

### HOLIDAY CLUB

for Children aged 8 888 at Eastling Village Hall

Tuesday 8&th 8Friday 8&th April 88&88am 888&88pm 88 per child for the whole week 88 places available

Plus Pyramid Rock S Club Special on Sunday 88th April Contact Joy to book places on 888888 or 88888 888888 mail: eastlingyouthworker@hotmail&o&k

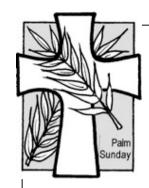
### S Club

in Eastling Village Hall Sunday 19th April, 10am. All primary school aged children welcome.

# Youngstyle

10am in Eastling Church on Sunday 26th April. All ages welcome Half an hour of fun, music and

teaching, followed by refreshments.



#### Palm Sunday

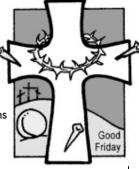
5th April
Holy Communion
8am and 10am
at Eastling
Evening Prayer
3pm
at Otterden

### Maundy Thursday

Holy Communion 7.30pm at Stalisfield

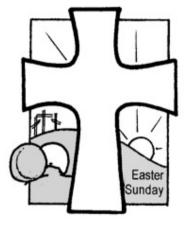
#### Good Friday

12noon Readings & Hymns
1 - 3pm Vigil
at Eastling



# Requiem

by Gabriel Fauré
Performance by the
Norton Choir
on Good Friday
at 7.30pm
in
Newnham Church.
All welcome.



## Easter Day

12th April

Eastling 8am Holy Communion 10am Easter Celebration with Communion

Stalisfield
10am Family Communion

#### An Easter Blessing

May the God of surprises bring light to my life, may the Son of all suffering bring healing to my pain, may the Spirit of all hope bring new wonders to my soul.

Father, Son and Spirit, fill me with your risen glory and bring me home to you. Amen

From the Wave of Prayer for Mothers' Union

# Good News Magazine April 2009

the

Otterden Parish

Meetina

will be held at Otterden

Place

on Wednesday 29th

April

at 7.30pm.

All residents are

welcome to attend.

# EASTLING PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council meeting was held on 11th March 2009.

Councillors were concerned about the number of potholes requiring repair. These have been reported to Highways.

The next meeting is the
Annual Parish Meeting to be held
on Thursday 23rd April at 8pm '
in Eastling Village Hall.

Members of the public are welcome to attend.

Jill Seaman, Clerk to the Council

### The Annual Meeting of Saturday 18th April

7.30pm
Eastling Village Hall
£3 per person, tables of six,
bring your own refreshments.
Please book your table by
calling Norman on 890242, or
Alan on 890848. Proceeds to the

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Wit and Wisdom

J.R

Christian
Discussion Group
for Young People
aged 11-16.

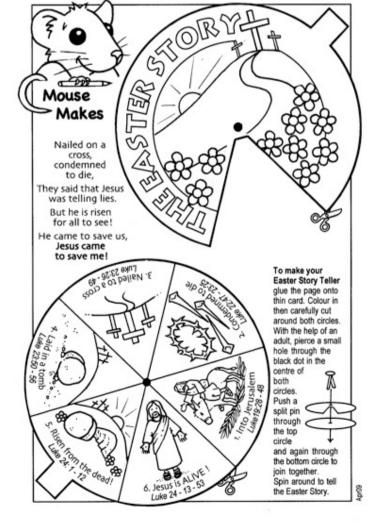
On Friday Nights from 7 - 8.30pm. Please contact Joy for more info, on 07999 807519, or Email: eastlingyouthworker@ hotmail.co.uk

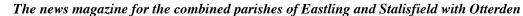


### Craft Club

Friday 24th April 6.15 - 7.15pm Champion Hall, Painters Forstal.

50p per session Contact number 532756





## Are you a fair-weather friend?

In his book, The Inner Ring, CS Lewis writes 'Over a drink or a cup of coffee, disguised as a triviality and sandwiched between two jokes, from the lips of a man, or woman, whom you have recently been getting to know rather better and whom you hope to know better still – just at the moment when you are most anxious not to a appear crude, or naïf, or a prig – the hint [to do evil] will come.' The 'hint to do evil' in this case means to deny Jesus Christ as our Lord and Saviour. For it is far easier to deny him and hope for a 'quiet life', than it is to proclaim him as Lord because of the inevitable questions that arise. If anyone were to challenge us as to whether we would deny Christ's existence, we would be adamant that it would never be us. But, when the crunch moment comes, can we be so sure? Simon Peter, one of the first disciples of Jesus, was adamant, but when the crunch moment came his denials cost him a great deal.

Simon (Peter) the fisherman, who was called to be one of Jesus' first disciples. Peter, the man who is the first to proclaim him as the Messiah. Peter is the one whom Jesus called 'the Rock', and he will be the foundation stone of the Church. But, as we hear through the Gospel accounts of Jesus' teaching and ministry, Peter struggles with the demands of faith and the true cost of discipleship.

The start of Peter's misunderstanding of what Jesus really demands of his followers, begins immediately after Peter has proclaimed Jesus as the Christ. It is then, that we hear Jesus cry out "Get behind me Satan". Peter wrestles with Jesus' teaching of what being the Messiah means; for in Jesus' definition it means that he must suffer and die. How can the Messiah be subjected to this, surely that is not the career path of the Messiah?

Jesus forewarns Peter that he is going to deny him three times before the cock crows. But, Peter, cannot comprehend how he, the man who has followed Jesus from the first days of his ministry, the man who recognised him as the Messiah; how could he be the one to deny Jesus?

Not just once, but three times. As events unfold we see the contrast between Jesus' actions and those of Peter. As Jesus stands before his accusers, Peter warms himself by the fire: as Jesus stands his ground. Peter retreats to the courtyard; as Jesus bears true witness. Peter denies he knew Jesus; as Jesus remains silent before Pilate. Peter lashes out in anger: as Jesus maintains his integrity, Peter is left in ignominy. As Jesus stands accused before the Sanhedrin and Pilate. Peter's downfall is through the accusations of a maidservant who recognises Peter as one of the disciples. Peter weeps and lashes out. As Peter's world falls apart, unbeknownst to him all is not lost.

As Mary Magdalene, Mary (mother of Jesus) and Salome arrive at the tomb, Jesus says to them, "Go and tell his disciples, and Peter, that he is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you". The 'and Peter' is the key to the message of Easter. For in Christ we have our hope and salvation, it is Christ who can rescue us from ignominy. It is Christ our Lord who, as with Peter, recognises our potential, garners our passion for him, and offers us hope. Jesus Christ will give us an opportunity, even when we have denied him. How many times have we denied Christ? How many times have we been fearful to proclaim Jesus as our Lord? How many times have we not been alert and awake to see God in action?

It is through Peter's testimony, that we can take our comfort, when we wrestle with the demanding questions of faith. It is through Peter's example that we see how Jesus knows our weaknesses and, despite that, is willing to give us hope, and to be our friend.

As we prepare to celebrate this Easter, the joy of Christ's resurrection, the gift of a new hope, and proclaim Jesus as our Lord, reflect on those times when, like Peter, we have denied him: BUT, reassured that, like Peter, we are given a new hope in Christ to be one of His followers.

May God richly bless us this Easter, as we celebrate with joy the resurrection of our Lord, and proclaim him as our Saviour.

Caroline



#### Easter Memorial Lilies

Just a reminder that if you would like to contribute towards the Easter Memorial Lily Funds in memory of someone dear, please could you kindly contact:

### Eastling - Nerys Condrup 07957

Stalisfield - Mary Dowling 01795 890669 as soon as possible.' A list of names will be displayed in each church.



# Eastling Church

April 4/5' 11/12' ' 18/19' ' 25/26' '

May 2/3'

Thursday

Friday

No flowers
Easter Lilies
Easter Lilies
Steph Youle and
Nerys Condrup
Pim & Andrew
Baxter

#### Prayer Pointers April 2009



Sunday For the people living in our villages.

Monday That the peace in Northern

Ireland may not be broken.

Tuesday
For farmers and gardeners at this time of new growth.

Wednesday For BHA and those who work to help the needy

people of Ukraine.
For our troops in
Afghanistan and all who

Afghanistan and all who suffer because of the conflict there.

For all who are affected in any way by the recession.

Send your blessing on Caroline, Angela and Norman and all who serve the church in Eastling, Stalisfield and Otterden

#### The Gardeners' Hymn

All things bright and beautiful, All creatures great and small, All things wise and wonderful, The Lord God made them all.

But what we never mention, though gardeners know it's true, Is when He made the goodies, He made the baddies too.

All things spray and swattable, Disasters great and small, All things paraquatable, The Lord God made them all.

The green fly on the roses, the maggots in the peas,
Manure that fills our noses,
He also gave us these.

All things spray and swattable, etc.

The fungus on the goose-gogs, the club root on the greens, The slugs that eat the lettuce and chew the aubergines.

All things spray and swattable, etc.

The drought that kills the fuchsias, the frost that nips the buds, The rain that drowns the seedlings, the blight that hits the spuds.

All things spray and swattable, etc.

The midges and mosquitoes, the nettles and the weeds, The pigeons in the green stuff, the sparrows on the seeds.

All things spray and swattable, etc.

The fly that gets the carrots, the wasp that eats the plums, How black the gardener's outlook, though green may be his thumbs.

All things spray and swattable, etc.

But still we gardeners labour midst vegetables and flowers, And pray what hits our neighbours' will somehow bypass ours.

All things spray and swattable, etc.

© Barbara Robinson

# Barbara Robinson explains the background to her popular poem:

The poem came to me, sitting looking out of the window at the garden. I sang it at the Harvest Festival supper at All Saints' Leamington Spa, and lots of the congregation wanted copies to send to their friends. So I asked Les Twoby, an artist and art teacher, to illustrate it for me. He wrote it out beautifully, and made a lovely drawing and decorated border. We printed 300, some we gave away, some were sold in the church porch.

Then I moved back to Wiltshire and showed the poem to the cathedral bookshop. They liked it and started to sell it for the benefit of the cathedral. It sold well, they photocopied more and then asked if they could get their normal supplier to print it commercially. This he did, but sadly without Les Twoby's art work. Every-now-and-then someone writes to the cathedral to ask if they can print it in their parish magazine. I've always agreed to it, and I'm very pleased to have it included in the Parish Pump.



The new version is now sold in churches and garden centres. It's proved very popular; I'm not absolutely sure why but it does seem to strike a chord with people. Alan Titchmarsh

recorded it and used it as part of his stage show, An Evening with Alan Titchmarsh. The organist at Leamington was on tour in America, and found that one of his hosts had it stuck to the fridge door. It's been sung by choirs for harvest supper, printed in one of the less salubrious national newspapers and sung as a barber shop quartet on local radio. It's now on lots of forums on the internet. Sometimes it's printed with the wrong name as the author, and I would like to take this opportunity to say it was me who wrote it! I hope your readers like it as well.

#### BUNCE TRUST BURSARY for GREENBELT FESTIVAL 28th - 31st AUGUST 2009

The Bunce Charity has decided to offer a Bursary of £250 to a family of one or two adults with a child or children under 16, for the Greenbelt Festival. Depending on the size of the family and the date of the booking, this should cover attendance for the three days at all events the family wishes to go to – and there are hundreds! There would probably be a bit left over towards travel.

The programme for this year is not yet published but there is a website www.greenbelt.org.uk . This is a very popular festival and offers different events for different age groups from quite young children to adults, as well as some all age events. The ticket covers camping, but people can also hire tents or rent accommodation.

The Bunce Trust covers Otterden and Throwley with an extension into Eastling, Badlesmere and Leaveland and Sheldwich, and even into Selling and Ospringe if no suitable applications are received from the other villages.

If your family is interested, please contact Jane on 01622 850686.

#### Eastling Neighbourhood Watch.

Contact numbers:

Parish/Village Warden 07794010394

Crimestoppers 0800 555 111 (24 hours, free and anonymous)

Sittingbourne police station 01795 477055

Emergencies or crime in progress always use 999

There have been many reports of sheep roaming on the roads and in various fields locally and I assure you that the Parish Council is endeavouring to have the problem resolved and that all calls are passed onto the relevant Farm. Sheep are worse than humans, the grass is always greener on the other side of the fence. Please be patient and drive carefully.

Please be careful of any doorstep callers as Trading Standards have issued various warning notices of scams that have been happening in the County, remember you have worked hard for whatever you have and do let any person on the doorstep or electronically take this away from you.

Remember when dog walking to keep your dog on the lead in the vicinity of sheep as it is the lambing season and should any dog or dogs be seen to run after or attack sheep the farmer has the right to either shoot the dogs or inform the police who do react very quickly ad should the dogs be caught it is odds on they will be destroyed . As a village of dog lovers lets make sure it does not happen.

Have a good month. Alan

### Services in our Churches

### Ministry in our Parishes

### 5th April Palm Sunday

Philippians 2. 5 - 11, Mark 11. 1 - 11

Eastling 8am Holy Communion (BCP) 10am Holy Communion (CW) Eastling 3pm Evening Prayer (BCP) Otterden

### 9th April Maundy Thursday

Stalisfield 7.30pm Holy Communion

### 10th April Good Friday

Eastling 12noon Readings and Hymns 1 - 3pm Vigil

### 12th April Easter Day

Eastling 8am Holy Communion (BCP) Eastling 10am Easter Celebration Stalisfield 10am Family Communion

### 19th April Easter 2

Acts 4. 32 - 35, John 20. 19 - end

Eastling 10am Morning Prayer (BCP) 10am Morning Prayer (BCP) Stalisfield Eastling 10am S Club in the Village Hall

#### 26th April Easter 3

Acts 3. 10 - 19, Luke 24. 36b - 48 10am Youngstyle

Eastling Stalisfield 10am Holy Communion (CW)

#### 3rd May Easter 4

Acts 4 5 - 12 John 10 11 - 18

10am Holy Communion (CW) Eastling Otterden 3pm Evening Prayer

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

#### Services at Whitehill Chapel

5th April 10am Brunch

10.40am Family People's Choice 7th April 2.15pm Holy Communion 26th April 11am People's Choice

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

#### Priest Reverend Caroline Pinchbeck (01795 890487)

in The Rectory, Newnham Lane, Eastling

Charge Faversham ME13 0AS

<caroline.pinchbeck575@btinternet.com>

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

Reader Norman Fowler (01795 890412)

4 Meesons Close, Eastling

Reader Hugh Perks (01795 890603)

Weald Cottage, Eastling

Churchwardens

Eastling Steve Youle (01795 890368)

Audrey Smith (01795 890469)

Stalisfield with Otterden

Patricia Thompson (01795 890376) Martin Beckenham (01795 892079)

#### From the Registers

#### **Funeral**

Jack Cyril Mills 12th March 2009 Funeral with burial at Stalisfield

#### Midweek Groups

Tuesdays 7.30pm Bible Study Thursdays 10.15am Prayer Group Both groups meets at Pinks Farm, Eastling 01795 890338 New members welcome



...and the theme of this morning's service is... 'Preaching a Gospel of Simplicity'.

#### Otterden Chronicles

Some time ago, I was asked about the

secret passage that ran from beneath the

tower at Otterden Place, to just beyond

the cricket ground by the duck pond. Incidentally, the duck pond is still there and does hold water, but it is only a shadow of its former self. The explanation I am about to give is only what I imagine, but it could be true. During the time that Cromwell became Lord Protector, Otterden Place was owned by Charles Stuart, Duke of Richmond, This period, between 1649 -1660, was a dangerous time for Royalists and it is possible that the tunnel was excavated for the purpose of escape for members of the household. should they be approached by the Roundheads. I believe that it was in the area of the duck pond that Cromwellian artifacts were found some years ago. Mr Wheler once told me that one of his paternal ancestors was servant to Charles I. Possibly he was referring to Col. Charles Wheler, who commanded the Kentish Regiment of Cavaliers for Charles I. But, as the Revd. Granville Wheler bought Otterden Place in 1725,

the Wheler's were not at Otterden at the

time of Cromwell.



It is thought that Otterden Place was built in the later years of the reign of Henry VIII (1509 - 1547). It is just possible that the tunnel was an escape route during the suppression of the Monasteries, but I think the Stuart theory is more probable. I understand the tunnel was demolished when the house was reconstructed, possibly in the 1800's

'Grey shadows pass before me In the wood and on the ride. Grey shadows could depress the track But sun there will not hide. Grey shadows reach the cypress tree Grev shadows touch the beech. And wander in a line to meet Each branch I cannot reach. Grey shadows move below the birds As they take wing and fly, Grey shadows dim the path as well, But cannot touch the sky.' AIK

#### Otterden WI

The February 'Easy Puddings' were a huge success and everyone enjoyed watching Kate, Jean and Emma preparing their favourites for us to sample. We were all particularly impressed by the 'Blue Peter moment' when Emma produced more of her delicious layered puddings from a cool box, announcing 'here's one I made earlier!'

As we're still a relatively 'young and new' WI, we didn't feel quite ready for the official judges for our first-ever cake competition, but everyone thoroughly enjoyed sampling all the entries and voted Kim's cake the best on appearance and Pat's cake the tastiest. Well done ladies! Don't forget to claim your prizes at the March meeting.

#### Gardening Maintenance Matthew & James Mount

Mowing, Strimming, Edging, Hedges, Pruning, Rotovation. Pressure Washing, etc. Tel: 01795 890514.

Mobile: 07518 740565

Tuesday March 31st Stalisfield Village Hall 7.30pm Local Food v The Supermarket. Two members have volunteered to go shopping, one using only local shops and the other at a supermarket. We will be comparing the items on price and taste and considering other aspects of shopping, such as convenience, so this is bound to be a lively debate.

Thursday April 30th The Harrow, Warren Street 7.30pm Quiz Night teams of 4 or 6, depending on numbers on the night. A fun, relaxed and enjoyable evening.

We are a very friendly group and new members and quests are always welcome. If you would like a copy of our 2009 programme or any more

details about us, please contact our President, Emma Norwood on 01795 892138 or just come along to a meeting and find out for yourself.

Eastling School News

A book swap was held on World Book Day, 5th

March. Thank you to everyone who supported

this event, helping us to raise £70 which will be

Leopards class presented an assembly to parents

and children highlighting the dangers of smoking

The football team enjoyed a match in the rain

and mud against Hernhill School. After a close

first half. Eastling lost when they conceded late

goals. The Year 5/6 football team enjoyed a

tournament at The Abbey School and were

awarded the Most Sporting Team trophy. Well

done to all the team, especially Richard, our Star

Player. Seven children from years 5 & 6 enjoyed

a netball tournament at Abbey School, and beat

the host school's Year 7 team. Congratulations

Four children from Year Six participated in a

project about the Faversham gunpowder

explosion. As part of this, their class helped

them write a ballad based on events surrounding

the explosion. Younger children also had a

chance to learn abut song writing supported by

During March the school held workshops for

parents, informing them what the children do as

part of Literacy, Mathematics and ICT, with

Comic Relief: Many thanks to all the children

who donated their pocket money so they could

throw custard pies at the teachers. We raised over £100. Thank you to Mrs Pritchard for

Children in Cubs Class (Year R) enjoyed a trip to

the garden centre, reinforcing class work on the

School ends for the Spring break on 2nd April

suggestions on supporting learning at home.

organising the fund-raising events.

topics of Spring and Growing.

and reopens on Monday 20th

to Joshua. Eastling's star player.

visitors from 'Music in a Box'.

This was part of the national No Smoking Day.

spent on news books for the children.

Tuesday 26th May - Safari Suppers In place of the usual monthly meeting, members will be hosting 'Safari Suppers' in their homes. For anyone who isn't familiar with the concept, a group moves from one member's home to the next, enjoying a delicious home cooked starter at the first, a terrific main course at the second and finishing with excellent desserts and coffee at the last home.

More details at the April meeting. if you're not able to come along but would like more information, please contact Emma.

Wendy Thomas, Publicity Officer

Dates for your diary:

#### Charing & District Local History Society

Thursday 2nd April in Charing Parish Hall at 8pm.

Geoff Hutchinson will give a talk on **Brother Godrey of Battle Abbey:** 

a Benedictine Monk from bygone days.

Doors open at 7.45pm,
non-members pay £2.



We will have homemade cakes for sale on 1st April and 6th May in Eastling Village Hall.

Pop-In is open to everyone for a free cuppa between 9 and 11am on Wednesdays - lots of toys suitable for toddlers' play. NO Pop-In on 8th and 15th April. Contact number is 01795 890338

#### **COMPUTER**

Giving away to suitable home
- Dell Dimension 4300
desktop PC, with screen,
keyboard, speakers and
webcam. A few years old
now but functional and
reliable.

Please contact Graham Galer, 01795 890780 or graham@galer.demon.co.uk.



### BELMONT HOUSE SPRING FAIR

Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th May

Open 11am - 5pm
Free entry to garden.
Refreshments in Tea Room
Local Crafts, Shire horses, plants
Live music by Elbert Flec
For more details go to
www.belmont-house.org

The Mobile Library visits

Eastling, every fortnight, at the entrance to Glebe Cottages. It is open to everyone, free of charge.

April times are Tuesdays
7th and 21st, 10.50 - 11.05am.



Painters Forstal with Ospringe W.I. Tuesday 21st April, 2.15pm

Birthday Meeting in the Champion Hall Carol Bosworth will talk about 'A Magical Experience'.

#### **Afternoon Club**

April Activities:

Thursday 9th Bingo
Thursday 23rd Board Games
Both meetings start at 2pm in the
Champion Hall
New members welcome.

### **FITNESS CLASSES**

@ Eastling Village Hall

# WEDNESDAYS 7.00pm BUMS, LEGS & TUMS

helps to tone & shape these specific areas. **8.00pm FIT DANCE** 

works on aerobic fitness, using fun DANCE moves. 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

There is NO Fitness Pilates 9<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> April (Easter break)

Fun & Funkv

#### 4.30pm FREESTYLE DANCE IDTA

school years 3 -11
Classes will be running during the Easter break. We will be focusing on our competition routines.

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

www.milesdanceandfitness.com more info contact Leigh on 890 149 leigh.fitness@btinternet.com

# FRIENDS OF EASTLING SCHOOL

The Table Top Sale held on 7th March was very successful event and all stall holders were pleased with their sales. A total of £111 was raised for the school.

Our next events are the Model Competition and Easter Egg Hunt, for the school children and younger siblings, to be held on Thursday 2nd April. The Easter Raffle will also be drawn in the afternoon of 2nd April.

Dates for your Diary:

Swimming Pool Party - Friday 19th June - Faversham Swimming Pool.

Eastling School Summer Fete - Sunday 12th July.

End of Term Social – Friday 17th July. Jill Seaman, FOES Publicity jill.b.s@hotmail.co.uk, 01795 890252



#### **Stalisfield Church**

Fundraiser Sunday 14th June at 3pm **Ivan and Friends** present

A Mid Summer Medley

Bach to Beatles

with an interval to include

Afternoon Tea.

For further details, and to book tickets, phone 01795 890376

#### Lady Cleaner available

for domestic cleaning from vacuuming to spring cleaning. Collection/delivery service available for ironing.

Honest, reliable and hardworking Personal references available. Call 01795 892104 or mobile 07738 197856.

Email: davidnshelley@hotmail.co.uk



Come and join our coffee club in Whitehill Chapel on Wednesday 22nd April, between 11am and 12.30pm.

#### Stalisfield Safari Suppers

On 28<sup>th</sup> February Stalisfield held an inaugural Safari Supper to raise money for the new Village Hall. Ten houses hosted starters or main courses for groups of six guests and all forty participants finished up in the Village Hall for pudding. This pilot event was tremendous fun raising £450, and it was agreed that the Safari Supper should become an annual date on the calendar – hopefully selling more tickets and raising even more money. So watch this space for news of the next evening of gourmet gluttony.



say in the running of Eastling Village Hall! The Trust's Annual General Meeting will be held at 7.30pm on Thursday, 23rd April 2009 in the Village Hall, and all are welcome to attend. At the meeting nominations will be considered for election of two 'village representatives' to serve as Trustees. Nominees must be 18 years of age or over. Nomination forms (to be returned by 5th April) and further details are available from the Trust Secretary, Sue Parry at Magnolia Cottage, Newnham Lane, Eastling (tel: 890254).

Even if Trusteeship doesn't appeal, the Trustees are always looking for additional helpers. If you have a few hours to spare to do a bit of gardening or decorating at the Hall, please give Sue a ring.

The meeting will be followed by the Annual Parish Meeting at 8pm.

#### EASTLING VILLAGE HALL To book ring Julia Bailey on 01795 890746

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 occasions.



# Eastling Spring Bluebell Walk

The annual Eastling Spring Walk will take place on May

Bank Holiday Monday,
May 4th 2009

Walks of varying lengths, through the lovely local woods and countryside of Eastling and Otterden, 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.

Samantha Meader, Julie Harlow, Lucy Sparks & Liane West are doing the Eastling 5mile Bluebell walk, on May 4th, to raise money for C-R-Y (Cardiac Risk In The Young), in memory of our close friend Carl Dawson.

If anyone would like to sponsor us, please ring Sam on 01795 890156

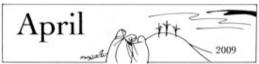
JULY 12th Summer Fete

#### The Bluebell Bistro

will be open in the village hall 10.30am - 4pm.

Hot and cold homemade lunches and light refreshments.

To help avoid the waiting times of last year, lunches will be served on a 'first come, first served' basis.



1st Cakes for sale at Pop-In 9-11am Eastling Village Hall 2nd History Society Charing Parish Hall 9th Afternoon Club (Bingo) Champion Hall 10th Fauré's Requiem 7.30pm Newnham Church 14th - 17th Holiday Club 10am - 12noon Eastling Village Hall 15th Deadline for May issue of Good News Pinks Farm 18th Wit and Wisdom 7.30pm Eastling Village Hall 21st Painters Forstal W.I. 2.15pm Champion Hall 11am Champion Hall 22nd Coffee Club 23rd Afternoon Club (Board games) Champion Hall 23rd Hall Trust Annual Meeting 7.30pm Eastling Village Hall Eastling Village Hall 23rd Annual Parish Meeting 24th Craft Club 6.15pm Champion Hall 28th Magazine Folding 2pm Pinks Farm 29th Otterden Annual Meeting 7.30pm Otterden Place 30th W.I. Ouiz Night 7.30pm Stalisfield Village Hall MAY 4th Bluebell Walk start between 11 & 2 from Eastling Village Hall 4th Bluebell Bistro 10.30am - 4pm Eastling Village Hall JUNE 14th Mid Summer Medley 3pm Stalisfield Church

#### **Deadline for May Good News**

Eastling School

If you would like to advertise in this magazine, submit articles, features or stories for publication, or would like any forthcoming events publicised, send your contribution by 15th April to Hilary Harlow, Pinks Farm, Eastling, Faversham ME13 0BA. Tel: 01795 890338. Where possible, please submit your entry by email: h.f.harlow@btconnet.com

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