

S Club

for all primary school aged children
on Sunday 18th April,
10am in Eastling Village Hall

Youngstyle

A half hour service for all
young at heart
Sunday 25th April,
10am in Eastling Church

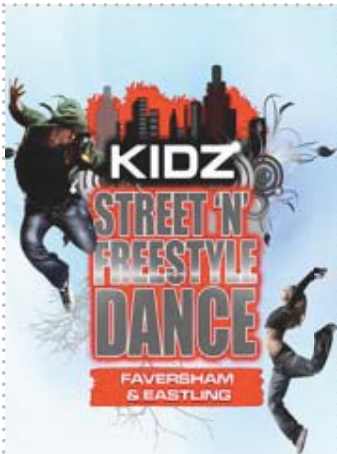


Craft Club

Fridays 9th and 23rd
April, 6.15 - 7.15pm
Champion Hall, Painters
Forstal.
50p per session
Contact number 532756.



Easter Eggs to colour



KIDZ STREET 'N' FREESTYLE DANCE

for boys & girls aged 8-13 years
Dedicated BOYS ONLY Class
Starting Wednesday 21st April
6 week course only £30
4.15pm Boys 5.15pm Girls
Venue
St Catherine's Church Hall,
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ME13 8LG

Don't miss out book a place now.
For more info give me a call or
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Mouse Makes

On the cross Jesus opened
wide his arms for us,
Jesus put an end to death
by dying for us
and showed us the
resurrection to come
by rising to new life.
HAPPY EASTER!

**Jesus
is risen**

**Jesus
is here**

The angel
said: "Jesus...is
not here, for he
has risen, just as
he said"
Matthew 28:6

Jesus said:
"Where two or
three come
together in my
name I am there
with them."
Matthew 18:20

**Jesus
will come
again**

Jesus said:
"I will come
back and take
you to myself so
that you will
be where I am"
John 14:3

To make an Easter
mobile glue the picture
of Jesus to thin card,
colour, then cut out.
Cut around the word
panels and glue
together along a
length of thin
string or wool. Tie
end to the top of
Jesus and hang up.

APR10



1st April Maundy Thursday

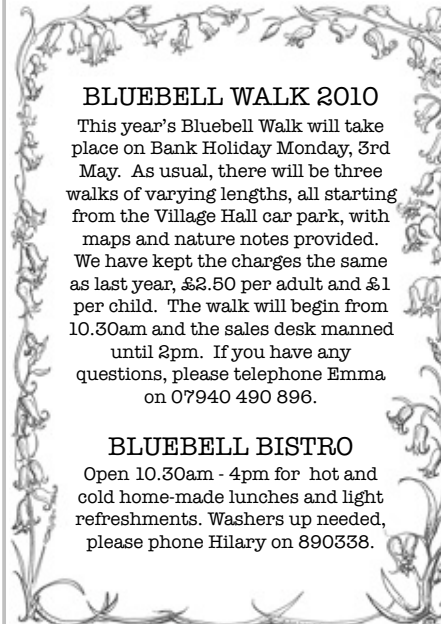
Stalisfield 7.30pm Holy Communion

2nd April Good Friday

Eastling 12 noon Hymns and Readings
1-3pm Vigil (A time of silence and prayer)

4th April Easter Day

Eastling 8am Holy Communion
10am Holy Communion
Stalisfield 10am Holy Communion
Otterden 3pm Evening Prayer



BLUEBELL WALK 2010

This year's Bluebell Walk will take
place on Bank Holiday Monday, 3rd
May. As usual, there will be three
walks of varying lengths, all starting
from the Village Hall car park, with
maps and nature notes provided.
We have kept the charges the same
as last year, £2.50 per adult and £1
per child. The walk will begin from
10.30am and the sales desk manned
until 2pm. If you have any
questions, please telephone Emma
on 07940 490 896.

BLUEBELL BISTRO

Open 10.30am - 4pm for hot and
cold home-made lunches and light
refreshments. Washers up needed,
please phone Hilary on 890338.

Fun Quiz Night

Eastling Village Hall
on Sat 24th April, at 7.30pm



in aid of village hall funds.
Tables of 6-8 @ £5 per person,
inclusive of two strips of raffle tickets.
To book tables please ring Alan on 890848
or Julia on 890746.
Bring your own vittles.

Good News

Parish Magazine April 2010

Happy Easter



Come and enjoy
afternoon tea at
Stalisfield Church on
Rogation Sunday
May 9th
2.00 - 5.00pm

Find out more about Stalisfield's past from history displays
in the church and bring your children, they can learn about
creatures and plants in the churchyard while bug hunting
with Neal. Cakes for sale to take away.
Organ recitals throughout the afternoon.

Annual Parish Meetings

The Annual Meeting of the
**Otterden Parish
Meeting**
will be held at Otterden
Place
on Thursday 29th April
at 7.30pm.
All residents are
welcome to attend.

Eastling Village Hall
Thursday 22nd April
7.30pm Hall Trust's
Annual General Meeting
8pm Parish Council
Annual Parish Meeting
Please come along to
support your local
amenities.

Heather Fenton of Bible Reading Fellowship considers a different kind of prayer...

Where does your time go?

Have you ever got to the end of the day and wondered where the time has gone? Days, weeks, months can fly past. Before we know where we are there is another birthday or anniversary. Maybe it's time to pause and reflect on the day or year, notice what is around, discover God in the middle of it all. Here are some ideas you may like to try.

Listen

Try simply listening. Listen to whatever sounds are around with complete attention for a few minutes. How many sounds can you hear? Is there anything you have not noticed before?

Feel

Hold a smooth pebble. Take some time to feel the smoothness of the stone. Look at its colour and texture. Feel its weight in your hand. Great forces have gone into the making of your stone. Now it is small and still. Hold it as you talk to God about what is in your mind.

Look

Let a candle, a cross, a picture or icon become a focus for your attentiveness. Or sit in the garden and let a tree, leaf etc. be that focus. Sit and look at it. Allow yourself to look at it rather than think about it.

When you are ready, talk to God about what you see.

Breathe

Choose a short prayer or a few words from the Bible. Repeat it in time with your breathing. The Jesus Prayer can be used in this way "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, be merciful to me, a sinner". Or simply, "Jesus".

Try to breathe naturally, without over breathing.

An empty chair

Sometimes a chair becomes something to pile things on to—a bag of knitting, books, newspapers..... Take a chair and put it near the place where you are sitting. In your imagination put onto it anything you are finding difficult or heavy at the moment. Share it with God. Put onto it anything that you are glad about. Appreciate it and enjoy God appreciating it with you.....

Or you may like to simply imagine Jesus sitting on the empty chair. Sit in his company. Talk with him if you want to. Tell him about your day. Listen to him as well.



Eastling's Modest War Hero dies

Peter Skinner died on 28th February, at his home in Eastling, aged 91 years.

Although he was reluctant to talk about it, Peter was awarded the British Distinguished Flying Cross (DFC) for "conspicuous gallantry and outstanding leadership in aerial combat", and, unusually, also the American equivalent (ADFC), while flying Spitfires from Corsican bases in the 2nd World War.

Prior to this Peter flew Wellington bombers. and was involved in a crash landing in which his bomber was hit. He refused to bale out with his crew, but instead stayed with his aircraft and tried to land the plane, to save the life of his gunner who was trapped in the guntower. Unfortunately the gunner was killed on landing and Peter broke both his legs, but returned to active service flying Spitfires once his legs had healed.

After the war Peter became an Air Traffic Controller at West Malling, and later taught Mathematics at Chartham School. After retiring he sailed a 40 foot sailing boat moored at Faversham Reach, made furniture and other handicrafts. Finally he moved to Eastling where he cultivated a large vegetable garden from scratch, donating his produce to family and neighbours.

He was a gifted airman, sailor and craftsman who lived life to the full and was devoted to his wife and family. He will be sorely missed.



Prayer Pointers April 2010



<i>Sunday</i>	Give thanks for the resurrection of our Lord.
<i>Monday</i>	For carers, that God may give them patience and spiritual strength.
<i>Tuesday</i>	For Spring and the season of new growth.
<i>Wednesday</i>	For those on holiday from their studies.
<i>Thursday</i>	For our armed forces, wherever they may be serving.
<i>Friday</i>	For those, such as fishermen, who make their living from the sea.
<i>Saturday</i>	That we may take care of the beautiful earth You have given us.

Easter is the most special day of the Christian year: the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Why does the date move around so much? Because the date of Passover moves around and, according to the biblical account, Easter is tied to the Passover. Passover celebrates the Israelites' exodus from Egypt and it lasts for seven days, from the middle of the Hebrew month of Nisan, which equates to late March or early April. Sir Isaac Newton was one of the first to use the Hebrew lunar calendar to come up with firm dates for Good Friday: Friday 7th April 30 AD or Friday 3rd April, 33 AD, with Easter Day falling two days later. Modern scholars continue to think these the most likely. Most people will tell you that Easter falls on the first Sunday after the first full moon after the Spring Equinox, which is broadly true. But the precise calculations are unbelievably complicated and involve something



called an 'ecclesiastical full moon', which is not the same as the moon in the sky. The earliest possible date for Easter in the West is 22nd March, which last fell in 1818 and won't fall again until 2285. The latest is 25th April, which last happened in 1943 and is next due in 2038.

Why the name, 'Easter'? In almost every European language, the festival's name comes from 'Pesach', the Hebrew word for Passover. The Germanic word 'Easter', however, seems to come from Eostre, a Saxon fertility goddess mentioned by the Venerable Bede. He thought that the Saxons worshipped her in 'Eostur month', but may have confused her with the classical dawn goddesses like Eos and Aurora, whose names mean 'shining in the east'. So Easter might have meant simply 'beginning month' – a good time for starting up again after a long winter.

During Science Week the children from Key Stage 2 had a great day at the Science Museum in London, enjoying the hands-on activities in the Launch pad area; many thanks to FOES for funding the coach hire. The whole school were treated to a Birds of Prey display by Eddie Hare, from the Raptor Centre. Cubs Class enjoyed a visit to a local farm and were also enthralled by the frogs and spawn in our own school pond. Leopards Class took part in a tree planting event at Hucking Estate.

Well done to the children representing Eastling in the County Cross-country at the University of Kent, Canterbury – Charlie, Charley, Daisy, Jessie, Chloe, George, Hazel, Cordy and Richard. We participated in the local Speed Stacking Festival in Canterbury, with Teams in both the Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 competitions.

Thanks to FOES for an enjoyable disco – rearranged due to snowy weather last term. FOES also supported Lions class with their cake baking day.

Lions Class had a great day at the Dover Museum, learning all about the history of the seaside. They loved making clay models of fish!

School News

Sport Relief – a successful fund raising day at school started with everyone arriving dressed as a sports personality or in sporty clothes. It ended with 5 laps of the field (about a mile). Some walked, some ran, some decided to do 16 laps! We raised over £116.

Well done to the Year 5 and 6 children who enjoyed a football tournament at The Abbey School. We played 3 mini-league games and 1 friendly – won 1, drew 1, lost 2. We also participated in a squash festival at Syndale Park.

Jon Holmes, writer of the Horrible Histories television sketches, recorded sketches written by Years 5 and 6 last week... They will be available to download soon!

We were also visited by the local Eco-Schools co-ordinator. She is very pleased with our progress and feels that we should apply for the highest award – a Green Flag. Term 4 ends on 1st April and Term 5 starts on Monday 19th April.



EASTLING PARISH COUNCIL

From the meeting held on Tuesday, 16th March: The call for a reduction of the speed limit through the village continues with a letter having been sent to Hugh Robertson MP asking for support.

The Parish grant was discussed and a claim for funds has been forwarded.

There is a Swale Borough Council clamp down on fly tipping in the area.

Meeting dates for the year 2010/11 are: Thursday 27th May ; Wednesday 14th July; Wednesday 22nd September; Wednesday 10th November; Wednesday 12th January 2011 and Wednesday 16th March. All meetings commence at 6.30pm in Eastling Village Hall.

The Parish Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Thursday 22nd April at 8pm in Eastling Village Hall. Do make a note to come along for an update of Parish Council matters over the past year.

Jill Seaman, Clerk to the Council
mick_seaman@yahoo.co.uk

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DOG SHOW

SUNDAY 9th MAY, 2010

Olantigh Park, Wye,

Nr Ashford TN25 5EW

Judging commences at 11.30 am,

Fun Classes 1.30pm

Entries on ground from 10.30 am

· Companion Dog Show (K.C. Licenced)

· Fun Classes

· Working Terrier Show · Lurcher Show

· Obedience Classes

· Novelty Scurry · Terrier Racing

Raffle in aid of Kent Air Ambulance

& Wye Beagles

Enquiries: 01403 741770

RINGSIDE PARKING: CARS £4

At the pearly gates

St Peter greeted a minister and a member of Parliament and gave them their room keys. "Vicar, here are the keys to one of our nicest single rooms. And for you, Mr MP, the keys to our finest penthouse suite."

When the vicar objected, St Peter explained: "My dear Vicar, ministers are ten a penny up here, but this is the first MP we've ever seen."



Eastling Church Flower Rota

April 3/4 and 10/11 Easter Lilies
17/18 Nerys Condrup and Emma Walker
24/25 Pim and Andrew Baxter
May 1/2 Pim and Andrew Baxter



Eastling Neighbourhood Watch.

Contact numbers:
Parish/Village Warden 07794 010394
Crimestoppers 0800 555111 (24 hours, free and anonymous)
Sittingbourne police station 01795 477055
Emergencies or crime in progress always use 999



The Police are going to be very proactive in our area over the next few months, on a crackdown on fly tipping. This has become a serious problem within the Swale area and, should you see any person committing this action, please do not hesitate to ring the police or myself.

There has been a bit of vandalism around the Village Hall, like the rubbish bins being tipped over and the garden seat being moved around to different locations. This needs to stop before it escalates so, should anybody see any person around the hall who should not be there, please give me a call.

Now the clocks have changed and the lighter evenings are with us, please drive carefully through the village. There will be children on bicycles and horse riders about late into the evening, so take care. Have a good month, Alan.

Services in our Churches

Ministry in our Parishes

1st April Maundy Thursday

Stalisfield 7.30 pm Holy Communion

2nd April Good Friday

Eastling 12 noon Hymns and Readings
Eastling 1 - 3pm Vigil

4th April Easter Day

Acts 10. 34 - 43, John 20. 1 - 18 or Luke 24. 1 - 12
Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)
Eastling 10 am Holy Communion (CW)
Stalisfield 10 am Holy Communion (CW)
Otterden 3 pm Evening Prayer (BCP)

11th April Easter 1

Acts 5. 27 - 32, John 20. 19 - end

Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)
Eastling 10.30 am Freestyle
Stalisfield 10 am Holy Communion (CW)

18th April Easter 2

Acts 9. 1 - 6 [7 - 20], John 21. 1 - 19

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

25th April Easter 3

Acts 9. 36 - end, John 10. 22 - 30

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

2nd May Easter 4

Acts 11. 1 - 18, John 13. 31 - 35

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.

Services at Whitehill Chapel

4th April 10 am Brunch
10.40 am Family Communion
11th April 11 am Morning Service
18th April 11 am People's Choice
25th April 11 am People's Choice

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

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 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)

Jan Beckenham

PA to Caroline Pinchbeck (Revd)
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one other day during the week (this is not fixed).

From the Registers

Funerals Peter SKINNER
10th March 2010 Cremation at Charing

Hayden Kai RAMSHAW - BEARD
22nd March 2010
Funeral at Eastling followed by cremation at Charing

Midweek Groups

Tuesdays Bible study 7.30pm Pinks Farm
Thursday Prayer Group 10.30am Pinks Farm
All welcome, phone 01795 890338

Come and join us for

SUNDAY FREESTYLE
the greatest day in history

11th April
10.30am in Eastling Church

All welcome
Breakfast from 10am



Under his wings

An article in National Geographic several years ago provided a penetrating picture of the Lord's love for us...



After a forest fire in Yellowstone National Park, forest rangers began their trek up a mountain to assess the inferno's damage.

One ranger found a bird literally petrified in ashes, perched statuesquely on the ground at the base of a tree. Somewhat sickened by the eerie sight, he knocked over the bird with a stick. When he struck it, three tiny chicks scurried from under their dead mother's wings. The loving mother, keenly aware of impending disaster, had carried her offspring to the base of the tree and had gathered them under her wings, instinctively knowing that the toxic smoke would rise.

She could have flown to safety but had refused to abandon her babies. When the blaze had arrived and the heat had scorched her small body, the mother had remained steadfast.

Because she had been willing to die, those under the cover of her wings would live. Psalm 91:4 "He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness shall be your shield and rampart."



Praise the Lord for his goodness and protection for all those who put their trust in him.

A Midsummer Medley 2010 Concert

St. Mary's Church, Stalisfield
Sunday June 13th at 3.00pm

Ivan Thompson: saxophone, clarinet,
voice

Richard Dray: piano, organ, mandolin,
harp, accordion

Catrina Bryce: cello, voice

Martin Elliott: Basses, voice

Nevill Willis: Guitars

Afternoon tea during the interval

Tickets: £9 adults, £4.50 children.

Booking essential, cheques payable to
Stalisfield PCC

4, Hockley Cottages, Church Road,

Throwley, Faversham. ME13 0HL

Proceeds to St. Mary's Church, Stalisfield

Remembering

by Audrey Keen

In early summer the house martins would arrive at Otterden. They would build their nests in exactly the same place year after year, even making repairs to old nests to use again. This was their home and they were glad to be back for the summer. Their favourite place was under the archway, above Mr Wheler's front door: the door to his flat, right in the centre of the arch, between the gargoyles.

First, we would see the house martin secure his home, then the hen would make her way through the little opening at the side of the nest, to lay her eggs. Before very long, every time we used the door, little black heads would peep over the best entrance. Every movement we made meant the arrival of food to them. In time, each would follow the parent bird to explore the wide sky and, later in the autumn, they would fly away south, hopefully with a safe journey in front of them. The pattern repeated with the coming of the next spring.

I like to think it was members of the same family visiting time and time again. With the passing years, and for whatever reason, they stopped coming. The old nests crumbled to dust and were swept away. I often wondered what



happened to the house martins that had seemed as friends, with their regular trust and familiarity. Maybe, one day, other house martins will come and, if they do, I will always choose to believe that they are distant relations to those I saw all those summers ago, and in whose company I found so much enjoyment.

I comforted a pigeon once
Whose life I could not save.
I placed him 'neath the greenest hedge
That was to be his grave.
It seemed so cruel to take him
Away from all he'd known;
A wood he'd loved
And spent much time
When he was almost grown.
I left him on a layer of grass
And long-toothed bracken bed,
But knew when I returned
I'd find the pigeon dead.
But now, today, brown butterflies
And bumble bees reside
On flowers which grow above the place
Where this grey pigeon died.
AIK.

Belmont Spring Fair

Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th
May

11am - 5pm

Free admission to fair and gardens
Arts * Crafts * Children's corner
Bar * Refreshments * Tea room open

SHELDWICH CHURCH

FLOWER FESTIVAL

on the theme 'New Life' from
27th March to 5th April.
Refreshments available between
2 and 5 pm at weekends and
Easter Monday.

The East Kent Alpine
Garden Society is
holding a

Garden Safari on Sunday 18th April

Ten members' gardens in East Kent will be open to visitors from 11am to 5pm. The gardens vary in size and contain a wide variety of interesting plants. Eagleswood, Slade Road, Warren Street is one of these gardens and a map and ticket giving entry to all ten gardens can be purchased here for £3.50.

Refreshments will be available at some gardens. For more information phone
Tim Ingram, 01795 535919



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Short Mat Bowls

On 21st February we beat Newington Reds at home. Unfortunately, we then had a disaster against Newington Blues at home and away, losing both games. Our fortunes improved when on March 4th we excelled against Tunstall, beating them 14 nil. On 7th March we played away to Newington Reds but sadly we only came away with four points: Roy Piles managed to win the singles and Bryan Searly and Des Briggs won their pairs. We faced another very difficult game at Hornhill (Milsted) on 10th March: Mick and Brian won their pairs, and Roy Piles won his singles on the last end. Our next match was the County pairs final at Strood and, as they say, it was time for an early bath. With only two very tough games to finish our season, it looks most likely that we will be going down into the second division. However, let's hope that in next month's report I will be telling a different story. New members will be welcome at our regular practice sessions in the village hall on Fridays: 2.30 - 4.30pm and 7.30 - 9.30pm. Wednesday afternoon sessions finish on 31st March and resume on October 6th at 2pm. Roy Piles. 01795 537162.



Stalisfield Onion Society

SPECIAL mammoth onion plants for this year's **Giant Onion Competition** at the **Stalisfield Summer Fête** will be available to would-be competitors from April 17th - fully hardened off and ready for planting outdoors. Plants will be limited to 5 per Stalisfield resident and will be available from Brian the Onion Man on **01795 890697** at a cost of £3 for the five plants

But now is the time to get moving and prepare the ground. Dig in well rotted manure and add bonemeal and sulphate of potash - and, if available, calcified seaweed. At the beginning of April cover the ground with a cloche. This will warm the ground and the appreciative plants will root more quickly.

Space out the plants and keep covered by the cloche for 2 to 3 weeks and keep well watered. It should not be necessary to add further plant food, but if needs be, use nitrate of soda, or chicken based feed. Harvest your mammoth onions a week before Judgement Day at the **Stalisfield Fete - Saturday 28th August**. Cut off the roots and the top foliage, then tie the tops ready for exhibition.

All proceeds will go to the Stalisfield Hut rebuilding fund.



Painters Forstal with Ospringe WI

Tuesday 20th April
Birthdays Meeting

A talk by Joy Whittington on

Chelsea Pensioners

2.15pm in the Champion Hall

Guests and new members welcome.

The new Bishop of Dover,
The Right Reverend Trevor Willmott,
will be visiting our Deanery on
Wednesday 28th April.

There will be an opportunity to meet the Bishop and ask questions at an evening event, starting at 7.30pm, in the Shepherd Neame visitor centre in Court Street, Faversham.

If anyone has any particular questions they might like to ask, they should be sent in advance?

RSVP by 21st April please to Jean R Hewett, Woodside Green Cottage, Woodside Green, Lenham ME17 2EU. Tel 01622 859834. Email:ajwhjrj@btopenworld.com

LEIGH MILES DANCE & FITNESS

CLASSES

Eastling Village Hall

WEDNESDAYS

7.00pm BUMS, LEGS & TUMS

8.00pm FIT DANCE

THURSDAYS

9.15am FITNESS PILATES

4.30pm CHILDREN'S FREESTYLE DANCE IDTA

NO THURSDAY CLASSES 8th & 15th April (Easter Break)

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Welcome to Coffee Pop-In, where we serve tea / squash and biscuits as well. Eastling Village Hall, 9 - 11am on Wednesdays.

Toddlers welcome - lots of toys!

No Pop-In on 7th or 14th - return on 21st April

Next Cake and Book day on 5th May. Contact number 890338.

Afternoon Club

1st April Board Games

15th April Bingo

29th April Board Games

Meetings start at 2pm in the Champion Hall, Painters Forstal

New members welcome.

Chapel Anniversary

Thursday 24th June,
7.30pm

in the Champion Hall,
Painters Forstal

The Salvation Army Songsters will be coming to entertain us. All Welcome.



Charing and District Local History Society

Thursday 8th April

SHIP BURIAL at SUTTON HOO

A royal Anglo-Saxon burial site and it's treasures. A talk by Imogen Corrigan

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

Coach trip to **Romney Marsh churches** on Saturday 5th June 2010.

Guided by Colonel Dick Bolton, we will visit six churches, finishing with a cream tea in Brenzett. Start from School Road, Charing 9am; return 17.45pm.

Cost, inclusive of coach, guide and tea: £16.25 for Charing History Society members; £18.50 for non-members. A Ploughman's Lunch for £7.50 may be purchased at the Royal Oak, Brookland.

All are welcome. To book, please contact Arthur Godfrey 01233 820321

Stalisfield History Group

The next meeting of the Group will be at 7pm on 22nd April in Stalisfield Village Hall.

Among other subjects, Roger Cockett of the Kent Archaeological Society will be up-dating us on the work that has started on the history of buildings in the village.

For further details on the evening contact Rob People on 01795890230.

The Painters

Forstal

COFFEE CLUB

The next coffee club will be on 28th April, in Whitehill Chapel, 11 am - 12.30pm.

All welcome.

FRIENDS OF EASTLING SCHOOL

The rescheduled School Valentine's Disco took place on 5th March. The children thoroughly enjoyed the evening and a total of £144 was raised.

Future dates:

Our children's St George's Day models will be judged during the morning on Friday 23rd April.

A 'Jobs Day' at school is proposed to take place on Saturday 8th May.

Another sale of cakes will be on Thursday 20th May, 3pm - 4pm in the School Hall, when Class 1 will be baking cakes earlier in the day.

The family Swimming Pool Party is on Friday 18th June at Faversham pool - 6.45pm to 8.30pm.

The School Fete will be on Sunday 11th July from 12noon to 3pm on the school field.

Jill Seaman, FOES Publicity
jill.b.s@hotmail.co.uk, 01795 890252

EASTLING VILLAGE HALL

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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.

Otterden WI

We all really enjoyed the 'Sweet Recipe' meeting in February. Some lovely recipes were brought along for us to taste and everyone was very generous in sharing their secrets. Not sure about everyone else, but I struggled to try everything on the night so I enjoyed them the next day. I'm looking forward to next year's already.

31st March: Spring Quiz.

28th April: Butchery - An evening with a butcher - Basic Butchery Lessons.

Our local butcher from Lenham is coming to entertain us for the evening, with a talk on boning & rolling, how to make a Crown Roast and, to finish off, some cheese tasting. Yummy!

If you'd like to come along and join us for our next meeting, please get in touch with me for details, whether you'd like to join us or just fancy a taster for a night, then we can buddy you up with someone who's local to you. Unless otherwise stated, meetings are held in Stalisfield hall at 7.30pm.

Have a good month!

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1st Afternoon Club	2pm	Champion Hall
8th History Society	8pm	Charing Parish Hall
9th Craft Club	6.15pm	Champion Hall
15th Copy Deadline for May Good News		
15th Afternoon Club	2pm	Champion Hall
17th Mammoth Onion plants at the ready		Stalisfield
18th S Club	10am	Eastling Village Hall
20th Painters Forstal WI	2.15pm	Champion Hall
21st Pop-In resumes	9 - 11am	Eastling Village Hall
22nd Stalisfield History Group	7pm	Stalisfield Village Hall
22nd Hall Trustees AGM	7.30pm	Eastling Village Hall
22nd Eastling Parish Meeting	8pm	Eastling Village Hall
23rd Craft Club	6.15pm	Champion Hall
24th Quiz Night	7.30pm	Eastling Village Hall
27th Magazine Folding	2pm	Pinks Farm
28th Coffee Club	11am	Whitehill Chapel
28th Otterden WI	7.30pm	Stalisfield Village Hall
28th Meet the Bishop of Dover	7.30pm	Shep. Neame Centre
29th Afternoon Club	2pm	Champion Hall
29th Otterden Parish Meeting	7.30pm	Otterden Place
MAY 3rd Bluebell Walk	from 10.30am	Eastling Village Hall
9th Rogation Teas and Bug Hunt	2pm	Stalisfield Church
JUNE 13th Midsummer Concert	3pm	Stalisfield Church
JULY 11th Eastling School Fete	12 noon - 3pm	
AUGUST 28th Stalisfield Village Fete		

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