaths by dogs, please clear up after your dog. There have been one or two names mentioned but, at the moment, they can enjoy that names have not been passed onto the authorities, but these will be passed, without fail, should there be any further occurrences.

As I mentioned before, some local villages do not enjoy the good and sensible behaviour that we in Eastling have had from all ages, young and old (me being the latter). I congratulate you all on this, as anti-social behaviour is the blight of modern day living. The longer it can be kept out of Eastling the better quality of life can be enjoyed by all.  
Have a good month  
Alan

## EASTLING VILLAGE HALL

To book ring Julia Bailey  
on 01795 890401



A beautiful hall in a lovely village location for your wedding, club, sports or meetings.

The large hall has pretty grounds, car parking, meeting rooms and fully equipped facilities for professional or self catering occasion.



## Services in our Churches

### 30th March 2nd Sunday of Easter

Acts 2. 14a, 22 - 32, John 20. 19 - end

Eastling 8 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)  
Eastling 10 a.m. Benefice Communion (CW)

### 6th April 3rd Sunday of Easter

Acts 2. 14a, 36 - 41, Luke 24. 13 - 35

Eastling 8 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)  
Eastling 10 a.m. Holy Communion (CW)  
Otterden 3 p.m. Evening Prayer (BCP)

### 13th April 4th Sunday of Easter

Acts 2. 42 - end, John 10. 1 - 10

Eastling 8 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)  
Stalisfield 10 a.m. Holy Communion (CW)  
Eastling 10.30 a.m. Freestyle

### 20th April 5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 7. 55 - end, John 14. 1 - 14

Eastling 8 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)  
Eastling 10 a.m. Morning Prayer (BCP)  
Eastling 10 a.m. S Club in Village Hall  
Stalisfield 10 a.m. Morning Prayer (BCP)

### 27th April Rogation Sunday

Acts 17. 22 - 31, John 14. 15 - 21

Eastling 8 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)  
Eastling 10 a.m. Youngstyle  
Stalisfield 10 a.m. Rogation Service

### 4th May 7th Sunday of Easter

Acts 1. 6 - 14, John 17. 1 - 11

Eastling 8 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)  
Eastling 10 a.m. Holy Communion (CW)  
Otterden 3 p.m. Evening Prayer (BCP)

(BCP) Service taken from the Book of Common Prayer, 1662.  
(CW) Service follows Common Worship Liturgy, 2000

## Ministry in our Parishes

Priest in Charge Reverend Caroline Pinchbeck (01795 890487)  
The Rectory, Newnham Lane, Eastling  
Faversham ME13 0AS  
<caroline.pinchbeck575@btinternet.com>

Curate Reverend Angela Cheeseman (01795 892124)  
New House Farm, Eastling. ME13 0BN

Reader Mr. Norman Fowler (01795 890412)  
4 Meesons Close, Eastling.

Reader Mr. Hugh Perks (01795 890603)  
Weald Cottage, Eastling.

#### Churchwardens

Eastling Mr S. Youle (01795 890368)  
Mrs. A. Smith (01795 890469)  
Stalisfield with Otterden Mrs P. Thompson (01795 890376)  
Mr M. Beckenham (01795 892079)

#### Contacting the Church's staff

For general enquiries and for specific enquiries about Weddings or Baptisms please phone 01795 890487. If you would like the parish staff to conduct a funeral, either in our churches or elsewhere, please ask the funeral director to make the necessary arrangements.

#### Mid Week Fellowship

Monday Prayer Group 2pm Seven Acres, Newnham Lane.  
Tuesday Study Group 8pm The Barn, Pinks Farm  
Thursday Prayer Group 10.15am Pinks Farm.  
New members welcome at any midweek group.

#### Services at Whitehill Chapel

1st April 2.15pm Holy Communion  
6th April 10 a.m. Brunch  
10.40 a.m. Family People's Choice  
27th April 11 a.m. People's Choice

For Baptisms, Weddings or Funerals at Whitehill,  
please contact Revd. D. Hodgson on 01795 532461



The "National Council for the Conservation of Plants and Gardens", whose patron is Prince Charles, as its main aim, organise the establishment and maintenance of plant genera in members gardens, sorting out the often muddled nomenclature, and making each collection available for scientific study. This may be detection of infection, determining the best cultural conditions, and encouraging the use of each collection as a genetic resource for plant breeding. This enormous amount of work is done on a voluntary basis. When possible, the Council assists in the maintenance of gardens growing outstanding plants, particularly if used in an inspired way, or when there is a threat to the garden's existence. The Belmont Plant Fair will be a chance to enjoy an outstanding garden, ad to purchase well grown plants presented by top quality plant nurseries.

### National Council for the Conservation of Plants & Gardens Plant Fair

Belmont Gardens  
Courtesy of Harris Belmont Charity Trustees

Sunday 27th April  
11am - 5pm  
Specialist Plantsmen's & Nursery Stalls

Pinetum, walled garden, grotto, kitchen garden designed by Arabella Lennox-Boyd  
Admission to Plant Fair and Garden: Adults £3, Children £1.  
Refreshments available  
Further information from Janet Gasson 01322 864138

### My Stable Diary

My working Life with Granville Wheler.

by Audrey Keen

There was once a wonderful old English wood, with beech trees, a mossy woodland floor and swaying fir trees, where birds flew safely through the valley. A place where a myriad wild flowers breathed life either side of a narrow path that was well trodden. Trodden that is, by the gamekeeper and his dog. For this was 1970 and the rules of no trespass were adhered to. And it was with great regret, that this idyll was earmarked for the path of the hurricane some seventeen years later. The devastation of the storm caused trees to be torn up from their roots and left the woodland birds dazed and silenced by the destruction.

All about was totally bewildered and a wood, once so beautiful, left scarred. Today, many years on, I can see in part,

that the wood has healed itself. Newly planted trees have grown and moss, grass and vegetation have reclaimed the bare spoilt parts. Wild primrose, bluebell, wild marjoram and pink centaury have all returned, but the beech wood that the hurricane destroyed, the crackly copper leaves and the open spaces beneath the beeches have gone forever, and the newly planted trees battle with the ubiquitous bramble. But, these, together with the old oaks and the firs that sigh, all sway with grace to the temperament of the wind and fill the valley with remembrance.

'And the dragonflies came  
To the pool in the wood  
By the willow they hide,  
As the water boatman ferried the pond,  
On the day that the greenwood died.'  
- AIK



### The Rotary Club of the Weald of Kent Annual Spring Art Show

Sutton Valence School

Saturday 5th April from 1 - 8pm and  
Sunday 6th April 10am - 4.30pm  
Artists from across the weald will be exhibiting and offering their work for sale. Tickets are £3.50 with refreshments, from Robert Taylor 01233 756379, Dudley Russell 01233 756426, or on the door.



### Otterden Chapel

The Summer series of Evening Prayer in Otterden Chapel begins on Sunday 6th April, 3pm. Open to everyone to come and enjoy familiar words from the Book of Common Prayer in this quiet service with hymns.



Christian Aid  
Week 2008  
11th - 17th  
May

Seven days of fundraising, campaigning and worship.

One of the National Directors of Christian Aid - the Reverend Matthew Reed will be preaching in Canterbury Cathedral at 6.30pm in the Quire on Sunday 4th May. Details of other local events will be in next month's Good News.

Christian Aid does not support governments. In nearly 50 countries, it supports 600 overseas partner organisations that truly represent poor communities, so that they can demand what they need from their governments and from international institutions.

Their offices in 28 countries coordinate country programmes, ensuring funds are used wisely and effectively. They're not there to replace local organisations, but to keep us in touch and give on-the-spot support where it is needed.

All the work of Christian Aid and its partners, is governed by the Red Cross / Red Crescent Code of Conduct.

christianaid.org.uk

has lots of news, stories of individual families and help given world wide.

## Sunday

Freestyle

13th April  
10.30am  
Eastling Church

How can I be sure of my faith?  
Music, drama, prayer

Come for Breakfast from 10am  
All ages welcome



### COME AND TRY NORDIC WALKING!



FREE INTRODUCTORY PRESENTATION AT  
NORTON VILLAGE HALL ON SAT 12 APRIL AT 10.30AM

- Burns up to 46% MORE calories than ordinary walking!
- Very effective weight loss and cardio-vascular exercise!
- Helps improve posture and increase strength!
- Takes strain and weight off hips and knees!
- Uses 95% of the body's muscles!

Please book your place at my FREE Introductory Presentation TODAY!

Louise Seymour, IHHT Dip., PT Dip., MIPTL, INWA.

Tel: 07790 580 522

Email: LCS@LifecareFitness.co.uk  
Website: www.LifecareFitness.co.uk



## CHILDREN'S HORSE SHOW AND FUN DOG SHOW

Saturday 28th June Otterden Estate  
Date for your diary, Otterden Women's institute are holding an under 18 Horse/Pony show. There will be showing, jumping classes and gymkhana. There will also be a fun dog show open to all. There will, of course, be delicious food on offer from the ladies of the Otterden WI.  
Please do come and support us. For an entry form and if anyone would like to help please contact Kate Connell on 07789 013570.



## Eastling Short Mat Bowls

Since the March Good News, the Eastling Cherries have continued to play either league games or counties, with mixed results. On 24th February away to Newington Greens we came away with only 4 points but, on 28th we had Newington Blues at home and how much easier it is to play on your own mats - a win for us of 11 points to 3. Then it was back to Newington for return match and again we came away with only 4 points. It is not only Eastling that suffers on away matches, all clubs find it a lot harder playing away from home. However, we have gone to the top of the first division - it might be only for a short time, but at least we can say we have been there.

On March 16th, Chris, Mick and Roy played at Strood in a competition for non badge holders. With 16 mats out we played six games, all on different mats, and were very pleased to lose only one game. Our next game will be the County Pairs final at Strood - that's if I can bowl straight after the Village Hall Supper the night before!

With only two games left to play in the Swale League, home and away, I will report final position next month. You can follow our progress and see how other local clubs are performing in the Swale League, by logging on to <www.swalecvs.co.uk/bowls.htm>  
The Eastling club meets in the village hall on Friday afternoons 2.30 - 4.30pm, and evenings 7.30 - 9.30pm. The Wednesday afternoon sessions finish on 2nd April for the summer and resume in October. Sessions are open to all players, new members are welcome, no previous experience necessary, just come along and try your hand. For further details please contact Roy Piles on 01795 537162.

## Otterden WI

Following our February talk on planting containers, I hope everyone is busy designing and planting up their baskets ect. We will be having a competition for the most unusual container later in the year, so bear that in mind.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 29th April at 7.30pm in The Harrow Hotel, Warren Street. We have a fantastic guy coming to speak about "Foods for Free".

Don't forget our walk around Otterden on Sunday 4th May to see if we can identify any of the food! We will be starting at Otterden Place at 10.30am, cars may be parked in the field. Children welcome. New members are always welcome so come and join our fun informal meetings.

For more information contact Emma Norwood 01795 892138

## Painter's Forstal with Ospringe W.I.

Tuesday 15th April  
2.15pm in the Champion Hall  
BIRTHDAY MEETING  
New members welcome to hear Mrs Ley Libberson talk about *My Grandfather and Me*.  
Competition - a family photograph, plus flower of the month.

## Charing and District Local History Society

On Thursday 10th April at 8pm, Anne Carter will give a talk on Fourteen Hundred years of Rochester Cathedral.

The presentation will be given in the Parish Hall, Charing. Everyone who is interested will be welcomed when the doors open at 7.45pm. Non-members welcome, cost £2.

## FRIENDS OF EASTLING SCHOOL

Thank you to all who helped at our Jumble Sale on 8th March. We raised £93 for school funds and some of the clothes left will go to Humanitarian Aid. All the children enjoyed the Easter Egg hunt and congratulations to the winners in the Easter Raffle.

The school children are invited to enter a competition to make a model using their Easter Egg packaging to be brought to school on Thursday 3rd April. Cost of entry is 20p with a chocolate lolly for all entrants and a prize for the winner in each class.

Future dates for your diary:  
Swimming Pool Party - Friday 13th June at Faversham Pool  
Summer Fete - Sunday 6th July at Eastling School  
End of Term Social - Wednesday 23rd July at Eastling School  
Jill Seaman, FOES Publicity  
Jill.b.s@hotmail.co.uk, 01795 890252



Walks of varying lengths through the lovely local woods of Eastling, Otterden and Stalisfield will be marked. Maps and nature notes will also be provided. Cost £2.50 per adult, £1 per child, or £7 per family. Starting point is at Eastling Village Hall Car Park, from 11-2pm.

Eastling, Otterden and Stalisfield are in an area of outstanding natural beauty on the North Downs and the walks will go through areas not usually open to the public.

Don't miss this chance to have a family day out, or an exciting route for walkers and nature lovers. There will be orchids, other spring flowers

## Eastling Spring (Bluebell) Walk

The annual Eastling Walk will take place on **May Bank Holiday: Monday, May 5th**



and bird song and, hopefully, still some bluebells.

You can book ahead to avoid the queue at the start if you wish. Further enquiries to Peter or Angela Cheeseman on 890629.

The **Bluebell Bistro** will be open in the Village Hall between 10.30am and 4pm. Hot or cold lunches and light refreshments, plus homemade puddings and cakes.

Also 2nd hand **Book and DVD stall**. If you have any books or DVDs you no longer want, please bring them to Pop-In or call Hilary on 890338. Proceeds from Walk, Bistro and book stall go towards refurbishment work in Eastling Church.

**Methodist Circuit Tour - Saturday 24th May**  
Starting with breakfast at 10am in Whitehill Chapel, Painter's Forstal, there will be a tour of the St Augustine's Methodist Circuit with a sponsored hymn sing in each chapel.  
Proceeds of the day will go to Demelza House.  
Phone Bobbie on 532756 for more information. All Welcome.

## FITNESS & DANCE CLASSES @ Eastling Village Hall

### WEDNESDAYS

#### 7.00pm BUMS, LEGS & TUMS

*helps to tone & shape these specific areas.*

#### 8.00pm FIT DANCE

CONTINUING DUE TO POPULAR DEMAND

#### FITNESS CHEERLEADING

*Get fit & have fun with this cheerleading style Pom pom work out. Helps to control and burn body fat.*

### THURSDAYS

#### 9.15am FITNESS PILATES

*A blend of Pilates & dance exercises. Helps to develop muscle tone, balance, flexibility & relaxation.*

**NO CLASS on 17th April**

### NEW

Fun & Funky

#### FREESTYLE DANCE IDTA

4.15pm Juniors 5.15pm Seniors

School Years 3-6 School Years 7-11  
Classes WILL be running during school holidays

Classes £4.00 each or £7.00 for a double class on Wednesdays.

For more info contact Leigh on 890 149

leigh.fitness@btinternet.com

latest info visit

www.milesdanceandfitness.com

## PUDDLEDUCKS Parent and Toddler Group at Champion Hall, Painter's Forstal

The Parent & Toddler group meets on Tuesday and Friday from 9.45am to 11.25am.

Plenty of play equipment plus some craft activities. Only £1.50 which includes a snack and drink as well as free tea or coffee for parents!

There may be occasions when I can't open the hall - please phone me to check.

Jill Seaman. 01795 890519

Mobile 07803 141426

## Eastling Gardeners' Club

Evening Visit on 15th May to Victoriana Nursery Gardens, Challock

Please telephone Clive Jolliffe on 890160 for further details



## Afternoon Club

April activities:

10th Board Games

24th Board Games

Meetings are held in the Champion Hall and start at 2pm.

New members welcome.

The Annual General Meeting of the **Otterden Parish Meeting** will be held on Wednesday 23rd April at Otterden Place starting at 7.30pm.

## Coffee Pop-In



Open to all, free of charge, on Wednesdays 9 - 11am in Eastling Village Hall. Lots of toys suitable for toddlers play. No Pop-In on 9th or 16th April (school holidays), back on 23rd. Homemade Cakes for sale on 2nd April.

# April



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2nd Cakes for sale at Pop-In

5th/6th Spring Art Show

7th Hall AGM

7th Annual Parish Meeting

10th Afternoon Club

10th History Society Talk

12th Nordic Walking

12th Wit & Wisdom

14-18th Holiday Club

15th DEADLINE for May Good News

15th Painter's Forstal W.I.

23rd Otterden Parish Meeting

24th Afternoon Club

26th Russian Choir Concert

27th Plant Fair

29th Magazine Folding

29th Otterden W.I.

MAY 4th WI Walk

5th Bluebell Walk

5th Bluebell Bistro

10th Quiz Night

JUNE 28th Horse and Dog Show

JULY 6th Summer Fete

9 - 11am Eastling Village Hall  
Sutton Valence School

7.30pm Eastling Village Hall

8pm Eastling Village Hall

2pm Champion Hall

8pm Charing Parish Hall

10.30am Norton Village Hall

7.30pm Eastling Village Hall

10am - 12noon Eastling Village Hall

Pinks Farm, Eastling

2.15pm Champion Hall

7.30pm Otterden Place

2pm Champion Hall

8pm Stalisfield Church

11am - 5pm Belmont Gardens

2pm Pinks Farm, Eastling

7.30pm The Harrow

10.30am Otterden Place

start 11am - 2pm Eastling Village Hall

10.30am - 4pm Eastling Village Hall

7.30pm Eastling Village Hall

Otterden Estate

Eastling School

## Deadline for May Good News

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