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Saturday 11th September 10.00 am - 6.00 pm  
Visit some of the 750 churches across Kent involved in this fund-raising day, by bicycle or on foot, following a route of your choice. Eastling and Stalisfield churches will be open all day, with refreshments and cakes for sale at Stalisfield.

**RIDERS NEEDED:**

If you would like to ride for your local church, please pick up a sponsorship leaflet from church or call:  
Eastling - contact Audrey Smith on 890469  
Stalisfield - contact Pat Thompson on 890376  
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[www.friendsokentchurches.co.uk](http://www.friendsokentchurches.co.uk)

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16th - 20th August, 10.00 - 12.00 daily  
Eastling Village Hall

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Limited places - £4 per day,  
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[-eastlingyouthworker@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:-eastlingyouthworker@hotmail.co.uk)

**Who can young people trust?**

Where do young people go for help, when faced with a personal problem? It seems that half of them turn to a friend. A third of them turn to their mother. One in 20 go to their father. But nine in ten have gone to the internet for personal help.

A recent survey of under-25s was carried out on behalf of Get Connected, the national help line for people under 25. Get Connected is concerned at what it found. "As a society we have become increasingly reliant on the internet as a first point of reference.... and it is crucial that we make Britain's young people aware of exactly where they can turn to for dependable information and support." Get Connected is a safe gateway to these services. Young people approach the charity for help with issues such as relationships and housing.

**Mouse Makes**

Read the full story of the feeding of the 5000 in John 6:1-15.

**The Large Crowd and The Big Picnic**  
Thousands of people had followed Jesus to the other side of the lake to listen to his teaching. All that the disciples had to feed them was five loaves of barley bread and two fish but Jesus took the bread and fish and gave thanks to God. They all had as much as they could eat and there were still 12 baskets of bread left over!

Find these words on the picnic rug:

- BARLEY • MIRACLE • CROWD • TEACH • GRASS • GATHER • BASKETS • SHARE • BREAD • LOAVES • FEAST • SIT • TWO • DISCIPLES • ATE • SAT • HUNGRY • BOY • EAT • FIVE • FISH • JESUS • PIECES • GOD • FULL • FEED • TWELVE • THANKED

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# Good News Parish Magazine August 2010

## STALISFIELD FAYRE

To the Tune of "The Maypole" Folksong.

Come lassies and lads with your Moms and Dads, to Stalisfield on the Green. For we will be there, to let down our hair and "happy" will set the scene. So race 'til you're out of puff, and eat 'til you've had enough. Old or young, whether Jack or Jean, there's lots for you on the Green. Whether old or young, Jack or Jean, there's lots for you on the Green.

Come all Moms and Dads with lassies and lads, we haven't forgotten you. We hope you'll be there, to let down your hair and part with a bob or two. Win a truly magnificent prize, buy cakes, pastries or pies. Old or young, whether Jack or Jean, there's lots for you on the Green. Whether old or young, Jack or Jean, there's lots for you on The Green.

*Traditional, Circa AD 2010*

## S O N S

### Stalisfield Onion Society

The Day of Judgment is Nigh -  
**Saturday 28th August**  
at the Stalisfield Village Fête.

Are you going to win this year's Stalisfield Cup for the Mammoth Onion?  
And remember, this year there will also be a trophy for entries by those Under-16.  
Remember to lift your onions a week before the big day, so that they can dry.  
Cut off the roots and cut and tie the tops for exhibition. Rubber bands are good for this.  
Entries will be accepted at the Village Hall from 9am on the morning of the fête and judging will take place at 3pm, or thereabouts.  
A total of £58 was raised from the sale of onion plants and donated to the Village Hall Rebuilding Fund.

Yes! This is a reminder that Stalisfield Fete will start at 2pm on Saturday 28th August on The Green at Stalisfield.

Come along with heavy pockets and we will do our best to take the weight off your feet. Compete in a race, test your skill or your luck for prizes, or just enjoy the fresh air leaving the energetic to run, leap or dunk themselves in cold water whilst you fortify yourselves with homemade refreshments or even have your faces painted by our international team of face decorators. Other old favourites will be there including our renowned barbeque, featuring succulent prime beef burgers and the finest bangers, grilled to perfection by our transatlantic griddle masters. You will be offered freshly baked goods and local produce brought to you with hardly a food-mile to prick your conscience and we mustn't forget, it is Judgement Day for the giant onions.

As an added attraction we have this year, for the first time, been fortunate enough to persuade "The Applause Rural Touring Limited" company of puppeteers to bring their theatre to Stalisfield. We anticipate their performance with pleasure. Whatever your tastes, whatever your age, bring yourselves, your children and your friends. There will be plenty for you at Stalisfield.

### Applause Rural Touring

**Take The Pose**  
**Saturday 28th August**  
Stalisfield Village Fete  
from 2pm on the Green

Three puppets are giving you the chance to have your 1930s-style seaside picture taken with them. Take the Pose, combines puppetry, art performance, photography and new technologies. It is a family-and-friends event, highly participative and great fun!

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

*'When people become Christians, they don't at the same moment become nice. This always comes as something of a surprise'. Eugene Peterson*

**An introduction to 1 Corinthians.**

Paul founded the church in Corinth in AD 52, having preached the gospel and saw people come to faith in Christ. He spent a year and a half with them, showing them how to live out this new life as a community of believers. However, sometime later he received reports that in his absence factions had developed, morals were in disrepair and worship had degenerated into a selfish grabbing for the supernatural. Paul's letter, written around AD 55 in Ephesus, was a pastoral response to these problems.

Corinth was one of the main commercial centres of the Mediterranean world, as well as the chief city of Greece. It was a crossroads for travellers and traders across the Empire. Its people were interested in Greek philosophy and placed a high premium on wisdom. Corinth was also renowned for its immorality - e.g. the temple of Aphrodite (the goddess of love) was served by more than 1,000 prostitutes. In fact, the verb to 'corinthianize' meant to practice sexual immorality. Little wonder that the church in Corinth was plagued with so many problems!

It is clear that, although the church was gifted (1:4-7), it was immature and unspiritual (3:1-4). Paul's purpose for writing was to:

- instruct and restore the church in its areas of weakness, correcting erroneous practices such as divisions (1:10-4:21), immorality (ch. 5; 6:12-20), litigation in pagan courts (6:1-8) and the abuse of the Lord's Supper (11:17-34).
- correct false teaching concerning the resurrection (ch. 15).
- answer questions concerning marriage, food sacrificed to idols and spiritual gifts etc.

This letter is very relevant for us today, as we are also powerfully influenced by our cultural environment. Many of the questions and problems that confronted the church at Corinth are still with us, e.g. immaturity, instability, divisions, jealousy and envy, lawsuits, marital difficulties, sexual immorality and the misuse of spiritual gifts. Yet despite the problems, Paul's letter contains some of the most familiar and loved chapters in the entire Bible e.g. chapter 15 on the theme of Jesus' resurrection and chapter 13 on Christian love: 'And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.' (13:13).

Sigms & Symbols :

**The Oil of Healing**

by Revd. Dr. Jo White

Anointing people with oil can be traced back to earliest times and is recorded in both the Old and the New Testaments. In the times and the place when and where Jesus lived, oil was used regularly in society - to greet people who honoured the host by coming to his house, or to give a blessing and a sign of protection on those who were travelling away, perhaps on a dangerous journey or on a specific hard task.

James wrote (James 5:14) "Is any among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord, and the Lord will raise him up." The Bishop, or his equivalent in a different denomination, blesses the 'Oil of Healing' or 'Oil of the Sick' (depending on how you look at it) at the special service for this purpose - usually during Holy Week each year.

When needed, the priest will take the Oil of Healing to the person who is sick in mind or body, those about to undergo surgery or those nearing death. This will be wherever the person is at that time; at home, in hospital or in a hospice etc.

An increasing number of churches hold 'Healing Services' where people of all needs and none, come together to pray for healing and wholeness. 'Wholeness' is intended to encompass everyone's needs - for we all have broken parts and cracks in our lives.

Who would you ask God's blessing and healing upon? What parts of your own life would you wish to be mended? Broken relationships, bad memories, hurts unforgiven? What do you need strength to face?

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You are invited to join us for a **Service of Healing and Wholeness** in Eastling Church on **Sunday 12th September** at 10.30am.

During the service there will be opportunities for prayer for healing with the laying on of hands and blessing with oil. At different places in the church there will be 'sensory' stations for quiet prayer and contemplation during and after the service.



**School News**

Congratulations to everyone who was involved with the production of Bugsy Malone. It was a huge success and thoroughly enjoyed by all who were lucky enough to be in the audience - well done Leopards' Class.

Well done to the six children who entered a Maths competition at Q.E. Grammar School, finishing in 3rd place.

Thanks to St.Edmund's School for hosting a music workshop which was enjoyed by Lions' Class from Easting.

Cubs' Class enjoyed a day out, spending the morning in the play centre followed by an afternoon of fun on the beach.

The academic year is now over and all the children and staff are enjoying the summer break. Thank you to everyone who supported the events of the final week - the Leavers' Assembly and service; and a very successful party on the field.

Good luck to all those leaving us this term - Year Six children, Mrs Hunt after a year with us and Miss Thornton who begins her maternity leave.

Staff return on 1st September for a training day with Term One beginning for the children on Thursday 2nd September. Enjoy the break!

**Fête Report:** The school fête on 12th July was a terrific success. Masterminded by Mrs Pauline Gaston, but everyone had something to do. Following last year's success the Friends of Eastling School (FOES) purchased a mini bus for children's field trips and educational outings - this year seemed to be even more successful.

The fête was opened by Kelsie Gibson, UK's paralympic hopeful for 2012, and the school field was soon resounding with the buzz of a packed entertainment programme: Jazz singing duo "Chrysalis" played a mellow mix of jazz and keyboards, whilst Sunday lunches were prepared on the school BBQ. The City of Canterbury band entertained a growing crowd and our central display arena was used by the Leigh Miles dance school providing a dynamic dance display by boys and girls in the group. Children were also involved with their own inventive fund raising ideas and the school choir and recorder groups gave superb performances of the pieces they had learnt with Mrs Lis Bayford.

The handwriting and photographic competitions were judged



Rebecca and Daisy with para-olympian Kelsie Gibson, who has won 4 gold medals for Britain in the coxed four rowing events - Daisy is showing one of the medals!

by a previous Headmaster of the school, Mr John Davies of Newnham, who commanded the entries as high quality and full of talent.

Stalls included pony rides from the Syndale stables, hook a duck, face painting, bottle stall, gift bags, roll a pig and, a speciality this year, courtesy of the Syndale Fitness club, a rowing machine challenge, to fit in with our paralympian visitor. As a special feature, the St Mary's puppet club told the story of the "Rescue in the jungle" to an enchanted audience.

Dedicated Volunteers for the day were elated but exhausted by the end of the afternoon as gazebos and beer tents were slowly lowered on the field; the bouncy castle deflated and the few cooked sausages and homemade cakes left over, distributed to worthy homes.

Thanks to the generous support of the community, the school has raised the staggering amount of £3500. "It's really heart-warming that our local community can support the school so loyally" commented Mr. Walsh, Headteacher.

**Eastling Neighbourhood Watch**

Parish /Village Warden 07794010394  
Crimestoppers 0800555111  
Swale Police 01622 690690  
Emergencies 999



There have been a few cases of metals of various sizes and quantities being stolen within the local area, so please be alert to this and do not hesitate to report anything seen or known. Over the last month many people have seen increased police activity in the village, please do not be too concerned as the matter which was of concern has now been resolved. Again, I would request that, as the youngsters are now on school holidays, we be tolerant with our speed through the village; always remember speed kills and injuries. Usual reminders - there are certain persons who will do everything possible to relieve you of your hard earned money, so always take extra care when paying over the internet or withdrawing from cash tills.

Have a good month, Alan.

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**The Carpenters Arms**

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**Donna's 50th**

The end of July sees Donna's 50<sup>th</sup> birthday and I would love you to help us celebrate it. On Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> we will have Dean Martin and Elvis Presley in the building from 8:30 and on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> a fantastic tribute singer will be performing Shania Twain hits first then moving on to an Abba tribute.

We are providing a free hot and cold running buffet from 7:30 and I hope you can join us.

**The Courtyard Opera**

Ticket sales for this went so well that we have extended the event to two nights. Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 29<sup>th</sup>.

The Saturday evening is sold out but we still have some availability for Sunday. This is a black tie event with 5 course dinner and champagne reception.

Tickets are £45 each and will sell out, so please call before we advertise them elsewhere

**Live music dates**

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> August** Rewind, pop & rock covers  
**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>** AON. Blues and rock  
**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>** Under the wood. Eastling's own cover band  
**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup>** Crashtones. New wave, Jam, Stranglers, Clash

Best Wishes  
Mitch, Donna & the dogs



**Prayer Pointers August 2010**

- Sunday** Our Benefice of Eastling, Stalisfield and Otterden.
- Monday** For young people seeking help and guidance.
- Tuesday** God's blessing on those who gather fruit and crops at the start of harvest.
- Wednesday** For the bereaved and those who mourn.
- Thursday** For the Holiday Club
- Friday** For those who are sick or infirm, and their carers.
- Saturday** Areas of deprivation in this world.



**Congratulations**

to Caroline Ramshaw and Sylvia Fowler, who have successfully completed the Authorised Lay Ministry programme of study in the Healing and Wholeness Ministry. They were commissioned by Revd. Caroline Pinchbeck on 11th July at Eastling. As part of their ministry an email address has been set up for prayer and healing requests: [healingandwholenesssteam@gmail.com](mailto:healingandwholenesssteam@gmail.com). This is of course confidential, and can be anonymous. There is also a book in Eastling church where prayer requests may be written.

## Services in our Churches

### 1st August Trinity 9

Colossians 3. 1 - 11, Luke 12. 13 - 21

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

### 8th August Trinity 10

Hebrews 11. 1 - 3, 8 - 16, Luke 12. 32 - 40

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

### 15th August Trinity 11

Hebrews 11. 29 - 12. 2, Luke 12. 49 - 56

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

### 22nd August Trinity 12

Hebrews 12. 18 - end, Luke 13. 10 - 17

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

### 29th August Trinity 13

Hebrews 13. 1 - 8, 15 - 16, Luke 14. 1, 7 - 14

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

### 5th September Trinity 14

Philemon 1 - 21, Luke 14. 25 - 33

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

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

## Ministry in our Parishes

Priest in Charge  
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  
Martin Beckenham (01795 892079)

Parish Administrator Jan Beckenham (01795 890487)  
eastlingchurch@googlemail.com (Monday and Friday mornings)

### From the Registers

#### Wedding

Giles William HEADY and Ruth Jayne THOMPSON  
24th July 2010 at Eastling

### Services at Whitehill Chapel

1st August	10 am	Brunch
	10.40 am	Family Choice
8th August	11 am	People's Choice
15th August	11 am	Family Communion
22nd August	11 am	People's Choice
29th August	11 am	People's Choice

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

### Wychling, St Margaret Festival of Flowers Friday, Saturday & Sunday, 13th, 14th and 15th August

10.30am - 5pm daily

Light Refreshments available.

Produce Stall

Evensong 6pm on Sunday 15th

Contact: Jean Hewett on 01622 859834

### Eastling Church

August

#### Flower Rota

31/1 Aug	Nerys & Emma
7 / 8	Nerys and Emma
14/15	Janet Bryant
21/22	Janet Bryant
28/29	Joan and Julia
Sept 4/5	Joan and Julia



### Eastling Parish Council

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday 30th September in Eastling village hall at 6.30pm.  
J. Seaman, Clerk to the Council



### Private Hire of Luxury Heated Indoor Swimming Pool

Otterden, nr Faversham

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### Age Concern, Faversham 'On Tour' on Tuesday, 7th September

Eastling Village Hall Car Park 11.15 am - 12.30 pm  
Stalisfield Green 12.45 - 2.15pm

Come and visit us and ask your questions.

Are you aware of the services provided by your local Age Concern in Faversham to surrounding villages.

We provide many services, including personal care, domestic or home help, a befriending service, 2 day centres (one in Faversham town and one in Teynham), carer support, toenail cutting, social activities, bathing service, community meals, charity shop (opposite Tesco) and information & advice.

Our Information & Advice service has been running for 16 years and we have helped clients claim substantial benefits over this time. This year we are trying to reach to even more clients to make them aware of what they could claim with funding from Age UK and British Gas - the Benefits Advice Programme.

For example, if you are a homeowner and have a fairly low income, you might be entitled to Council Tax benefit - the most underclaimed of all benefits. Many people just assume they are not entitled.

People who have a disability may be able to claim a benefit called Attendance Allowance (if you are over 65 years) or Disability Living Allowance (if under 65 years). We hold stocks of these forms and can help you apply if you feel you meet the criteria.

Those of you who are carers (not just ones in uniforms) may be able to claim Carers Allowance or get help with your council tax or pension credit.

This summer we are out and about 'On Tour' around the villages with our minibuses. We will have lots of information on board, along with some freebies, cool drinks and nice biscuits - so come and see us and ask your questions. Our Care Navigator drives the bus and the advice team is joined by the Carer Support worker and a representative from Housing Benefit at Swale Borough Council. If you miss us, just give us a call or come and see us at the office. If you cannot get to us, we will try to get to you. Remember, it is always worth checking benefit entitlement - you may be pleasantly surprised.

## Remembering

by Audrey Keen

When I first visited the pond, fish would rise and touch the surface to greet me and covet bread from my lunch box. The pond bank was a secluded spot, hardly perceptible in summer because of the entangled flora and very slippery in winter. But the wild clematis and dog roses that concealed the pond entrance were good news, for it ensured one of total privacy once inside. Blissful were the lunch breaks I spent beside the wood pond, with a gathering of pond life for company, not just the bold dragonfly or the soporific sounds brought to me by the wild wood pigeon. This inspired me to write gentle poetry, for there was much to feed the mind upon. But the summer company of butterflies, framed by overhanging boughs of willow could not last indefinitely. When the berries shone full and black on the bramble, and the clematis flowers tickled my face as I passed, then I knew it was time to collect up thoughts of the disappearing summer and relate these ideas to verse. Little did the poor fish realize that this summer in the muddy pool would be their last, for a ruptured lining drained the water to unacceptable levels for the fish, and a severe winter affected them so they could find no refuge



beneath the weeds and perished. But every time I pass the pond, I think of this time, and the enjoyment I experienced from their gentle and restful display.

*The pink hedge rose  
The clear blue sky  
The golden wheat so tall,  
The cherries on the cherry tree  
The apples when they fall,  
The grazing cows  
The buttercups  
The daisies white and neat  
The skylarks and the summer sun  
Will make my day complete.*

AIK

If you know of someone who may benefit from our help and would like to contact us, please pass this article on to them, or contact us on their behalf if you have their consent.

Note: we are still called 'Age Concern' and not Age UK (This was formed by an amalgamation of Age Concern England and Help The Aged, the national bodies) as we are a separate autonomous charity governed by our own Board of Trustees.

Jane Stevens, Information & Advice Manager  
Ring 532766 - for an information leaflet or more details.

## Eastling Church Harvest Flower Festival

We will be holding a Harvest Flower Festival at St Mary's. It would be fantastic if as many people as possible - including those not on the flower rota - could take part, be you in Eastling, Otterden or Stalisfield. Harvest is such an important time for rural communities such as ours, and it would be wonderful if we could celebrate it by getting as many people as possible involved. There is a floral competition to be judged by Rev. Caroline Pinchbeck and two categories will be up for grabs: one for adults, most reflecting harvest time; and, one for children under 16 years of age, the most colourful display.

There is no entrance fee and there will be a maximum limit of £10 that anyone can spend on a display. We will be leaving buckets of greenery in the church for those who would like to use it, and also oasis if you are feeling ambitious!

We ask that entrants bring their contributions to the church on the morning of Saturday, 2nd October; judging will take place that afternoon. Winners will be announced after the Harvest service at 10am on Sunday 3rd; the adult being given a bottle of champagne, and the under-16 a present. If you would like to take part, please email Emma & Nerys at eastlingflowergirls@googlegmail.com, or telephone them on 07940 490 896.

If you have any fresh produce - apples, tomatoes and so on - or indeed any tinned or jar food, that you could donate to those at Age Concern in Faversham, please do bring it to the Church, on or before 3rd October. We would be very grateful if all of the ladies on the flower rota who did such wonderful arrangements last year would work their floral magic in the same spots as last year. Please let either of us know if you are able to help.



## FRIENDS OF OSPRINGE CHURCH

### Photo Competition

"THE SEASONS OF OSPRINGE"

Competition open to everyone and the closing date is 31<sup>st</sup> August 2010

So get snapping - capture a picture showing the Seasonal Moods or Features in Ospringe Parish.

1st prize is £50

Send in as many different pictures as you like,

Send in your photographs with your name, address and age, if under 18 years, on the back and when and where in the parish the photographs were taken.

Send as many as you like,

The photos are to be no larger than 10" x 8" and are to be sent to The Friends Of Ospringe

Church, c/o Whitehill House, Whitehill, Ospringe, Faversham, Kent ME13 0DN

Many of you know Caroline as our Priest in Charge of Stalisfield with Otterden and Eastling. Although seeming to be around the parishes a good deal, the greater part of her work is as Rural Life and Environmental Advisor for the Dioceses of Canterbury and Rochester. It is a huge task and, as a small part, Kent God's Acre Project (KGAP) is an inspired idea which is reaching out to many who may never normally connect with the Church,

as well as those who already care for their church and churchyard.

The idea came from the example of the Shropshire and Hereford *Caring for God's Acre Charity* and from an initial Churchyards course, held during the Cherishing Churchyards Week in June 2009. The course was organised jointly by Caroline and Kent Wildlife Trust and was a great success.



Partner organisations in KGAP: British Lichen Society, British Trust for Conservation Volunteers, Dioceses of Canterbury and Rochester, Kent Bat Group, Kent Mammal Group, Kent Reptile and Amphibian Group, Kent Wildlife Trust, Mid Kent Downs AONB Unit, Workers Educational Association.

## Kent God's Acre Project

After much background work and more courses, other partner organisations (see below) have joined forces and, during Cherishing Churchyards Week in June 2010, the project and its logo, were launched officially by the Rt Rev Trevor Willmott, Bishop of Dover and John Bennett, Chief Executive of Kent Wildlife Trust, at the attractive churchyard and church at Detling.

With Canterbury and Rochester Dioceses leading, in the form of Caroline, funding is being sort to enable site visits to offer advice and to run further courses for those who wish to make their churchyards more attractive to wildlife and people.

A new section in the Kent Wildlife gardening awards has been set up especially for churchyards. This is where we can help Caroline's county wide work by supporting the work at Eastling and



Stalisfield churchyards to make them good examples and show what can be achieved for wildlife. Perhaps we can earn an award?

On making more available for people, Stalisfield needs help recording tombstones and their inscriptions, a course will be organised by KGAP in how to do this. Are you interested? For more information please contact Patricia Thompson: patricia@dumpy.plus.com 01795 890376.

## Otterden WI

I want to start by saying a Big Thank You to Carol Morris and her family at Little Snoad Cottage for hosting a wonderful fundraiser BBQ at their home in June. We had a brilliant turn out and it was so nice to see all the locals come together. It was a very successful evening with yummy Burgers & Sausages provided by Snoad Farm Meats and our members provided some delicious cakes & biscuits for everyone to enjoy.

July meeting not held at time of print. Our August meeting will be held at Stalisfield village hall on Wednesday 25th August at 7.30pm. One of members, Grace DaSilva-Hill will talk about something very close to her heart - Homeopathy; Grace is a registered Homeopathic Nurse Practitioner. If this is something of interest to you and you would like to come and join us for the evening, please give me a call or drop me an email and I can arrange to meet you there or buddy you up with somebody local.

Have a good month Ladies.

Becky Ward, Publicity Officer  
01795 890071, rward85@btinternet.com

## LEIGH MILES DANCE & FITNESS

CLASSES  
Eastling Village Hall  
WEDNESDAYS  
7.00pm BUMS, LEGS & TUMS  
8.00pm FIT DANCE

THURSDAYS  
9.15am FITNESS PILATES  
4.30pm CHILDREN'S FREESTYLE  
DANCE IDTA

OTHER VENUES  
DAY & EVENING CLASSES AVAILABLE FOR  
ADULTS & CHILDREN  
FAVERSHAM LENHAM

THERE ARE NO CLASSES DURING AUGUST  
Classes resume  
Eastling 1st Sept, Faversham & Lenham 6th Sept.

FOR DETAILS CONTACT  
[www.milesdanceandfitness.com](http://www.milesdanceandfitness.com)

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

## COFFEE POP - IN

NO Pop-In during August BUT.....  
We will be back with  
Cake and Book sales on  
8th September  
9 - 11am in Eastling Village Hall  
Contact number 890338.

## Friends of Eastling School

Many thanks to the ladies at Pop-In for counting over 10,000 supermarket tokens enabling the school to gain more sports equipment, the reception class some new toys and more.

## 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.



Painters Forstal  
with Ospringe WI  
Tuesday 17th August  
Garden Party at 2.15pm  
Venue to be confirmed.  
01795 532756



Barn Dance  
Friday 17th September  
7.30pm  
Painters Farm Barn,  
Painters Forstal  
Music and Calling by  
The Watershed Dance Band

Tickets:  
£6.50 Adults, £4.50 under 16s,  
available from 01795 890606.  
Bring your own food and Drink

## Afternoon Club

On 1st July members were invited to Lorenden Preparatory School to see a performance of 'Joseph and his amazing technicolour dreamcoat'. Thank you to the pupils and staff for a splendid afternoon, greatly enjoyed by all.

August 5th Board Games  
August 19th Bingo  
Meetings start at 2pm in the  
Champion Hall, Painters Forstal.  
New members welcome.

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## STALISFIELD HIGHLIFE

The participants in this year's Garden Visit enjoyed a double bill on two separate days, visiting the garden of The Old Rectory at Otterden and the Rose Garden of Derbies Court at Stalisfield. Thanks are due to the owners of both properties for allowing us to share the pleasure of their immaculate gardens and for providing welcoming refreshment.

Good weather ensured success on both occasions and £200 was raised towards Village Hall funds.

Future events include:  
Fete 28th August  
Harvest Supper 25th September  
Halloween Quiz 29th October  
Stalisfield Theatre 11th December  
Over 60s' Tea 18th December



5th Afternoon Club	2pm	Champion Hall
15th Copy Deadline for September Good News	See below	
16th - 20th Holiday Club	10am	Eastling Village Hall
17th Painters Forstal W I	2.15pm	Check for venue
19th Afternoon Club	2pm	Champion Hall
25th Otterden W I	7.30pm	Stalisfield Village Hall
28th Stalisfield Village Fête	2pm	Stalisfield Green
31st Magazine Folding	2pm	Pinks Farm
SEPTEMBER 11th Churches Bike Ride	10am - 6pm	
12th Sensory Healing Service	10.30am	Eastling Church
26th Harvest Festival	10am	Stalisfield Church
OCTOBER 3rd Harvest Festival	10am	Eastling Church
3rd Harvest Festival	3pm	Otterden Chapel

## Deadline for September 2010 Good News

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