



Children's Table Tennis

afternoon at
Stalisfield Village Hall
Sunday 12th August at 2pm.

Contact Catherine
clnwood@doctors.org.uk to let us know
your children would like to attend. Parents
have to remain with their children.



The table tennis club (Tuesday evenings) are looking to encourage younger members and, if you are a complete beginner, this is a good place to start!



.....firstly, thank you whoever it was who put two buttons in the collection plate last week - they turned out to be early Victorian, and I've just sold them on 'ebay' for £800 each!



Help feed local people in crisis
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Faversham Foodbank August 2018

Thank you for your contributions. The summer holidays are here once again. It is an especially difficult time for those families who rely on a hot meal for their children at school in term time but have to try to provide something at home in the holidays. Please give generously.

Urgent items for August: toilet rolls; squash; tinned fruit; tinned fish; chocolate bars; dog food.



What do you say when you pray?

Mouse Makes
When I pray I say **THANK YOU** to God

When I pray I say **SORRY** and ask God to forgive me

I pray for my **FAMILY** and my **FRIENDS**

I pray The Lord's Prayer from **Matthew 6:9-13**

When I pray I tell God about my **WORRIES** and ask Him to help me

I talk to God all the time about all sorts of things!

What do you pray to God about?

PATER NOSTER is Latin for 'Our Father' How many other words can you make with the letters from **PATER NOSTER** ?

Here are two to start you off

SON **PEAS**

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What's On

WEEKLY EVENTS:

Tuesdays
Table Tennis 7 - 9pm Stalisfield Hall
Alternate **Wednesdays**
Eastling Walkers 10.30am Call 01795 892194

Thursdays
Fitness Pilates 9.15am Eastling Hall resumes 6th September

Thursdays
Zumba 6.30pm Stalisfield Hall

Fridays
Short Mat Bowls 7.30pm Eastling Hall resumes 6th September



- 1st Otterden & Stalisfield W.I. 7.30pm
Stalisfield Village Hall
- 4th Eastling Hog Roast 6pm
Carpenters Arms
- 5th Cake and Bike 10am - 3pm
2 Blue Farm Cottages, Warren Street
- 10th Pot Luck Ladies Lunch 12.30pm
Stalisfield Village Hall
- 12th Children's Table Tennis 2pm
Stalisfield Village Hall
- 15th Deadline for September Good News
goodnewsmagazine@me.com
- 21st Painters Forstal with Selling W.I. 2pm
A Member's Garden
- 25th Stalisfield Village Fête 2 - 5pm
Stalisfield Green
- 28th Magazine Folding 2pm
Pinks Farm, Eastling
- 31st Bygone Era Evening 7pm
Stalisfield Village Hall

SEPTEMBER
8th & 9th WOODFEST 10am-5pm
Belmont House & Gardens

High Downs Parish

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Eastling Pig Society Summer Hog Roast Saturday 4th Aug at 6pm All welcome

Eastling Pig Society is pleased to invite you to join us at the Carpenters Arms on 4th Aug @6.00pm.

All welcome to join us for this wonderful village summer occasion.

The hog roast will be prepared to perfection by the fab Carps team of Mark, Karl and their team.

This year we are hoping that you will leave a small donation which will go to Eastling Church to help with the upkeep of this wonderful building.

Stalisfield Village Fête Saturday 25th August, 2pm on Stalisfield Green



Yes, it is that time again – let's get the whole village on the green to join in the usual traditional events – human fruit machine, greasy pole, splat the rat, choc o lotto, bottle tombola, children's games and competitions, home produce – and always popular – the WI will be serving tea and homemade cakes in the village hall. A BBQ will be running throughout the event offering piping hot and good priced burgers, sausages and veggy options.



A **dog show** will be held on the field with all the normal classes – your best friend could go home with a rosette and you could go home full of pride! The Plough will be running its **Beer Festival** with a variety of real ales in the beer tent – try them all whilst enjoying – hopefully – the continuing excellent English Summer.



Lester Amann encourages you to take stock of yourself.

What's Your Talent?

For a number of years, talent shows have become popular on TV. The programmes feature contestants, of any age, performing a short act in front of judges in the hope of being awarded a large sum of money. This may also lead to a new career and fame too!

These programmes feature all kinds of people including singers, comedians, magicians and acrobats. Some acts are good and entertaining while others can be odd, quirky or downright appalling! Some people reveal a talent, while others don't. Some have a big ego or an inflated sense of importance and cannot understand why they are rejected!

The Bible tells us that God is *our* judge. We are on show. He watches us, but He is not looking for the slip-up, the mistake or waiting to condemn. Our God is all-loving, kind, and forgiving and looks for our potential and is pleased when we do our best. He looks to help us, to build us up and desires the best from within us.

In the Bible, we see that God chose all manner of ordinary individuals to fulfil His purposes. Some made errors and committed dreadful sins, but even then God didn't discard them as worthless. For example, Jesus chose a mixed bunch of disciples with all kinds of flaws, yet they became (with the exception of Judas) the ideal men

to spread the Good News about Him.

God has a plan for each one of our lives, and we are called to be faithful in serving Him, wherever we are. By God's grace, the Holy Spirit is given to every Christian, and the Spirit equips us for service and His greatest activity is amongst the ordinary. Under God's influence, what we regard to be natural talents and gifts, can be enhanced and released by His creative energy.

Isn't this encouraging? We don't have to put ourselves forward and hope to be a winner like contestants on a TV programme. If we give ourselves to God, He will prepare and use us in the way that best suits our gifts and personalities.

Life

by Audrey Keen



The crying baby is attended to by its mother, The unhappy schoolboy is comforted by his father, An uncle takes his nephew fishing While a much loved aunt awaits her niece at the school gate. A husband helps his busy wife as she cooks and cleans for him and her children. The children show love for their parents in many ways. Pets, such as cats and dogs, are companions to us and we need them also. We love our earth because it feeds us and helps us to care for each other. But, most of all, we need God, Yet how often do we overlook his need of love from us?

Eastling Neighbourhood

Watch

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



There are still reports coming in about telephone scams happening locally so please be aware, these crooks are all after our hard earned money at the end of the day. With the hot and dry weather set to continue please be careful when having bonfires or barbecues. Make sure that they are under control and safely extinguished before you leave them. After reports of sheep at Kettle Hill it seemed that gates may have been deliberately or accidentally opened. So, if you are out walking where there are sheep, please ensure that gates are securely fastened. Take care and have a good month, Alan.

Beware taking your pills abroad

Are you going abroad on holiday? Be careful which medicines you pack – what is legal in this country may NOT be legal in the country to which you are going. And, as figures from the Health Survey for England show that 48 per cent of us are taking prescription medication, this will affect very many of us. Officials at the Foreign Office strongly advise you to check the rules online before you travel. For example, even Vicks and Sudafed are illegal in some countries. In others, such as Greece, Diazepam, Tramadol, and codeine are controlled drugs. Sleeping pills, anti-anxiety pills and strong painkillers require a license in Singapore. So – do read the travel advice for each country before you go.

Eastling Church Flower Rota



August

5th & 12th - Julia Bailey and Marion Willson
19th & 26th - Pippa West and Gabrielle Turner
Sept 2nd - Nerys Condrup

If you would like to join the flower arranging rota, please call Bay on 01795 892036.

9th August - Mary Sumner and the Mothers' Union

The Mothers' Union is now more than 140 years old. It has accomplished a staggering amount in that time, and nowadays numbers more than four million members, doing good work in 83 countries. That is a far cry from the modest circle of prayer for mothers who cared about family life, which is how it all began with a rector's wife, Mary Sumner.

Mary was born in late 1828 in Swinton, near Manchester. When she was four, her family moved to Herefordshire. Mary's father, Thomas Heywood, was a banker and historian. Her mother has been described as a woman of "faith, charm and sympathy" – qualities which Mary certainly inherited. Mrs Heywood also held informal 'mothers' meetings' at her home, to encourage local women. Those meetings may well have inspired Mary's later work.

Mary was educated at home, spoke three foreign languages, and sang well. While in her late teens, on a visit to Rome she met George Sumner, a son of the Bishop of Winchester. It was a well-connected family: George's uncle became Archbishop of Canterbury, and his second cousin was William Wilberforce. Mary and George married in July 1848, soon after his ordination. They moved to Old Alresford in 1851 and had three children: Margaret, Louise and George. Mary dedicated herself to raising her children and supporting her husband's ministry by providing music and Bible classes.

When in 1876 Mary's eldest daughter Margaret, gave birth, Mary was reminded how difficult she had found the burden of motherhood. Soon she decided to hold a meeting to which she invited the local women not only of her own class, but also all the village mothers. Her aim was to find out if women could be brought together to offer each other prayer and mutual support in their roles as wives and mothers. That meeting at Old Alresford Rectory was the inaugural meeting of the Mothers' Union.

For 11 years, the Mothers' Union was limited to Old Alresford. Then in 1885 the Bishop of Newcastle invited Mary to address the women churchgoers of the Portsmouth Church Congress, some 20 miles away. Mary gave a passionate speech about the poor state of national morality, and the vital need for women to use their vocation as mothers to change the nation for the better. A number of the women present went back to their parishes to found mothers' meetings on Sumner's pattern. Soon, the Mothers' Union spread to the dioceses of Ely, Exeter, Hereford, Lichfield and Newcastle. By 1892, there were already 60,000 members in 28 dioceses, and by 1900 there were 169,000 members. By the time Mary died on 9th August 1921, she had seen MU cross the seas and become an international organisation of prayer and good purpose.

Blessings at holiday time

August 2018



Sundays - Take time to claim your strength; this is a gift from God.

Mondays - Take time to have fun; it is God's way of teaching you your strengths.

Tuesdays - Take time to grow yourself; only you can grow you.

Wednesdays - Take time to trust yourself; God trusts you.

Thursdays - Take time to be self-reliant; it is better than being dependent.

Fridays - Take time to share with others; they will bless you and you will bless them.

Saturdays - Take time to have hope; you are a child of God.

south east water

5 simple ways everyone can save water this summer

- 1 Learn to love your brown lawn**
Leave the sprinkler in the shed this summer. Any brown grass will actually provide shade to the newer grass underneath, so it'll bounce back in no time.
- 2 Water plants after 9pm**
The water is less likely to evaporate and will do the most good. You could also use the leftover water from cooking vegetables for extra nutrients.
- 3 Forget the paddling pool and go to the beach**
The south east has some of the most beautiful beaches in the country, there are also lots of outdoor swimming pools you can enjoy.
- 4 Take a shorter shower or a shallower bath**
Just a minute less in the shower can save as much as £50 a year on your water bill.
- 5 Fix that dripping tap**
Drippings taps are just money running down the drain (they waste around 17 litres in just 24 hours). Our leak busters are working around the clock too - if you spot a leak in the street please report it at southeastwater.co.uk/reportaleak

Pure know how

Saving Water this Summer

As the heat increases, so does the amount of water we all use. To cope with this, South East Water is producing an extra 100 million litres a day across its supply area – the equivalent of 40 Olympic swimming pools of water.

High demand for water is often caused by garden watering – on a normal day it makes up six per cent of water use in the home, but on hot days this can soar to 70 per cent, mainly due to garden sprinklers which use as much water in an hour as a family of six uses in a day.

During this period of high demand some people may experience lower than normal pressures during times of high demand such as breakfast and dinner time so everyone is being asked to reduce garden water use during these times to try to make sure there is enough water for everyone.

Being water savvy in the sunshine will help ease pressure on the company's extensive network of 9,000 miles of pipes, pumping stations and treatment works which are working at full pelt around the clock to keep taps running.

Despite the recent dry spell, reservoir and ground water levels are as expected for this time of year.

Saving water means saving money too and top tips and free water saving devices can be found at: southeastwater.co.uk/savewater.

Services in our Churches

29th July Trinity 9

Ephesians 3. 14 - end, John 6. 1 - 21

Deanery Service with Bishop Trevor Willmott
10.30 am Boughton Parish Church

5th August Trinity 10

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

Eastling 10 am Morning Prayer (BCP)
Led by Norman Fowler

12th August Trinity 11

Ephesians 4. 25 - 5.2, John 6. 35, 41 - 51

Eastling No Service
Next CaféStyle on 9th September

Throwley 11 am Morning Prayer (BCP)
with Baptism
Priest - Revd. Thomas Collett-White

19th August Trinity 12

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

Stalisfield 10 am Holy Communion (CW)
Celebrant - Revd. Mike Johnson

26th August Trinity 13

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

Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)
Celebrant - Revd. Caroline Pinchbeck
Throwley 10 am Morning Prayer (BCP)
Led by Caroline Ramshaw

2nd September Trinity 14

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

Eastling 10 am Morning Prayer (BCP)
Led by Caroline Ramshaw

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

High Downs Parish

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Throwley	Glynn Howland (01795 890094)

From the Registers

Funeral

Kenneth William James Austen
10th July 2018 at Stalisfield

Midweek Groups

- Tuesdays:** Study group, *no meetings in August*
at Garden Cottage, Eastling. 01795 890368
- Wednesdays:** Study group, weekly, 7.30pm, Pinks Farm
Kettle Hill Road, Eastling. 01795 890338
- Thursdays:** Prayer group, *weekly but please check during August*, 10.30am, Pinks Farm
Kettle Hill Road, Eastling. 01795 890338
- Fridays:** Study group, weekly, 10.45am, New House Farm,
Eastling. 01795 890629

You will be welcome at any of our groups.

CONTACT THE GOOD NEWS EDITOR

If you would like to advertise in the September 2018 magazine, submit articles 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: goodnewsmagazine@me.com

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Plaque to honour Anna Essinger - (Tante Anna) 1879-1960

Founder and Headmistress

Bunce Court School, Otterden 1933-1948

On the beautiful summer's afternoon of Monday 25th June this year a gathering of over 60 folk came together at The Old House, Bunce Court to celebrate the installation of a plaque celebrating the life and work of Anna Essinger - Tante Anna (or TA as she was affectionately known by her pupils). With 10 surviving Old Bunce Court pupils (OBCs) now in their eighties and nineties, many of their families and friends, several members of the Essinger family and relatives of those pupils now sadly passed away, plus AJR representatives, present and past BC residents and others with a connection to TA, Bunce Court and the school. Anna Essinger with her sisters and dedicated staff provided a place of peace, love and support - a sound education and a succour to hundreds of refugee children, many of them Jewish, during those dark days of the 30's and 40's. The plaque, donated by The Association of Jewish Refugees (AJR) - and long championed for by former pupil Prof. Leslie Brent - was to honour her memory and her role in establishing The Bunce Court School, Otterden in 1933.

Anna Essinger (a German Jew) had first set up her school "New Herrlingen" in Ulm, Germany in 1926, together with two of her sisters. She had gone to America to further her education and there qualified as a teacher, lecturing at Wisconsin, ran a student hostel and also became involved in the philosophy of Quakerism - something she held true throughout her life. She returned to Germany after WW1. The school in Ulm, although small, was a great success and the teaching much lauded. Based on a liberal education path known as Reformpädagogic where pupils and teachers were considered to be equal, community spirit was fostered above all.

After Hitler's rise to power in the early thirties life became very difficult for her mainly Jewish pupils beginning with them being forbidden to take their final education exams, the Arbitur. She knew there was no future for her type of education, or indeed her pupils, and in 1933 she quickly took the decision to leave the country with her school - sort of lock, stock and barrel one could say. With the agreement of their parents Anna, then aged 54, took a group of children and several teachers on a supposed "educational trip" to Holland. Her sister Paula took another group to Switzerland but both parties just kept travelling. With the help of Quaker and Jewish groups and a Committee of Friends she found that Bunce Court, with its grounds and being deep in the

Kent countryside (available for rental at that time), was an ideal place to set up her school. When they arrived in England there was little idea in Britain of what was going on in Germany and the locals were quite unable to fathom why 70+ children (some of them very young) had suddenly erupted into rural Kent.

By its very circumstances Bunce Court was a very impoverished school - the pupils had to help with all the chores in the kitchen, house and gardens, even repairing furniture but, again, this was all very much in keeping with Tante Anna's ethos. Pupils from Germany had no idea how their parents were faring under the harsh Nazi regime and in 1939 when war was declared life became even more uncertain. Helped by the Kinder Transport (Anna was very much involved with that organisation) thousands of Jewish refugee children fled persecution but in 1939 all that stopped. Following the Dunkirk evacuation in 1940 Kent was declared a Defence Area and the school building was requisitioned by the Ministry of Defence with just 10 days notice to leave. Seemingly disastrous but true to her indomitable spirit TA discovered an empty property in Wem, Shropshire where the school spent the rest of the war.



Returning to Bunce Court in 1945 - they found it had been left in rather a mess by the Army. Undaunted both staff and pupils set to once more. However, in 1948 with her eyesight failing Tante Anna decided it

was time to close the school. She lived in the grounds of Bunce Court where she passed away peacefully in 1960. A woman of great foresight and courage providing a progressive education with warmth and compassion - small of stature, very short-sighted with owl like glasses and inclined to be fierce, she left an indelible mark on all those who knew her.

For all of us residents (past and present) who live in the four individual wings that now make up Bunce Court there is a feeling of peace that pervades all our homes. We like to think it is due to the spirit of TA and the school. Certainly all those many OBCs whom we have met these last 30 years and who have returned often, feel they have come "home". It still exerts an irresistible tug on its grateful alumni. One former pupil, Martin Lubowski says he feels he is on hallowed ground when he walks through the gate.

It is impossible to convey all that TA achieved - so many of the pupils went on to have happy and fulfilled lives mostly finding peace despite the unimaginable loss of their families to the appalling Nazi regime. Some very distinguished graduates, among them the artist Frank Auerback; immunologist Leslie (Baruch) Brent; film maker Peter (Meyer) Morley; journalist and writer Harold Jackson, humourist and musician Gerard Hoffnung and US diplomat Helmut Sonnenfeldt...the list goes on. As Harold Jackson wrote "many more of TA's 900 pupils became leading figures in their professions; an amazing record for an institution which seldom had two pennies to rub together". Today in Ulm, Germany the local senior school has been dedicated to Anna Essinger - on Monday 25th after a very moving and humorous speech by Leslie Brent, retired teacher Hansjorg Greimel spoke for the town of Ulm where Anna Essinger is likewise honoured. It is an irony that in 1934 the Nazis seized the Herrlingen school building and presented it to Field Marshal Rommel as his country home. It was from there, following the failed 1944 assassination attempt on Hitler, that Rommel drove to his enforced suicide. Now the village museum houses two exhibitions; one commemorates Rommel the other marks Germany's belated national recognition of one of its leading educational pioneers - Anna Essinger.

I have had to precis so much about TA, etc, but there is plenty more to discover - Wikipedia, articles by former pupils, memoirs of Leslie Brent's "Sunday's Child", etc.

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Read this before you take your dog to Europe



British pets are at risk of catching deadly diseases from foreign ticks when they are taken to the Continent. This is the warning from vets, who are reporting increasing numbers of foreign ticks who are being brought home from holidays to Spain, Cyprus, Romania and Bulgaria.

Last year 287,000 dogs travelled abroad, and one Big Tick study found that 76 per cent of them returned to the UK carrying foreign ticks with them. Encephalitis, which infects the brain and can cause death, is carried by the *Rhipicephalus sanguineus* – the brown dog tick or kennel tick.

The Short Mat Bowls Club



will be having a summer break, from 27th July to return on 7th September.

If you are looking for something to do through the winter months, come along to Eastling Village Hall on the 7th September, or any Friday after that. You will be most welcome, between 7.30 - 9-30pm.

Painters Forstal with Selling W.I.

We will meet at a member's garden at 2 pm on 21st August to enjoy (hopefully) the sunshine and tea with cakes etc.



New members always welcome, further details from the president: Barbara on 01795890020 or e-mail tombar72@hotmail.co.uk

POT LUCK LADIES' LUNCH AT STALISFIELD VILLAGE HALL



on FRIDAY 10th AUGUST 2018 from 12.30 pm

Calling Ladies of Stalisfield and Otterden and surrounding Villages. Enjoy Lunch and Chat and bring along dish to share and your preferred drink.

For info. please contact: Sheila Moger
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Photos and Talk of a Bygone Era
31st August 2018 - 7pm
Stalisfield Village Hall

Stalisfield Village Hall is pleased to announce a showing of Stuart and Dorothy Murray's photos of Stalisfield accompanied by a talk by Andrew Saunders. Come along and bring your memories and comments so that the youngsters in the village can appreciate Stalisfield as it was...

A bar will be available to enjoy a drink whilst visiting memory lane

Otterden and Stalisfield W.I.

Despite this month's meeting clashing with England playing Coatia, we had a good attendance. Most probably ladies happy to have a break from football mania!

Jane Cullen, a friend of one of our group, was the Speaker for the July meeting. The topic was 'The life and work of Emily Bronte' who just wrote the one book, Wuthering Heights, in her short lifetime - only 30 years. Jane has been passionate about this book and the Bronte family since the age of twelve and it certainly showed during the time she was with us. She did not use any notes or slides, just her genuine enthusiasm together with photos of the family and the properties used in the book, situated in and around Howarth, Yorkshire. The time just flew by, which is a good indication of an excellent Speaker.



started in earnest. Rotas are being drawn up to cover everything from the supply of cakes, to setting up and washing up. Please support this enjoyable afternoon with us all.

The year is speeding past and our next Meeting will be at Stalisfield Village Hall, on Wednesday 1st August, gathering at 7.30 p.m. Guests are always welcome if you wish to try the WI. The Speaker will be Elizabeth Hall on the subject of Dragons, Animal, Vegetable and Miscellany.

Contact Ellie Cameron on 01795 892016 or Helen Brooks on 07477 580727 if you would like to come along.

Our group will be supplying Tea and Cake at the Stalisfield Village Fete on 25th August, so planning has

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Live music and lots of beer from Saturday midday until Monday 6pm. (also it's the Village fete on Saturday from 2pm for a real traditional English summer feel!)

Band line up:- Under the wood, Rosie Horne & the Chillbillies

New for 2018 - selection of local gins for the non-beer drinkers!

Why not pitch a tent or bring your caravan so everyone can join in the fun!

Keep up to date by following us on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram

Wonderful Women's Wednesdays - August 29th, 7.30pm

A great excuse for the ladies to meet up at the pub - please call or email for details.

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ALICE'S ADVENTURES IN WONDERLAND - OPEN AIR THEATRE

Sunday 19th August, 2pm

Join Alice as she stumbles into the magical world of Wonderland and meet a whole host of colourful characters. From the unforgettable White Rabbit and the madcap Mad Hatter to the terrifying Queen of Hearts, Alice's journey couldn't be filled with more adventure.

Presented in beautiful Victorian costume and alive with song, dance and original music, this is a production to delight the entire family.

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

Adults £16. Children (under 16) £10. Family (2 Adults & 2 Children) £46. Children 3 years and under go free. Gates open at 1.00pm. To book tickets please visit the website.

WOODFEST & COUNTRY FAIR

Saturday 8th & Sunday 9th September. 10am - 5pm

Now in its fourth year, the Belmont Woodfest & Country Fair is an event not to be missed. We have lots of exciting woodland demonstrations taking place over the weekend including chainsaw carving, pole lathe turning, willow weaving, bushcraft and much more.

The main arena attractions run continuously throughout the day will include Xtreme Falconry, The Dog and Duck Show, Ferret Racing, Fun Dog Show (Sunday only) and more.

We have craft making activities, creepy claws animal display, climbing wall and boulder for the children to enjoy. With music, entertainment, local foods, craft stalls and a bar, whether you're interested in wood or just looking for a great family day out, this show is for you.

Adult £10, Concession £8 and Children under 16 free.

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