# S Club

for all primary school aged children on Sunday 17th April, 10am in Eastling Village Hall

# Youngstyle

Sunday 24th April, 10am in Eastling Church

# Mothering Sunday

3rd April 2011
All will be welcome at our services:

10am in Eastling Church 3pm in Otterden Chapel

# Canterbury Cathedral Easter Holiday

Family Fun Programme,
Monday 11th—Friday 15th April
Daily activities as follows:

# 11.00- 12.00 Easter themed family guided tour of the Cathedral

This will take about 1 hour and is suitable for families with children up to the age of 11. Cost is 50p per person (children under 5 are free of charge) and normal Precinct charges apply.

#### 13.30—14.00 Easter Story time

Bring your little ones to hear Easter stories at the Water Tower. This event is free, however normal Precinct charges apply.

# 14.00—15.30 Easter Bookmarks & Stained glass widows.

Drop off session led by trained teachers in the Activity Room in the Schools Department, Parents will be required to complete a short consent form when leaving children at the sessions. Suitable for children aged 7–11. Cost is 50p per child and normal Precinct charges apply.

# Easter Monday Youth Pilgrimage

Converging at noon on 25th April www.canterburydiocese.org/emyp

For more info, please contact:
Murray Wilkinson (ChYPs Ministry Adviser)
01227 459401 mwilkinson@diocant.ora

#### FRIENDS of EASTLING SCHOOL

What fun the children and parents had on Shrove Tuesday with pancake races on the school field. Hundreds of hot pancakes were made and consumed during the afternoon!

Don't forget that your order for summer bedding plants must be in by 1st April, for delivery in May.

Tickets are now on sale for the Easter Egg Raffle which will be drawn after the school Easter Egg Hunt on Thursday 7th April, starting at 2.30pm on the school field if weather negmits!

The children will be encouraged to make models from their Easter Egg boxes to be judged in school on  $6^{\dagger h}$  May.

Advance notice that the School Fete will be held on Sunday  $10^{\rm th}$  July. Second Hand school uniform always available – please let me know your requirements.

Easter Wordsearch

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# Mouse Makes

Follow the Easter story using the Bible references, then look for the words in the wordsearch puzzle

Jerusalem read Matthew 21:1-11

DONKEY • ROAD BRANCHES • PALMS KING • HOSANNA

Last Supper read Matthew 26:17-30 PASSOVER • ROOM BREAD • WINE BODY • BLOOD CUP • MEAL

# Betrayal and Death PRA

read Matthew
26:36 - 27:56

KISS • MESSIAH
CHRIST • SON
CRUCIFY • JESUS
CROWN • THORNS
ROBE • TREE
NAILS • CROSS
DARKNESS • QUAKE

**DEATH • LOTS** 

#### Burial and Resurrection read Matthew 27:57 - 28:20

TOMB • STONE • LINEN • BODY BURY • THREE DAYS • MORNING MARY • ANGEL • HEAVEN GOD • RAISED • JOY • GO TELL GOOD NEWS • PEACE • SPIRIT - SAVIOUR • PRAISE

EASTER



"When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it and gave it to them.

Then their eyes were opened, and they recognised him ..."
(Luke's Gospel Ch 24 verse 30)

This year, much of April will still be in the Church season of Lent. With only two or three weeks of Lent under our belts, we may already be struggling to avoid temptation of that we may have given up, or taken up as our Lenten penance. The season of Lent is a time of We begin on Ash Wednesday hearing again the account of Jesus being tempted in the wilderness, and follow him as he makes the journey into Jerusalem. On Palm Sunday (17th April) we will rejoice in Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, then to journey through the events of "Holy Week" when we will remember the Last Supper and the Garden of Gethsemane, to Good Friday when we recall Jesus' journey with the cross, and his crucifixion through to the joys and celebration of Easter Sunday.

In tandem with 'walking' with Jesus, we are called to meditate on our own life journeys. It is a timely task, when many of us will be spring cleaning our homes, and relishing in the signs of new growth that we see in our gardens and in the countryside. We know from our own life experiences; those souvenirs of our holidays, celebrations etc are useful memory tools when we remember the good times in our lives. In the Christian context, we are challenged to look back on our spiritual lives and recollect the 'souvenirs' of our own relationship with God, to give thanks and to make changes for the good.

The above passage from Luke's Gospel is taken from the account of the disciples' journey on the road to Emmaus. Two disciples encounter a

stranger. The disciples are so caught up in trying to rationalise the events of the death of Jesus, and his disappearance from the tomb; that they do not recognise Jesus. Pleading ignorance, Jesus asks them to tell him all about what has gone on. It is only when they invite 'the stranger' to eat with them that they recognise Jesus. In the same way, so often in our lives we only recognise the hand of God when we share it with others. Taking the account of the Road to Emmaus is a good example of what we can do in our own preparations for Easter Day. To remember and recall our journey with God, and to see where the example of Christ and his teaching has influenced us, and to focus our minds on ways in which he has called us to serve him.

Historically, Lent has been a time for Christians to prepare themselves for baptism and confirmation which a number of people across our communities of Eastling, Stalisfield and Otterden are doing right now. In the Parishes, we are looking forward to the Bishop of Dover coming to Eastling to preside at a Confirmation service on (Friday) 13<sup>th</sup> May: a service to which all are invited.

As the baptism and confirmation candidates make their preparations, we pray for them and for ourselves as we reflect and rejoice in our spiritual journeys and also as we prepare to celebrate on Easter Day the joy and good news of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

With all my prayers and blessing, Caroline



## Palm Sunday 17th April

Eastling:

8 am Holy Communion 10 am Morning Prayer Stalisfield:

10 am Morning Prayer



## **Maundy Thursday**

Stalisfield:

7.30 pm Holy Communion



#### **Good Friday**

Eastling:

12 noon Devotional service followed by a Vigil at 1pm



# **Easter Day**

Eastling:

8 am Holy Communion 10 am Easter Service Stalisfield:

10 am Family Communion

# Good News Parish Magazine April 2011

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



## Revd Caroline Pinchbeck. our Priest in Charge,

will be leaving our parishes in mid May.

# A special **Leaving Party**

will be held in Eastling Village Hall, at 6pm on Sunday 15th May 2011. This will be a community event open to everyone in our villages. Further details in the May Good News.

The licensing for Caroline's new role as Diocesan Communities and Partnership Executive Officer, will be during a Eucharist in the Ouire at Canterbury Cathedral on Saturday 7th May, at 9:30am. The service is open to all, but you must inform Victoria Greatorex: email vgreatorex@diocant.org or tel: 01227 459401. Seats will be allocated on a first

#### **Confirmation Service**

come, first served basis.

Bishop Trevor will be coming to Eastling on Friday 13th May at 7.30pm.

Anyone wanting to be confirmed at this service should phone the Rectory, 01795 890487, as soon as possible.



Pat Thompson wrote this touching eulogy for the funeral of long time Stalisfield resident Mary Bayley who died in February, shortly after her 102nd birthday. Sadly space does not allow the full piece this month, so here is the first half, the rest will appear in the May Good News.

I first met Mary in 1971; nearly 40 years ago. I went to introduce myself, shortly after moving into Hillcrest, up the hill from her house. She rather shamefacedly, but with a mischievous look on her face. admitted that she had seen the Shortlands moving out and had walked up the road to have a look. She knew the goats were staying and looked to see if the dreadful dogs were in the garden. They weren't, so Mary crept round looking through the windows to see if there was any sign of the dogs. Having satisfied herself they weren't there, relieved, she made her way home. Minutes later vehicles arrived heading to and garden. This field her father had she walked back and fore to the church, made the most of life. which was frequently, I discovered. To backtrack in time:

Stalisfield having purchased The Old School look after the linen and to help with House, garden and part of Little Spelty cleaning the church and brasses. There Wood in 1931. Her father was an early must have been quite a good membership commuter, taking the train form Charing to of the church at that time as Mary was London where he worked for a bank.

Shop in Tenterden. Mary told me with glee an honour. These tasks she did faithfully for that she overheard it described as "the forty years until arthritis made it impossible smartest dress shop in Tenterden". They to carry on. made all types of dresses, including Mr Bayley died in his nineties, a couple of wedding dresses, and Mary loved it. She years after we moved to the area. He was ill was a gifted artist and seamstress.

was unwilling to offer to give up her him so that Mary could get some sleep. independence. Her father coped for a while After he died, Mary never grumbled, and and in 1939 asked her to come to Stalisfield probably feeling dreadful, she had a list on to live. Very enlightened for the time, he the kitchen wall of tasks that needed to be paid her a wage and signed over the done each day as she admitted that it was property and land to Mary, which by now hard to keep going. Jill, their collie helped



Hillcrest, Mary was nearly caught rescued from being sold for a caravan park. snooping. We laughed about this and Later he paid her insurance stamp so that remained friends from that moment. This she would in time have an old age pension. was typical of Mary she enjoyed telling Her father must have been very aware what stories against herself. At that time I was Mary was giving up at thirty years of age, half Mary's age; 31 to her nearly 62, but thought he might not live long and didn't she never seemed old. Incidentally the want her to lose the house because of dogs had been the bane of her life, rushing inheritance tax. Never one to look back about in an aggressive fashion every time and talk of what might have been, Marv

Having been baptised as a baby, and confirmed at 16, Mary became part of the Mary's mother and father moved to congregation at Stalisfield. She was keen to made to wait until she was forty before she By 1936 Mary and a colleague had a Gown was trusted to take this on and considered it

for a short while and friends rallied round Sadly her mother died in 1937, and Mary taking it in turns to spend the night with included the banks surrounding the house her get through her bereavement.

# Memorial Lilies at Easter If you would like to contribute towards the cost

of Memorial Lilies on Easter Day in Eastling Church, please contact Emma on 07940 490896, with the name(s) you would like commemorated and your donation by Monday 11th April. Pippa West has very kindly offered to calligraphy the names which will then be displayed in a frame on the remembrance table.

To contribute towards Easter Lilies at Stalisfield, Please call Mary Dowling on 01795 890669

# Eastling Church Flower Rota April 2011



2/3 No flowers 9/10 No flowers 16/17 No flowers

23/24 Easter - Lilies

30/ 1 May Wedding / Lilies

# Prayer **Pointers** April 2011

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Thursday



That we may use Lent as a time for reflection.

That this year's crops may bring forth a good harvest.

For those who do not have a good harvest and are hungry.

Wednesday Remember Mothers striving to bring up their families.

British Humanitarian Aid. Friday For those who are sick at

home or in hospital and all who care for them.

All who work for or support

That our Faith will be



#### **School News**

Congratulations to the 17 children who represented Eastling at the County Cross-Country Championships on Saturday. There were over 200 children in each race and our children did very well, including top 25 finishes for Austin and Charlie.

The football team enjoyed a 3-1 victory over Ospringe School, Goals for John and Charlie, supported by resolute defending.

Our environmental club has returned. We would love to receive unwanted gardening supplies gloves, seeds, tools, etc.

Leopards' Class (Years 5 and 6) spent a morning walking around the village looking at land use, traffic, pollution and buildings. This will be repeated soon on a visit to Whitstable, enabling the children to make comparisons between the localities.

It is a busy time for our sports teams as the squash players were in action at The Syndale Club: our cross-country runners head to Sittingbourne on 30th March and, despite being one of the smallest schools at the tournament at The Abbey School, our football drew two games and lost one.

Congratulations to Lions' Class following their successful class assembly in which they entertained children, staff and friends with retellings of traditional tales.

Term Four ends on Thursday 7th April with the traditional Easter Egg Hunt and raffle (from 2.30pm).

#### **Belmont House** Spring Fair

Sunday 8th May, 11am-5pm Entrance Free Food and craft stalls See www.belmonthouse.org for more details

#### EASTLING PARISH COUNCIL

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Thursday 28th April at 8pm in Eastling Village Hall. An opportunity for parishioners to find out what the parish Council has been involved with over the past

The next meeting will be the Annual Meeting on Wednesday 25th May at 6.30pm. Residents are welcome to attend any meeting. Jill Seaman, Clerk to the Council mick seaman@yahoo.co.uk

# Annual Parish Meetings

# the Carpenters Arm

#### Mother's Day

Sunday 3rd April is Mother's day, so if you haven't booked yet, do it now. You know she deserves it.

#### Guest Chef

One day a month we will be bringing in a guest chef from different parts of the world to do a tasting menu.

#### Saturday April 16th is Indian night

Our chef will be The Taste of Kent "Artisan food producer" of the year Corinne Goodman. The menu will be a banquet of traditional southern Indian cuisine. Booking essential.

#### The Royal Wedding

Friday 29th is the wedding of Prince William to Kate Middleton We are celebrating this with a party in the courtyard with all day BBQ & bar, flags and bunting, large screen TV in the bar showing the ceremony.

#### Bluebell Walk

Monday  $2^{nd}$  May, the bar will be open from 9am serving a breakfast menu with the bar remaining open all day. The lunch menu will run till 3pm then a BBQ will continue in the yard

#### **Book Exchange**

On the wall of the bar we have mounted a bookcase for a book exchange scheme. Please feel free to help yourself to the books on display and please bring in any paperbacks you have read and wish to swap

#### Outside Stage

We have now finalised plans to demolish the old shed and build a new outdoor music stage. To celebrate the completion of this work we will be holding Eastling's first outdoor 24 hour punk & heavy rock festival on the first Friday of April.

Mitch, Donna and the dogs

The Annual Meeting of the Otterden Parish Meeting will be held at Otterden Place on

Wednesday 27th April 2011 at 7.30pm. All residents are welcome to attend.

Eastling Village Hall Thursday 28th April 7.30pm Hall Trust's Annual General Meeting 8pm Parish Council

Annual Parish Meeting

Please come along to support your local amenities.

## **Eastling Neighbourhood Watch**

Parish /Village Warden 07794 010394 Crimestoppers 0800 555111 Swale Police 01622 690690 Emergencies 999



Recently, there have been several instances of telephone calls made to Eastling residents informing people that they have a virus in their computer and they need to pay a certain company a rather large sum of money to have it put right. The Company concerned has been traced and Trading Standards have been informed and are taking the appropriate action. Anyone receive a call regarding computers please cut the call off.

As we come to the lighter evenings please make sure all your garden equipment is safely locked away and secure as there is sure to be prying eyes checking everywhere.

As I write this today there has been a report of a trailer having been stolen in the village and fortunately it has been found by the police in the area of Alkham near Folkestone so as is shown we must be alert at all times and report any strange vehicles in the

There has been a couple of instances in the local area where dogs have not been under the control of their owners. It is vital that dogs be kept on a lead on the main roads and also under control in the fields not only for their sake but for the benefit of all. Have a good month, Alan

# Services in our Churches

# 3rd April Mothering Sunday

Colossians 3. 12 - 17, Luke 2. 33 - 35

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

# 10th April Lent 5

Romans 8.6 - 11, John 11. 1 - 45

8 am Holy Communion (BCP) 10 am Holy Communion (CW) Stalisfield

10.30 am Freestyle

# 17th April Palm Sunday

Philippians 2. 5 - 11. Matthew 21. 1 - 11

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

# 21st April Maundy Thursday

1 Corinthians 11. 23 - 26, John 13. 1 - 17, 31b - 35 Stalisfield 7.30 pm Holy Communion (CW)

# 22nd April Good Friday

12 noon Service and Vigil

# 24th April Easter Sunday

Acts 10, 34 - 43. John 20, 1 - 18 or Matthew 28, 1 - 10 8 am Holy Communion (BCP) Eastling

Eastling 10 am Youngstyle

10 am Holy Communion (CW) Stalisfield

# 1st May Easter 2

1 Peter 1, 3 - 9. John 20, 19 - end

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

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

# Ministry in our Parishes

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Charge Faversham ME13 0AS <caroline.pinchbeck575@btinternet.com>

Curate Reverend Angela Cheeseman (01795 892124) 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

Martin Beckenham (01795 892079)

Parish Administrator Laura Lloyd (01795 890487) eastlingchurch@googlemail.com (Monday &Friday mornings)

# From the Registers

#### **Funeral**

Wednesdays

Maud Mary Mildred BAYLEY 7th March 2011 at Stalisfield

# Midweek Groups

Tuesdays Lent study 9.30am Garden Cottage or 7.30pm Pinks Farm

Morning Worship 9.05 - 9.20am Eastling Church Thursdays Prayer Group 10.30am Pinks Farm All welcome.

# 2011 Annual Parochial Church Meetings

Stalisfield - 10th April 2011, 11am in Stalisfield Church Eastling - 17th April 2011, 11am in Eastling Church Members of the congregations are welcome to attend.

> For further details please contact Revd. Pinchbeck on 01795 890487.

A note for your diary: This year's sponsored

# **North Downs Walk**

orgainsed by the Rotary Club of the Weald of Kent will take place on Sunday morning July 3rd. There are 5 or 10 mile options and funds raised from your sponsors are divided 50-50 between our charities (principally Cancer Research) and your selected charities. Further details will be in future Good News or go to: wealdofkentrotary.org.uk

## SPONSORED BUS PASS JOURNEY!!

On 4th April I am setting out from Canterbury Cathedral to visit as many cathedrals as I can around England, travelling only on local buses using my OAP bus pass, for a maximum of 12 days. I will be eating a rice and lentil diet, like the Suchana families, and spending only an average of £5.00 a day (sleeping at friends houses en route). I will carry all I need in a small backpack.

Details can be obtained from me, Angela Stoddart tel: 01795 890210, angela@claresforstal.plus.com . if you are interested in sponsoring me (any amount welcome), you can use Paypal or JustGiving if you like - see www.suchana-community.org .

#### Growing Together in Wholeness - a very special day.

At 8.30 on the morning of 26th February the village hall was a hive of activity and by 9.15 a group of excited, determined people were ready to face the day. What was going on? The Healing and Wholeness team was hosting a study day for the first time, but would it be for the last time?

The team were ready; Dave in his yellow iacket to assist with parking, Sylvia and Laura at the door ready to greet and sign in those who had booked. Hilary and Chris were in the kitchen preparing the welcoming refreshments and Mark, Leigh, Ted and Arch were preparing their instruments. Phil and Christine from the Sittingbourne Christian bookshop, were setting up their book stand and I was waiting to greet our speaker Jennifer Rees Larcombe, author and founder of Beauty from Ashes retreat at Hadlow, near Tonbridge.

At 9.30 people began arriving and the hall started filling up. At 9.50 the team collected in the committee room for quiet time of prayer and preparation, then at 10 o'clock the welcome and short worship began. In her morning talk, Jennifer spoke of the challenges she had faced when confined to a wheelchair for eight years and the effect her healing had.

The morning flew by, and then came the logistical problem of setting up tables for lunch in a hall already packed with seated people. Many of the team members had made soup, and what a choice our guests were given. Many forwent their packed lunches as the aroma of the different soups filled the air. Somehow the tables

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were set up and lunch began. The compliments flowed as much as the soup, teas and coffees. The tables were put away as quickly as they had been erected; the hall had gone from church, to dining hall and back to church without major problems.

The afternoon session began with a service led by Norman and Sylvia, then Jennifer held a question and answer session, an opportunity to ask Jennifer directly about healing.

The day finished with a healing service with the laying on of hands. At 4pm the day ended, everyone thanked Jennifer for an amazing day and she was given a bouquet of flowers in appreciation. farewells were said and the team put away all the chairs and equipment, feeling rather pleased with themselves as it was estimated we had served, and played host to 90 people from different parts of Kent.

Looking back the team are really pleased at how smoothly the day went, any problems that arose on the day were dealt with so well that nobody realised they had arisen. Would the team feel like tackling another day? Would they run screaming if it was suggested?

The team met to debrief and discuss the day; what went well; what we would do differently. The verdict was that the day was such a powerful and enriching day for all and it was decided, unanimously, that we would host another study day, in 15 months time.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the healing team for their dedication and for all that they each did to make the day so wonderful. They worked hard, tirelessly and I am proud to work along side them.

Caroline Ramshaw, ALM

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## From the Butler's Pantry

Audrev Keen

Luncheon at Otterden Place (1970)

I was always surprised that wine was seldom taken at luncheon. A few brought their own bottles, but many preferred the water that was provided on each individual table. There was no starter, as I recall, that being reserved for the evening supper, but the main meal was brought to table at about one p.m. This was always a wonderful meal. It could be Sole Veronique; Chicken Marengo; curry with every possible side dish; beef olives; sweetbreads or some other first rate dish. This was always well received by the residents and eaten with relish. Pudding could be anything from apple pie and cream; queen of puddings; fruit salad or some other nourishing hot sweet dish served with custard sauce, all followed by biscuits and cheese of several varieties. Once replete, the residents would retire to the drawing room for coffee. Here they could relax on sofas and easy chairs to chat and relate their day's affairs to their friends while sipping coffee from dainty cups, poured of course, from a silver pot. We staff, meanwhile, quiet and unobtrusive, would clear away each course, and serve the next as it came. After a certain time we retrieved the coffee cups from the drawing room to wash up in the butler's pantry. Later we would re-lay the dining room ready for supper at 7 p.m. and the library table would be set for afternoon tea at 4 p.m.

Once, in a warm and sunny spot I found a wild forget me not And took from it, in my mind's eve The colouring to paint a sky, For in its faded blue I felt The strength of broad clouds slowly melt While from its yellow centred star I saw the golden sun. AIK

#### Volunteer Guides needed for Belmont House.

Would you be able to spare some time to show visitors around the beautiful setting of Belmont House?

This hidden gem of a Georgian house sits between Eastling and Throwley. visitors are taken around on a guided tour and we are looking for someone enthusiastic and passionate who would be willing to give up some of their spare time to show this lovely place to others.

The House is open to the Public at weekends from 2.00pm and to pre-booked groups such as W.I, U3A, Village Societies etc during the week.

No experience necessary!

Please contact Andrea on 01795 890202 or email: administrator@belmonthouse.org for more information and an informal chat.

#### THE FRIENDS OF OSPRINGE CHURCH

Invite you to join in our OSPRINGE BARGAIN HUNT TRAIL FRONT YARD SALE On Saturday 9th April 2011

from 10.00 a.m. 'til 2.00 p.m.

Sort out your Attic, your Garage, your Shed and your Cupboards. Make some money for yourselves whilst helping raise funds for our Ancient Church.

Put all your items on your front garden before 10.00 a.m. and wait for the BARGAIN HUNTERS to arrive! Make sure you man your goods though! To ensure that you are entered into the YARD

> TRAIL MAP please send your details to Rosemary Simmons at Whitehill House, Brogdale Road, Ospringe ME13 ODN along with your cheque for £5.00, made payable to Friends of Ospringe Church. Maps will be available from the above address or Ospringe Church on the day.

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Thank you very much to all who generously came or contributed to the coffee morning at New House Farm on March 11th for the "Hands of Compassion"

orphanage in Zambia. We raised the amazing sum of £190 which I know will be greatly appreciated by the orphans in Ndola.

Angela Cheeseman Hands of Compassion seeks to provide hope to orphaned or vulnerable children through basic education and develop Christian values, as well as vocational training, enabling them to have a better quality of life,

become informed and fulfill their potential.

# NSPCC Open Garden and Plant Sale Saltwood Castle.

nr Hythe CT21 4OU, by kind permission of Mrs. Jane Clark. Saturday 7th May, 10am - 4pm.

The grounds of Saltwood Castle are not normally open to the public so this is a rare opportunity to see this romantic, medieval castle which is steeped in history .It was from Saltwood Castle that knights set out to kill Thomas Beckett in Canterbury Cathedral. There is a moat, dungeons, battlements, a secret garden, even peacocks, all set within a romantic backdrop of overgrown greenery and tall castle walls.

Homemade cakes, BBQ sausages and burgers and healthy lunches. Twenty nurseries will be selling unusual perennials, small flowering trees, alpines, geraniums and iris's, garden sculptures, stunning pots and baskets also hand crafted wooden gardening accessories.

Entrance is £5 per person. Parking is free but limited. For more information and directions www.nspcc.org.uk/getinvolved and go to the events pages. For information on Saltwood Castle visit www.saltwoodcastle.com or contact the NSPCC South East Appeals office on 01293 651840 or Sue Steward on 01233 840320.

#### OTTERDEN W.I.

Does anyone else find it scary how quickly this year is passing us by all ready?

I'd like to take a moment to send our thoughts and prayers to the people of Japan, I happen to think Mother Nature is not very happy about something. May the souls lost and deceased Rest In Peace.

Come and find us on Wednesday 6th April for our Annual AGM at Stalisfield Village Hall then after a Jewellery Demonstration by Hilary Weston. If you would like to join us for this meeting and are interested in becoming a member or being Voted on the Committee please get in contact with myself and I can arrange to meet you there.

On Friday 6th May we will be holding a Wine N Wisdom at Stalisfield Village Hall, Open to guests, so get on to your friends and family and get some teams together! It will be £2 entry pp with teams of 6 per table, please bring your own refreshments. Bottles of wine will be for sale if required. If you are interested, please book a table by contacting myself at rward85@btinernet.com or 0787 963 5600, Hope to see lots of you there. Have a good month Ladies. Rebecca Ward, Publicity Officer rward85@btinternet.com



# The Painters Forstal COFFEE CLUB

The next coffee club will be on 6th April, in Whitehill Chapel, 11 am - 12.30pm. All welcome.

# **LEIGH MILES DANCE & FITNESS**

## **CLASSES Eastling Village Hall**

WEDNESDAYS

7.00pm BUMS, LEGS & TUMS 8.00pm FIT DANCE - LATIN FUSION (zumba - esque)

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Chocolate for Chocoholics - last opportunity to order for Easter will be 6th April - brochures at Pop-In.

Books for sale most weeks. Pop-In will be closed for Easter break on 13th and 20th April. Contact number is 01795 890338.

## **Charing and District Local History Society**

Thursday 14th April

CREEP, PUSH and PULL:

Why people move and where they go. Examines the forces that cause populations to move from the place of their birth. Dr. J. V. Stirk

To be held at 8pm in Charing Parish Hall, doors open at 7.45pm. All welcome. Visitors £2.

Enquiries: Jennie Burgess 01233 714639

#### **Eastling Short Mat Bowls**

Well, another month as gone by and we have played a lot more games, so here

On 20th February we played Boughton Wheelers in the Swale league at home, winning by 12 points to 2 - a good result for us. On 23rd February we played away to Canterbury in their club house, where we won one game by 2 points, and lost one but got more shots, so came away with 4 points.

We then made the long trek to Queenborough, in the Swale League, and had a excellent result, coming home with 11 points leaving them with just 3, they said that is the best result from a visiting team.

Next, Canterbury came to Eastling and we won on both mats; 6 points to nil. We then went to Boughton and won 6 points to nil, both East Kent League games.

Back in the Swale League, we played at home against Newington Reds and won 10 points to 4, then away to Bysingwood where I lost the Singles, but we still managed to return home happy with 9 points to 5, only losing out for extra points, by one shot; the score was Bysingwood 45 to Eastling's 44.

The Eastling Cherries are currently top of both divisions.

Roy Piles, 01795 537162.

# The Bluebell Walk 2011

will take place on Bank Holiday Monday, 2nd May,

from 10.30am

There will be three different walks:

3, 5 or 9 miles, and NEW for this year opportunities for guided walks.

Bring your family and friends for a healthy day in our lovely countryside.

We need the loan of a USB microscope that can be coupled to laptop computer as well as a standard microscope. We hope to use these items on a children's nature table for examining items they will be told to find on the bluebell walk. If you can help please contact Harry 01795 890703 or email hkass@tiscali co uk

The Bluebell Bistro will be open in the village hall, serving hot and cold homemade lunches and teas

Offers of help in the bistro welcome, please call Hilary on 01795 890338.

Raising funds for St. Mary's Church, Eastling

# **Painters Forstal** with Ospringe WI

Tuesday 19th April Talk: Catwalk to Choir by Mrs Margaret Ovenden Competition: Flower of the Month. 2.15pm in Champion Hall Guests and new members welcome, phone 01795 532756 for further details.

#### WE'RE BACK!!!

Jill and Caroline's Quiz Night In aid of British Humanitarian Aid Saturday 4th June at 7pm in Eastling Village Hall. £5 per person, 6 - 8 on a table Phone 01795 892088 to book your table.

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.

# Stalisfield Wild Life

# The Royal Wedding

### Stalisfield "Fare to Share" Seated Picnic.

After you have watched The Wedding, join us for a celebration on the Green at 3pm. We will be able to either spread out or be confined depending on the weather. We will supply seating, music and entertainment. We ask you to bring food ready to share amongst your neighbours, as part of a good old fashioned flag waving occasion. Drinks will be available at moderate cost.

We have plans to enliven the day with Music, Maypole and Morris. Young and old and in-betweens, you are all invited to turn up at 3pm on Friday 29th April for the

#### Stalisfield Party on the Green.

# Stalisfield Highlife

Future dates:

25th June 22nd July 27th August 21st October Stalisfield Over 60s Summer Selebration

Stalisfield Frog Racing Stalisfield Summer Fete

24th September Stalisfield Harvest Supper Stalisfield Quiz Party

10th December Stalisfield Christmas Pantomime

# April



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Carpenters Arms

11am Eastling Church

9 - 11am Eastling Village Hall

2.15pm Champion Hall

2pm Pinks Farm

7.30pm Otterden Place

6th Cakes and Books at Pop-In 9am Eastling Village Hall 11am Whitehill Chapel 6th Coffee Club

7.30pm Stalisfield Village Hall 6th Otterden WI 7th Easter Egg Hunt

2.30pm Eastling School 10th Annual Church Meeting 11am Stalisfield Church 8pm Charing Parish Hall

14th History Society 15th DEADLINE for May magazine

16th Indian Night

17th Annual Church Meeting 19th Ospringe WI

26th Good News Publication

27th Pop-In resumes 27th Otterden Annual Meeting

28th Village Hall Annual meeting 7.30pm Eastling Village Hall

28th Annual Parish Meeting 8pm Eastling Village Hall 29th Stalisfield Royal Wedding Party 3pm Stalisfield Green

MAY 2nd Bluebell Walk from Eastling Village Hall

7.30pm Stalisfield Village Hall 6th W.I. Wine & Wisdom

15th Caroline's leaving party 6pm Eastling Village Hall

JUNE 4th Quiz Night 7pm Eastling Village Hall JULY 10th School Fête

Eastling School Field

#### Deadline for May 2011 Good News

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