

S Club

Sunday 21st April

10am in Eastling Village Hall
Open to all primary school
aged children

Café Style

Sunday 28th April

10am in Eastling Village Hall
Worship, fun and cakes
Open to all ages

Laura's story

I was baptised as a baby, and as I grew up, I went to church with my dad. I went to Sunday school, and I would say and do the right thing. It didn't mean anything though, because I didn't have that intimate relationship with God that other people seemed to have. In my early teens, I was dragged along to a Christian event. It was a whole week long and I knew it was going to be such a bore. But I wanted my dad and church friends to be happy with me, so I said yes. I stood at the back in the first meeting, feeling incredibly uncomfortable and out of place. The music started, and everyone started raising their hands in worship. I'd seen this before, but this time was different. I looked around at the faces of all these incredible young people passionate about Jesus, and I realised that I'd been living a religion instead of a relationship.

A leader stopped the band mid-song and began to speak - saying that someone needed to know that God loved them so much, and wanted to come into a relationship with them tonight. I knew that was me!

Now I began to worship. I can't describe what I felt in that moment, but I was in the presence of God. I got down on my knees - I must have been there for about half an hour. With my face bowed to the floor, I began to pour out my heart to God. I asked him to forgive my sins and said I wanted to enter into a real relationship with him. As I left that meeting, I knew that Jesus had changed everything. I knew there was a God who loved me who I could pray to; that I could be honest with. From that moment onwards, I can honestly say I have never been the same. Just one touch of God's presence changed my life.

Laura is 18 and lives in Bradford. She is one of the contributors to a new book of stories, 'Jesus is Changing my Life', published by LIFE Church UK. To find out more about the Christian faith, visit <http://www.lookingforgod.com>

School News

The school has recently undertaken a very successful "Creativity week" where children were able to experience a wide range of creative arts including dance, print, batik, sculpture, photography and digital art! Even more exciting is the repair of our heating which has made a huge difference around the school.

Eastling School begins a term on Tuesday 16th April from 8.40am and is immediately involved in swimming for our Lions class on the next day. At the end of the month we have our Residential Experience for our eldest class before they settle down to producing some excellent academic results in the examination (SATs) period. This year we are taking the children to the Arethusa centre in Upnor for a week of exciting adventurous activities such as rock climbing, abseiling, archery and orienteering.

As part of our Eco schools award we hope to arrange a "Big Clean" event when we help tidy up any litter that has accumulated around the wider village. Please come and have a chat with us if you see us out and about! Our Friday night cinema club has now come to a close so that children can make use of the warmer weather for 'playing outside' with their friends although we will provide a shorter, alternative club for children to take part in each Friday. We are looking forward to welcoming new children to our school and have a great intake. We will be starting our induction activities very soon, but do remember that the end of the month is the deadline for accepting places (We have a good number of families keen to join us that will be waiting for any spare slots).
Dave Walsh, Headteacher.

Eastling Bluebell Walk

Bank Holiday Monday, 6th May

A choice of three circular walks in the local woods and path, all starting at Eastling Village Hall from 10.00am
£3.50 per adult, £1.50 per child (£8.00 per family)

Maps & Guide Notes Provided

The Bluebell Bistro

will be open in the village hall from 10am, serving fantastic value, homemade hot and cold lunches and refreshments.

Come for lunch and bring your friends

The Carpenters Arms and the Church will be open all day.

For more information, please contact Harry Kyte: 01795 890703 or email: hkass@tiscali.co.uk

Walk proceeds will be given to our Church Appeal.

Also BOOK SALE in the hall in aid the Red Cross

Alleluia!

Christ is Risen!

Easter Services in our Benefice

Maundy Thursday

28th March

Holy Communion

7.30pm at Stalisfield Church

Good Friday

29th March

Meditation and Vigil

12 noon at Eastling Church

Easter Day

31st March

Easter Communion

10am at Eastling

10am at Stalisfield

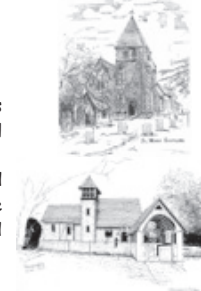
10am at Throwley

And the
Good News
for April 2013
is.....



COMIC RELIEF CAKES
GO DOWN WELL

Lottie and Lucy Lister and Evie Lewis made a wonderful range of cakes to sell after S Club on Sunday 17th March. S Club members, their parents and church members enjoyed eating the delicious cakes and the girls succeeded in raising £63.16 for Comic Relief. Well done, Lottie, Lucy and Evie.



Our church wardens are pleased to announce that our group of parishes, the **High Downs Benefice**, will soon have a **New Priest**.

Reverend Donald Lawton was interviewed on 1st March, offered the job and he accepted. The plan is that he will start at the end of July and he and his wife, Norma will live in the Eastling Rectory. We can also say that he is an answer to prayer.

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

To the people of High Downs Benefice,

Steve Youle has suggested that I might like to write a bit of introduction about ourselves so for now here is a thumbnail sketch.

Becoming a cleric was never high on my list of priorities, even after I received my call as a teen. I wanted a life of adventure as my parents had had before they married and to a degree, after as well. From my experience, clerics had boring mundane lives. So I ran away to teaching and after a year in a rural community in Quebec, taught in a mining town and a construction camp in northern Quebec. Some years later and after submitting to the call to go to seminary, I married Norma and we had two children, Anna and Aaron. Anna died when she was eight of complications from a brain tumor. Aaron is now married and we have two beautiful granddaughters, four and six.

Norma had already an established ministry in outreach activities and as a Sunday School teacher. We shared a call to ministry and a sense of adventure that has lead us to work in Yukon Territory, my ministry as a military chaplain for fifteen years including sea postings, parish work in rural Ontario and Nova Scotia, and four years as a chaplain with the Mission to Seafarers in Halifax. Wherever we have been we have attempted to encourage folks to grow spiritually.

We have hiked in many areas of Canada and Britain including the Pilgrim's Way, and in the Yorkshire Dales.

Norma's long term hobby has been gardening and embroidery and mine has been woodworking.

We are now getting ready for the celebration of Easter and then the season of Eastertide. One of the themes of Eastertide, that season between Easter Sunday and Ascension Day, is getting ready for the great move. For Jesus, the move is from earth to heaven, for the disciples the move was from learning and following to teaching and leading, for followers the move was from being seekers to being the church. This was for most of those people a time in which their awareness of change was dim, almost nonexistent, similar to the change which occurs in the chrysalis, the change from caterpillar to butterfly. Then Pentecost comes with its burst of powerful new life.

For all of us, this coming season will be a time of change. For you as you prepare for our coming among you. For Norma and me, Eastertide will be a time of packing and preparation to begin our



journey and adventure with all of you in High Downs. Together, we will continue the work of God's kingdom in High Downs. We are praying for you all and thanking and blessing God for this opportunity to work together.

All our blessings,
Norma and Donald

Eastling Church April 2013 Flower Rota

7th	Easter flowers
14th	Emma Norwood
21st	Nerys Condrup
28th	Nerys Condrup
May 5th	Cerys Lister

Lester Amann considers... The Cup

Young Charlie enjoyed Bible stories. On Sunday mornings he was a member of a children's group and heard how God was involved with people such as Moses, Joshua and King David. Charlie also liked learning about Jesus. One Sunday, his class finished slightly earlier than all the others. Charlie was the first child to leave the room and went into the main worship area, to wait for the closing songs and prayers with all the children and teachers. On his way to sit in a pew, he passed a table which was usually bare except for a hymn book and a Bible. But this time the table was covered with a white cloth, and one of the teachers was positioning a large silver cup alongside a plateful of bread. Charlie didn't realise that this was a Communion Table. He saw the cup and thought a church sports team had won a prize in a recent competition. As far as he was concerned this chalice was like the football trophy given to winners of a football tournament. So, in his

innocence Charlie asked, "Who's won?" The reply came immediately from the elderly teacher "Christ has won!" The answer came as a surprise. It was not what he had expected. During the closing session, Charlie watched and listened as the bread and wine were described as symbols for the body and blood of Jesus. It was a lot to understand, but as Charlie grew up within the church family, that moment became clearer. Jesus had indeed won! He had died, arose from the grave and was now victorious over death. The Cup we use at Communion is a reminder that Jesus died for our sins. He came to give us Life in all its fullness. Jesus has won the fight over evil and lives for evermore. Jesus said: "This cup is God's new covenant, sealed with my blood. Whenever you drink it, do so in memory of me." (1 Corinthians 11:25)



EASTLING PARISH COUNCIL

At the meeting held on 13th March, Councillors were pleased to report that potholes in the Street had been filled in and that a Highways works order had been issued for repairs to Mill Lane. However, there is still concern about the state of the roads and potholes in Newnham Lane and Otterden Road. Councillors were advised that there had good response to the Village Volunteers, who would assist in many ways to help the elderly, the unwell or disabled residents. Councillors were happy to support this scheme. A number of recent planning applications had been approved by Swale Borough Council. The Annual Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday 25th April at 8pm (following the Village Hall Committee AGM) in Eastling Village Hall. This is an opportunity for residents to hear about the efforts of the Parish Council on behalf of the parish during the past year. The next Parish Council meeting will be the Annual Meeting on Thursday 23rd May at 6.30pm. Residents are welcome to attend any meeting. Jill Seaman, Clerk to the Council



ALTON ROOFING SERVICES

Free estimates on:-
 ■ ROOF REPAIRS ■ GUTTERING REPLACEMENT
 ■ RE-ROOFING ■ FELT ROOFS ■ LEAD WORK
 WE WILL ALSO PROVIDE FREE ESTIMATES FOR:-
 ■ PATHS ■ PATIOS ■ BLOCK PAVING ETC.

TEL: 07821 611313

Stalisfield Annual Church Meeting

will take place in church on Sunday 21st April at 10.45am, after 10am Morning Prayer.
 All are welcome to come and hear who runs your village church.
 (Throwley and Eastling annual church meetings took place in March -
 The editor apologises for not including in last month's magazine.)

Eastling Neighbourhood Watch

Contact Numbers:
 Warden 07794 010 394 or 01795 890848
 Crimestoppers 0800 555 111
 Swale Police 101 Emergency 999



Thank you to the kind people who rang me to point out last month's deliberate mistake about adjusting the clocks. Of course it should have read that the clocks go forward when you go to bed on Saturday 30th March. Just testing that my reports are read.



Now that we are full into the lambing season dog owners please have your dogs on a lead within the vicinity of sheep. Always remember the Farmer has the right to shoot any animals that are seen attacking sheep so beware. Hedge cutting unless in an emergency should have been completed by now as the birds, despite the weather, have started nesting. Should you have any callers pointing out that your ash trees are suffering from disease, please refer the matter to either trading standards or give me a ring. It is another confidence trick that certain people are carrying out to relieve you of your money. Hare coursing is still a problem so please ring in if seen. Have a good Easter and take care. Alan

A note from Harry, leader of the Eastling Walking Group, concerning

Horse Riders...
 I have been dealing recently with the Kent public rights of way and access officer in the maintenance of our local stiles and footpaths and during our inspections we have noticed that several of our local footpaths are being used by horse riders. I would like to remind riders that this is illegal and must stop.
 and Car Drivers...
 I would also urge drivers to slow down and to expect horse traffic along the local roads?

Prayer Pointers April 2013



Sundays	That the joy of the resurrection remains with us all.
Mondays	Give thanks that we have a new Priest.
Tuesdays	Pray for the sick especially those known to us.
Wednesdays	Bless all in the caring professions.
Thursdays	For Angela, Hugh, Norman and our Churchwardens.
Fridays	The strife-ridden parts of the world and those who suffer.
Saturdays	Gratitude for Spring and new life.

KENT ESSENTIAL

BEAUTIFUL KENTISH WEDDINGS & EVENTS
 PLANNING, CO-ORDINATING & VENUE DRESSING SERVICE



t 01795 531516 m 07952 827806 w www.kentessential.co.uk

Services in our Churches

28th March Maundy Thursday

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

29th March Good Friday

Eastling 12 noon Meditation and Vigil

31st March Easter Day

Acts 10. 34 - 43, John 20. 1 - 18 or Luke 24. 1 - 12
Eastling 10 am Holy Communion (CW)
Stalisfield 10 am Holy Communion (CW)
Throwley 10 am Holy Communion (CW)

7th April Easter 2

Acts 5. 27 - 32, John 20. 19 - end
Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)
Eastling 10 am Holy Communion (CW)
Otterden 3 pm Evening Prayer (BCP)

14th April Easter 3

Acts 9. 1 - 6 [7 - 20], John 21. 1 - 19
Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)
Stalisfield 10 am Holy Communion (CW)
Throwley 10 am Holy Communion (CW)
Eastling 10.30 am Sunday Freestyle

21st April Easter 4

Acts 9. 36 - end, John 10. 22 - 30
Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)
Eastling 10 am Morning Prayer (BCP)
Eastling 10 am S Club in Village Hall
Stalisfield 10 am Morning Prayer (BCP)

28th April Easter 5

Acts 11. 1 - 18, John 13. 31 - 35
Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)
Eastling Village Hall 10 am Café Style
No service at Stalisfield or Throwley

5th May Rogation Sunday

Acts 16. 9 - 15, John 14. 23 - 29 or John 5. 1 - 9
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

Priest in Charge Vacant

Non Stipendiary Minister with Permission To Officiate
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)

Parish Administrator
Janet Payne (01795 890487)
E mail: eastlingchurch@gmail.com

Stalisfield with Otterden

Jean West (01233 712270)
Gillian Wallace (01233 714904)

Parish Administrator

Sheila Moger (01233 713212)
E mail samhawksnest@aol.com

Throwley Barbara Elliott (01795 890020)
Maggie Scutt (01795 890312)

Midweek Groups

Tuesdays: monthly Study Group - 10am on 9th April
at Garden Cottage, Newnham Lane.

Tuesdays: weekly Study Group 7.30pm Pinks Farm

Thursdays: weekly Prayer Group 10.30am Pinks Farm
including Benefice group on 4th April.

You will be welcome at any of our groups.

An invitation from

St Mary's, Eastling



10am

Sunday 28 April 2013

Eastling Village Hall

A fresh expression of worship:
Church in a Café setting.
worship discussion reflection
prayer fellowship

Tea, coffee & yummy nibbles will be available throughout the service, which will include sung worship, times of prayer, with opportunities for discussion & reflection, and space for the youngest & oldest to worship altogether

CAFE STYLE



Stalisfield folk primrosing in 1930 to decorate the church for Easter.

Florrie Harrison (Cissy), back row in centre, was born in Canterbury, daughter of a Canterbury City policeman. She was given piano lessons at an early age. Instead of playing or swimming with friends, she had to concentrate on her practice sessions. On growing up she moved to Stalisfield to help her uncle and aunt, later marrying her cousin Norman Harrison. They farmed Valley Farm for many years.



FRIENDS of EASTLING SCHOOL

It was great to see so many parents at the Coffee and Cakes event on Friday 1st March.

Parents and young siblings are welcome at the Easter hunt at school on the last day of term Thursday 28th April.

The school children are invited to make models from Easter Egg packaging at the beginning of the next term. Details will be sent home and available on the website.

Jill Seaman, FOES 01795 890252



Free Range PORK
New season LAMB
Shorthorn BEEF boxes
Free Range TURKEYS

Phone: 01795 890700

www.snoadfarm.com

We are also at the
Faversham Farmers' Market, open
Saturdays, at Macknade Farm Shop

People and Places from the Past

by Dorothy Murray



In the war, Norman was allowed petrol coupons to enable him to drive Florrie to her regular church services. She was organist at Stalisfield Church for 60 years and played for many services at Otterden.

A service of commemoration was held to mark this great achievement in 1985 with a tea party in the churchyard afterwards. Florrie never cooked on Sundays, as playing for services was her priority. On some Sunday evenings she also played the piano in local country houses.

On one occasion, during the war, Florrie was asked to play the organ at Otterden for an

army service, there being a military camp in the park at the time. The church was full and the singing loud. Afterwards, the officer in charge told her that all those young soldiers were going over to France in the morning. She was very proud to have played for their last service in England before fighting for their country. She was a truly remarkable lady.

Lest we Forget

by Audrey Keen

Born on the 17th February 1901, Evelyn Raines lived at The Willows with her sister Gerie and her tabby cat of which she was very fond. Evelyn was a friendly person, homely, always kind, welcoming and helpful. In the 1950's when Stalisfield had a school, Evelyn was the caretaker and was a great favourite with the children. In her latter years she lived at Queen's Cottages on the green. Evelyn spoke to everyone, and everyone liked her. She died on May 8th, 1990 and will be remembered always with affection.



Evelyn on her 80th birthday.

CANCER RESEARCH UK NORTH DOWNS WALK

Sunday, June 30th 2013.
Harrietsham Village Hall, Church
Road, ME17 1AP
Start from - 7.30am, Last
Registration - 11am.

More details in next month's magazine.
Phone the North Downs Walk-line on
01622 890650

www.wealdofkentrotary.org.uk

Join us - bring a picnic and friends to
A Midsummer Evening of Music
The Russian Vocal Ensemble - Lyra
Sunday, 23rd June from 5.30 pm
St. Mary's, Stalisfield

Programme

5.30 Bring and set up picnics
6.00 Russian music - sacred, folk, opera
6.45 Picnic time (marquee in case of rain)
7.15 Russian music - sacred, folk, opera
8.00 Programme ends

Tickets: Adults £10. Children £5.
Contact Sheila Moger 01233 713212
samhawksnest@aol.com



BELMONT HOUSE & GARDENS EVENTS

EASTER BUNNY HUNT

Sunday 31st March 1.30pm till 3.00pm

Bring the family along to enjoy a day of fun games and activities. Search for the Easter Bunnies in our beautiful gardens to claim your chocolate prize!
Adults £5.00 & Children £2.50

HARDY PLANTS SOCIETY PLANT FAIR



Sunday 14th April, 2.00pm till 5.00pm

The HPS plant fair is the perfect place to find unusual and garden worthy perennial plants for your garden. The enthusiastic Hardy Plant Society members will help you find a plant to suit your garden. Admission £5.00, HPS Members £4.50

BELMONT MAY FAIR

Sunday 5th & Monday 6th May,
11.00am till 4.30pm both days

Come along to the May Fair there will be a variety of local arts and craft stallholders; you could find a perfect gift for every occasion or perhaps treat yourself! Locally produced food will also be available. Admission to May fair and gardens: £2 per person and free for children (under 16)

Normal house tour admission applies

Belmont House & Gardens, Throwley,
Nr Faversham, Kent ME13 0HH

Tel: 01795 890202 www.belmont-house.org

Charity Knitting

Thank you, once again, to everyone who has been knitting for the 'Baby Jumpers for Africa' appeal.

As you know, the vision was for 1,000 jumpers for the babies born to mothers' with the Aids virus in Africa. Well, amazingly, I have received in excess of 2,000! The national response to this appeal has been so successful that we have been asked to stop jumper knitting. I am still happy to receive any that are still with you, these will now be going to Eastern Europe for distribution to those in great need. If we could now turn our skill into knitting for Eastern Europe that would be so much appreciated.



What is needed most, are hats, gloves, scarves and mittens but the charity, Blythswood, are happy to take any warm knitted items for small children through to adults.

I visited Blythswood earlier at the end of February to take our knitted garments to them, before the next load goes out in a couple of weeks time. I was asked to pass on an enormous thank you and a very warm hug to every one of our caring and dedicated knitters. Should anyone wish to visit Blythswood, they are more than happy for you to go and see what they do, they are based on the Medway City Industrial Estate. They also have someone who goes to groups to talk about the work they do, church, Mothers' Union, Women's Institute etc. For more information ring 01634 291411, or visit their website: www.blythswood.org

As always, I am so appreciative to receive any odd balls of double knitting wool to pass on to knitters on a low income. Many kind regards, and 'keep knitting'!!! Gwen: 01795 532336

Eastling Short Mat Bowls

The Eastling Cherries have had a busy few weeks. In the East Kent League, playing away to Swalecliffe, Brian Fisher, Eileen Piles & Chris Smith won by one shot, whilst the team of Jim Harris, Bryan Searly & Roy Piles came unstuck and went down heavily, so we only came away with only two points. At the return match Eastling took full advantage of home mats and both teams won, giving us 6 points. At the moment we are laying in third place in the East Kent first division, with just two games to play. In the Swale League



we played away to Newington and had a very good win, coming home with 10 points and leaving Newington with 4 points. Away to Bysingwood and we came home with only 4 points, Bysingwood taking advantage of home mats with a 10 point win. In the Swale league we are in second place with six games to go.

Roy played for the County, near Fontwell Park, in a challenge shield match but the Kent team, after some very close games lost, by two points; this is the only game that the team has lost this season.

Chris Smith and Roy Piles played in a competition at Bysingwood Community Centre and went out in the second round. More next Month, if I have the energy to push the keys down. Roy.

The Painters Forstal COFFEE CLUB

Join us in Whitehill Chapel,
11 am - 12.30pm on 24th April,
All welcome.



Eastling Village Hall

WEDNESDAYS
7.00pm ZUMBA®

THURSDAYS
9.15am FITNESS PILATES

OTHER VENUES
DAY & EVENING CLASSES
FAVERSHAM TEYNHAM

For details contact
www.milesdanceandfitness.com

leigh.fitness@btinternet.com
01795 890149 or 07873 431952



How does the Easter bunny stay fit?

EGG-xercise and HARE-robics!

Craft Club

Painters' Forstal with Ospringe WI's next craft club session will be held at Champion Hall, Painters' Forstal, on Wednesday 10th April, 11am - 1pm. We will be decorating small wooden boxes with DECOPAGE. Cost, including refreshments, £3. Anyone Interested? Please ring Pat 01795 539629.

Charing and District Local History Society

Thursday 11th April, 7.45 for 8pm
Charing Parish Hall

The History and Buildings of the Medieval Port of Sandwich

by Sarah Pearson
Visitors welcome - £3

Cadman Event 2013

Saturday May 18th,
9am to approx. 5.45pm.

£17members / £20 non-members

Visit to **Ramsgate** to see **St Augustine's Church and The Grange**, built by Augustus Pugin. We can see over the whole house, and will have a tour of the church. Lunch (not provided) in **Ramsgate** town with drop off and pick up by the **Maritime Museum**, which some might like to visit. The coach will then take us to Manston for a short visit to the **RAF Spitfire & Hurricane Memorial Museum**. We will finish with cream teas provided by the **Monkton WI**.

To book, please contact Kate McIver (01233 713357) or Sheila Neil (01233 713971) as soon as possible.

STALISFIELD VILLAGE OPEN GARDENS

Sunday 16th June 2013
From 12.30 to 6pm

Tickets £5 available from
Judith Saunders 01795 890203
and Rob Peale 01795 890230

Afternoon Teas available
All proceeds to St Mary's Church funds



Flesh and blood

What if the Church saw blood and organ donation as part of its giving? The churches of several mainline denominations have come together in their commitment to an innovative two-year campaign mobilising church members to help increase the number of blood and organ donors in the UK, and to see this as an aspect of their personal giving. It is hoped that by people's involvement, churches can make a significant impact on many lives and also support the NHS in caring for our communities. Further info at www.fleshandblood.org.

WHAT IF THE CHURCH SAW ORGAN DONATION AS PART OF ITS GIVING?



together in their commitment to an innovative two-year campaign mobilising church members to help increase the number of blood and organ donors in the UK, and to see this as an aspect of their personal giving. It is hoped that by people's involvement, churches can make a significant impact on many lives and also support the NHS in caring for our communities. Further info at www.fleshandblood.org.

Local Lady offering House Cleaning Services

Child and Pet friendly
References available

01795 532627

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 Spring

Elation in Stalisfield came when success in the second round of the Stalisfield application to The Big Lottery Fund gave us funds to finance preparations for the third and final stage. This stage consists of two parts- the Business Plan and the Capital Project Delivery Plan. The deadline for submission is 13th June.

The Stalisfield team headed by Lisa is well on time with the substantial amount of work needed in preparing each part. Specialist surveys have been completed to present designs and documentation needed to enable the Planning Application to be submitted. Architectural services have also been commissioned.

Everything in Stalisfield is crossed whilst we wait for October when the Big Lottery Fund makes its final decision.

2013 FUNDRAISING PROGRAMME

- 13th April **Safari Supper.**
Tickets no longer available.
- 10th May **Spring Quiz Party.**
Contact Ian on 08459 890 475.
- 22nd June **Solstice Party.**
Contact Steph on 08459 892 017.
- 26th July **Frog Racing.**
Contact Anna on 01233 712918.
- 24th August **Summer Fete.**
Contact Tracy on 01795 890 007.
- 5th October **Harvest Supper.**
Contact Shirley on 01795 890167.
- 1st November **Autumn Quiz Party.**
Contact Ian on 01795 890 475.
- 6/7th December **Pantomime.**
Contact Cat on 01795 890 298.
- 14th December **Over 60s' Christmas Tea.**
Contact Elaine on 01795 890 518

APRIL



2013

3rd Otterden & Stalisfield WI	7.30pm	Sabrina's House
4th Benefice Prayer Group	10.30am	Pinks Farm
9th Monthly Study Group	10am	Garden Cottage
10th Craft Club	11am	Champion Hall
11th Local History Society	7.45pm	Charing Parish Hall
13th Safari Supper		Stalisfield
14th Plant Fair	2pm	Belmont House
15th Deadline for May Good News		See below
16th P.Forstal & Ospringe WI	2.15pm	Champion Hall
21st S Club	10am	Eastling Village Hall
21st Annual Church Meeting	10.45am	Stalisfield Church
24th Coffee Club	11am	Whitehill Chapel
25th Hall Annual Meeting	7.30pm	Eastling Village Hall
25th Annual Parish Meeting	8pm	Eastling Village Hall
30th Mobile Library	10.50am	Glebe Cottages
30th Magazine Folding	2pm	Pinks Farm
MAY 5/6th May Fair	11am	Belmont House
6th Bluebell Walk	from 10am	Eastling Village Hall
10th Spring Quiz Party		Stalisfield Village Hall
JUNE 16th Open Gardens	12.30pm	Stalisfield
23rd Musical Afternoon	3pm	Stalisfield Church

Deadline for the May Good News will be 15th April

If you would like to advertise in this magazine, submit articles 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: goodnewsmagazine@me.com

Past and current issues of the Good News may be viewed on www.northdowns.plus.com/goodnews