



St Mary's Church presents...
CAFESTYLE
 Sunday 27th April 2014
 10am - 11am
Eastling Village Hall

A creative time 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



Eastling School News

Summer is nearly upon us (we hope) which is a fantastic time for the school and its pupils. We admit that it has been great to see a bit of sunshine recently and have our field partially dried so that it doesn't resemble a squelchy marsh! In terms of our field, we do enjoy the fact that children and young people from the village are able to enjoy it out of school hours, but would ask that they treat our property with respect when they are here.



The school closes for the Easter break on April 4th after the traditional FOES Easter egg hunt - we'd like to open up our invitation to any pre-school children to join us from 2.40pm to take part in the hunt and remember that it's not too late to enquire about a place at Eastling for September 2014. The children will be carefully saving their Easter egg wrappings to create stunning models for our Easter craft competition (to be judged on their return to school!) The start of Term 5 is on Tuesday 22nd April (as it is Easter Monday on the 21st)

School clubs take on their summer attire with closure of the Cinema club and the provision of more summer sports (Cricket and athletics) after school. Our clubs reconvene on Monday 28th April and then work on through to the end of term in July.

Mr Dave Walsh
 Headteacher

Get those little grey cells working at a

QUIZ

in Eastling Village Hall on Saturday 5th April at 7.30pm.

£5 per head - teams of 6/8

In aid of Village Hall funds

Bring your own drink and nibbles

Please call Sue on 890254 to book.

Italian pasta diet that really works

You walka pasta da bakery
 You walka pasta da sweet shop
 You walka pasta da ice cream shop
 You walk pasta da table and fridge
 You gonna lose weight!

Bluebell Walk May 5th

Kitchen workers and dish washers and dryers required for specific times.

Please call Norma Lawton if you are able to help. 01795 890 487.



Eastling Bluebell Walk

Bank Holiday Monday, 5th May

A choice of three circular walks in the local woods and paths. All walks start from Eastling Village Hall anytime from 10.00 am till 2.00 pm (maps and guide notes provided)

£3.50 per adult, £1.50 per child (£8 per family)



Alan and Tim's Bacon & Sausage Butty Tent serving breakfasts from 9.00am

Village Hall **Bluebell Bistro** open all day providing hot & cold lunches and refreshments

The church will be open all day

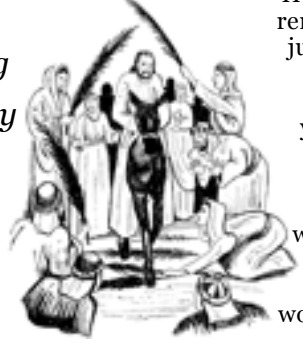
FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT HARRY KYTE: 01795 890703 or email: hkyte@btinternet.com

All proceeds will be given to our Church Appeal

EASTER - it's all about Jesus, follow the story....

Celebrate Palm Sunday 13th April

8am Holy Communion at Eastling
 10am Holy Communion at Throwley
 10.30am Freestyle at Eastling
 3pm Evening prayer at Otterden



Jesus at the gates of Jerusalem

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday, when the Church remembers how Jesus arrived at the gates of Jerusalem just a few days before the Passover was due to be held. He was the Messiah come to his own people in their capital city, and yet he came in humility, riding on a young donkey, not in triumph, riding on a war-horse. As Jesus entered the city, the crowds gave him a rapturous welcome, throwing palm fronds into his path. They knew his reputation as a healer, and welcomed him. But sadly the welcome was short-lived and shallow, for Jerusalem would soon reject her Messiah, and put him to death. On this day churches worldwide will distribute little crosses made from palm fronds in memory of Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem.

Commemorate Maundy Thursday 17th April

7.30pm Holy Communion at Stalisfield Church



The Lord's Supper

Thursday was important because it was on that night that Jesus first introduced the Lord's Supper, or what we nowadays call Holy Communion. Jesus and his close friends had met in a secret upper room to share the Passover meal together - for the last time. And there Jesus transformed the Passover into the Lord's Supper, saying, 'this is my body' and 'this is my blood' as he, the Lamb of God, prepared to die for the sins of the whole world. John's gospel makes it clear that the Last Supper took place the evening BEFORE the regular Passover meal, and that later Jesus died at the same time that the Passover lambs were killed.

Remember Good Friday 18th April

Walking with the Cross
 Starting at 12 noon with a short service in Eastling church we will walk with the cross around the centre of the village. We will then drive to Belmont and those who can will walk to Throwley church accompanied by those who need to ride. After a short service at Throwley, we will then drive to Stalisfield church for a short service followed by a procession of cars and walkers as we carry the cross to Stalisfield Green with a prayer and closing on the Green.



The day the Son of God died for you

Good Friday is the day on which Jesus died on the cross. He was crucified at 9am in the morning, and died six hours later, at 3pm. It is the most solemn day in the Christian year, and is widely marked by the removal of all decorations from churches.

Rejoice, our Lord is Risen! Easter Sunday 20th April

Easter Communion

10am at Eastling
 10am at Stalisfield
 10am at Throwley



The most joyful day of the year

Easter is the most joyful day of the year for Christians. Christ has died for our sins. We are forgiven. Christ has risen! We are redeemed! We can look forward to an eternity in his joy! Hallelujah! The Good News of Jesus Christ is a message so simple that you can explain it to someone in a few minutes. It is so profound that for the rest of their lives they will be still be 'growing' in their Christian walk with God.

Good News Parish Magazine April 2014
 The news magazine for the parishes of Eastling, Stalisfield with Otterden, and Throwley
 www.northdowns.plus.com/goodnews

The Canon's Column

The renewal of the year after the darkness and tempests of the winter, that's what spring is. Especially for gardeners and those who love outdoor activities. That's what Easter is all about too, renewal and new life. We celebrate winter with great delight around Christmas and then we often enter into our winter 'doldrums'. The season of Lent reflects this in its forty days of somberness (at least traditionally) and often expressed as our tiredness of the restrictions of winter. Spring on the other hand is renewal and new life; one only has to walk or drive around to see the explosion of daffodils and the whites, pinks and blues of the other spring flowers that are the living expression of this new life. Our celebration of Easter coincides with this and is the commemoration of the new spiritual life that is available to all of us through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

For Good Friday this year, I am proposing that we have a series of services and walks with the cross. We will start at 12 noon, with a short service in Eastling church and then walk with the cross around the centre of the village. We will then drive to Belmont and those who can will walk to Throwley church accompanied by those who need to ride. After a short service at Throwley, we will then drive to Stalisfield church for a short service followed by a procession of cars and walkers as we carry the cross

to Stalisfield Green with a prayer and closing on the Green. Each service will include a prayer, a lesson, a meditation on the Cross, and a hymn.

The procession with the cross is a popular Good Friday activity in many places reminding us of the way of the cross taken by Jesus to his crucifixion outside Jerusalem. People all over the world have found it a meaningful way to acknowledge Good Friday and prepare for our Easter celebration.

As Easter is the most important day of our Christian year, we are fortunate to be able to have Easter communion in each church at the 10a.m. Easter Sunday services. This service is open to all. Those who are not communicants are always welcome at the communion rail to receive a blessing, for the scriptures tell us that we are all loved by God and welcome in his house and at his table.

I recently read a story about a woman who had felt far from God and focussed only on herself. A debilitating stroke left her confined to a wheel chair and unable to speak intelligently for considerable time. Her first clear word was 'God'. Weeks later she said 'God is'. Her message became 'God is good' and she received months of blessing as she regularly said, 'God is good'.

In essence, this is the message of Easter. My Easter prayer is that all of you who read this may know in your lives that 'God is good'. (If you want to know more, please get in touch with me.)

Blessings,
Canon Donald J. Lawton

Prayer Pointers



Sundays	For the observance of Lent.
Mondays	For all who promote your Holy Word.
Tuesdays	For the oppressed throughout the world.
Wednesdays	Give thanks for the joy and beauty of Spring.
Thursdays	For our families and friends.
Fridays	For the Benefice.
Saturdays	For the glory of Easter.

Memorial Lilies at Easter

If you would like to contribute towards the cost of Memorial Lilies on Easter Day in Eastling or Stalisfield Churches, please contact us, with the name(s) you would like commemorated and your donation by Monday 14th April. The names will be displayed in a frame on the remembrance table. For Eastling, phone Bay on 01796 892036. For Stalisfield, phone Jean on 01233 712270



Lester Amann considers the little donkey...

Why we should be like donkeys

Are you a pet-lover? Many people own a dog, a cat or a budgie, but most of us don't own a donkey! Yet in Bible times, donkeys were essential to daily life. They did everything from helping to grind corn, to ploughing, to carrying people, to transporting their belongings. Despite their small frame, donkeys are surprisingly tough. They are content with poor fodder like thistles, and can travel an average of 20 miles a day. There are two occasions in the Christian calendar where donkeys walk into the picture. At Christmas, Mary travelled the 100 miles from Nazareth to Bethlehem on a donkey. And although a donkey doesn't get a specific mention in the manger story, that same one that transported her was probably there; where else would it have been?

On Palm Sunday Jesus entered Jerusalem riding on a donkey. Jesus deliberately chose this animal rather than a horse. Why? In Bible times, the horse was associated with war, conquest and worldly might. But the donkey was a symbol of peace and humility.

Jesus used this animal to show that he had come with the dignity of the king of peace. His entry into the Holy City also fulfilled Zechariah's prophecy concerning the Messiah. Donkeys are hardworking and undemanding. They wait for their master to put them to the work he has chosen for them. And, remarkably, each one bears the mark of the Cross on their backs!

Perhaps that is something we should learn—to wait for Jesus our Master, to be always obedient to him, to serve him with all our hearts, and to bear the mark of his grace in our lives.



Good Friday Fauré's Requiem and Cantique de Jean Racine

will be performed in Boughton parish church by a local choir, led by Philippe Lacampe. The music will begin at 7.30pm and entry is free.

Eastling Church April 2014 Flower Rota

20th Easter flowers - all hands please from 10am.
27th & 4th May - Cerys Lister

Eastling Neighbourhood Watch

Warden 07794 010394 or 01795 890848
Crimestoppers 0800 555 111
Swale Police 101
Emergency 999



There has been a lot of criminal activity within our own and in local villages of late. These have included thefts, property break-ins and vehicle crime. By all being that extra bit more vigilant we can stop these crimes and show the bad guys that we are not easy prey. So, please, if you do see anything suspicious in your area, contact the police or, if you are unsure, contact me and I will check it out.

Hare coursing is a problem in our area; if you see anyone taking part in this horrible sport, please ring in and necessary action will be taken. Do not approach these people yourself as they do not seem to be of the sociable type.

It is rumoured that the potholes in our roads may be filled in during April. In the meantime, take care as the many dangerous potholes can cause damage to yourself and your vehicle. Remember the speed limit is 30mph maximum through the village. Please respect this and take care around pedestrians, especially children.

Have a good month
Take care, Alan.

EASTLING PARISH COUNCIL

At the meeting held on 12th March 2014, Councillors noted that the potholes had been marked up for repair in the Street and in Newnham Lane but not the potholes in Kettle Hill Road. Cllr Prescott will speak to Highways on behalf of the Parish Council.

Parishioners were concerned about the very high trees at the back of Meeson's Close and Glebe Cottages. It is understood that the Landowner will carry out work to remove these in April.

There is concern that the footpaths across Belmont Estate land have not been maintained. A letter would be sent to the Belmont Administrator.

The Annual Parish meeting will be held in the village hall on Thursday 24th April 2014 at 8pm, following the Village Hall Trust AGM. This is an opportunity for residents to hear about the efforts of the Parish Council on their behalf during the past year.

The next Parish Council meeting will be the Annual Meeting on Wednesday 21st May at 6.30pm. Residents are welcome to attend any meeting. Jill Seaman, Clerk to the Council.

GARDEN CLEARANCE

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Richard 07521 407 877 Faversham Kent

Village Volunteers

We became operational on March 5th 2013. The volunteers are a group of Eastling villagers who, very mindful of their increasing age, wanted to set up a village force who could help out when residents had an emergency or transport problem. Over the year we have carried out 29 tasks. These range from hospital visits and other medical needs, collecting shopping, putting out bins, cutting and removing fallen trees, visiting elderly residents, and even driving a teacher unable to drive for a short period to school. We are grateful for the kind donations villagers have made to cover our costs and would so welcome more volunteers to our force. With many thanks to the volunteers and much hope for a good 2014. Julia Bailey email: julia.bailey@virginmail.co.uk if you are able to join our group.

Eastling Village Hall Trust and Eastling Parish Council ANNUAL MEETINGS

Have you ever considered getting more involved with your local community? Would you like to have a say in the running of Eastling Village generally. Or have you got a comment on the way the Hall operates or suggestions for its future?

The Village Hall Trust's Annual General Meeting is at 7.30pm on Thursday 24th April in the village hall and all are welcome to attend. The meeting includes a public forum for questions and suggestions from villagers and nominations will be considered for election of two "village representatives" to serve as Trustees. Nominees must be 18 years of age or over. Nomination forms and further details are available from the Trust Secretary, Sue Parry at Magnolia Cottage, Newnham Lane, Eastling (01795 890254: email.sueandpeter@live.co.uk).

The Trustees' Annual General Meeting will be followed at 8pm by the Parish Council's Annual Meeting – have you got a burning issue about the village you would like to raise or comments about how your precept is spent?

Please turn up and support the Trustees and the Parish Council. Both groups would greatly welcome your input. Thank you.

Painting and Drawing classes at Eastling Village Hall

Are you interested in joining a six week course on Thursday afternoons,

1.30- 3.30pm starting on April 24th?

The course is led by artist Sonia McNally. Sonia who teaches Fine Art at Canterbury Christ Church University, works as an artist in schools and runs artists' retreats. She has a 1st class degree in Fine Art, and is a qualified teacher. For more information visit www.soniamicnally.co.uk All abilities welcome!

Beginners cover basic drawing and painting techniques and receive a grounding in the use of a range of media, while more experienced artists are challenged with projects in the medium of their choice.

Sonia uses a variety of teaching methods, including demonstrations, one to one tuition, group discussions and critiques. We look at the work of contemporary and historical artists.

Annie's Garden Services

Lady gardener available for pruning, planting, weeding, mowing etc.

Regular visits or one off tidy up. Minimum 2hours.

Call Bev: 01795 890705
mobile: 0775 283 0979

The cost for the 6 weeks will be £87.50 each, payable in advance.

For further information or to book a place, contact Dot Bromley on 01795 890451 or email bromley1952@gmail.com Please book by April 20th.



Services in our Churches

30th March Mothering Sunday

Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)
Eastling 10 am Benefice Family Communion

6th April Lent 5

Ezekiel 37. 1 - 14, Romans 8. 6 - 11, John 11. 1 - 45
Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)
Eastling 10 am Holy Communion (CW)
Stalisfield 10 am Morning Prayer, followed by Annual Church Meeting

13th April Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50. 4 - 9a, Philippians 2. 5 - 11, Matthew 21. 1-11
Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)
Throwley 10 am Holy Communion (CW)
Eastling 10.30 am Freestyle followed by Annual Church Meeting
Otterden 3 pm Evening Prayer (BCP)

17th April Maundy Thursday

Stalisfield 7.30 pm Holy Communion (CW)

18th April Good Friday

Walking with the Cross

Service and walk starting in Eastling church at 12 noon
more details in the Canon's Column

20th April Easter Day

Jeremiah 31.1-6, Acts 10. 34-43, John 20. 1-18 or Matthew 28. 1-10
Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)
Eastling 10 am Holy Communion (CW)
Stalisfield 10 am Holy Communion (CW)
Throwley 10 am Holy Communion (CW)

27th April Easter 2

Acts 2.14a, 22 - 32, 1 Peter 1.3 - 9, John 20.19 - 31
Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)
Eastling 10 am Youngstyle
Throwley 10 am Holy Communion (BCP)
Stalisfield 10 am Morning Prayer

4th May Easter 3

Acts 2.14a, 36 - 41, 1 Peter 1.17 - 23, Luke 24.13 - 35
Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)
Eastling 10 am Holy Communion (CW)
Otterden 3 pm Evening Prayer (BCP)

Ministry in our Parishes

Priest of Revd Canon Donald J. Lawton (01795 890487)
the Parishes The Rectory, Newham Lane, Eastling ME13 0AS

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)

Lent Groups

Tuesdays: 10am on 1st April at Garden Cottage;
no group on 8th April, finishing on 15th April
at Seven Acres, Newham Lane. 01795 890368.

Tuesdays: 7.30pm Pinks Farm, Kettle Hill Road,
finishing on 8th April. 01795 890338

Thursdays: 7.30pm Bells Forstal Farm, Throwley,
finishing on 10th April. 01795 890487.

Fridays: 11am 6 Kettle Hill Cottages, Eastling,
finishing on 11th April. 07780 661275

Thursdays: Prayer Group 10.30am Pinks Farm, Eastling
You will be welcome at any of our groups.

Annual Church Meetings

Every one will be welcome to their respective
church for the annual meetings.

Stalisfield - April 6th, in church at 11am

Eastling - April 13th, in church at 11.45am

Throwley - April 14th, in church at 7.30pm

Come and see who is on your parochial church
council and hear what they have been doing for
your church throughout the year.

Stalisfield Highlife

Stalisfield said goodbye in style to the poor old hut which had sadly reached the end of its structural life. With the placing of the contract for building the new village hall, the days of the old one were numbered. It was fitting to mark its impending demise with a celebration of its service in the community for almost a century. A short address paid tribute to the people who after The Great War had the foresight to found the institution at such a time of deep national mourning and to those who had kept it going even through the devastation of the second conflict. With decencies observed, the company in the best of traditions, concentrated on the abundance of food laid out as Fare-to-Share and then on the business of giving the hut a good send-off. Ray and Alan were instrumental in creating a party mood with their lively music. We have to be grateful to them for supporting our functions so well and so often. The more energetic responded with vigour, ignoring the risk of floor collapse.

A section of the wall converted into an impromptu farewell card which most of the company signed. Cat Horn photographed the result together with shots of the party caught in unguarded moments. Presumably the Stalisfield website will carry the evidence.

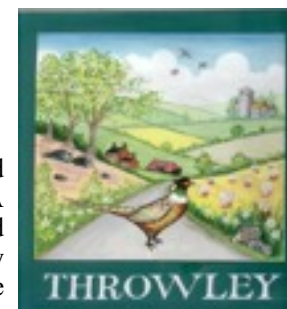
As always, conversation was animated. The casual eavesdropper could hear recollections of the enlivening exploits inside and around the Hut of those who were young in the later years of the nineteen hundreds when parties and discos were not uncommon. Among other topics the more staid were apt to express a tinge of regret that the old building was going and to hope that the new building would lead to even better things. Time passed quickly and with the food depleted and as the clock dictated the company began to drift away, happy that the last function in the dear old hut had done justice to its past and to the many people responsible over the years for its continued existence as a focus for village activity.

Throwley Events Association (TEA) Annual General Meeting

The first TEA AGM was held on Friday 21st February in Throwley Church. Comprehensive report of the 2013 activities was presented by Ela and Adam Jastrzebski. Following the statutory annual change rule, Laurie Evanson-Goddard was elected a new TEA Chairman for 2014. Future plans were discussed. Wine and cheese were served after the official meeting to allow for more conversation and ideas.

The main TEA effort in 2013 focused on the organisation of the Throwley Fete, which was a great success. Complete fete documentation was created in the electronic format, with clear step-by-step guide and reusable "templates", which should make the task much easier this year. Other events

organised by TEA included Throwley Village Picnic in Belmont, Royal Baby Celebration Picnic, and Carols on the Forstal. Additionally, TEA together with the Throwley Parish Council has consolidated all the Throwley public property and equipment (marquees, tables, chairs, plates, cutlery, glasses, PA system, etc.), which can be borrowed now by Throwley residents free of charge. All the details and reports can be found on www.throwley.net.



Throwley Parish Lanes Clean-up

An annual event of cleaning-up Throwley parish roads and lanes took place on Sunday 16th March. Thanks to the glorious weather, about 35 people attended, including cannon



Donald Lawton and his wife Norma. Sian Lewis organised the routes. Swale Borough Council provided bags and really nice gloves. Afterwards, everybody enjoyed lunch at Parsonage Farm with tasty soup and a bite of a French baguette with brie, pate and cheddar. The event was sponsored by the Throwley Parish

The End and the Beginning

As a condition of the Big Lottery Fund grant, work on building had to begin within six months of the grant. Consequently we had to begin work before the end of March. Following the send-off party, a substantial number of volunteers assembled next day to empty the hut of its contents and transport them to a secure barn belonging to the Baker family. They will be stored until the new hall is in a state to receive it all back. Many hands made it possible to complete the job in a couple of hours and the hall soon stood empty awaiting demolition towards the latter part of March. Marianne and Richard thoughtfully provided a substantial and welcome breakfast in The Plough for a well timed mid-operation break.

We thank Richard Baker in particular for sterling help in transport and for the use of the barn. We also thank those others who also turned up with vehicles and trailers and the many who cleared the hall and helped load and unload its contents with a precision organized and orchestrated by Rose.

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12th April - the first of our Farmers' Markets from 10am to 1pm, come and purchase your locally sourced produce direct from the growers. The pub will be open for breakfast, so why not make a morning of it!

Easter weekend activities - to include a special fish menu on Good Friday and a family day of fun on Monday from 11am.

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EASTER BUNNY HUNT

Sunday 20th April, 1.30pm until 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! All craft activities are included in the price. Tearoom opens from 1.30pm for afternoon tea and themed goodies. Adults £5.00 & Children £2.50

BELMONT MAY FAIR

Sunday 4th & Monday 5th May,
11.00am until 4.00 both days

Belmont Plants and Crafts event is the perfect way to spend a Spring day and a great opportunity to get some expert advice on how to get your garden looking beautiful this Summer. There will also be a variety of local art and crafts stalls where you could find a perfect gift for a special occasion or perhaps treat yourself! Locally produced food will also be available during the day. There is something here for everyone, including the children. Adults £2.00 & Children (under 12) free.

**WW1 CENTENARY
COMMEMORATION WEEKEND**

Saturday 17th & Sunday 18th May,
11.00 until 5.00pm both days

Come to Belmont House and step back in time to experience what life was like on the frontline. We will have demonstrations and displays reflecting the key aspects of the history in this period. See different WW1 encampments with weapons and equipment on display and much more! Children can take part in drill display and the WW1 army signal school. The house will also be open for guided tours throughout the afternoon. £2 per person and free for children under 12.

**Belmont House & Gardens,
Throwley, Nr Faversham, Kent ME13 0HH
Tel: 01795 890202 www.belmont-house.org**

Eastling Short Mat Bowls

The Eastling Cherries played a home on 25th February in the East Kent League, against Whitstable Oysters with Des Briggs, Bryan Searly and Roy Piles winning on their mat by 20 shots to 6 and the other team losing by only two shots, so it was 4 points to Eastling and 2 points to Whitstable. On the 2nd March we played away against Whitstable Oysters, and lost on both mats; the old story of home advantage. Then it was a game in the Swale League at home against a very strong Tunstall side, sadly they went home with 10 points and left us with only 4 points, so we are still

bottom of this league and looking very much as if we shall go down, but with still five games left to play anything can happen. Roy played for Kent "B" team at Snodland, against West Sussex for the shield, and Kent had a very convincing win. We are still looking for more players, so come along on Friday afternoons 2.30pm to 4.30pm and 7.30pm to 9.30pm. All equipment is provided, all you need is flat soled shoes. Roy Piles, 01795 537162.



Painters Forstal with Selling W.I.
will be holding their 77th Birthday Party meeting on Tuesday afternoon, 15th April, 2014 at 2.15pm - 4pm at their usual meeting place, Champion Hall, Painters Forstal. The speaker will be Barbara Stevens who will give us a talk on "Pioneering Debutants to Present Day WI Presidents". If you are interested in joining our WI please contact Pat at email address: patyounger@sky.com or Bobbie on 01795 532756.

Craft Club
Our April meeting of the Craft Club is on Wednesday 9th April, 2014 at 11.15am - 1.15pm in the Small Room, at Champion Hall, Painter's Forstal. We will be having a go at Mosaics. Please come along and join our small but friendly craft group, you will be made most welcome. Cost £3 to include tea/coffee and some home made cake. Enquiries please to Pat at patyounger@sky.com or phone 01795 539629.



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GRAND PLANT SALE
Saturday 24th May on the green at Eastling Manor from 11.00a.m onwards.
This is a fund raising event for the Seniors' Christmas Lunch. Not only your company but any donations of plants or cuttings would be most welcome.
So come on you gardeners - get growing !



Eastling Gardeners' Club

Summer Outing to Copton Ash Nursery
105 Ashford Road, Faversham ME13 8XW

Thursday 29th May

Meet at the nursery at 6.30 p.m.
£4.50 for members, £5.50 non members
to include refreshments
Telephone Clive on 890160 for further information

Members of the Eastling Christmas Choir.

We have been asked if we could reform for a wedding at Eastling Church on May 10th. Apart from supporting the hymn singing we have been asked to accompany the groom's daughter in a song during the signing of the register. Please email me - marionleewillson@yahoo.co.uk or phone me on 01795 890848 to let me know if you could attend as we will need a couple of rehearsals with Andrew Baxter.

**The Painters Forstal
COFFEE CLUB**

Join us in Whitehill Chapel,
11 am - 12.30pm on 30th April.
All welcome.

**Charing and District
Local History Society**

Thursday 10th April
in Charing Parish Hall:
Anthea Bryant will talk on
FAVERSHAM:
The unique gunpowder and ale town.
Doors open 7.45pm for 8pm start.
Visitors welcome at £3.
Enquiries: Jennie Burgess 01233 714639.

Otterden and Stalisfield W.I.

In March the ladies had a very enjoyable evening at the Orchard Theatre, Dartford, a comedy called Dirty Dusting, very funny. On 29th April, we will be hosting a District WI evening, incorporating a Blue Bell walk around Stalisfield, starting from The Plough at 6.30pm and finishing there for a drink. So if anyone would like to join us, this may be a good night to meet lots of WI ladies.
Also we would like to welcome and thank some Ex- WI ladies who have decided to re-join us.

EASTLING share a CURRY NIGHT

Friday 16th May, 7pm

Eastling Village Hall
£2 per head, Indian dress optional
Cook a curry and come along and share your gastronomic expertise.



Apply for your tickets and obtain your curry spice mix from John: sailingdays@btinternet.com or from Marion - 890848 and Julia 890401
All proceeds for the Eastling Village Hall fund

**CANCER RESEARCH UK
NORTH DOWNS WALK**

Sunday, June 22nd 2014.
Harrietsham Village Hall,
Church Road - ME17 1AP.
Start from - 8.00am.
More details next month or
www.wealdofkentrotary.org.uk

FRIENDS of EASTLING SCHOOL

Our 'Wine and Wisdom' was enjoyed by parents and friends who came along, congratulations to the winning table!
Pancake Day was on Shrove Tuesday 4th March. Lots of parents came along to watch the children pancake racing! Fresh pancakes were sold and the funds raised went to British Red Cross.
The school children will enjoy the Easter Egg Hunt on the last day of term 4th April at 2.40pm. Parents and siblings are welcome to attend.
There will be an Easter Box competition for the children. A letter will be sent home regarding the rules!!
Jill Seaman, 01795 890252

Otterden Cricket Club



New players of all ages welcome to play traditional village cricket (friendlies and no league games) in superb setting within the park of Otterden Place, south of Eastling.
Wives and girlfriends also more than welcome including helping out with teas.
Please ring Geoffrey Bailey on 01795 886128.

The Annual Meeting
of the
Otterden Parish Meeting
will be held at
Otterden Place
on
Wednesday 16th April at 7.30pm



1st Mobile Library	10.50 - 11.05am	Glebe Cottages, Eastling
3rd Mobile Library	11.55am - 12.10pm	Throwley Forstal Green
4th End of term Easter egg hunt	2.40pm	Eastling School
5th Quiz Night	7.30pm	Eastling Village Hall
6th Stalisfield Church meeting	11am	Stalisfield Church
9th Craft Club	11.15am	Champion Hall
10th Hitory Society	7.45pm	Charing Parish Hall
12th Farmers' Market	10am - 1pm	The Plough, Stalisfield
13th Eastling Church meeting	11.45am	Eastling Church
14th Throwley Church meeting	7.30pm	Throwley Church
15th Deadline for May Good News		See below
15th Mobile Library	10.50 - 11.05am	Glebe Cottages, Eastling
15th Painters Forstal W.I.	2.15pm	Champion Hall
16th Otterden Parish Meeting	7.30pm	Otterden Place
17th Mobile Library	11.55am - 12.10pm	Throwley Forstal Green
18th Walk with the Cross	12 noon	Eastling Church
24th Hall Trust Annual meeting	7.30pm	Eastling Village Hall
24th Annual Parish Meeting	8pm	Eastling Village Hall
27th CaféStyle	10am	Eastling Village Hall
29th Magazine Folding	2pm	Pinks Farm
29th WI Bluebell walk	6.30pm	The Plough, Stalisfield
30th Coffee Club	11am	Champion Hall
MAY 5th BLUEBELL WALK	Start between 10am and 2pm from	Eastling Village Hall

FROM THE EDITOR

If you would like to advertise in the May 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

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