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### URGENT !

Summer holiday = no school = no free school meals

Most of us look forward to the summer holidays as a time of relaxed days, family fun, picnics in the sun and, if you are lucky, a holiday away from home. For families who are struggling, however, there are extra stresses. When the children are at school, at least the parents know they get a hot meal at lunch time. In the holidays, with no extra cash available, they have to provide something for the children. In some cases, they do this at the expense of eating themselves.

Please give generously at this time  
Food list for August

**Urgent items:** tea bags; tinned or packet soup; tinned vegetables; biscuits; tinned custard; baked beans; tinned rice pudding

**Also needed:**  
tinned potatoes;  
tinned tomatoes



# Good News Parish Magazine August 2016



## ORGAN RECITAL

given by Charles Francis  
Saturday 27th August  
in Eastling Church  
at 7.30pm

Tickets £5 or £4.50 for over 60s and under 16s, to include a glass of wine or soft drink.

Further information on centre pages of this magazine.



## Beth's Fun Dog Show

Saturday 27th August

Stalisfield Green

Entry £1.50 per class,  
pay in the ring.

Judging from 2.15pm

8 fun classes, 1st - 5th places

(bethsdogshow.co.uk)



## FLOWERS FOR THE QUEEN

SATURDAY 27TH TO MONDAY 29TH AUGUST

Celebrating the Queen's 90th birthday.

**Stalisfield Church**

Open 10am - 5pm on

Saturday 27th

( Stalisfield Fête Day)

and Sunday 28th

**Eastling Church**

Open 10am - 5pm

Sunday 28th and

Monday 29th

Teas served 2 - 5pm.

**Throwley Church**

Open 10am - 5pm

Sunday 28th and

Monday 29th

Teas served 2 - 5pm.

Come and enjoy our country churches filled with flowers in celebration of the Queen's 90th birthday.

For more information, or if you feel that you could help in any way, please contact: Jean West in Stalisfield: 01233 712270, Alison Young in Throwley: 01795 890213, or Bay Lees in Eastling: 01795 892036



## Stalisfield Wild Life Summer Fête on the Green

Saturday 27th August at 2pm

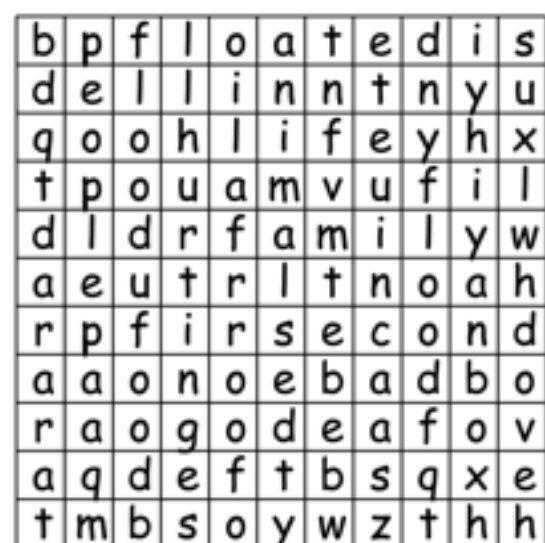
The Stalisfield Fete will once again enliven the August Bank Holiday with its mix of activities designed to entertain and amuse. Come join us, try your luck, test your skill, bag a bargain, eat your fill or just plain enjoy the afternoon amongst the friendly natives. If you should, by chance in the process, part with a little cash you will be doubly welcome. Festivities will spread over the Green, the Hall and its surroundings. The Applause Rural Touring Company will entertain once again throughout the afternoon whilst the newly acquired extra land area enables us to host Beth's Charity Dog Show sponsored by Kerry Smith Limited and offering eight fun classes for your favourite pet to win. Full details appear on bethsdogshow.co.uk

As always we depend on your donations for the success of the day. We need items for the home produce table (garden produce, baked goods, jams and jellies) to be sold at fair prices, for the White Elephant stand, and for the Book Seller. Chipped or unwanted crockery will be welcomed for the Crockery Smash. Bottled beverages will swell the load of the Barrow of Booze and bottles of any kind will be welcome for the Bottle Tombola. We will be grateful for anything saleable. Perishable goods can be brought direct to the appropriate stall and there is the option of depositing non- perishables in the hall porch during the preceding week. They will be secured daily.

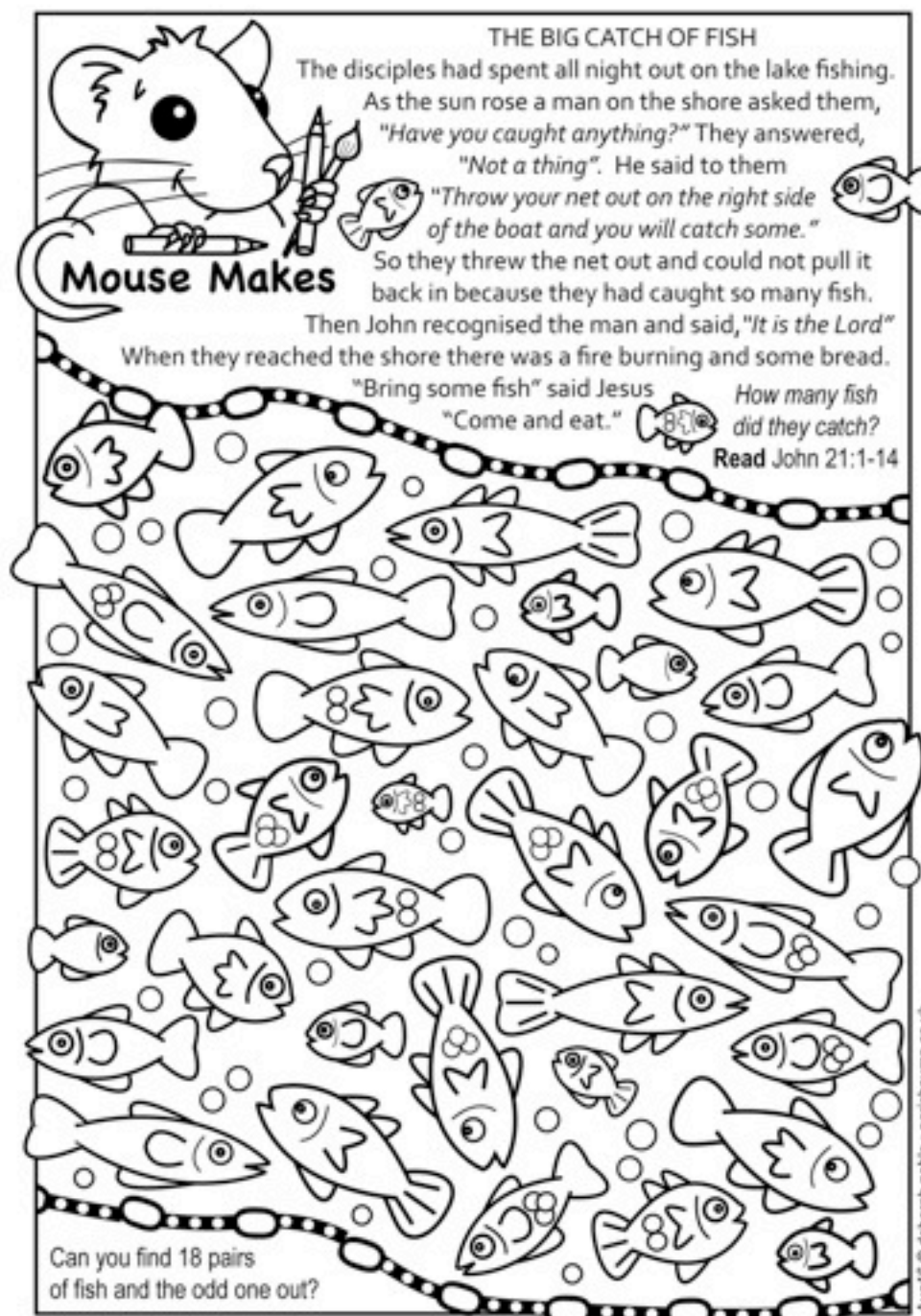
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## WORD SEARCH



Noah	bad
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family	life
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dove	leaf
flood	floated
bad	hurting
food	box
roof	door
Ararat	raven
trees	God





# Canon’s Column

I recently had the privilege of participating in the Eastling School Leavers’ Service which honoured the young people of the Year Six Class who will be beginning their secondary school experience in September. In several subtle ways the Leavers were blessed by what was said and done at the service. The School Head, Mr Walsh, reminded all of the students of the themes of their assemblies during the year, the qualities that contribute to self-worth, harmony and community that are often called the fruit of the Spirit from Galatians 5:22-23. Their class teacher, Mr Evans, spoke eloquently and encouragingly about each of the Leavers, telling us all how each student is unique and worthy of our respect and confidence. He gave each of them a real gift in what he said about them, a blessing. And then there was the singing. It was as if the whole school was giving to the Leavers, and the rest of us, a wonderful gift of joy and enthusiasm. Near the beginning of the service, I had the privilege of saying a priestly blessing on each of these young people, praying for God’s gifts of the Holy Spirit, love, joy, peace, patience, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control, to be in their lives.

As I carried on with the rest of my day, I kept coming back, in my thought, to these young people. In one way, they are representative of all of the children and young people of our community and our nation. I started to ask myself, “What are the real gifts we want to give to these young people?” “What are the gifts that we would want them to carry with them for years, forever?” I have several items that I use regularly that were significant gifts. The

silver pencil from my godfather for my twenty first birthday, which was my correcting pencil when I taught school and is now my editing pencil, and which is significant to me as a reminder of the values he influenced me to follow as I grew up. And then there is the Swiss Army pocket knife from my wife when we were engaged, which has been my constant companion and symbol of her commitment to me and her practical and spiritual support for the last 42 years. What are the gifts that we can give to our young people that they will carry with them for the rest of their lives?

I recently talked with an academic from Canterbury Christ Church University whose teaching area is sustainability, which is teaching about the needs to live and plan now so that nature and life are sustainable into the long term future. We talked about the changes that are happening in terms of population, climate, resource consumption and how these are affecting the sustainability of the earth and society. He put me in mind of my time at college in the late 60’s when we were encouraged to read the Canadian educator, Marshall McLuhan, who wrote about the great changes that were to come because of the advances in the electronic media and computers. In his book, *Understanding Media: The Extension of Man*, (1964) Marshall McLuhan wrote, “Just as we now try to control atomic bomb fallout, so we will one day try to control media fallout. Education will become recognized as civil defence against media fallout. The only medium for which our education now offers some civil defence is the print medium. The educational establishment, founded on print, does not yet admit any other responsibilities.” It was as if he could see into our current plague of cyber crime in all its forms. Six or seven years later, when I was at university and seminary, we were encouraged to read Alvin Toffler’s acclaimed book, *Future Shock*, in which he discussed the effects of the rapid changes that were taking place in our world at that time. The advent of disposable rather than reusable consumer goods, the replacement of traditional industries, jobs and trades

with new ones that were never conceived before and the transition from long term careers to a series of short term positions and contracts are all part of what Toffler called future shock, the crisis of dealing with too much change in too short a time. These three are representative of those who are pointing towards a future that is going to be radically different from what we knew then or even now. The world is changing faster than we can comprehend.

As I thought about our school Leavers, and all of the young people in our school, community and nation, I wondered about what gifts we would like to have for these young people so that they can cope and thrive

in a future that will be so different from now. The best gifts we can give them are a balanced education that equips them with the skills of adaptability and self-learning, and a set of enduring values that enable them to become positive, contributing, constructive, confident adults. Our schools work hard to provide the learning skills and adaptability our young people will need. And they contribute to the development of the students’ value systems building on the foundation of their home and community value systems. We help our young people develop their values by sharing our values with them and explaining what they mean to us, why we hold them. Discussions about the situations our children are involved with, asking what they learn from various incidents or circumstances, how could they adapt to deal with something in a different way, how is something just or fair, constructive rather than destructive, all contribute growth and maturation in the area of values. With these skills and qualities our young people will be prepared for whatever the world will bring to them.

Donald Lawton



## Game rules

During the local football game, the coach asked one of his young players:

"Do you understand what cooperation is?" The little boy nodded yes. "Do you understand that what matters is winning together as a team?"

The little boy nodded yes. "Okay," the coach continued, "do you also understand that when the referee makes a decision, you don't argue or curse or threaten to attack him, right?"

Again, the boy nodded vigorously. "Good," said the coach. "Now go over there and explain all that to your mother."

## Faversham & Villages Refugee Solidarity Group

Following a meeting with Swale Council Leader Andrew Bowles to present our petition, we were invited to a full council meeting on the 29th June and gave a 3 minute presentation. It went down ok (respectfully) and there was some positive encouragement from some members. Cllr Truelove (LAB. Homewood) was especially helpful explaining that our petition of 514 Swale residents asking the council to do more for refugees (our petition said that we believe that Swale’s commitment to take 10 refugee households over 5 years is wholly inadequate) was insufficient to ‘trigger’ a debate amongst members. He added that another petition of 1500 signatures **has** to be debated, and pledged to help us gather these numbers. He believes strongly that this important issue should be debated by the the council. Our group is now looking at ways to gather the required 1500 petition signatures.

*After the Referendum, David Winter muses on the whole question of identity.*

## The Way I See It : WHO ARE WE?

All this talk about Europe and the post-referendum arguments about identity have left me, and probably many people, wondering just who I am. After all, this island is home to people of probably the most mixed provenance in human history.

Way back, we were Celts, until our ancestors were driven back into the mountains of Scotland and Wales. Then came the Romans, the Vikings, Angles and Saxons, some to do a bit of pillaging and others to make themselves at home. Then came 1066 and the French invasion, which changed our language for ever.

Over the ensuing centuries we had various refugees from religious persecution, Irish people in huge numbers when harvests failed, and then more recently people from the Commonwealth, starting with the recruitment of workers from the Caribbean in the nineteen-fifties and then those driven from their homes by Idi Amin in East Africa. And so it has gone on.

Yet here we are, quite clearly a nation, even if we don’t all look or sound alike. We may feel at times that it would be nice if everyone was just like we are, but deep down we know how boring that would be. It’s a nice quiet afternoon exercise to map out our own answers to the question ‘Who am I?’ What are the things that really make me who I am? I’ve done my list. I am, I suppose, first and foremost Christian. Then I’m British (English/Welsh), European (geography/culture), and a member of the wonderful, multi-coloured, argumentative, richly endowed but endlessly flawed human race.

In the words of the old Church of England catechism, which older readers may remember, the answer to the question ‘Who are you?’ is ‘a child of God, and an inheritor of the kingdom of heaven’. Put it all together, and I’d settle for that.

## Eastling Neighbourhood Watch



Village Warden 07794 010 394  
or 01795 890848  
Police 101 Emergency 999

There has been scam incident recently occurred locally which needs mentioning.

A parcel was delivered to an address locally by a carrier which the person was not expecting. When opened it was found to be an expensive I phone and all the details,name and address were correct.

After a while the person received a phone call saying that the phone had been delivered to the incorrect address and the caller wanted to come and collect it. A scam was suspected and I did receive a call to this effect and directed the person to the police on101 who informed on what action to be taken. This was carried out to the letter. A subsequent call was made by the villain who intended to collect the phone but during the conversation the call was cut off and no more has been heard. The phone company concerned has arranged to collect the phone. This is a classic case of identity theft and again to state the fact that we must keep our guard up at all times.

There was a programme on the radio recently pointing out the rise in dog thefts in the county so please be aware at all times when exercising your dogs and report any suspicions.

Have a good month  
Alan

## STOP PRESS - WARNING

Thieves are stealing tractors, trailers, chainsaws and all sorts from outbuildings locally - please be aware as they have cut through padlocks and fencing.

## Eastling Church Flower Rota



### August 2016

7th & 14th Joan Thomas  
and Julia Bailey  
21st Gabrielle Turner  
and Pippa West  
27th Flowers for the Queen -  
**all hands please**



Services in our Churches

The High Downs Benefice

31st July Trinity 10

Ecclesiastes 1.2,12-14; 2.18-23, Colossians 3.1-11, Luke 12.13-21

Eastling8 amHoly Communion (BCP)

Throwley10 amBenefice Service

7th August Trinity 11

Genesis 15.1-6, Hebrews 11.1-3,8-16, Luke 12. 32-40

Eastling8 amHoly Communion (BCP)

Eastling10 amHoly Communion (CW)

Stalisfield10 amMorning Prayer

14th August Trinity 12

Jeremiah 23.23-29, Hebrews 11.29 - 12.2, Luke 12. 49-56

Eastling8 amHoly Communion (BCP)

Throwley10 amBaptism and Holy Communion

Otterden3 pmEvening Prayer

21st August Trinity 13

Isaiah 58.9b - 14, Hebrews 12.18-29, Luke 13.10 -17

Eastling8 amHoly Communion (BCP)

Eastling10 amMorning Prayer (BCP)

Stalisfield10 amHoly Communion (CW)

28th August Trinity 14

Proverbs 25. 6-7, Hebrews 13. 1-8,15-16, Luke 14.1,7-14

Eastling8 amHoly Communion (BCP)

Throwley10 amMorning Prayer (BCP)

4th September Trinity 15

Deuteronomy 30.15-20, Philemon 1 - 21, Luke 14. 25-33

Eastling8 amHoly Communion (BCP)

Eastling10 amHoly Communion (CW)

Stalisfield10 amMorning Prayer

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

(CW) Service follows Common Worship Liturgy, 2000.

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|                                  | Weald Cottage, Eastling                     |  |
| Reader                           | Caroline Ramshaw (01795 892088)             |  |
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| <b>Parish Administrator</b>      | Sheila Moger (01233 713212)                 |  |
|                                  | E mail samhawksnest@aol.com                 |  |
| <b>Throwley</b>                  | Vacant                                      |  |

Midweek Groups

**Tuesdays:** Study group, *not meeting in August*  
at Garden Cottage, Eastling. 01795 890368

**Tuesdays:** Weekly study group, 7.30pm Pinks Farm,  
Kettle Hill Road, Eastling. 01795 890338

**Thursdays:** Weekly prayer group, *not meeting in August*  
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.

Prayer for Healing in our Churches

Members of the team will be available for private prayer with you during and after Communion on:  
31st July, 10am service at Throwley  
7th August, 10am service at Eastling  
14th August, 10am service at Throwley  
21st August, 10am service at Stalisfield

Millions felt sad at the news of the death of Muhammed Ali this summer.  
This article tells of the time that Muhammed Ali went to visit Billy Graham...

Remembering Muhammed Ali

Well.... MY letter reached him – back in April 2005. For years I had watched Muhammad Ali’s fights on TV, and now – aware of the Parkinsons that was taking its severe toll on his health - I felt constrained to write him a letter. I wrote as tactfully as I could – as a minister of the Gospel.

The link between us was that we had both had the experience of visiting the home, in North Carolina, of another ‘First’ in his own field; that of a preacher who has spoken, face to face, to more people than any orator - secular or religious – in all history.... the preacher Billy Graham. My hope was that the world-renowned boxer might take the opportunity of a return visit to a man who had earned his admiration and friendship.... and see him once again – for the last time. What might come out of such a visit?

Much had come out the first time – when Muhammad Ali had evidently developed a high regard for the world evangelist, and asked to meet him. What secrets might lie behind one man’s ability to touch the many millions of people who had walked forward in the world’s biggest football stadiums, publicly to declare their faith in Christ? Over the years, the American evangelist had been invited to no less than 148 countries to declare the Christian message. Millions more were to be reached by films and satellite TV.

The three-time world heavyweight boxing champion duly expressed his hope for a meeting, and arrangements were made for him to fly to Asheville Airport, where he would be picked up and taken to the Graham’s home in Montreat NC.

On landing, his first surprise was that – instead of being driven to Montreat in a chauffeured limousine – Billy Graham turned up in person, and drove his guest himself – in a ten year-old Oldsmobile. “I thought he’d live on a thousand acre farm,” Ali told the press afterwards. “We drove up to his house made of logs. No mansion with crystal chandeliers and gold carpets, but the kind of house a man of God would live in. The Book says Christ will come as a thief in the night. I’m sure God wouldn’t come bragging ‘I’m God’ – and neither did Mr Graham. He’s a humble man.”



Ruth - Billy Graham’s wife - prepared and served a meal. At the end of their five-hour session, Ali told the press that he had not wanted to talk about boxing, but “about spiritual things.” He confided, “I had a lot of questions I’ve been wanting to ask about Christianity. I asked them today. He gave me answers. I cannot go into them beyond that. If I was a Christian, I’d want to be a Christian like him.”

It was only years later that I felt impelled to write to the then ailing Muhammad Ali - reminding him of his earlier visit to the Grahams. I wrote: “I would really love you to take the opportunity to visit him again, before the Lord calls him homewards... I so much long that you could share in the beliefs that Billy has, and be assured eventually of a safe haven in the immediate presence of Jesus Christ himself. I could not bear to think of you – who have given so much pleasure to millions in your own time – missing a last chance of talking with Billy, while he yet has time left. You know he would welcome a visit from you. You are BOTH ‘Firsts’ in your own respective fields!”



I was moved to receive a reply from ‘The Greatest of All Time, Inc’ (G.O.A.T.) at Berrien Springs MI. I was thanked for “*your kind and generous letter to Muhammad Ali. He sincerely appreciated hearing from you. Mr Ali and the Rev Billy Graham share a venerable friendship based on mutual respect and understanding. Mr Ali has been prayerful about his friend’s health, and he thinks of Rev Graham often. Mr Ali thanks you for your concern and care, obviously offered with sincere, honourable intentions....*”

And that was it. Who knows what seeds can be sown through a one-off visit to a home where God is honoured – whether half way up a mountain in Montreat or in an urban setting in Nairobi, Glasgow or Tokyo?

Richard Bewes.

Jo’s Diary of Country Walks

(A dog tells the story of her life in the countryside)

by Audrey Keen

A walk on a windy day.

Rhoda carries Connie and I walk close beside her. Two fields away a man drives a tractor which pulls a plough. The gulls are hungry and fly impatiently behind the machine. The wind is keen but pleasantly so and I hear the squealing gulls as I walk along the edge of the field. The sun is full and warm, a rook calls as sheep nibble the kale leaving thick, green leafless stalks behind. The high hedge keeps the wind from Connie and me, but Rhoda cannot escape from its fiercest blows. The banks here are steep and trees grow either side stretching into the golden wood. Sweet chestnut cases have fallen from the trees onto the path and prick my paws. We pause under the pretty red and yellow leaves of the maple tree as Rhoda releases Connie from her



arms and rests. I am glad to get my breath back, but stretch my lead to examine interesting scents emanating from the root of a nut tree. Further on, I see the larch trees are changing to dog biscuit colour and the spruce has cones hanging down, while a giant burdock closes over me and I have to beware of its burrs. My paws and legs are soaked with rain but I am happy and have no care for the fur on my tummy that is wet and ragged looking.

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## Going for Gold

This month sees the start of the Rio de Janeiro Olympics, as the eyes of the world focus on the games. A number of New Testament letters make reference to Olympic sport including Hebrews: *'Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith'* (Hebrews 12:1-2).

The Christian life is compared to a race, but although we face struggles and obstacles, there is a great crowd of witnesses cheering us on. We have a heavenly Father who loves us and a Saviour who has run the race before us. If we keep our eyes fixed on him, he will ensure we finish the race.

During the 1992 Barcelona Olympics, the British athlete Derek Redmond was running in the semi-finals of the 400 metres. About 250 metres from the finish his hamstring tore. He fell to the ground in pain and stretcher bearers came over to him. However, Redmond wanted to finish the race and so he started hopping toward the finishing line.

Suddenly Jim Redmond, Derek's father, ran out of the stands towards him. *'You don't have to do this,'* he told his son. *'Yes, I do,'* said Derek, to which his father said, *'We're going to finish this together.'* They completed the lap with Derek leaning on his father's shoulder. As they crossed the finish line, the spectators rose to give Derek a standing ovation. Although he didn't win an Olympic medal, Derek Redmond finished the race with his father at his side. Let's not forget the encouragement we have to finish the race!



## Wound Clinics

Last year, Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust opened two innovative wound medicine centres to support people who need specialist care with complex wounds. The centres, one at Sittingbourne Memorial Hospital and the other at Herne Bay's Queen Victoria Memorial Hospital, specialise in treating chronic and complex wounds, which are often debilitating and painful.

In the latest Community Health magazine, available at chemists and GP surgeries or online at [www.kentcht.nhs.uk/news/our-magazine/](http://www.kentcht.nhs.uk/news/our-magazine/), two patients tell their stories of long standing wounds which just wouldn't heal.

You can ask your GP or health professional to refer you to one of the clinics.

## Otterden and Stalisfield W.I.

Historical Author, Elizabeth Marrion who has links to Bunce Court in Otterden will be speaking at our next meeting on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August. If you have a particular interest or connections with Bunce Court you would be very welcome to come along as a guest for the cost of £2.

For information about our very friendly group please contact: Lesley Andrews (01795 890581) or Stephanie Culver (01795 890748).

## THROWLEY WALKERS

Irene is kindly leading ONE Wednesday walk in August

01795 383015 07719 988257  
irenehealdwood@yahoo.co.uk

Ann is hoping to resume Friday walks in September

**Wednesday 17th August** A leisurely nature walk with bird watching at Oare Marshes, All ages welcome (Bring binoculars).

Meet at 10:30am. Directions: Turn off The Street, Oare, (at The Three Mariners). There is a car park at the very end of Church Road, ME13 0QA.



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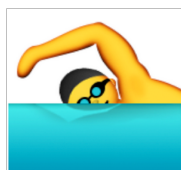


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## ORGAN RECITAL

in Eastling Church at 7.30pm on Saturday 27th August .

We are very fortunate to have Charles Francis from Faversham to perform a variety of pieces on the 1882 Abbott organ in Eastling Church.

From starting to play the piano aged 11, Charles, whilst singing in the choir at St. Mary of Charity, was inspired to play the organ first under Ben Saul, playing regularly at St Thomas' Church in Canterbury, then progressing under Adrian Bawtree from Canterbury Cathedral. Charles has played at Truro, Canterbury, St Paul's and Norwich cathedrals and is preparing to take his Grade 8 in Easter 2017. Now aged 15, Charles will be taking his GCSEs next year.

The programme, which will last about an hour, is wide ranging from Bach to Britten and on to a piece Charles has composed himself - Prelude on a theme of Ridout.

Tickets £5 or £4.50 for over 60s and under 16s, to include a glass of wine or soft drink, from Andrew Baxter  
<afbaxter47@gmail.com>

### A note from Caroline:

Thank you to everyone who sent me cards, flowers, gifts and birthday wishes!

I was truly spoilt and had a fabulous birthday!

Many thanks to you all for making it memorable. God bless Caroline



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## Stalisfield Highlife

### Ladies Pot Luck Lunch



### Friday 19<sup>th</sup> August

Ladies associated in any way with Stalisfield are invited to cast care and responsibility aside in favour of a festive gathering in the form of a fare-to-share feast in the Stalisfield Village Hall. Hosted by Tracy Dove and Cat Horn from 12.30pm on the afternoon of Friday 19<sup>th</sup> August, this lively event requires only that each participant provides a modest contribution of party food for the table.

Reserve your place by telephone to Tracy on 01795 890 007 landline, 0771 736 7936 mobile or by email to [tracy.dove@dovetailpolymers.com](mailto:tracy.dove@dovetailpolymers.com) Tracy will co-ordinate contributions to ensure variety of offerings. Tea and coffee will be on offer. You are welcome to bring your favourite alternative libation.



|                                       |          |                                |
|---------------------------------------|----------|--------------------------------|
| 3rd Otterden & Stalisfield WI         | 7.30pm   | Stalisfield Village Hall       |
| 14th Peter Pan outdoor theatre        | 2pm      | Belmont                        |
| 15th Deadline for September Good News |          | See below                      |
| 17th Bird Watching Walk               | 10.30am  | Oare Marshes                   |
| 19th Ladies' Pot Luck Lunch           | 12.30pm  | Stalisfield Village Hall       |
| 27-29th Beer Festival                 |          | The Plough                     |
| 27th Village Fête                     | 2pm      | Stalisfield Green              |
| 27th Fun Dog Show                     | 2.15pm   | Stalisfield Green              |
| 27th Organ Recital                    | 7.30pm   | Eastling Church                |
| 27/ 28th <b>Flowers for The Queen</b> | 10am-5pm | Stalisfield Church             |
| 28/ 29th <b>Flowers for The Queen</b> | 10am-5pm | Throwley and Eastling Churches |
| 30th Magazine Folding                 | 2pm      | Pinks Farm                     |

### FROM THE EDITOR

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## BELMONT HOUSE & GARDENS EVENTS

### OUTDOOR THEATRE: PETER PAN

Sunday 14th August, 2pm

Come to Belmont this summer to see Chapterhouse Theatre Company perform the unforgettable story of Peter Pan, the boy who wouldn't grow up. Join Wendy, Michael and John Darling on their adventures with Peter, far away on the magical island of Neverland. There they encounter the enchanting mermaids, magical fairies and the cruellest pirate of them all, Captain Hook.

Enjoy a picnic in our beautiful walled garden with your friends and family.

Adults £14, Children (under 16) & Students £10. Families (2 Adults & 2 Children) £42. For more information, please visit [www.belmont-house.org](http://www.belmont-house.org)

### BELMONT WOODFEST & COUNTRY FAIR

Saturday 10th & Sunday 11th September, 10am - 5pm

This year we are combining our two biggest events for the first time, to give our visitors the very best of both worlds!

We have a variety of exhibitors from the wonderful world of wood who will be demonstrating their traditional skills and craftsmanship, including chainsaw carving demonstrations, horse logging, willow weaving, pole-lathe turners, steam engines and more.

Our arena displays this year will include the Galloping Acrobatics, birds of prey flying display, terrier racing and ferret racing. The fun dog show will take place on Sunday only.

£10.00 per person / day, children under 16 free! *Please note the House will be closed this weekend.*

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