



SUMMER WORD SEARCH

In celebration of the holiday season, this puzzle is jam-packed full of things associated with the traditional seaside break. So dust off your deckchair, grab an ice cream and see how many of the words below you can find! Below are the words hidden in the grid. You can find them spelt forwards, backwards, straight, across or diagonal. Good luck!

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| Ice cream' | Beach' | Windbreaker' | Pier |
| Swimsuit' | Rubber ring' | Deckchair' | Punch and Judy |
| Rockpooling' | Sandcastle' | Fish and chips' | Donkey rides |
| Crab' | Seashells' | Star fish'' | Sunglasses |
| Waves'' | Suntan lotion' | Hat' | Ball games |
| Swimming' | Picnic' | Sunbathe' | Bucket and spade |



Eastling Puppet Club

Well done puppeteers for a spirited performance of Eastling Circus and Camel Race at Eastling School Fete. We resume the club in September; first rehearsal on Saturday 19th, 3-4pm, in Eastling Village Hall, Children aged 9 and over welcome.

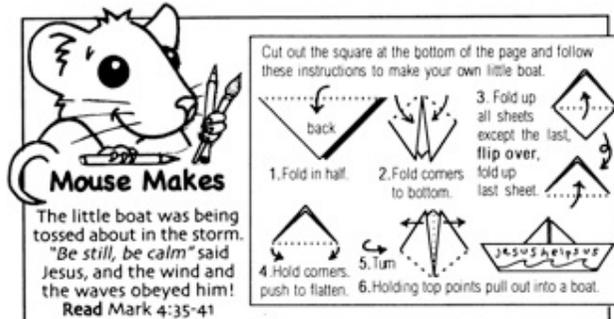


The Freestyle Dance Squad

Eastling School Fete

Eastling School held their Summer Fete on the School Field on Sunday 12th July. It was a beautiful English Summer's Day and hundreds of people came along to join in the fun. There was a show by Eastling Puppet Club and dancing from the Leigh Miles Freestyle Dance Squad. Syndale Equestrian provided Pony Rides and there were stalls, games and food and drink to enjoy. An amazing £3,100 was raised which will go towards purchasing a second minibus for the school - this will enable whole classes to go on Educational Trips at the same time. Many thanks to all those who helped in any way before, during or on the day and special thanks to everyone who came along and helped to make this such a special day. We look forward to welcoming you again next year!

Pauline Gaston, Chair FOES

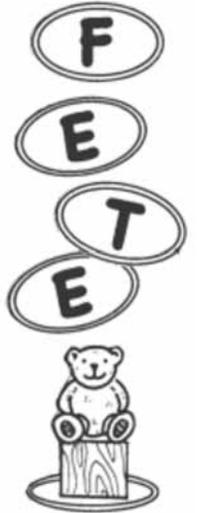


SUMMER FETE

2pm

Saturday 29th August

on the Green at Stalisfield



ARTstock in Eastling

A new chilled-out micro music festival in the Kent countryside. Bands and solo musicians from across the south east covering all points on the musical compass will be playing for your enjoyment. Saturday 15th August 2009 from 1pm-midnight, Eastling Village Hall. Shepherd Neame bar, ice cream, barbecue, fun stuff. All-day ticket just £10. Under 12s free if accompanied. Free overnight camping.

ONLY 15 tickets left!

Reserve now on artstock09@gmail.com names, phone and email contact needed. Max four tickets per person, please mention if you need a tent pitch. More info on 07803 908980. ARTstock is raising money for the Alzheimer's Research Trust (ART) www.alzheimers-research.org.uk. Big thanks to the Pamela Champion Foundation, the Eastling Centre, the Carpenters Arms PH, and the team behind the scenes."

Our Youth Groups, Youngstyle and S Club take a break in August - check the September Good News for restart dates.



Wish you were here

Wish you were here These are the words that are so often written at the beginning of a postcard, so much a summer holiday activity. Postcards are now almost an historical pastime. More often today, it will be a text on a mobile phone, or nothing at all. The intonation of the words "Wish you were here" could mean we really wish that you were here, it could be gloating that we are having a fantastic time and want to make you jealous, it could mean that it has rained and the holiday is a disaster. So often for the holidaymaker, postcards can be a chore – what do you choose, to whom do you send them, what are you going to write. For the recipient, it can be one of pleasure, knowing that someone has thought of you, a desire that the sender wants you to share in their joy, or it can make you feel wistful.

In a recent newspaper article, the journalist wrote of the expertise that is required to write a good letter. Letters are almost extinct because of the inventions of modern technology. Yet,

letters, if they are good ones, demonstrate the thoughtfulness of the writer. It takes time to compose a good letter, the choice of words, the thoughts that you would like to express. To receive a letter that is not a bill, an invoice, or advertising is a moment of joy for the recipient. The rarity of receiving a letter means that it is almost a festal day. Letters are tangible and mean that the recipient will take more time to read their content, a letter is more permanent than an email, and it will be often read a number of times. A letter is more likely to be kept. In the past, letters would have been a record of a relationship or friendship and for those that have been published, often record the experiences of those living in an historical moment of great import.

Our example in the Bible of letters is that great historical letter writer, Saint Paul. In the Bible there are within in the New Testament a number of books which record the letters that Paul wrote to communities, to churches, and to individuals. As Paul writes, his

letters are written to encourage, to admonish, to advise and to affirm his recipients, he works with them as the early Church begins to grow. So often, Paul will encourage his recipients with words of joy at the news that he has heard of the news of their congregation. So many of the letters have within them prayers, originally intended for his contemporaries, which by the grace of God still have a power for us today across the generations.

As Paul writes to the Philippians, *I thank God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you ...* (Chapter 1 verses 3 and 4).

May we give thanks to God for those who bless our lives with a letter? May we too be a source of blessing and take time to write to those whom we love and those we give thanks to God for, for being a part of and sharing in our lives?

With every blessing,
Wish you were here
Caroline

Prayer Pointers for August



Sunday	That we take time to listen to God
Monday	For those starting to gather the harvest
Tuesday	Pray for Joy as she leaves us
Wednesday	For the renewal and refreshment of holidays
Thursday	For Peace in the Middle East
Friday	For Nick Ash and James Pettit, new curates at St Mary of Charity, Faversham
Saturday	For the healing ministry in our Church



'Church Flowers: The Essential Guide to Arranging Flowers in Church' in the cupboard containing the vases. If you'd like to take it home to have a good look, please kindly leave a note or phone us saying you have done so. Some of her arrangements are very 'over the top', others a lot more useful!

Eastling Church Flowers

Should any of those who have kindly volunteered to do the Church flowers want inspiration, we have put Judith Blacklock's new book

On a different note, we wondered if we could make an appeal for anyone who has a vase to which they aren't particularly attached to donate it to the Church. Currently, we are rather limited. Any size/shape/design would be very much appreciated. If you have one you would like to give, please could you kindly leave it in the cupboard.

With many thanks
Nerys & Emma

August Rota

1/2 Nerys & Emma
8/9 Nerys and Emma
15/16 Janet Bryant
22/23 Janet Bryant
29/30 Joan Thomas and Julia Bailey
Sept 5/6 Joan Thomas and Julia Bailey



Dad's Army

The Grass Roots Theatre Company brings evening outdoor comedy theatre to the Garden of the Anchor in historic Abbey Street, Faversham. Two plays from the BBC's hit *Dad's Army* comedy series, "The Deadly Attachment" and "The Godiva Affair", will be performed over four evenings. Suitable for all the family. 5th - 8th August, 8pm. Tickets cost £5 and are available from the Anchor on 01795 536471.

Lysistrata - Classic Greek comedy outdoors

The Grass Roots Theatre Company brings classical Greek comedy to the Garden of the Anchor, in Abbey Street, Faversham. The show starts at 8pm and will run for four nights from Wednesday 12th to Saturday 15th August. Tickets cost £5 and are available from the Anchor on 01795 536471.

Lynsted Medieval Fete and Dog Show

Lynsted Court Meadow
(opposite village duck pond)
Monday 31 Aug 2009
2.00pm-5.00pm
(Dog show starts at 2.15pm)

A 'traditional' fete and more, this year including stocks, medieval maggot racing and a dog show. Our storyteller, our magician and a Punch and Judy man will be entertaining children and adults alike. Refreshments will be served in the Castle Tea Rooms, The Templar's Bar and the Banqueting House.
www.lynsted.com/fete



FRIENDS OF KENT CHURCHES SPONSORED RIDE AND WALK



HELPING TO SAVE CHURCHES IN KENT



SATURDAY 12th SEPTEMBER 2009, 10AM-6PM

BICYCLE OR WALK AROUND KENT CHURCHES
SPONSORSHIP MONEY RAISED
WILL BE DIVIDED EQUALLY BETWEEN
THE FRIENDS OF KENT CHURCHES AND
THE CHURCH OR CHAPEL OF YOUR CHOICE

Eastling, Stalisfield and Whitehill will be open all day, with Stalisfield and Whitehill having cakes for sale.
For sponsorship forms to ride or walk for your church, contact:
Eastling: Audrey Smith on 890469
Stalisfield: Pat Thompson on 890376
Whitehill: Bobbie Richards on 532756

Eastling Neighbourhood Watch.

Contact numbers:
Parish/Village Warden Telephone 07794010394
Crimestoppers 0800 555 111 (24 hours, free and anonymous)
Sittingbourne police station 01795 477055
Emergencies or crime in progress always use 999

No doubt everybody has heard about the drink driving accident that occurred in The Street last month. The driver was arrested and thank goodness that no person was injured. The police are on high alert for drink drivers this summer so please remember that drink driving causes futile accidents and unnecessary loss of lives and limbs. There was a break in at Spuckles during the latter part of June and forensic tests have been carried out and hopefully there will be an arrest soon. School holidays have now started so please control your speed through the village. The harvest will soon be gathered in so take care on the roads as there will be some heavy machinery moving about. Have a good month
Alan

Services in our Churches

Ministry in our Parishes

2nd August Trinity 8

Ephesians 4. 1 - 16, John 6. 24 - 35

Eastling	8 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Eastling	10 am	Holy Communion (CW)
Otterden	3 pm	Evening Prayer

9th August Trinity 9

Ephesians 4. 25 - 5. 2, John 6. 35, 41 - 51

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

16th August Trinity 10

Ephesians 5. 15 - 20, John 6. 51 - 58

Eastling	8 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Eastling	10am	Holy Communion (CW)
Stalisfield	10am	Morning Prayer (BCP)

23rd August Trinity 11

Ephesians 6. 10 - 20, John 6. 56 - 69

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

30th August Trinity 12

James 1. 17 - end, Mark 7. 1 - 8, 14, 15, 21 - 23

Eastling	8 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Stalisfield	10am	Benefice Service

6th September Trinity 13

James 2. 1 - 17, Mark 7. 24 - end

Eastling	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Eastling	10am	Holy Communion (CW)
Otterden	3pm	Evening Prayer

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

Priest in Charge	Reverend Caroline Pinchbeck (01795 890487) The Rectory, Newnham Lane, Eastling Faversham ME13 0AS <caroline.pinchbeck575@btinternet.com>
Curate	Reverend Angela Cheeseman (01795 892124) New House Farm, Eastling ME13 0BN
Reader	Norman Fowler (01795 890412) 4 Meesons Close, Eastling
Reader	Hugh Perks (01795 890603) Weald Cottage, Eastling
Churchwardens	
Eastling	Steve Youle (01795 890368) Audrey Smith (01795 890469)
Stalisfield with Otterden	Patricia Thompson (01795 890376) Martin Beckenham (01795 892079)

From the Registers

Baptism

Beatrice Rose Sarah ALEXANDER
19th July 2009 at Otterden

Interment of Ashes

William Kenneth VANT
24th July 2009 at Stalisfield

Services at Whitehill Chapel

2nd August	10am	Brunch
	10.40am	Family People's Choice
5th August	2.15 pm	Holy Communion
23rd August	11am	People's Choice

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

Granville Wheler was a learned man. A scholar who read many classical tomes, but he had a lighter side. For instance; his favourite singer was Kathleen Ferrier, of 'Blow the Wind Southerly' fame. His favourite story was from a book called 'Strange Stories of the Chase', collected by the Countess of Faversham. Another was 'Moonshine' by Lord Brabourne and, as a boy, 'Tom Brown's School Days'. - His favourite foods were roast beef, roast pheasant, kedgeriee and any kind of pudding. When younger he enjoyed horse riding and, even further back in time, riding his Velocette motor cycle. But, when he could, reading was his chief joy. Letter writing was a bit of a chore, but he did it all the same. He was a great thinker and orator, and knew much about theology. Granville Wheler cared a great deal for his two country estates; Otterden and Ledston Hall in Yorkshire, but the welfare of his horses was of paramount importance to him. When he lost his sight in 1996, I would read to him, or make sound recordings on a cassette. Sounds such as the bleating of sheep, the rain falling through the trees, or the rooks calling in the park nearby. It was my one regret that, though it was spring, I could not find a cuckoo to record its sound before he died.



Otterden Chronicles

by Audrey Keen

Granville Wheler kept this poem attached to a page in his diary:

As the Breeze Brings Me the Spring

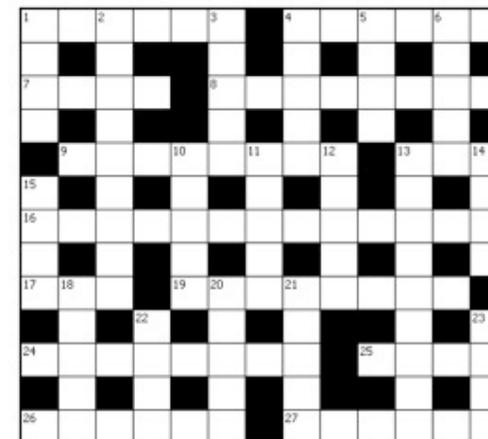
Beech, beech, welcome back the spring for me,
Turn all the naked boughs to beauty,
For spruce trees dominate here still,
Each craggy bank and somnolent green hill.
While bees and cuckoos promised me
That spring would stay
And strengthens in her loveliness each day.
And bluebells - bluebells waft their scent
Beneath where sparrows sing.
And yes, the breezes brought to me again
The spring.
And, as I rest
To visually digest
Each coloured day,
I ask the beech to welcome back
The summer too with coming May. AIK

Audrey has an article in the July/August edition of 'Bygone Kent', which is available at Fleur de Lis in Faversham. Her article talks about her parents at Otterden with the Whelers.

CROSSWORD Solution inside back cover

Across

- Of Moses (6)
- You have been weighed on the — and found wanting' (Daniel 5:27) (6)
- Where Jesus performed the first of his miraculous signs (John 2:11) (4)
- Roman emperor who ordered all the Jews to leave Rome (Acts 18:2) (8)
- Member of a conservative Jewish party in the Sanhedrin which believed there was no resurrection (Acts 23:8) (8)
- South London Mission (1,1,1)
- Sure of one's own ability (2 Corinthians 11:17) (4-9)
- 'At this the man's face fell. He went away —, because he had great wealth' (Mark 10:22) (3)
- Airs used (anag.) (8)
- 'The Lord is my —,' (Psalm 23) (8)
- 'He has sent me to — up the broken-hearted' (Isaiah 61:1) (4)
- At or towards the rear of a ship (6)
- Cross-carrying evangelist and world traveller, — Blessitt (6)



Down

- Ridicule (Luke 18:32) (4)
- Encased in strapped-on light shoes (Song of Songs 7:1) (9)
- Cambridge Inter-Collegiate Christian Union (1,1,1,1,1)
- 'Father, give me my — of your estate' (Luke 15:12) (5)
- Assistant (4)
- On a par (John 5:18) (5)
- Credo (anag.) (5)
- Beaten with a rod (5)
- The fourth of Job's 'comforters', who deferred making his contribution because of his junior status (Job 32:6) (5)
- Chosen as a temple attendant, he was described by Ezra as 'a capable man' (Ezra 8:18) (9)
- 'Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where — and rust destroy' (Matthew 6:19) (4)
- Employs (4)
- Associated with penitence for sins, along with sackcloth (Matthew 11:21) (5)
- Association of South-East Asian Nations (1,1,1,1,1)
- Sub-continent to which Baptist missionary pioneer William Carey devoted his life (5)
- Recess at east end of a church (4)
- One of the nine sons of Beriah (1 Chronicles 8:15) (4)

Service of Healing and Blessing

Sunday 13th September

10.30am

in Eastling Church

Guest Speaker: The Revd. Amanda Evans,
Chaplain to The Living Well

A quiet service with hymns and prayer,
with the laying on of hands for healing.
All welcome



Kent Chorale
will be singing
Choral Evensong
on Wednesday 19th August,
7.30pm in Eastling Church
All welcome * No charge

the big lunch

Thank you to everyone who came to the big lunch on 19th July. Around 50 of us sat down to a wonderful meal - we always have

too much! The day was bright but breezy and we were very grateful to the hall committee for the use of the marquee. Part of the idea of the lunch was to use local produce and that wish was certainly fulfilled with very local cherries, strawberries, veg and salad crops; special thanks to Graeme, Bev and Peter, the gardeners at Belmont, and The Veg Plot. The food table was extended - twice - and puddings covered the snooker table.

There were 5 winners of Bowling for a Pig: Paul, Richard, Julia, Isobel and Eileen. Many thanks to The Butcher at Brogdale for donating the 'porker' prizes.

Left behind were a bread basket and a green rimmed plate. If you own either of them, please call me on 890338 and I will return them to you.

Hilary Harlow



Stalisfield Wild Life

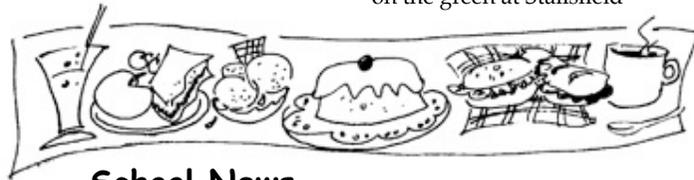
Remember, remember two thousand and eight, Remember the fun at the Stalisfield Fete. I hear you all asking whenever, oh when, Will you ever get so much enjoyment again?

Remember the food? hamburgers to die for. Remember the stalls? Pastries to sigh for. Contests of skill, games, races to run, and lots of so tempting things to be won.

Well, just let me tell you, there's no need to wait, It's time once again, for the Stalisfield Fete. All you remember - and a new trick or two, We'll all do our best to bring them to you.

So, highlight the date for August two nine, AND, under that, rule a triple red line. For there's no-one, just no-one, anywhere near, Who'd like to miss out on the fete of the year.

Join us to celebrate the
STALISFIELD SUMMER FETE
at 2 o'clock on Saturday 29th August
on the green at Stalisfield



School News

July was a very busy month leading up to the summer holidays.

A great time was had by Leopards Class during a trip to Otterden Estate, where the children had the opportunity to learn more about life in the countryside, including a display by a falconer and talks from the gamekeeper and estate manager. The children also explored a range of farm machinery and learnt about the young rural leaders from the Vegetable Plot in Eastling.

The same children visited The Abbey School for a PE lesson led by children on sports leadership courses.

Then, a rather hot week at the Swattenden Outdoor Education Centre, near Cranbook. The children tried many activities including climbing, mountain biking and raft building. Two excursions, to Chessington and Hever Castle, proved very popular.

On 12th July came the very successful Summer Fair and during the last week of term Leopards Class gave a production of Joseph. The Year Six leavers' service was in the church on Wednesday, the Leavers' Assembly in the school hall on Friday, plus, later that evening, the party on the field. The children return to school on 3rd September.

Painters Forstal with Ospringe WI

Tuesday 18th August
Garden Meeting
Members to check venue.
Phone 532756 for more information.



The Painters Forstal COFFEE CLUB

There will be no Coffee Club in August.
See September Good News for next meeting.

The Mobile Library visits Eastling, every fortnight, at the entrance to Glebe Cottages.

It is open to everyone, free of charge.
August dates are Tuesdays
11th & 25th,
10.50 - 11.05am.

FRIENDS OF EASTLING SCHOOL

The End of Term Social started on the School Field and quickly transferred to the hall when the rain, forecast for Friday 17th July, did indeed arrive! However, the evening was enjoyed by all and a great success. £450 was raised to add to the funds for the new school minibus.

Have a lovely summer holiday.
Jill Seaman, FOES Publicity



No Pop-In during August - we return on Wednesday 9th September
9 - 11am in Eastling Village Hall
Come in for a cuppa - open to everyone.
Bring your toddler to play with many different toys.
Contact number is 01795 890338

Afternoon Club

Members thoroughly enjoyed the production of Mary Poppins, given by the pupils of Lorenden School, in July. Thank you to children and staff for a happy afternoon.

August Activities:

13th - Board Games
27th - Bingo
both meetings start at 2pm in the Champion Hall.
New members always welcome.

To Let in Newnham

A charming 2 bed cottage in rural village location. Part Furnished. Gas CH Gardens/Storage sheds. Suit professional couple/single person. Please call 07801 214138 or email sharrison@uap-europe.com for further details

EASTLING VILLAGE HALL

To book ring Julia Bailey on 01795 890746



A beautiful hall in a lovely village location for your wedding, club, sports or meetings. The large hall has pretty grounds, car parking, meeting rooms and fully equipped facilities for professional or self-catering occasions.

Otterden WI

The sun shone brightly on our Second Annual Horse & Dog Show on Saturday 4th July and we were pleased to welcome a record number of competitors and spectators. Everyone had a fantastic time and we received many lovely comments about the organisation of the event, the delicious barbecue and the incredible WI tea tent! Many thanks to all the WI members, family and friends who worked tirelessly to make the event such a resounding success and our congratulations to all competitors.

Dates for your diary
Tuesday July 28th 7.30pm - A Good Read at Stalisfield Village Hall
Members and guests are invited to share a favourite book (or books) with the group, just in time for the Summer holidays. This may be the opportunity for you to try a new genre of book perhaps, or an author you haven't considered before or just to share your own favourite author and books with like-minded friends.

There will be no monthly meeting in August, so our next meeting will be:

Thursday 24th September - Games and Grub meeting at Stalisfield Village Hall
Including the WI Produce Show. Please bring along anything you have

grown in your garden, or on your allotment, or any jams, preserves, chutneys, wine or anything edible/drinkable you've produced at home during the year.

We are a very friendly group and new members and guests are always welcome. If you're a little shy of coming on your own, please contact us and we'll try to arrange for you to 'buddy up' with a member who lives nearby. If you would like any more details about us, or just a general chat about the WI, please don't hesitate to contact our Secretary Pat Blake on: 01795 531266

Wendy Thomas, Publicity Officer



JULY

28th Otterden WI 7.30pm Stalisfield Hall
31st Frog Racing 7.30pm Derbies Court Barn

AUGUST

11th Mobile Library	10.50 - 11.05am	Glebe Cottages
13th Afternoon Club	2pm	Champion Hall
15th Artstock	1pm	Eastling Village Hall
15th Deadline for September Good News		Pinks Farm
18th Painters Forstal WI Garden Party	2.15pm	Venue tbc
19th Kent Chorale sing Evensong	7.30pm	Eastling Church
25th Mobile Library	10.50 - 11.05am	Glebe Cottages
25th Magazine Folding		Pinks Farm
27th Afternoon Club	2pm	Champion Hall
29th Village Fete	2pm	Stalisfield Green

SEPTEMBER

3rd Pilates Fitness Classes resume	9.15am	Eastling Village Hall
3rd Freestyle Dance Classes resume	4.30pm	Eastling Village Hall
12th Sponsored Ride and Walk	10am - 6pm	Kent Churches
13th Service of Healing & Blessing	10.30am	Eastling Church
26th Harvest Supper		Stalisfield

Deadline for September Good News

If you would like to advertise in this magazine, submit articles, features or stories for publication, or would like any forthcoming events publicised, send your contribution by 15th August to Hilary Harlow, Pinks Farm, Eastling, Faversham ME13 0BA. Tel: 01795 890338. Where possible, please submit your entry by email: h.f.harlow@btconnect.com
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