



Children - please enter our Eastling Easter Garden competition.

This year, there will be a prize for the most inventive and beautiful miniature garden that tells the Easter story .

You will need :

A shallow tray or dish (not too big please)

* Garden soil or potting compost

*Moss, sand, grass, small plants or flowers and leaves

*Dried twigs & sewing thread to make the crosses

*Flat stones to make a tomb. Larger round stone to cover the opening of the tomb

*Stones, piece of bark or gravel

The gardens will be displayed in the church porch in Eastling and the winning design will be displayed inside the church.

Please bring your gardens to the church on Saturday morning, 4th April.

Bay Lees



Regular worshippers were upgraded to first class



Eastling School News

The best of Easter wishes from everyone at the school! Our school is closed for the Easter Break from the 1st April to the 19th, returning on Monday 20th April for our Summer Term.

Almost immediately our children will be taking part in a full selection of afternoon sports with Tuesdays at the university and Wednesdays at the Faversham swimming pool.

This year it looks as though we will have a full intake but have added some extra places for parents who want their children to benefit from our Top 100 school nationally! Give us a call, if you are still undecided, to have a visit: 01795 890252.



Help feed local people in crisis

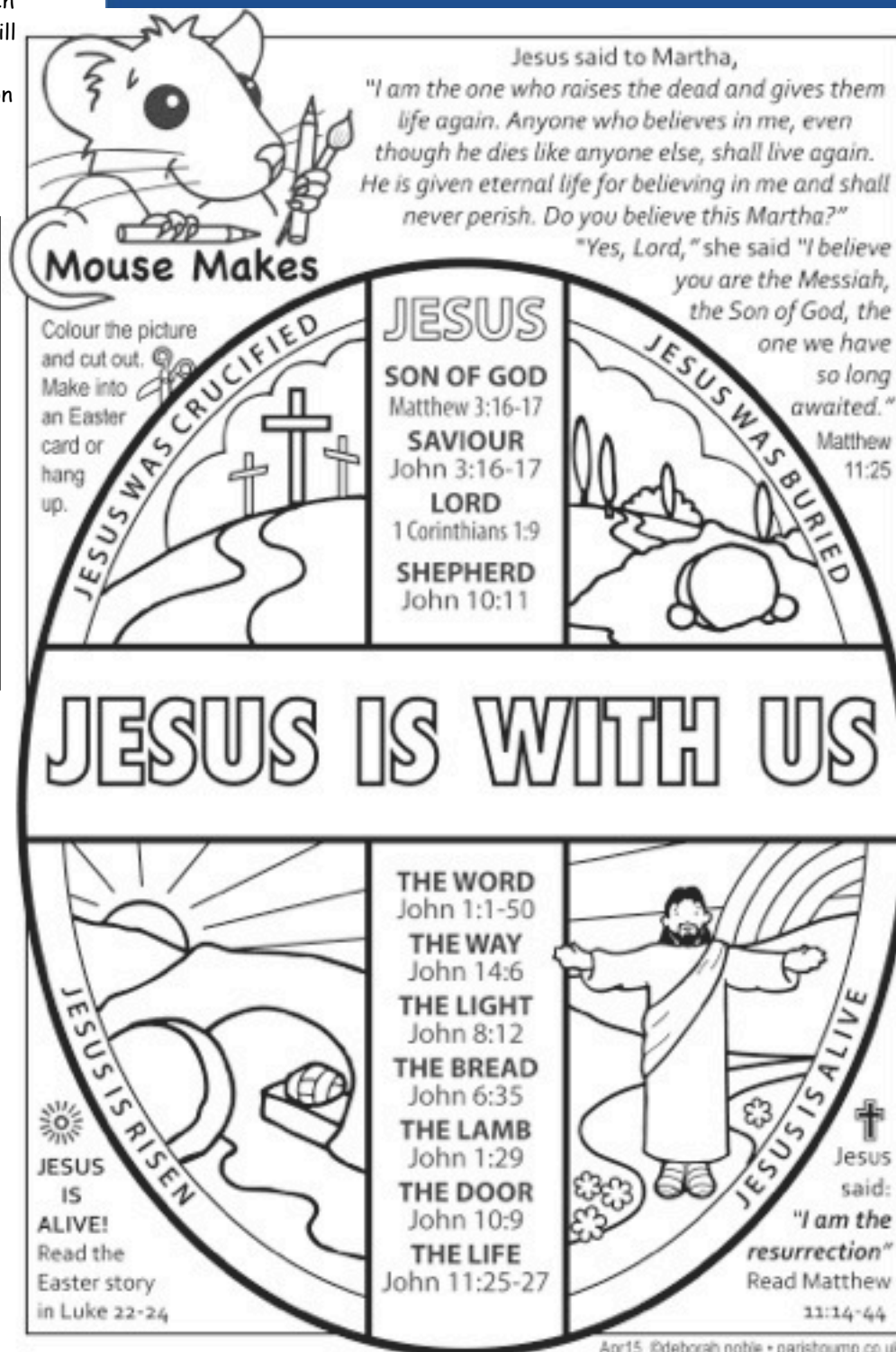
Thank you!

There has been an amazing response from members of the community who have already left food at the back of the church. We have taken at least two boxes of food to the Faversham Foodbank each week. The list of food required changes each month with different items in short supply. The updated list will appear in Good News each month and will also be displayed on the food box in church. Please keep your contributions coming.

Food list for April - IN DATE food only Please.

Urgent items: Sponge puddings; instant mash; sugar (500g bags); pasta sauce

Also needed: tinned ham/ meat; tinned peas; tinned carrots; coffee; biscuits; tinned spaghetti; men's toiletries; toilet rolls; tinned/packet custard; long life fruit juice; long life/powdered milk.



The Death of Jesus

It was about noon, and darkness fell across the whole land until three o'clock. The light from the sun was gone. And suddenly, the curtain in the sanctuary of the Temple was torn down the middle. Then Jesus shouted, "Father, I entrust my spirit into your hands!" And with those words he breathed his last.

When the Roman officer overseeing the execution saw what had happened, he worshipped God and said, "Surely this man was innocent." And when all the crowd that came to see the crucifixion saw what had happened, they went home in deep sorrow. But Jesus' friends, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance watching.

Good Friday 3rd April

Walk with the Cross

Starting at 12 noon a short service in **Stalisfield Church** followed by a walk with the Cross around Stalisfield Green.

Drive to **Throwley Church** for a short service and walk with the cross around Throwley Forstal.

Drive to **Eastling Church**, walk with the cross through Eastling, finishing at the church for the final short service.



Good News Parish Magazine



Why the name, 'Easter'?

The Germanic word 'Easter' 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.

And, why Easter eggs?

On one hand, they are an ancient symbol of birth in most European cultures. On the other hand, hens start laying regularly again each Spring. Since eggs were forbidden during Lent, it's easy to see how decorating and eating them became a practical way to celebrate Easter.



DECORATING EASTLING CHURCH FOR EASTER

Saturday, 4th April. 10.00 am.

Please come and along and help with decorating the church for Easter. No expertise is necessary, just an appreciation of Spring flowers and a desire to make the church beautiful for Easter.

Donations of Spring Flowers and foliage will be very much appreciated. Bay Lees

EASTER SURPRISE

Painters Forstal Village Amenities Committee will be holding an 'Easter Surprise' event on Sunday 5th April, starting at 2pm at Champion Hall, Painters Forstal. This is a family event, for young and old alike. All are welcome to join in the fun. Refreshments will be available, so do put this date in your diary, and come and enjoy this occasion.



The magazine for the High Downs Benefice of Eastling, Stalisfield with Otterden, and Throwley
www.northdowns.plus.com/goodnews

Canon’s Column

I am one of those people who gets his best ideas in odd places and at odd times. I used to have a pen with a light at the point so that I could write my ideas in the middle of the night. Some of my best ideas for sermons etc. come when I’m in the shower. Unfortunately, my wife refuses to allow me to write notes on the shower walls. And then sometimes I have forgotten that beautiful turn of phrase or elusive thought by the time I am dressed and at my desk.

Recently I had such an incident. But the thought that came to me stayed with me all day, growing, changing, expanding into something I definitely want to share with you.

My God can cope with immigration.

He chose Ruth, a Moabite woman from outside of Israel to be the great grandmother of King David. (The Book of Ruth). “You are all children of God through faith in Jesus Christ, ...there is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus”. Gal. 3: 26-28.

My God can cope with unemployment and fair pay.

Jesus told the story of the landowner who went out three times in a day to hire workers for his vineyard, hiring those who had not been able to find work and paying them what was a full day’s pay, a living wage. Matthew 20: 1-16. “Scripture says...the worker deserves his wages.” I Tim. 5: 18, Deut. 25:4.

Prayer Pointers April 2015



Sundays	Give thanks for the glorious resurrection of our Lord.
Mondays	For Church leaders everywhere.
Tuesdays	For comfort for all affected by turmoil in the world.
Wednesdays	For the bereaved.
Thursdays	For those who tend the sick and suffering.
Fridays	For encouragement in faith for all.
Saturdays	For those who work with young people.

My God can cope with people’s wrong decisions.

The parable of the son who took his inheritance, squandered it and returned to his father to work as a servant but was welcomed as a son. Luke 15: 11-32. The parable of the disobedient son who changed his mind and the son who said yes when he really meant no. Matthew 21: 28-32.

My God can cope with hypocrisy.

“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.” Romans 3: 23.
“If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us”. I John 1: 8-9.

My God can accept people for what they are.

Jesus said to the woman caught in adultery, “neither do I condemn you, go now and leave your life of sin.” John 8: 11.

Peter the disciple who denied knowing Jesus three times is welcomed back and becomes one of the leaders of the early Church. John 21: 15-19, Acts 2: 14-41.

My God can change people’s lives.

Zacchaeus, the tax collector said, “Lord! Here and now I give half of all my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount.” Luke 19: 8

We hear and read so many things these days about what should happen in our society and our country. I am sometimes challenged to understand what a Christian response should be. These statements about ‘my God’ can help us to measure other statements against what we believe as Christians.

Blessings,
Donald J. Lawton

The Archbishop of Canterbury’s Holy Week Lectures

As we journey through Holy Week and prepare for the great celebrations of Easter, the Archbishop of Canterbury will be encouraging us to reflect on the themes of prayer, reconciliation and evangelism, through a series of evening lectures.

The lectures will take place in the Nave followed by a service of music, scripture and prayer sung by the Cathedral Choir.

Looking Forward in our Churches – workshop #1

On the morning of Saturday, 28th February, members of the PCC’s of the churches of Eastling, Throwley, and Stalisfield, along with others who have a significant connection with the church, met together in the church in Lynsted for the first in a series of discussions about the future of our benefice. The event was facilitated by the Rev’d Peter Ingrams, Local Ministry and Growth Advisor at Diocesan House. He led us through a series of exercises to help us look at our strengths individually and as a benefice.

The first exercise involved sharing of ideas of what is important to us about our churches. The responses ranged from the qualities of hospitality, long term connectedness and commitment, friendliness, a sense of permanence, peace and calm, challenges and inspiration. Some commented on the ecumenical nature of our witness, of the opportunity to be absorbed in prayer, the fellowship of the bread and wine. Others saw their church as a part of a never ending journey and viewed the stories of the faith as the centre of their lives.

When asked what our churches do best, the special services for Harvest, Remembrance and Christmas were high on the list, as well as the variety of services and worship expressions at Eastling church. The big church feel and the acoustics of Throwley church were seen as a strong and Eastling’s open door policy and activities with the school were also seen as positives. Several people brought up the fact that Eastling church had a large group of people committed to church growth. Many saw the Benefice magazine, the Good News, as a wonderful resource which goes out free of charge to over 500 homes.

The planning team will be working towards organizing another meeting, to which we will invite all members of the three churches, to move further along this planning process. Look for further information about another workshop towards the end of April or during May and be ready to share your ideas and yourselves for the future of our churches.

Monday 30th March
The Risk of Prayer
Tuesday 31st March
The Cost of Reconciliation
Wednesday 1st April
The Celebration of Witness
7.30 - 9.15pm
Canterbury Cathedral Nave



Eastling Parish Council

Eastling Parish Council met on Wednesday 11th March 2015. Councillors discussed the state of the footpaths in the Parish and the cutting of some of the verges along the pavements. The meeting with a resident and Highways regarding flooding in the parish had taken place. Some drains had been cleared but have silted up again. The next meeting will be the Annual Parish Meeting on Thursday 23rd April 2015 at 8pm following the Village Hall Committee AGM. Residents are always welcome to attend. The Parish Council Annual Meeting will take place on Wednesday 20th May 2015 at 6.30pm in Eastling Village Hall. Jill Seaman, Clerk to the Council jseaman444@btinternet.com

Easter Wordsearch

Even as Jesus ate that last Passover meal with his disciples, he warned them he was about to be betrayed. He took the bread, blessed it, broke it and gave it to them; he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them to drink. The Old Covenant, based on Law, was ticking away its final hours; the New Covenant, based on Christ’s body and his blood, was about to be ushered in. Jesus prayed in Gethsemane that this fearful cup might be removed from him, but even more, that God’s will might be done. And it was. From Easter onwards we can only approach God through his Son, Jesus Christ, not on our own merit.

Jesus Ate Last Passover Meal	New Body Blood Gethsemane Cup	Removed Will Easter Approach God
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Disciples Warned Betrayed Bread Blessed

Wine Thanks Drink Covenant Law Old



ANNUAL MEETINGS

Eastling Parish Council and the Trustees of Eastling Village Hall will be holding their annual meetings on Thursday, 23rd April 2015 in the Village Hall. The Trustees will meet first at 7.30pm followed by the Annual Parish meeting at 8.00 pm. Wine and nibbles will be served.

Please come along to support these organisations and to raise any issues regarding the village and the running of the Hall. Regarding the Hall, there are opportunities to get involved with the Trustees by putting yourself forward for election as a village representative. If you are interested, please contact the Trustees' Honorary Secretary, Sue Parry (tel: 890254; email: sueandpeter@live.co.uk) in advance of the meeting.

Eastling Neighbourhood Watch

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



You have all heard the saying ‘lost for words’ but this month I am short of words, this is a reflection on the wonderful village we live in as I have not had any adverse report of anything amiss in our area. A reminder that the clocks go forward on Sunday 29th March and there will be children more about in the lighter evenings so please be aware on the road. Happy Easter Have good month, Alan

The Otterden Parish Committee
AGM Meeting followed by
Neighbourhood Watch Meeting at
the Harrow, Warren Street, on
Wednesday April 15th at 7.30.pm
All welcome.



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Call us: 01227 457 777 or 08457 90 90 90 (Please see our website for latest call charges) email us: jo@samaritans.org Visit us: Canterbury & District Samaritans, 32 Northgate, Canterbury CT1 1BL. If possible please phone 01227 457 777 before visiting.

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Services in our Churches

The High Downs Benefice

29th March Palm Sunday

Ephesians 1. 3 - 14, Mark 11. 1 - 11

Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)

Stalisfield 10 am Benefice Morning Prayer

2nd April Maundy Thursday

Exodus 12. 1 - 14, 1 Corinthians 11.23 - 26, John 13. 1-17, 31b-35

Throwley 7.30 pm Holy Communion (CW)

3rd April Good Friday

Stalisfield 12 noon Good Friday Liturgy and

Walk with the Cross - see front cover for details

5th April Easter Day

Isaiah 25. 6 - 9, Acts 10. 34 - 43, John 20. 1 - 18

Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)

Eastling 10 am Benefice Communion

12th April Easter 2

Acts 4. 32 - 35, 1 John 1.1 - 2.2, John 20. 19 - 31

Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)

Throwley 10 am Morning Prayer (BCP)

Eastling 10 am Morning Praise

Otterden 3 pm Evening Prayer

19th April Easter 3

Acts 3. 12 - 19, 1 John 3. 1 - 7, Luke 24. 36b - 48

Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)

Eastling 10 am Morning Prayer (BCP)

Stalisfield 10 am Holy Communion (CW)

26th April Easter 4

Acts 4. 5 - 12, 1 John 3. 16 - 24, John 10. 11 - 18

Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)

Eastling 10 am Caf Style in School Hall

Throwley 10 am Holy Communion (BCP)

3rd May Easter 5

Acts 8. 26 - 40, 1 John 4. 7 - 21, John 15. 1 - 8

Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)

Eastling 10 am Holy Communion (CW)

Stalisfield 10 am Morning Prayer

(BCP) Service taken from the Book of Common Prayer, 1662.

(CW) Service follows Common Worship Liturgy, 2000.

Rector Revd Canon Donald J. Lawton (01795 890487)

The Rectory, Newham Lane, Eastling ME13 0AS

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Reader Hugh Perks (01795 890603)

Weald Cottage, Eastling

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Parish Administrator Sheila Moger (01233 713212)

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Throwley Maggie Scutt (01795 890312)

Alastair Malcolm (01795 890258)

Midweek Groups

Tuesdays: Monthly no group in April, next one will be

on 12th May, 10am at Garden Cottage, Eastling.

Tuesdays: Weekly study group, 7.30pm Pinks Farm,

Kettle Hill Road, Eastling. 01795 890338

Thursdays: Weekly prayer group, 10.30am Pinks Farm,

Kettle Hill Road, Eastling. 01795 890338

Fridays: Weekly study group , 10.45am 6 Kettle Hill Cotts,

Eastling. 07780 661275

You will be welcome at any of our groups.

Maundy Thursday

is famous for two things.

The first is one of the final acts that

Jesus did before his death: the

washing of his own disciples' feet.

(see John 13) Jesus washed his

disciples' feet for a purpose: "A new

command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so

you must love one another." His disciples were to love through

service, not domination, of one

another.

Maundy Thursday

Holy Communion

7.30pm

Throwley Church

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.

Throwley Parish Lanes

Clear Up

One of the best attended Throwley clean

ups for a long time with many new

residents coming to help including 2 1/2

year old Libby and her father Andy.

Lunch was provided for by the Parish

Council and arranged by Alison and

Tim Young and Carolyn Clarke at

Parsonage Farm, where a delicious soup

was served with pate and cheese and

refreshments.

Many thanks to everyone who came to

help keep Throwley clean!



DO YOU WISH TO RAISE MONEY

FOR A CHOSEN CAUSE AS WELL

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CAN YOU WALK 3 MILES?



If so join us on our

30th ANNIVERSARY NORTH DOWNS WALK on

Sunday, June 21st 2015.

Harrietsham Village Hall, Church Road – ME17 1AP.

Start from – 8.00am. Last registration – 11am.

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See the website for Maps/Poster/Route Details/Registration

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Prayer of Easter Hope



Dear Father,

When we have lost someone we love, the

world seems very dark. Sometimes we

might feel that our world has ended, and

it's hard to turn round and glimpse any

light ahead.

But you, Lord, know all about that, and

you care.

You sent Jesus to overcome death and

lead us into the light of his forgiveness

and freedom - to new and eternal life.

Help us Lord, like Mary, to turn away

from the darkness death wants to scare us

with, and to reach out to you.

Help us to take courage, strength and

confidence from the reality of Jesus'

resurrection.

He is alive and we are his. There is

nothing to fear. All shall be well.

Hallelujah.

Amen.

By Daphne Kitching

2015 BLUEBELL WALK

Bank Holiday Monday 4th May

Starting from

Eastling Village Hall

from 10am: last registration 2pm

This year's walks will be a linked series of short walks

with options of 2, 3 and 4 miles, plus a separate walk

of 5 miles. It will be possible to do both sets for a

long walk of over 9 miles.

 3.50 per adult,  1.50 per child ( 8 per family of 2

adults + 2 children) Maps and guide notes included.

Bluebell Bistro open all day

More information from 01795 890368

Proceeds to our Church Appeal

Help Needed

The annual Bluebell Walk takes place on Monday

4th May and, as usual, we need lots of helpers to

make it a good day for everyone.

The Bluebell Bistro is an essential part of the

fundraising, open from 10am onwards.

Can you help before hand:

Making soup, cakes or puddings?

Can you help on the day:

Serving food, clearing plates, washing or drying up?

Please call Norma on 890487 or Hilary on 890338

if you can help with the Bistro.

Thank you.

BELMONT HOUSE & GARDENS EVENTS



EASTER EGG HUNT

**Sunday 5th April 2015,
12.00pm – 3.00pm**

Bring the family along to Belmont this Easter and enjoy an afternoon of fun, games and activities. Hand Crafted Events will be running an Easter themed workshop and the tearoom will be open from 12pm for homemade cakes and cream teas. £5 per child, adults are free of charge.

**Belmont House is open for guided tours
on Sunday 5th April, first tour 2.15pm.**

MEET THE HEAD GARDENER

Wednesday 22nd April 2015, 10.00am – 12.00pm

Graeme Watts, the Head Gardener at Belmont, will host a tour around our beautiful gardens. The tour commences with coffee in the Orangery and lasts approximately 2 hours. Please wear appropriate clothing for the weather as cancellation is unlikely. Adults £5 and Concessions £4

Follow us on Twitter: @BelmontHseGdns

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

www.belmont-house.org

Eastling Short Mat Bowls

The Eastling Cherries have had mixed fortunes lately, drawing at home to Swalecliffe in the East Kent League, but losing the return away game, followed by another loss to Whitstable's "A" team, however a near win on the return away match, losing by only one shot, gained the team 4 points.

A home fixture against Boughton brought out the best in the team winning 12 points to 2 and, in a home match against Hoverspeed, Des Briggs, Bryan Searly & Roy Piles won their mat 25 shots to 4, with Brian Fisher, Eileen Piles & Chris Smith winning 17 shots to 14, gaining Eastling another 6 points.

Another home match, this time against ARCA Canterbury, currently top on the 1st division in the East Kent League, saw the Cherries playing well, but unable to topple their opponents who left with all 6 points. An interesting month indeed.

New members are always welcome, no experience needed. Come along the Eastling village hall on Fridays, either 2.30 - 4.30pm or 7.30 - 9.30pm, just bring some flat-soled shoes.

Contact Roy on 01795 537162.



FRIENDS of EASTLING SCHOOL

The children wore non-uniform for a donation to Red Nose Day on Friday 13th March and £140 was raised when 'red nose' cakes were sold at break, thank you to Emily in Cubs class for organising the fundraising. The Friends of Eastling School Committee met on 19th March when, amongst other matters discussed, the plans for the School Summer Fête to be held on 12th July were top of the agenda. We are still asking for anyone who can lend a hand at the fete to contact us. Jill Seaman 01795 890252

Stalisfield Highlife

For your calendar- coming soon

Pencil in the date of Saturday 23rd May on your calendar so that you don't miss family friendly fun at the **Stalisfield Village Party.**

You are invited to join us when we celebrate in style the coming of summer in a fare-to-share party in the sunshine and in the new hall. You supply the food, picnic ready, to share with friend and neighbour and we will provide the afternoon's programme to delight the young and the not so young. Next month's GOOD NEWS will provide more detail in good time.



Computer Buddies

FREE coaching in various aspects of home computing & mobile gadgets

Hourly sessions held at the **West Faversham Community Centre**

Tuesday mornings and Wednesday all day

The "Computer Buddies" programme which provides 'one to one' coaching sessions in all aspects of home computing and mobile gadgets, has been re-launched and is proving to be very popular. For absolute beginners or those already with some basic knowledge of home computing, the programme is aimed at members of the community who feel they would benefit from personal coaching in areas such as:

- Using web browsers to search the internet or to buy goods or services
- Finding and applying for jobs advertised on the internet
- Engaging in social networking using web based services such as Facebook
- Setting up an electronic mail (email) account to send/receive emails

- Creating a basic website
- Using internet based resources to research your family tree, and computers to store genealogical data
- Working with digital photographs - storing, editing, sending via email etc
- Writing letters, a curriculum vitae (CV) etc (Microsoft Word)
- and more besides...

The Computer Buddy role is to coach others to be able to undertake tasks for themselves. Please note this is not a formal accredited course. Coaching sessions can be booked at the centres reception - telephone **01795 537321.** **Look forward to seeing you and offering support**

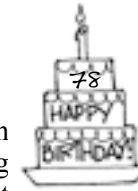
The WI Craft Club



Our next craft club session will be held in the small room, at Champion Hall, on Wednesday 8th April, starting at 11.15am when we will be decorating and planting up a Herb Box. Cost £5 to cover all materials and tea/coffee and home made cake. If you would like to come along and join us please call Pat on 01795 539629.

PAINTERS FORSTAL with SELLING W.I.

will be celebrating their 78th anniversary and will be holding their annual birthday party at their next meeting on Tuesday 21st April at 2.15pm - 4pm in Champion Hall. The entertainment for the afternoon will be 'Songs from the Shows'. If you are interested in finding out more about our WI please come along on the day, you will be given a very warm welcome.



Charing and District Local History Society

On Thursday 9th April

Anne Carter will give a presentation on **AN AUDIENCE WITH QUEEN VICTORIA** *An entertainment in the Queen's own words (in costume).*

8pm the Parish Hall, Station Road, Charing TN27 0JA, doors open at 7.45 pm. Visitors are welcome at £3.00.

Eastling Church Flower Rota

April 2015

5th - All hands from 10am on Sat. 4th Children's Gardens in Porch

12th - Easter flowers

19th - Nerys Condrupe

26th - Sue Chandler

3rd May - Sue Chandler



EASTLING VILLAGE HALL

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WANTED by Eastling Seniors'

Christmas Lunch Committee.

If during the course of the year anyone is thinking of parting with an under counter fridge or a hostess trolley we would be very interested. As our Christmas lunch has now grown in numbers these two items would greatly assist our caterers in providing our wonderful meal. Please contact Dorothy on 890144, Pam on 892194 or Marion on 890848

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.

GRAND PLANT SALE

on the green at Eastling Manor from 11am on Saturday 23rd May This is a fund raising event for the Eastling Seniors' Christmas Lunch. Following the great success of last year we have been asked to hold another plant sale. Spring is underway so please start growing and taking cuttings as all donations will be most welcome.

We will also be serving tea, coffee and homemade cakes.



April



2015

2nd Maundy Thursday Communion	7.30pm	Throwley Church
3rd Walk with the Cross	12 noon	Stalisfield Church
4th Flower arranging & cleaning from	10am	Eastling Church
5th Easter Egg Hunt	12 - 3pm	Belmont House
5th Easter Surprise	2pm	Champion Hall
8th Craft Club	11.15am	Champion Hall
9th History Society	8pm	Charing Parish Hall
12th Morning Praise	10am	Eastling Church
12th Evening Prayer	3pm	Otterden Chapel
14th Mobile Library	10.50 - 11.05am	Glebe Cottages, Eastling
15th Otterden Parish Meeting	7.30pm	The Harrow
15th Deadline for May Good News		See below
16th Mobile Library	1.55am - 12.10pm	Throwley Forstal Green
21st Painters Forstal WI	2.15pm	Champion Hall
23rd Annual Meeting Hall committee	7.30pm	Eastling Village Hall
23rd Annual Parish meeting	8pm	Eastling Village Hall
26th CaféStyle	10am	Eastling School Hall
28th Mobile Library	10.50 - 11.05am	Glebe Cottages, Eastling
28th Magazine Folding	2pm	Pinks Farm
30th Mobile Library	1.55am - 12.10pm	Throwley Forstal Green
MAY 4 th Bluebell Walk from Eastling Village Hall		

FROM THE EDITOR

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