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What's On

WEEKLY EVENTS:

Tuesdays

Table Tennis 7 - 9pm Stalisfield Hall

Wednesdays (Alternate)

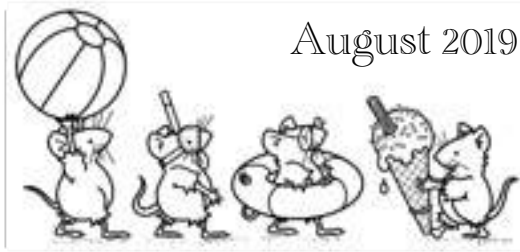
Eastling Walkers 10.30am Call 01795 890703

Thursdays

Zumba 6.30pm Stalisfield Hall

Fridays

Short Mat Bowls 7.30pm Eastling Hall



- 7th Otterden & Stalisfield W.I. 7.30pm
Stalisfield Village Hall
- 12th - 16th Holiday Club 10am - 12.30pm
St. Mary of Charity, Faversham
- 15th Copy deadline for September Good News
goodnewsmagazine@me.com
- 18th Theatre - Treasure Island 2pm
Belmont House
- 20th Painters Forstal with Selling W.I
Lunching out!
- 24th Stalisfield Village Fête 2pm
Stalisfield Village Green
- 27th Publication of September Good News

SEPTEMBER

- 7th & 8th Woodfest & Country Fair
Belmont grounds 10am - 5pm



STALISFIELD GREEN

SATURDAY 24TH AUGUST 2019

CHAINSAW
CARVING

2-5PM

BEER FESTIVAL @
THE PLOUGH

FIRE
ENGINE

VILLAGE FÊTE

GROUP
THERAPY
6PM

ALL THE USUAL TRADITIONAL STALLS WILL BE HERE, PLUS....

STEAM TRACTION
ENGINE RIDES

2PM GOLDEN RETRIEVER
DISPLAY TEAM

SNOAD FARM MEATS
BBQ



THE GREAT VILLAGE BAKE OFF

BEST CAKE, BISCUITS (4)
DECORATED CUP CAKES (4)
50P PER ENTRY



CAR & MOTORBIKE SHOW

BEST CLASSIC
BEST MODERN, BEST RAT
ALL VEHICLES TO BE IN PLACE BY 1PM



DOG SHOW CLASSES:

MOST HANDSOME DOG, PRETTIEST BITCH
WAGGIEST TAIL, DOG JUDGE WOULD MOST LIKE TO TAKE HOME
ENTRIES FROM 2PM, JUDGING 3PM, £2 PER CLASS



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Welcome to the
Reverend Rose
Hudson-Wilkin
our new Bishop of
Dover



The Queen has approved
the appointment of the Reverend Rose Hudson-Wilkin,
Chaplain to the Speaker of the House of Commons, as the next
Bishop of Dover.

Welcoming the appointment, Archbishop Justin Welby said: "Rose Hudson-Wilkin has, over the last nine years, been one of the most influential and effective ministers in the public square through her long service as Chaplain to the Speaker of the House of Commons. I have constantly been told that she has been an effective pastor in one crisis or another, especially in the last few years. Before that she was a parish minister of great impact. She has been described as prophet, pastor and evangelist. She has challenged the Church of England over its engagement with UK minority ethnic groups, and has spoken forcefully and effectively at many evangelistic meetings.

"I am absolutely delighted that she is willing to move from her current role to be the new Bishop of Dover. She will bring great energy and a profound commitment to collegial working, an outward looking approach to the mission of the church and a profound spiritual life. We pray for God's blessing on her as she prepares to move."

Rose will succeed the Rt Revd Trevor Willmott who retired from the role in May this year. She will be consecrated in a service at St Paul's Cathedral on 19th November and installed at Canterbury Cathedral on 30th November.

Strangers to Friends

I wonder, have you ever had the experience of going to stay in a strange place with people you have never met?

Jane and I have recently had the privilege of having a weekend in Germany, where we stayed with a couple whom we had never met before as they had never met us. They were friends of the people we were visiting, but they gave us a master class in hospitality, despite him having no English and we having no German, so we couldn't naturally speak to him, although she spoke English well which was a great help.

We were made to feel so welcome in their home and in their beautiful garden where it was still warm enough to be sitting out there at 10.30 at night drinking German beer with them, and from the 2nd night on they brought out the 'blutwurz', a schnapps that was 50% proof!

How do you greet someone in your own home at breakfast time when you don't speak their language - with a warm hug to say that we were truly welcome.

Small gifts were exchanged - Kentish goods from us and small reminders of our stay in Germany, from them.

We were reminded of their hospitality again, on a Sunday recently when we had a reading



from Luke's gospel when Jesus sends out 72 followers of his, in pairs, to go to the villages and towns that he is about to pass through. They were to go to proclaim that the "Kingdom of God is near", and in Jesus' name heal the sick.

In doing so they were asked just to receive the hospitality they would be offered in those villages in towns with good grace as it were. Jesus said to them,

"When you enter a house, first say, 'Peace to this house.' If someone who promotes peace is there, your peace will rest on them; if not, it will return to you. Stay there, eating and drinking whatever they give you."

Luke 10:5-6

Staying with our new German friends, Johannes and Marianne, we truly felt that exchange of people of peace and the true gift to us, of generous hospitality.

We stayed with Johannes and Marianne for that weekend as

we attended a special service in St Martin's, Bramsche, marking the retirement of Hans Hentschel from his position as a superintendent minister in the German Lutheran Church.

Hans, with his wife Hille, will have moved in to the Vicarage in Doddington by the time you are reading this, as Hans is starting his 'retirement' by joining us in Kingsdown and Creekside for 6 months. I am hoping there may be opportunities for him to come to High Downs as well during his time with us.

During their time with us there will be a number of visitors from Germany, friends and family of Hans and Hille, some of whom Jane and I have already met, including Johannes and Marianne who are coming over in September.

We look forward to welcoming them here in our communities and being able to offer as people of the peace of God a great and warm welcome.

That those who come as strangers amongst us will leave when they return home as great friends.

Jesus encourages us to be a people of welcome and peace.

Steve Lillicrap



Prayer Pointers *August 2019*

Sundays - Give thanks for holidays and times of relaxation.

Mondays - Pray for all who cannot afford to stop work for holidays.

Tuesdays - Give thanks for the food we enjoy.

Wednesdays - Pray for our farmers and their safety, especially during harvest.

Thursdays - Pray for couples marrying in our churches.

Fridays - Give thanks for our clergy and pray for Rose Hudson-Wilkin our new Bishop.

Saturdays - Pray for wisdom for our members of parliament.



Eastling Church Flower Rota

August

4th & 11th - Julia & Marion

18th & 25th - Pippa & Gabrielle

September 1st - Steph

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

Faversham's Community and Mission Priest.

The Reverend Dan Corcoran has been appointed to be the Community and Mission Priest for the Benefice of Faversham.

Dan is married to Revd. Jenny who is Bishop's Chaplain in the Diocese of Canterbury, they have two children and will live in the new benefice house in Davington. Dan's licensing will be on Saturday 28th September.

Services in High Downs

4th August Trinity 7

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

Eastling 10.30 am Morning Prayer (BCP)

11th August Trinity 8

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

Throwley 10.30 am Morning Prayer (BCP)

18th August Trinity 9

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

Stalisfield 10.30 am Holy Communion (CW)

25th August Trinity 10

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

Eastling 8am Holy Communion (BCP)

Throwley 10.30am Holy Communion (CW)

1st September Trinity 11

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

Eastling 10.30 am Morning Prayer (BCP)

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

(CW) Service follows Common Worship Liturgy, 2000.

Kingsdown and Creekside Parish

Sunday 4th August - Seventh Sunday after Trinity

9.00am	Lynsted	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30am	Doddington	Benefice Holy Communion
3.30pm	Teynham	Holy Communion ext (BCP)
5.30pm	Wychling	Evensong

Sunday 11th August - Eighth Sunday after Trinity

9.00am	Oare	Holy Communion CW
10.30am	Newnham	Benefice Holy Communion
10.30am	Teynham	Family Service & Communion

Sunday 18th August - Ninth Sunday after Trinity

9.00am	Newnham	Holy Communion BCP
10:30am	Norton	Benefice Holy Communion
12.30pm	Lynsted	Breakthrough Lite + BBQ
3.30pm	Teynham	Holy Communion BCP

Sunday 25th August - Tenth Sunday after Trinity

9.00am	Doddington	Holy Communion BCP
10:30am	Teynham	Benefice Holy Communion
6.00pm	Lynsted	Breakthrough

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Throwley Gaynore Moss (01795 890995)

From the Registers

Baptism

Abby Olivia Rose Carey
21st July 2019 at Throwley

Wedding

Andrew Warren and Suzanne Hill
27th July 2019 at Eastling

Midweek Groups

Tuesdays: Study group: No meetings in August.
at Garden Cottage, Eastling. 01795 890368

Wednesdays: Study group, weekly, 7.30pm, 18 Beech
Close, Faversham. 01795 890338

Thursdays: Prayer group, weekly, 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 2019 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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24th - 26th August - Beer Festival Weekend

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24th August - Stalisfield Village Fête

Good old fashioned fun at a traditional village fête and dog show. 2 - 5pm

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Eastling School in 1969

From Karen Griffen, née Keeler, who writes:

I used to live in Eastling as a child and attended Eastling Primary school when Mr Davies was the headmaster. I wondered if any readers would be interested in this picture of the school's children that was taken in 1969 approx. I am the 6th child from the left, 2nd row from the top. Perhaps some of the other children still live in the area and would like to see it. They were good days. My dad worked for Captain Harris on the farm. We used to live in the last house on the left as one leaves Eastling, a farm house.

If anyone would like to contact Karen, please contact the Editor on goodnewsmagazine@me.com or 01795 890338, and she will be pleased to forward your message.



Moonlight

The moon peers down between
the trees

I saw it there last night,

A part of it at least, I think

The rest was out of sight.

Sometimes on nights like these

Or just before it's dark,

I listen for the owls to hoot

Or the roaming fox to bark.

The bats fly by - the night moths

And other nocturnal friends,

A little help for these dear things

Is what the moonlight sends.

by Audrey Keen

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Painters Forstal with Selling WI

The ladies had a lovely afternoon making flower arrangements for the table. We all came away with different arrangements although we all had the same basic ingredients.

August will see us all eating a fish and chip lunch at Jacky Searley's and having cakes and lots of fun afterwards. Jacky has promised us that we will enjoy the afternoon but would not say what she had planned for us. So a mystery then.!!!

We will be back in Eastling village hall for our September meeting at 2pm on Tuesday 17th. New members always welcome, further details from Barbara on 01795 890020 or tombor72@hotmail.co.uk

Short Mat Bowls

Members are having a short break from their Friday evening sessions but will resume on Friday 9th August, 7.30pm in Eastling village hall. We are a friendly club and welcome new comers, with or without bowling experience. Come along a try us out for a relaxing couple of hours, all ages welcome. Call Roy on 01795 537162 for more information.

Otterden and Stalisfield W.I.

The Quiz Night on Friday 14th June was organised by Julie Murray. A well supported, popular event and lovely social evening for the WI ladies together with friends and family. Julie set a broad spectrum of questions that we could all answer, some better than others I have to add! We all brought along our own food and beverages, to keep down the workload for the organisers.

'Getting to Know You' was the title for our Meeting on 3rd July, which was to be a social event for us all. We were requested to bring a photo of ourselves as a child and a fact that no one would know about us. This proved to be a most interesting evening and quite hilarious at times trying to match the adult faces to the innocent children's portraits. The facts proved to be most interesting, as they ranged from being given a river trip in Tommy Steels' boat (it also transpired one of our ladies is his cousin too), to being involved in the mass shooting at Manston Airport in the 1950's. We had several new

ladies joining our Group to try us out as well - it is nice to get to know some new faces.

Helen Brooks, our Secretary, will be taking the August Meeting on Wednesday 7th, to show us the technique for Hand Tied Bouquets. Members will need to supply their own flowers, greenery and clippers.

Saturday August 24th, also brings the annual Stalisfield Fete, at which our W.I. Group supply the Tea and Cakes in the Village Hall. Donations of Cakes and Savouries are very welcome please ladies, to raise funds for the upkeep of the Hall and our WI Group. Your time is also requested please, setting up in the morning and/or serving the Teas in the afternoon. The Fete runs from 14.00 until 17.00. Please contact our President Ellie Cameron on 01795 892016 to offer your services.

Our Meetings are generally held the first Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm in Stalisfield Village Hall. Contact Ellie or Helen on 07400580727 if you would like to come along to our friendly group.

Stalisfield Pantomime



Casting Call:

Would you like to be involved in this year's pantomime? We are about to start work on the script and we need to know how many parts to write.

All are welcome regardless of experience, age or talent!

Also, parents, we love to have as many children and young people as possible involved, so let us know if you would like to volunteer them.

There are no auditions, you just need to be prepared to commit time and enthusiasm.

The performances are December 6th & 7th. Rehearsals start in October and are generally in the early evenings weekdays and some weekends. You also need to keep the week and weekend before the performances free.

If you would like to join in the fun, or if you have any questions before committing feel free to phone or email Cat on 07961 368969 or cat@stalisfieldvillagehall.co.uk



Stalisfield Treasure Hunt

We had approximately 40 adults, children and dogs take part in the inaugural Stalisfield Treasure Hunt on Saturday 13th July. Captain Ginger Beard had been on holiday in Stalisfield, having dropped his anchor in Faversham Creek while navigating the world in search of fine treasure. Whilst here, he could not help himself and plundered the silverware from The Plough! He then hid it in a secret location in the village for his Pirates to collect later. Unfortunately for him, his menagerie of parrots loved the local wildlife so much they deserted him and stayed here after their holiday. In order to make amends to the villagers for Captain Ginger Beard's reckless behaviour the parrots waited around the tour with clues on the location of the silverware. Those who were able to unscramble the location on their return to the village hall received a share of the bounty, as well as some refreshments! It was a fun afternoon; watch out for next year's event!



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WOODFEST & COUNTRY FAIR

Saturday 7th & Sunday 8th September, 10am - 5pm

The Belmont Woodfest and Country Fair is an event not to be missed. We have lots of exciting woodland demonstrations taking place over the weekend including chainsaw carving, willow weaving, horse logging, pole lathe turning as well as vintage tractors and a fantastic display of stationary steam engines.

Some of the main arena attractions include Galloping Acrobatics, Joe's Bows Falconry Display, Gun Dog demonstrations, Bushcraft demonstrations and the Golden Retriever Display team

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ENTERTAINMENT AT NORTON VILLAGE HALL

Please make a note, of the following 2 events, booked through Applause Rural Touring- who subsidise these quality events so they can be enjoyed in the rural communities.

September 14th, Saturday at 7.30pm. EDUARDO NIEBLA, a Spanish guitarist virtuoso and composer who presents his amazing repertoire of "spellbinding flamenco jazz, bursting with passion and verve"

November 3rd, Sunday at 7.30pm 'ONCE UPON A TIME' - a comedy, fairytale adventure involving the Brothers Grimm (Jacob & Wilhelm) and their sister Lottie. A family show for adults and young people over 7 years.

Tickets for both will be £10 or £8 if five or more are purchased in advance. £5 for a child aged 16 and less. Free parking.

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For further information contact Judith Pool on 01233 840280 or email judith.pool@hotmail.co.uk

Stalisfield HighLife

2019 Events

Summer Fête	24th August
Harvest Supper	5th October
Panto	6th / 7th December
Children's Party	8th December
Seniors' Christmas Dinner	14th December
Burns Night - TBC	25th January 2020



1944 2019

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Sunday 15th September

Service 10:30-11:30am,

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All Welcome to see lovely flower arrangements in honour of 75th D-Day, have a go on the tombola, buy home made cakes or enjoy a cream tea.



"Looks like no one was available to fill in for the vicar's annual holiday again."

Eastling Neighbourhood Watch

Village Warden 07794 010 394 or 01795 890848

Police 101 Emergency 999



There have been reports of property being entered in Kettle Hill Road and various tools together with a motor mower being stolen. This occurred at the latter part of June and although a month ago if anybody has any information on this crime please contact the police.

A small Chihuahua dog was found wandering at the s bend as you come into the village. The dog did not have a collar or tag but did have an harness on. After a tour of the village no owner was found and the dog warden was called, fortunately the swale dog warden is on call the weekends. The dog was microchipped and the initial the owner lived in Milton Regis but on contact were told that the dog had been passed onto someone else and did not know the new owner's details. So unfortunately the dog was taken off to swale kennels. It is

a shame as this little dog was pure white, male and understand his name was Elvis and had been well looked after. I would like to thank all the people who stopped at the s bend to assist in looking after Elvis and preventing him from coming to harm. I can only assume at this stage that the dog was deliberately left at the s bend.

Many people in the village including me have received a letter in the post from a website called 'Nextdoor' from a person called Kelly Heron from Eastling road. I have looked into it and at this stage have found nothing untoward but, with all things like this be wary. This site is very prevalent in the Charing area so if any person can assist on the safety of this site, which seems to be a smaller version of facebook/splock, please let me know otherwise. Do be careful on what details you give.

Report from local area of another telephone scam. This one is a recorded message saying that the sum of £600 is being taken from your bank account and to stop it press 1. Do not press 1 as this could cost money probably putting you into an expensive telephone call. Cut the call off immediately. After 15/20 minutes you could contact your bank and let them know about the call. In my case I would probably accept the call and perhaps the people concerned would let me know where I could find £600 in my bank account, jolly good luck.

Speaking to a local vet they have had many dogs being brought in not very well and it seems that the dogs have been drinking from ponds of any other water that has been lying dormant for a while in the hot weather. So please take care and make sure that your animal has access to clean water and does not drink stagnant water.

Have a good month and take care
Alan

County Councillor Andrew Bowles reports:

'Following on from the Swale Borough Council elections in May I have suffered two further defeats on issues I care deeply about. The first was at the Health Overview Scrutiny Committee at the end of May when despite arguments from myself and other mainly East Kent Members, Kent County Council decided by 7 votes to 6 to support the NHS proposals for the allocation of Hyper Acute and Acute Services across Kent and Medway. I expect you all know that future services are to be provided from just 3 hospitals, none East of Ashford. Also, none in the Medway area. This was followed by a

narrow vote in favour of going ahead with the introduction of some changes at household waste sites. Although I voted against the decision I believe some clarification is needed. It is ONLY soil, rubble and hardcore at £4 per sack and plasterboard at £6 per sack which will be charged for. For most residents they may never need to pay any charges. Please note that Faversham recycling centre at Salters Lane does not accept plasterboard.

A quote from the editorial in the latest edition of the Local Government Chronicle:

"Local Government Association research reveals the growing levels of violence, intimidation and abuse suffered by Local Government officers and Councillors, largely fuelled by social media which amplifies the harshest and most ignorant voices officers and members are usually motivated by a genuine desire to improve, the places they live and work in. They deserve better."

The whole of Cllr Bowles' message can be viewed on the Eastling website: www.eastlingvillage.co.uk

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Why Lego helps with map reading

Men of a certain age are better map readers than women of a certain age, because they were given Lego to play with when they were young.

Playing Lego and other traditional boys' toys encouraged their spatial awareness, as opposed to playing with Barbies.

Such is the verdict of Gina Rippon, a professor of cognitive neuro-imaging at Aston University. Speaking at this Spring's Hay Festival, she explained that: "the issue of map reading, which is kind of a manifestation of a spatial skill, is reliant on an ability to understand objects in relation to themselves, allowing them to picture the shape of things as well as proportions and dimensions."

Thus, playing with Lego and other building games gave men years of practise, while they were still young.

Children's Holiday Club is back at St Mary of Charity, Faversham

Holiday Club runs for five days from 12th to 16th August,

10 am until 12.30 pm in the church.

We have groups for children from pre-school to late teens. Children under school age must be accompanied by an adult. Parents and carers are welcome to come along at noon each day with a packed lunch to join us in the church yard for a picnic.

Each day we have songs, stories, drama, teaching, craft, refreshments and lots of fun!

Holiday Club is free, although we accept any donations towards the running of the week (donations can be gift-aided).

If you have a child from pre-school age to late teens and you'd like them to join in please contact Martin Tyler on youth@stmaryofcharity.org or call 01795 530421



Bible stories for school children

The Bible Society's *Open the Book (OtB)* programme offers primary school children an opportunity to hear the major stories of the Bible through the academic year.

It is a three-year rolling programme of chronological stories. Volunteers from local churches present the stories during assemblies using drama, props and costumes.

OtB meets the criteria used by school inspection agencies including Ofsted, ESTYN and SIAMS. OtB is now in more than 3,000 schools in England and Wales.

And this means that now 800,000 children are regularly hearing Bible stories and more than 17,000 volunteer storytellers are going into schools. 96% of schools questioned believed it had a positive impact on the life of the school.

Almost half of the children cannot identify Noah's Ark as a Bible story and a third of 15-year-olds have never heard the story of Jesus' birth, and didn't know it was from the Bible.

Foodbank August 2019

It has been 4 years since we started collecting donations for Foodbank and your generosity has been impressive. Summer holidays are now upon us with families struggling to feed hungry children who would normally be having a school dinner. Please continue to leave your donations at the back of the church.

Urgent items for August: Long life milk; tinned fruit; long life fruit juice; conditioner; cooking oil; squash; chocolate bars; cereal bars.

Mouse Makes

What is your most valuable treasure?
The Bible tells us that the most valuable thing you can ever have is something that can **NEVER** be lost, broken or stolen. The most **valuable** thing you can have is to be friends with God through Jesus.
Read: Matthew 6:19-21

The LOVE of money is at the root of all sorts of what?
1 Timothy 6:9-10
What should you be on your guard against?
Luke 12:15

What did Jesus ask the rich man to do?
Read: Luke 18:22-26
What is it good to be rich in?
1 Timothy 6:18-19

What two things can't you serve at the same time?
and *Matthew 6:24*
What is better than gold?
Proverbs 6:16

Who supplies all your needs?
Philippians 4:19
What is like a hidden treasure?
of *Matthew 13:4*

Who has all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge?
Colossians 2:2-3

TREASURE IN HEAVEN