

St Mary's Church presents...
CAFESTYLE
 Sunday 9th April
 10am - 11am
Eastling School 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.

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Foodbanks throughout the country are reporting an increased demand for help. The individual stories of why people are needing this support are desperately sad. Thank you so much for continuing to help with your regular contributions.

Food list for April
Urgent items: long life fruit juice; long life milk; instant mash; tinned sponge puddings; squash; cooking oil; tampons; shampoo; washing powder (non bio)

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Good News

Parish Magazine

April 2017

HAPPY EASTER

Easter Worship in the High Downs Benefice

Palm Sunday 9th April
 8am Holy Communion at Eastling
 10am CaféStyle in Eastling School Hall
 10am Morning Prayer at Throwley

Eastling Bluebell Walk
Bank Holiday Monday, 1st May

A choice of three circular walks in the local woods and paths. All walks start from Eastling Village Hall any time from 10.00am until 2.00pm (maps and guide notes provided)
 £3.50 per adult, £1.50 per child (£8.00 per family)

Village Hall **Bluebell Bistro** open 10am - 2:30pm providing hot & cold refreshments
 The church will be open all day
FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE
 CONTACT STEVE YOULE : 01795 890368 or 07554 510270 or email: steve.youle@btinternet.com
 All proceeds from the walk and Bistro will be given to Eastling Church

Maundy Thursday 13th April
 7.30pm Holy Communion at Eastling

Good Friday 14th April
 12 noon Walk with the Cross
 See below for details

Easter Day 16th April

8am Easter Communion at Eastling
 10am Easter Communion at Eastling
 3pm Easter Communion at Stalisfield

Eastling School News

It's a very quiet time for school events in April and this is mainly caused by the fact that Term 4 ends on 31st March whereas Term 5 (the summer term) starts on Tuesday 18th April. This is to allow all our lovely children to have time with their families as well as lots of Easter treats and surprises. When we do return the school changes to Summer mode with activities such as our ever popular cinema club shelved until the September and new activities, like our "Outings club", taking hold! We also welcome Mrs Cook back in our Reception department as she takes over the reins for the final term of the school year.

This term we start taking our Year 5 children for swimming lessons at the Faversham pool every Wednesday. These lessons have resulted in none of our children leaving school unable to swim, in the last five years. We are in negotiation with Faversham Strike Force and hope to invite them into school to operate a football club especially for our Infant children.

We're also hoping that all our children will show the marvellous progress and attainment that they have made within the school as they approach the period of National testing (SATs) at the start of May.

Thank you to all of you who suggested yourselves as school governors - it really is an exciting time for the school with a new Head teacher due to start in September, this will be only the 14th Head teacher in the school's 136 year history.

Dave Walsh, Head teacher

Mouse Makes
 Colour in the cross, cut out and glue onto card to make an Easter card.

HAPPY EASTER
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JESUS IS ALIVE!
 Read the Easter story in Luke 22-24

"God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son so that whoever believes in Him may not be lost, but have eternal life."
 John 3:16

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 It reminds us God loves us so much that through His Son Jesus we can become God's children too.

+ THE CROSS +
 is a symbol of **HOPE**
 It reminds us that as God's children we will one day be with God in heaven.

quiz night

Spring Quiz
 Friday 7th April 7.30pm
 Entry £2.50.
 Stalisfield Village Hall

Contact Ian - ianmckay1@btinternet.com to book a table of six or to join another table.
 Please bring your own food and drink and exercise the old grey matter.

Good Friday

Walk with the Cross in our parishes

12.00 Starting at Throwley Church (short service of lesson, prayer and hymn), Throwley Forstal Walk with the Cross prayer and Hymn.

13.00 Stalisfield Church (short service of lesson, prayer and hymn), Stalisfield Green Walk with the Cross prayer and Hymn.

14.00 Eastling Church (short service of lesson, prayer and hymn), Eastling Village Walk with the Cross prayer and Hymn. Concluding at the Rectory for Tea/coffee and Hot Cross buns.

A Northern Canada Easter Story

It was an early Easter and consequently still very much winter in the small isolated northern Canada mining town where I lived and taught school. Maundy Thursday had started bright but during the morning had clouded over and begun snowing. By lunch time, it was obvious that we were in for a major snow fall. By the time school closed for the Easter break, it was a blizzard with wind and heavy snow. After supper, I walked from my quarters up to the small English protestant church wearing mukluks and carrying my dress boots. Arriving at church I had to empty snow out of my boots before putting them on. One of the men who were involved in leading the service was delayed and arrived, directly from work still in the more casual attire of a field geologist, just as the service was due to begin. He was distracted, anxious and concerned because he still had a four man exploration crew out in the bush. That evening service of Holy Communion, remembering the institution of the Lord's Supper, had a poignant quality to it, an anticipation of the unknown, much as that last supper Jesus celebrated with his disciples.

It was still snowing and blowing the next morning, and again many of us arrived at Church in parkas and snow boots, shaking off the snow as we got ready for the Good Friday service. George, the field geologist was again in

work clothes, looking tired and anxious. There was no word from the exploration party who were still lost out in the blizzard. The visibility and wind conditions were so bad that even a ground party search in large Bombardier snow tractors, let alone a bush plane or helicopter, was out the question. We were all anxious, these were men from our town, the party chief lived in my building. Would this be the death of them, frozen and starving in the bush? As we read the Good Friday crucifixion story, it was as if we were standing there watching men from our own community die alongside Jesus on the cross. We were standing with Mary, John and the other disciples in the midst of our own despair, helplessness and grief.

Friday moved on to Saturday and the town snow plows could barely keep the streets open. The roads drifted over within a half hour of being plowed. I ate in the company mess hall along with all of the others living in quarters on single status. The men from the exploration department were constantly interrupted during their meals by people who wanted to know if there was any news about the men in the bush. The only thing they could tell us was that a rescue crew was ready to go out to where these men were assigned to drill their test holes as soon as the blizzard blew over.

Easter Sunday morning showed some slackening in the wind and snow. During the Easter Church service, the sun broke through a rent in the clouds and sparkled on the snow and frost on the window at the front of the church. It was a glorious sight, almost a symbol of the glory and promise of the resurrection. But not many of us felt like celebrating the resurrection that morning, we were still focused on the men lost in the bush. Before the service ended, we heard the bush plane fly over the town on its way to begin an air search. A short time later, we heard the clatter of the helicopter as it joined in the search.

It was customary for families to have Sunday lunch in the company mess, and many people from the English Protestant Church and the French Roman Catholic Church were subdued in their Easter greetings as they met together over lunch. We all were waiting for news from the search teams. The first news we got was that there were not signs of life or movement around the exploration site. Later the bush pilot reported snowmobile tracks a considerable distance from the exploration site but couldn't follow them because of the dense bush. Late in the afternoon, the four men arrived in town on two snowmobiles, coming from a direction no one had thought to look. Supper that night in the mess hall was a celebration. Our friends who we thought were dead had come back to us alive. It turned out that the men had moved from their exposed exploration site to a patch of dense bush in a sheltered valley, where they dug snow caves and bedded themselves in to wait out the storm. When the snow stopped they drained all the fuel out of two machines and cut back to town, manhandling the two snowmobiles over the ridge and into town a back way.

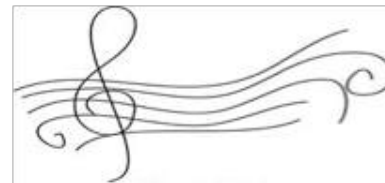
The resurrection of Easter, the story of life returned and renewed, had a new meaning and significance for many of the people in that small isolate mining town that snow bound Easter.

Blessings

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Local Needs Housing

English Rural Housing Association, in partnership with Throwley Parish Council and Sheldwich, Badlesmere and Leaveland Parish Council, will be holding a Village Information and Consultation Event on 10th April in Sheldwich Village Hall between 3pm and 7pm.

This will be a drop-in event to view and comment upon, preliminary plans of a proposed small affordable Local Needs Housing scheme at Leaveland Corner, Throwley. Staff from English Rural Housing Association and Action with Communities in Rural Kent, together with Parish Councillors, will be available to discuss the project. There will be an opportunity to make written comments and also to register an interest for one of the proposed homes.

For further information contact Alison Thompson at English Rural Housing Association - email: alison.thompson@english-rural.org.uk or phone 01233 665846

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Eastling Parish Council/ Trustees of Eastling Village Hall

An invitation to all to come along to Eastling Village Hall on Thursday 27th April. The Trustees will be holding their Annual General Meeting at 7.30pm and this will be followed by the Parish Council's Annual Parish Meeting at 8.00pm. These are public meetings and both organisations would be delighted to see villagers and to hear their views and ideas for the village and the Hall. Light refreshments will be served.

Otterden Parish Committee AGM & Neighbourhood Watch Meeting
To be held on Wednesday 12th April at 7.30pm at The Harrow, Warren Street.
All Welcome

Otterden Neighbourhood Watch Group.



Dog owners
In Otterden there seems to be a growing problem with some people NOT putting their dogs on leads. It doesn't matter if you think your dog is harmless. It's against the law to let your dog worry livestock. Farmers do have the right to shoot any dog doing so. You also need to take into consideration other responsible dog owners who abide by the law.

So please **KEEP YOUR DOG ON A LEAD!!**

Eastling Neighbourhood Watch



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

There are many reports around about emails being received from inland revenue saying that you are due a tax refund. This is another con so do not reply. Inland revenue will not contact via email, nor will any bank, asking you to confirm your details so, please, if in any doubt delete the email and let me know so I can pass the information on.

Another reminder to keep your dogs on a lead when in the vicinity of sheep, even if you are not in the same field, this is very important.

There are many reports coming in from local villages and Faversham area relating to break-ins to outside buildings and unlocked cars. Do be careful and make sure all property is secure. Remember that, as we live in rural areas, the undesirables need transport to visit us so please report any suspicious vehicles that are around our areas.

Have a good month and take care,
Alan

Eastling Easter Lilies

Please contact Bay, on 01795 892036, if you wish to give a donation towards purchasing an Easter lily in memory of a loved one.

If you wish, the name will be added to the list that will be in Eastling Church over Easter.

Easter Flowers

The communal decorating of Eastling Church for Easter will be on Saturday 15th April at 10.00am. Please bring along seasonal flowers and foliage to make the church beautiful for our Easter celebrations.

Stalisfield Easter Lilies

Please contact Jean West, on 01233 712270, if you would like to contribute towards buying Easter lilies for Stalisfield Church.



Eastling Church

Flower Rota April 2017

2nd & 9th - Lent - no flowers

16th - Easter communal decorating
10am Saturday 15th

23rd } Janet Wood
30th }

May 7th - Fiona & Catherine



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Sportsmanlike

During a game, the coach asked one of his young players: "Do you understand what cooperation is? What a team is?" The little boy nodded yes. "Do you understand that what matters is winning together as a team?" The little boy nodded yes. "So," the coach continued, "when a strike is called, or you are out at first, you don't argue or curse or attack the umpire. Do you understand all that?" Again, the boy nodded yes. "Good," said the coach. "Now go over there and explain it to your mother."

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Eastling Bluebell Walk

Bank Holiday Monday,
1st May

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£3.50/adult, £1.50/child,
£8/family

Maps & guide notes provided

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Proceeds to Eastling Church

Eastling Walking Group

Harry Kyte of Kettle Hill fame, started the Eastling Walking Group in 2011 and we continue with a social walk, of about 2 hours, once a fortnight. Most of the walks are reasonably local, with a few special ones lead by "special people". We always try to finish at a Hostelry for some refreshment.

New members would be very welcome, as are our four legged friends. If anyone has a walk they would like to share with us, that also would be most welcome.

More information from;

Colin & Pam Bell- 01795 892194.

It would be great to hear from you.

April walks on 12th and 26th.

Rev. Paul Hardingham considers the themes raised in 'How to Train your Dragon'...

St George and Hiccup and the dragon

Have you seen the film *How to Train your Dragon*? It's set in a Viking village under attack from dragons, who steal livestock and burn down houses. Hiccup, the village Chief's son, invents a machine to capture dragons. However, when he catches one of the most dangerous dragons, he cannot kill it, when he sees that the dragon is just as frightened as he is. Through this friendship, the people and dragons eventually live in harmony.

This month we celebrate St. George, the patron saint of England. He is famous for slaying a dragon, a tradition which became popular in the Middle Ages. Whether he killed an actual dragon is open to question! However, we do know that the original

George was a Roman soldier at the time of Emperor Diocletian. He refused to renounce his faith, as commanded by the Emperor, resulting in his death on 23 April 303 AD.

The contrast is clear: St. George slayed the evil dragon, while Hiccup refused to kill one. However, they also have something important in common. Both acted according to their conscience, defying the popular understanding of those around them and not worrying about the personal cost to themselves. St. George was martyred for standing up for his faith in Jesus before a pagan emperor; while Hiccup risked rejection by his father and village because of his compassion.

Today, we are still called to stand for Christ against wrongs and injustice in a daily life, whatever the personal cost. However, we also need to be ready to look our enemies in the eye and meet their hostility with love and compassion. This is why we also remember this month that Jesus died and rose again, so that we might have God's power to do this in our lives.

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Memories of Eastling - Ruby Droscher (nee Eyles)

Church or Chapel?

I had a friend called Daisy Payne who lived at Tong, a nearby village. I used to walk there and go to the Chapel service with her. I liked this more than the church service in Eastling - you could have a good sing-song. I preferred the church in Newnham too, that was low-church. The one in Eastling was high-church. Coming back from Tong one time I met the Vicar of Eastling - Not thinking of the consequences, I told him 'I'd been to Chapel. He said 'Do you know, you were only confirmed a fortnight ago!' When I told my mother she said 'Your mouth will get you hung one of these days!'

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Services in our Churches

2nd April Lent 5

The God who brings life

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 (BCP)

9th April Palm Sunday

The God who suffers for us

Liturgy of the Palms Matt 21. 1-11, Ps 118. 19- end
 Liturgy of the Passion Isaiah 50.4-9a, Phil 2.5-11, Matt 27. 11-54

Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)
 Eastling 10 am CaféStyle
 Throwley 10 am Morning Prayer (BCP)

13th April Maundy Thursday

Exodus 12. 1 - 14, 1 Corinthians 11. 23 - 26, John 13. 1-17, 31b-35

Eastling 7.30 pm Holy Communion (CW)

14th April Good Friday

12 noon Walk with the Cross -details on front cover

16th April Easter Day

The God who rose for us

Jeremiah 31. 1-6, Acts 10. 34- 43, John 20. 1-18 or Matt 28. 1-10

Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)
 Eastling 10 am Easter Communion (CW)
 Stalisfield 3 pm Easter Communion (CW)

23rd April Easter 2

Acts 2. 14, 22-32, 1Peter 1. 3-9, John 20. 19-end

Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)
 Throwley 10am Holy Communion (BCP)
 Throwley 11.15am Annual Benefice meeting
 for all three churches.

30th April Easter 3

Acts 2. 14, 36-41, 1 Peter 1. 17-23, Luke 24. 13-35

Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)
 Throwley 10 am Benefice Choral
 Morning Prayer

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

The High Downs Benefice

Rector Revd Canon Donald J. Lawton (01795 890487)
 The Rectory, Newham Lane, Eastling ME13 0AS

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Parish Administrator Janet Payne (01795 890487)
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Stalisfield with Otterden Jean West (01233 712270)

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

Throwley Vacant

Midweek Groups

Tuesdays: Study group, 9.30am on 25th April
 at Garden Cottage, Eastling. 01795 890368

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, New House Farm,
 Eastling. 01795 890629

You will be welcome at any of our groups.

The trees that remind us of Easter



Yew trees are linked with Resurrection, which makes them extra special around Easter time. Yew trees exemplify on-going Life. They are probably the oldest living organisms in Europe, with one in the churchyard of

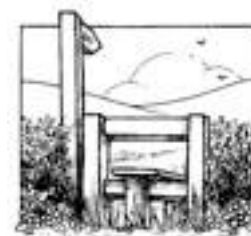
Fortingall, a thatched Perthshire village, thought to be as much as 5,000 years old – which made it already about 3,000 years old on the first Easter!

For centuries, yews have been revered as sacred, and it is easy to see why: yews are dense, dark evergreens, with bright red poisonous berries, and they have the most amazing power to regenerate. Cut a yew back, and it will regrow. Drop a branch and it can form new roots. Beams made of yew have even been known to sprout again, long after they have been built into houses.

Some people believe that yews began as cuttings from the original Tree of Life, some of which were taken to the British Isles in the dawn of the world.

The yew by Eastling Church is thought to be 2000 years old.

INTO ACTION



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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.

JOIN THE FUN TODAY



Eastling Short Mat Bowls

We are still looking for new players, male or female. Come along to Eastling village hall any Friday, either

2.30 - 4.30pm or 7.30-9.30pm. You will be very welcome. Contact Roy Piles on 01795 537162

Competition news: In the Swale League the Cherries played away to Newington who totally out played Eastling and we came home with our tails between our legs and no points. Sadly we were no better at home when again, they out played us, left us with four points to their ten.

In East Kent league against Aylesham, at home and a much better result, we beat them four points to two. Still in the East Kent, Minster came to Eastling and another good result, we won on both mats and overall shots six points. But - on 7th March the return game away to Minster (Thanet) and no points for Eastling.

Back in the Swale league, at home to Sheppey and good result for Eastling winning eight points to six. Then our latest Swale game on 21st March was away to Lower Halstow, we only gained two points, thanks to a win from Des and Bryan; Roy only lost the Singles by two shots and the Triples was very close going into the last end 6 shots each, their skip's last wood taking shot. In this 2nd division it looks very much as though we shall be going into a lower division.

Back to East Kent league and A.R.C.A (Top club) came to Eastling, although Des, Bryan & Roy won two points, they won overall. We visit them soon but do not hold much hope of gaining any points. Report next month, along with the result of our Annual match against Tunstall.

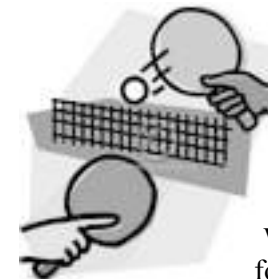
Don't just sit there – do something!

Keep moving. That is the simple message for any older person who does not want to age significantly quicker than they need to do.

A recent study of pensioners has found that those who kept to a sedentary position for 10 hours or more a day and who did less than 40 minutes of moderate physical activity had the bodies of people eight years older. Experts advise that older people should aim to stand up and walk around every 20 minutes, if possible. The study was carried out at the University of California.

A spokesman for UK Active warns that: 'With health and social care budgets stretched to the limit, it's time to end our love affair with the chair and get people moving again... it is never too late to get active. Simple things at home, such as carrying the groceries, climbing more stairs and pottering around the garden can play a huge role in staying healthy and independent as we get older.'

Table Tennis



Join us in the Stalisfield Village Hall every Tuesday between 7pm and 9pm.

We have been running for over a year now and it would be nice to see

some more people from outside of Stalisfield. Contact Tracey on 07790 245501.

Otterden and Stalisfield W.I. Walk

Bluebell walk, followed by soup and bread in the village hall, on 19th April. Stalisfield Village Hall, 6pm. Please ensure you wear comfortable footwear.

Contact Lesley Andrews (01795 890581) or Stephanie Culver (01795 890748).

COME AND JOIN OUR FUN WALK IN AID OF THE WaterAid CHARITY SATURDAY 22nd APRIL 2017

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Louise Seymour

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Sunday 21st May 7.00pm Leaveland Church

Reserve this date for another

Summer Evening of Musical Delight

with the return of Greg Tassell - Tenor with David Flood - Canterbury Cathedral Organist plus Sarah Dacey - Soloist Soprano £15.00 to include drinks & canapés

Admission by ticket only from Corrine by email: info@leavelandcourt.co.uk or Tel. 01233 740596 or Lyn on 01227 830158

All proceeds to Leaveland & Badlesmere Church Funds In May 2015 Greg Tassell with father-in-law David Flood filled Badlesmere Church to the rafters with an amazing diversity of music and song made all the more enjoyable by their witty introductions of each piece throughout the recital. They obviously had a good time themselves as they asked us if we would like them to return and of course we said yes. Don't miss this opportunity to experience a very special evening on your doorstep with an even broader repertoire this year as they will be joined by the soprano Sarah Dacey. During the interlude a tasty temptation of canapés will be served along with wine and soft drinks. Funds raised at this event will help ensure that the life and work of two of the most precious buildings in our midst can continue.

Otterden and Stalisfield W.I.

At our March meeting, speaker Lara Murphy, from the Dogs Trust gave us an interesting talk on her role as Supporter Relations Officer at their branch in Canterbury. Also in March members enjoyed a trip to the Marlowe Theatre to see 'The Commitments.' As Spring is now with us our meeting on 19th April will be a Bluebell walk followed by soup and bread in the village hall. This meeting starts at Stalisfield Village Hall at the earlier time of 6pm. Please ensure you wear comfortable footwear.

The May AGM meeting is on Wednesday 3rd May in Stalisfield Village Hall at 7.30pm For information about our very friendly group please contact: Lesley Andrews (01795 890581) or Stephanie Culver (01795 890748).



Painters Forstal with Selling WI

We are having our 80th birthday party on the 18th April when we will be entertained by a Close Up Magician.

This should be fun so anyone who wants to come please call Barbara on 01795 890020 or e-mail tombar72@hotmail.co.uk.

Advance notice:

Fashion Show on June 27th at 6pm. Information as above. Only £2 per ticket

Spring Quiz

Friday 7th April 7.30pm Entry £2.50. Stalisfield Village Hall

Contact Ian - ianmckay1@btinternet.com to book a table of six or to join another table. Please bring your own food and drink and exercise the old grey matter.

Safari Supper

Saturday 22nd April 7.30pm Guest tickets £15. A culinary expedition around the village, culminating in pudding at the village hall. If you would like to take part, as either a host or guests, please contact Judith - judithandandrew@yahoo.com Shirley - shirleylpritchard@btinternet.com

Carol Morris - mjjatotterden@btinternet.com

Bluebell Walk

Help Needed - on Bank

Holiday Monday, 1st May

The annual **Bluebell Walk** is a very busy day and we need lots of helpers to make it a good day for everyone.

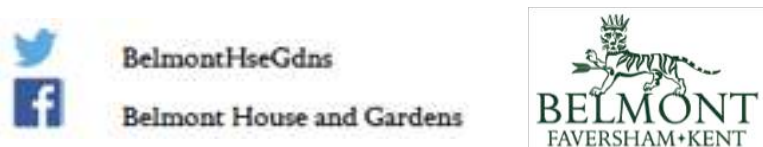
The **Bluebell Bistro** is an essential part of the fundraising, open from 10am till 2.30pm.

Can you help before the day: 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.

Thank you.



BELMONT HOUSE & GARDENS

EASTER EGG HUNT

Sunday 16th April, 12.00pm – 3.00pm

Bring the family along to Belmont this Easter and enjoy an afternoon of fun activities. Explore the gardens and search for the Easter eggs to get your very own chocolate treat. Once you have completed the trail, you will find a variety of craft activities in the Orangery. £5.00 per child, £1.00 per adult.

SPRING FAIR

Monday 1st May, 11.00am – 4.00pm

This event is the perfect way to spend a spring day and a great opportunity to get some advice on how to get your garden looking wonderful this Summer. With a superb collection of local crafters and artisans, you can expect to find some unique, quality hand-made gifts. The Medieval Society, a firm favourite every year, will run our popular 'Have a Go Archery'.

£3 per person and free for children under 16

SPOON CARVING WORKSHOP

Tuesday 16th May, 10.30am – 4.00pm

Phil from Badger Bushcraft will demonstrate how to get the best results from the tools. You will learn to safely and confidently perfect your techniques and, by the end of the day, take home your very own spoon, hopefully having some fun along the way too! Refreshments will be provided throughout the day.

£40.00pp. To Book please call 01795 890228 or email: events@belmont-house.org

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The Plough Inn, Stalisfield; a family run, independent, award winning pub & restaurant offering an

extensive menu of restaurant quality food and pub snacks as well as a large range of unique & locally produced drinks.

Dates for your diary

Friday 14th April - Our Easter tradition of Fish Friday blackboard to celebrate Good Friday

Sunday 16th April - Sunday roast with the family, without the washing up!

Monday 17th April - Family fun day with an Easter Egg hunt and the winner announcement for our Easter picture competition, crafts and games to keep the little ones entertained

Stalisfield Road, Faversham, Kent, ME13 0HY
Tel: 01795 890 256 Email: info@theloughinnstalisfield.co.uk

Charing and District Local History Society.

On Thursday 13th April,

The Wedding journey of Charles I and Henrietta Maria through Kent : A diplomatic rumpus

Sara Wolfson - The newlyweds made their way to London from Dover feted by the crowds but this was one royal procession that didn't go like clockwork.

Meetings are held in the Parish Hall, Station Road, Charing TN27 0JA. The lecture starts at 8pm. Non-members: £3 per meeting.



COME AND JOIN US

in the beautiful garden of Eastling Manor for a

Garden Tea Party

on Sunday 11th June from 2.30pm until 5.30pm.

Cream Teas - Pimms & Prosecco bar - Plant Sale - Raffle - Entertainment.

This event will be raising funds for the Eastling Seniors' Christmas Lunch Our thanks to Bay and John at the Manor for their generosity in sharing their garden for this wonderful occasion.

More details in the May magazine.



The 10am Communion service at Eastling on Sunday 4th June will be the last taken by our Rector, Canon Donald Lawton, before he and Norma leave us to return to Canada.

We would like to send them off with our thanks and good wishes and invite as many as possible to come to the service and/or join us afterwards in Easting village hall for drinks and nibbles.

If you would like to contribute to a collection for Donald and Norma, please see your church warden or call Andrew Baxter on 01795 890598.

EASTLING VILLAGE HALL

To book ring Hayley on 01795 890968

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A beautiful hall in a lovely village location for your wedding, club, sports or meetings.

The large hall has pretty grounds, car parking, meeting rooms and fully equipped facilities for professional or self-catering occasions.



WEEKLY EVENTS:

Tuesdays	Table Tennis	7 - 9pm	Stalisfield Village Hall
Alternate Wednesdays	Throwley Walkers	Email: annhutt52@gmail.com	
Alternate Wednesdays	Eastling Walkers	10.30am	Call 01795 892194
Thursdays	Fitness Pilates	9.15am	Eastling Village Hall
Alternate Fridays	Throwley Walkers	Call 07948 038993	
Fridays	Short Mat Bowls	2.30pm & 7.30pm	Eastling Hall

APRIL

7 th Spring Quiz	7.30pm	Stalisfield Village Hall
9 th CaféStyle	10am	Eastling Village Hall
10 th Throwley Housing Consultation	3 - 7pm	Sheldwich Village Hall
12 th Otterden Parish & NhW	7.30pm	The Harrow, Warren St.
13 th Charing History Society	8pm	Charing Parish Hall
14 th Walk with the Cross	12noon	Throwley Church
14 th Walk with the Cross	1pm	Stalisfield Church
14 th Walk with the Cross	2pm	Eastling Church
15 th Deadline for May Good News		See below
16 th Easter Egg Hunt	12 - 3pm	Belmont House
17 th Easter Egg Hunt & Family fun		The Plough, Stalisfield
18 th Painters Forstal W.I.	2pm	Eastling Village Hall
19 th Ott/den & S/field W.I. walk	6pm	Stalisfield Village Hall
22 nd Water Aid Fun Walk	10am	The Plough, Stalisfield
22 nd Safari Supper	7.30pm finishing at	Stalisfield Village Hall
25 th Magazine Folding	2pm	Pinks Farm
27 th Hall Trustees AGM	7.30pm	Eastling Village Hall
27 th P. C. Annual Parish meeting	8pm	Eastling Village Hall
MAY 1 st Bluebell Walk	10am	from Eastling Village Hall

FROM THE EDITOR

If you would like to advertise in the May 2017 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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