

# Y - Generation

Club for Year 7+

Eastling Village Hall  
Sunday Nights 6.30-8pm

Contact Joy on  
07999 807 519

# BOOKS FOR SCHOOLS

Eastling School is collecting 'Books for Schools' tokens from The Times and Sunday Times newspapers <[www.freebooksforschools.co.uk](http://www.freebooksforschools.co.uk)> and other Book Token offers. Tokens may be dropped off at the school office.

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**What cake can you eat in heaven?** Angel Cake.



**Why did the banana go out with the prune?**

Because he couldn't find a date.

**My dad's a light eater. As soon as it's light, he starts eating.**

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## Craft Club

13th and 27th February  
6.15 - 7.15pm  
Champion Hall, Painter's Forstal.  
50p a session.  
Contact number 532756.

# S Club

in Eastling Village Hall  
Sunday 15th February, 10am  
All primary school aged children welcome  
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## YOUNGSTYLE

10am in Eastling Church,  
Sunday 22nd February.  
All ages welcome.  
Half an hour of fun, music and teaching, followed by refreshments.

Mrs Patricia Briggs from Stalisfield has sent in her recipe for "cheep" bird cakes:



Boil all your vegetable peelings for 20 minutes, drain and whilst still hot, add a small a small portion of lard or dripping (*not poultry fat*), which helps to set the cakes and provide fat for the birds. mash it all together and add a good handful of oats, breadcrumbs or left over breakfast cereal, and some dried fruit or bird seed. Put into yoghurt cartons to set, store in a cold place and feed every day. They will freeze. The birds will love them - Yum! Yum!

**Mouse Makes**

God ALWAYS keeps his promises, He NEVER changes His promises. God's promises ALWAYS come true.

**GOD'S PROMISE**

When the great flood covered the earth, only Noah, his family and at least two of every living creature were still alive, safe in the great ark God had told Noah to build. When the flood went down, Noah came out of the ark, praised God and built an altar to the Lord.

**And God made a promise:**

*"I have set a rainbow in the clouds and it will be a sign... Never again will the waters become a flood to destroy all life."*

Glue the rainbow and raindrops onto card, cut out and colour in. Punch out the holes and with lengths of thread, tie the raindrop promises on to the rainbow and hang by the window

God FORGIVES  
See: 1 John 1:9

God SETS FREE from fear  
See: Psalm 34:4

God PROVIDES  
See: Phillipians 4:19

Jesus will come AGAIN  
See: John 14:2-3

God PROTECTS  
See: Psalm 91:11

Look up these promises in your bible

Look out for more of God's promises as you read your Bible

# Good News Parish Magazine February 2009

# Service of Healing and Blessing Eastling Church, 10am Sunday 1st February



## Stalisfield with Otterden Parishioners

As you have probably noticed there is a Healing and Wholeness service for all the three parishes at Eastling Church on Feb 1st at 10.00am and no service at Stalisfield. If you have not been to one of these services before, and it is some time since the last such service, don't be daunted, come find out what it is about. We are a friendly bunch of people. If you are unfamiliar with Eastling Church, we will be there to greet you. Pat and Martin, your churchwardens.

All welcome  
Guest Speaker:  
Rt Revd. Graham Cray,  
Bishop of Maidstone

A relaxed and reflective service where all are welcome to share in fellowship and to receive prayer with the laying-on-of-hands for healing.

## Bluebell Walk

Bank Holiday Monday, 4th May

The Bluebell walk is the high spot of the Eastling Calendar. People come from miles around to walk along the highways and byways of Eastling, Stalisfield and Otterden to view the beauty of our surrounding countryside. Last year, the event was an enormous success and we would like to continue the tradition of making it an exciting day for all who come. The renowned "Bluebell Bistro" will be open.

BUT, to make this day happen and to keep the high standards of the event, we NEED your help. A group is being organised to prepare for the Bluebell walk this year. If you have already expressed an interest in it, or would like to find out more, please contact Caroline Pinchbeck (01795) 890487 or [caroline.pinchbeck575@btinternet.com](mailto:caroline.pinchbeck575@btinternet.com) A meeting will be held in February to begin the preparations and make the day the success it always is.

## Sunday Freestyle

Come and join us for something different. Sunday 8th February at 10.30am  
The Uniqueness of our Faith - The Bible.  
Breakfast from 10am  
All ages welcome.

## Lent 2009

Ash Wednesday  
25th February  
Holy Communion  
7.30pm in Eastling Church

## Eastling's Wit and Wisdom

Norman and Marina, and their helpers, are looking for someone to carry on running the Wit and Wisdoms which they have been running, to finance the annual Senior Citizens' Christmas Lunch. Whilst they are still prepared to give all the help and assistance they can, they urgently need someone to take over the 'helm'. If you think you would like to have a go, please give me, Norman, a ring on 890242, to talk over what it involves.

# Healing and Blessing

It may be surprising to know, that according to some psychologists, forgiveness is strongly linked to happiness. On that basis perhaps some of the ideas we have grown up with, on how to be happy, need to be reassessed.

In our modern western culture we tend to associate happiness with education, success, good health, wealth and so on. Not that those things are unimportant, but we find texts in the Bible, which support the psychologists claim, that forgiveness is the single most important trait which leads to happiness.

In Mark's Gospel, chapter 2 vv 1-12, there is a story about four men who carry their disabled friend, on a stretcher, to Jesus. They can't get close enough to Jesus because of the crowds around the house where he is staying. So they climb up onto the roof, take up part of the roof covering and lower the friend, on his stretcher, down to Jesus.

Jesus looked up and saw the four friends and, appreciating their faith in him, said to the disabled man "Your sins are forgiven." We can imagine the response from the crowd, which included some teachers of the law, as they began to debate the matter. They grumbled and said "This is blasphemy. Who can forgive sins but God alone."

Sin is an old fashion word we don't use much outside the Church and its meaning has been distorted in modern day use. To sin means an act, a thought or behaviour that goes against the law and teaching of

God through Jesus Christ. Sin therefore separates us from God, it can cause sickness and there is a relationship between sin, sickness and forgiveness.

'Sin sickness' can manifest itself in many ways and afflicts us when we break God's law. A friend of mine who is a retired Doctor, once said that he believed that more than fifty percent of his patients would find benefit and probable healing, by seeking Christian counselling.

We struggle with this issue because sin is a politically incorrect word today. No one is right and no one is wrong and no one sins any more. We simply have poor judgement.

Life styles and life choices can make us sick and very few of us, in the twenty first century, are not embarrassed by our carelessness and poor judgement. However, Jesus made it clear that God is not responsible for our sin sickness, because we are victims of our own consciousness.

So, how do we find healing forgiveness for what we have done; for the injuries we have inflicted on others; for the things we have left undone which we should have done.

The story in Mark's Gospel gives us a good example: First the disabled man came into the presence of Jesus. If we are to find healing forgiveness we must have a connection, an encounter with the person and the power and come into the presence of Jesus.

There is also a sense of humility in Mark's account; the man was lowered through the roof by his friends. He was lying helpless on a stretcher in the presence of Jesus.

We find it difficult to ask forgiveness from anybody, let alone God. It takes humility and courage to say 'I'm sorry, please forgive me.' 'I'm sorry I hurt you.' 'I'm sorry I said the wrong thing.' 'I apologize', to another person and especially to God. But it is not a sign of weakness to ask for healing and forgiveness and it may, in fact, be our hidden strength. We often pray the Lord's Prayer, 'Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us,' because giving and receiving forgiveness makes us fully alive.

It is like a river flowing through our lives, always moving, generating and nourishing life. Forgiveness is God's gift and God flows through our lives all the time. But, like most rivers in our world, we can pollute God's good gift. Things we do, or we leave, can pollute the river of healing and forgiveness. We struggle to shut off the pollutants and let the forgiving grace of God flow through our lives.

How easy it would be if we could simply find God's forgiveness and say, "I've done that." and check it off our list of things to do. But we are only human and will willingly, or inadvertently, hurt others.

Therefore, as Christians, we discover repentance and forgiveness as a continuing experience and we need to regularly come back to the nourishing, healing gift of God's forgiveness. Jesus said "Your sins are forgiven. Walk." That's healing and a blessing.

Your friend in Christ, Norman Fowler.

## EASTLING PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council meeting was held on January 14<sup>th</sup> 2009. Councillors were concerned that Kettle Hill Road, North Eastling Lane and Newnham Lane were not gritted during the recent snow and icy weather. These roads were very hazardous and Highway Services will be contacted about these roads as well as asking for some grit bins to be supplied. There was a complaint about a dangerous inspection chamber and some flytipping. These will be reported.

The precept was set at £3140 for the year 2009/10.

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March at 6.30pm in Eastling Village Hall.

Members of the public are welcome to attend.

## ENNEAGRAM WEEKEND

### INTRODUCTORY COURSE

APRIL 25/26, Beech Tree Cottage, Selling

An Enneagram gives a way of finding insight into our day-to-day behaviour, preoccupations, strengths and weaknesses. It can indicate a person's most fruitful approach to personal growth.

Karen Webb is an internationally known teacher and author who has taught the Enneagram since 1992.

She will be running an introductory course 9.30-4.30 each day at the above address. Cost £60

For details contact Angela Cheeseman 01795 892124 until March 1st, or Jill Hemmings 01227 752871 from March 1st onwards.

## Eastling Neighbourhood Watch.

Contact numbers:

Parish/Village Warden Telephone 07794010394  
Crimestoppers 0800 555 111 (24 hours, free and anonymous)

Sittingbourne police station 01795 477055  
Emergencies or crime in progress always use 999

There are a few electronic scams going about, one via e mails and the other via telephone.

The e mails are coming from two areas one purporting to come from Abbey National Bank and the other from Lloyds Bank both are requesting that you supply your bank card nos and security code. You are advised to delete all emails relevant to this. No bank will ever ask you to divulge these numbers either by e mail or telephone so be wary. I have personally received e mails to this effect.

There is a black and white cat doing the rounds by Manor Lees, if anybody has lost a cat like this for a few weeks please give me a ring.

There are potholes that have appeared in the roads after the recent cold weather, the matter has been taken up by the Parish Council with Kent County Council so there should be some results there in the foreseeable future so take care.

Have a good month

Alan

## What are people like in your street?

A family was having to move house because of the husband's job. They'd been living in London and were moving into our area. After much searching, they found just the right house for them.

On their visit to make final arrangements, they asked the estate agent who was selling the house what people were like around here. Since they'd never lived in these parts before, they wanted to know what to expect.

The estate agent paused, and then asked: 'What are people like where you live now?'

They answered: 'They're awful; no one seems to want to help anyone else, no one will stop for a chat. You can't rely on people, they're rotten neighbours. We'll be glad to leave.'

The estate agent said: 'Sadly, they're exactly like that here, too.'

## Have you ever noticed that people often find what they look for in other people?

Gary Bowness tells the following 'parable'....

And when the new family moved in, sure enough, they found that it was true. No one helped them, everyone kept themselves to themselves, and there was no community spirit. They were as lonely as they'd been in London.

By chance, another family also had to move house from London to the same road up here only a few weeks later. After much searching, they found just the right house for them. On their last visit to make final arrangements, they asked the estate agent who was selling the house, what people were like around here. Since they'd never lived in these parts before, they wanted to know what to expect.

The estate agent paused and asked: 'What are people like where you live now?'

The family answered: 'They're wonderful; we'll be so sorry to leave our neighbours, everyone looks out for one another, you can always rely on people to help when needed. There is a real community spirit.'

The estate agent said: 'Well in that case I've got good news for you. The people around here are exactly like that, too.'

And when the second family moved into the same round as the first family, they found that it was true. The neighbours were lovely, people were welcoming and kind and reliable. The new family were so happy to have moved there.

Jesus said: "As you judge others, so you will yourselves be judged and whatever measure you deal out to others will be dealt to you."

So - what are people like in your neighbourhood?

## Prayer

### Pointers

#### February 2009



- Sundays Praise for the wonder of springtime and new life.
- Mondays For the will to help others where we can.
- Tuesdays For our local farmers.
- Wednesdays For new life in our faith during Lent and beyond.
- Thursdays For Fair Trade organisations.
- Fridays For all those seeking work.
- Saturdays For humility to receive forgiveness.

## Eastling Church Flower Rota

### February 2009

31 <sup>st</sup> Jan/1 <sup>st</sup> Feb	Dorothy Reeves
7 <sup>th</sup> / 8 <sup>th</sup>	Dorothy Reeves
14 <sup>th</sup> /15 <sup>th</sup> }	Nerys Condrup
21 <sup>st</sup> / 22 <sup>nd</sup> }	& Emma Walker
28 <sup>th</sup> / 1 <sup>st</sup> March	No Flowers



## Free resource for delving deeper into the Bible released by Bible Society

Christians can now reconnect with the Bible using a resource based on an ancient Scripture reading method - Lectio Divina. Lectio Divina (Latin for 'spiritual reading') follows a four-step approach - reading, meditation, prayer and contemplation. The resource was released by Bible Society to encourage Christians to reconnect with God through the Bible's life-changing message. Available as a free download from Bible Society's website, the booklet takes the reader through Mark's Gospel week by week for a whole year. It puts Bible verses in the context they were written and, to help the reader understand. Lectio Divina also encourages personal and prayerful reflection on the passage.

The booklet is available free as a download from [www.biblesociety.org.uk/lectio](http://www.biblesociety.org.uk/lectio)

## Services in our Churches

### 1st February Candlemas

Hebrews 2. 14 - 18, Luke 2. 22 - 40

Eastling 8am Holy Communion (BCP)  
Eastling 10am Service of Healing and Blessing with Bishop Graham Cray

### 8th February 3 before Lent

1 Corinthians 9. 16 - 23, Mark 1. 29 - 39

Eastling 8am Holy Communion (BCP)  
Stalisfield 10am Holy Communion (CW)  
Eastling 10.30am Freestyle

### 15th February 2 before Lent

Colossians 1. 15 - 20, John 1. 1 - 14

Eastling 8am Holy Communion (BCP)  
Eastling 10am Morning Prayer (BCP)  
Eastling 10am S Club in the village hall  
Stalisfield 10am Morning Prayer (BCP)

### 22nd February Sunday before Lent

2 Corinthians 4. 3 - 6, Mark 9. 2 - 9

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

### 25th February Ash Wednesday

2 Corinthians 5. 20b - 6. 10,  
Matthew 6. 1 - 6, 16 - 21 or John 8. 1 - 11

Eastling 7.30pm Holy Communion (CW)

### 1st March Lent 1

1 Peter 3. 18 - end, Mark 1. 9 - 15

Eastling 8am Holy Communion (BCP)  
Eastling 10am Holy Communion (CW)  
Stalisfield 3pm Lent Service

(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  
Mr. Norman Fowler (01795 890412)  
4 Meesons Close, Eastling.

Reader  
Mr. Hugh Perks (01795 890603)  
Weald Cottage, Eastling.

#### Churchwardens

Eastling  
Steve Youle (01795 890368)  
Audrey Smith (01795 890469)

Stalisfield with Otterden  
Patricia Thompson (01795 890376)  
Martin Beckenham (01795 892079)

#### From the Registers

##### Funeral

Dr David TOOGOOD  
30th December 2008 Funeral at Eastling

#### Midweek Groups

Tuesdays 7.30pm Bible Study at Pinks Farm  
Thursdays 10.15am Prayer group at Pinks Farm  
New members welcome

#### Services at Whitehill Chapel

1st February 10 a.m. Brunch  
10.40 a.m. Family People's Choice  
3rd February 2.15 p.m. Holy Communion  
22nd February 11 a.m. People's Choice

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

## The Presentation of Christ in the Temple/ Candlemas

### 2nd February

In bygone centuries, Christians said their last farewells to the Christmas season on Candlemas, 2 February. This is exactly 40 days after Christmas Day itself.

In New Testament times 40 days old was an important age for a baby boy: it was when they made their first 'public appearance'. Mary, like all good Jewish mothers, went to the Temple with Jesus, her first male child - to 'present him to the Lord'. At the same

time, she, as a new mother, was 'purified'. Thus we have the Festival of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple. So where does the Candlemas bit come in? Jesus is described in the New Testament as the Light of the World, and early Christians developed the tradition of lighting many candles in celebration of this day. The Church also fell into the custom of blessing the year's supply of candles for the church on this day - hence the name, Candlemas.



The story of how Candlemas began can be found in Luke 2:22-40. Simeon's great declaration of faith and recognition of who Jesus was is of course found in the Nunc Dimittis, which is embedded in the Office of Evening Prayer in the West. But in medieval times, the Nunc Dimittis was mostly used just on this day, during the distribution of candles before the Eucharist. Only gradually did it win a place in the daily prayer life of the Church.

## Kent Health Watch

Helping you comment on health and social care.

Kent Health Watch will help you find the right place to make compliments or complaints, comments or concerns about health and social care. It covers all health and social care services delivered within Kent along with services commissioned for Kent residents but provided elsewhere. The service operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week by telephone, textphone and email.

- Call **08458 247 103**
- Email

**kenthealthwatch@kent.gov.uk**  
• Textbox 08458 247 905

Kent Health Watch will be run like a Directory Enquiry service, helping people to get through to the right contact whenever they want to make comments or concerns about health or social care.

#### About Kent Health Watch

Kent Health Watch is run by KCC in partnership with the NHS and provides another route by which people can make their voice heard. Kent Health Watch:

- is a 'signposting' service that points callers in the right direction
- helps ensure that all feedback about health and social care services in Kent - including compliments and complaints, comments and concerns - are captured in the most appropriate manner
- helps the NHS to ensure that all public views and suggestions are taken into account to improve services
- adds to and enhances, rather than replaces, existing services.

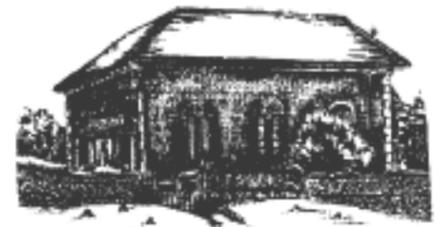
Data collected by Kent Health Watch - either by telephone or email - will be recorded and reported back to the NHS and Kent County Council.

## Otterden Chronicles

by Audrey Keen

Otterden Church is well documented, but serious facts can sometimes veil the mystery of the place. It is a comfortable place, for me personally, as it has featured in all the important moments of my life. But, more than that, if you step inside the church and look to left or right, you will see memorials to many people and you can, in a way, imagine clearly how they lived their lives, principally by the way in which they are dressed. Further along, near the pulpit, the named brasses and plaques, the decorations which surround them, all create pictures in the mind of that person and their time in history.

Look at the stained glass windows - In the one above the altar, the face of Christ seems to light up in the sunshine. Or look at the window close to the organ, this one depicts recent history; that of George Bevill Hastings Wheler and his wife, Rachel, of Otterden Place. In the brilliant work of the window design, it shows reflections of their lives. Sometimes I



think that Granville Wheler's presence is in the church because it is a place he loved, and the House of God, whom he worshipped.

*In the tangled mass  
That is the jungle wood,  
Besieged by flies,  
I sense the fleeting spirit of the wild,  
And touch it where the best banks rise  
It comes to me in the quiet breaths,  
Or fans the undulant sunbeams.  
It trundles gently toward my path  
To reach my very soul,  
It troubles many times to kiss the land  
And so encourages all to live,  
And temptingly it wanders on  
It's powerful strength to give.*

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## Dieudonné Disi - from the shadow of murder in Rwanda to the Olympic Games

To compete in the Olympic Games is a great achievement for any sportsperson. To reach the Olympics having overcome the difficulties that Dieudonné Disi of Rwanda has faced is nothing short of a miracle.

One day in 1994, the 14 year old Dieudonné and his brothers were called together by their father. He said, "We are all going to die today. Let us pray and prepare to go to heaven." While the family prayed, Dieudonné went outside and hid. Soon the rebels came to the house and within minutes his parents and all his brothers and sisters were dead. All his neighbours were killed too. "I lay down in my father's garden and waited for night. It was perhaps 7pm when I set off through the forest to Burundi. I had never been to Burundi in my life but I knew the direction. It was about 15 miles from my home".

When Dieudonné later returned to Rwanda he joined the army. He followed the 1996 Olympics on the radio - there was no TV at that time where he lived.

Mathias Ntawulikura from Rwanda came 8th in the 10,000 metres. Disi thought it was amazing for a Rwandan to come 8th in the world. It inspired him.

A few years later he was working in an office, which overlooked a running track. He wondered if he could run fast. He could and was soon one of the best runners in Rwanda. This was confirmed when he won a silver medal in the Junior African Games in 2000.

In 2004 he achieved the qualifying time for the Olympics and ran in the 10,000 metres in Athens.

"I was not expecting to win a medal. Getting to the Olympics was a big achievement in itself. It is not easy to achieve the Olympic qualifying time. Because of my lack of experience 17th was the best I could achieve in the Olympic final." The following year he took gold and bronze in the Francophone Games. Even that was not straight forward. When it came to the presentation of his gold medal, the organizers told him that they did not have the music for the Rwandan National Anthem. Did he mind if they played the All African anthem? Yes he did mind and insisted on singing the anthem himself!

Losing his family raised many questions in his mind. He asked himself: "Where are my family now?" He remembered his father the day he died, praying with a certainty that he was going to heaven. "In the Bible it says that there is only one way to heaven - Jesus Christ. If you are to get to heaven, it can only be through Jesus Christ. For me Jesus Christ is the way to heaven and the way to God. After my family died I stopped praying and turned away from God. One day I realized that if I was ever going to see my family again, I needed to start praying again. I knew that Jesus Christ was the answer and since then I have believed and prayed to him every day."

In Beijing, Disi came 19th in the 10,000 metres, but what an amazing achievement, to put behind him all the problems he has encountered and become a world-class runner. Out of his tragedy has come a strong faith in Jesus Christ, which will take him through death.

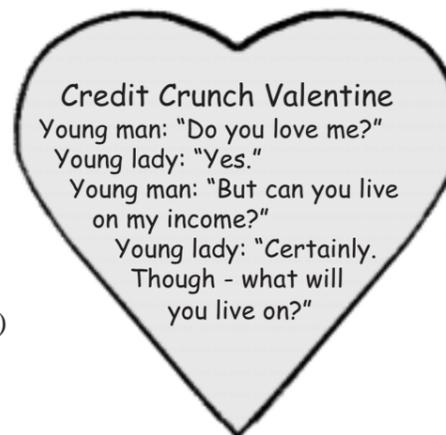
Ken West will give a talk entitled  
**'Meet a Dormouse'**



at the Eastling  
Gardeners' Club  
meeting on  
Thursday 26th March,  
in the village hall at  
7.30pm,  
Free to members  
otherwise £2.50

The Rotary Club of the Weald of Kent  
**SPRING ART EXHIBITION**

at Sutton Valence School  
Pictures and crafts on exhibition and for sale  
Saturday 28th March from 1pm to 8pm  
Sunday 29th March 10am to 4.30pm  
Entrance £3.50 at the door, includes refreshments.  
All proceeds go to Rotary Charities  
For further information call: Robert Taylor (01233)  
756379 or Norman McGill (01622) 843014  
www.wealdofkentrotary.org.uk



**Cause for Celebration!**

Dance, Music and Song  
at the  
Gulbenkian Theatre, Canterbury  
7.45pm on Friday 13th February  
All proceeds to Cancer Research UK.  
Tickets £35 Students £20 to  
include interval refreshments.  
Booking office 01227 769075  
or to make a donation go to  
www.justgiving.com/sarahpalmer7

**FRIENDS OF EASTLING  
SCHOOL**

The FOES **Book Stall** will be at Pop-  
In on 11th Febrary, 9-11am in the  
village hall. Toddlers welcome,  
proceeds to FOES.



**Pancake races** start at 2.30pm  
on Shrove Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>  
February. Do come along to join  
in the fun and to purchase some  
delicious pancakes with a  
variety of toppings.

**A Table Top sale** is to be held on  
Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March in Eastling Village  
Hall from 10.30am to 12.30. Contact  
Justine Hollands via the School Office  
if you would like to book a table.

Dates for your Diary:  
The Easter Egg Hunt and Raffle -  
Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April - Eastling School  
Swimming Pool Party - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June  
- Faversham Swimming Pool  
Jill Seaman, FOES Publicity  
Jill.b.s@hotmail.co.uk, 01795 890252

**Painters Forstal with  
Ospringle W.I.**

Tuesday 17th February  
at 2.15pm in the Champion Hall.  
Teresa Heselden  
will give a talk about Hats.  
Competition - *A photograph of  
someone wearing a hat, plus  
flower of the month.*  
New members welcome;  
please contact Bobbie on 532756.



Welcome to all at Pop-In, every  
Wednesday, 9 - 11am in Eastling  
Village Hall. No charge to join us  
for a cup of tea, coffee or squash  
and a biscuit. Toddlers welcome,  
lots of toys - and space - available.  
Homemade cakes for sale on  
4th February and 4th March,  
profits to Pop-In expenses.  
Secondhand Book Sale on 11th  
February, proceeds to FOES.  
Contact number is 890338.

**Eastling Short Mat Bowls**

Club playing sessions are 2.30 to 4.30pm  
on Wednesdays; 2.30 to 4.30pm and 7.30  
to 9.30pm on Fridays. Anybody who  
would like to come along and try their  
hand at short mat bowls will be welcome  
to join us on those days.  
On the competition side, to start the new  
year Mick Heath, Chris Smith and Roy  
Piles played at Strood in the county  
singles. Mick winning his mat and Chris  
going through, as a high shots winner, on  
his mat. Roy did not win through.  
There was also the Boughton under  
Blean competition on the same day as  
Strood, but our club was represented:  
Margaret and Brian Fisher and Eileen  
Piles, fought their way into the semi final,  
but their game ended there; the other  
team of Nellie Potter, Des Briggs, and  
John Graham won two and lost two.  
Thanks to all six for keeping the club flag  
flying.  
We then played Boughton at home in the  
Swale league, only losing the singles, but  
beating them 70 shots to 40 and gaining  
12 points to 2 points in the First Division.  
On Sunday 18th we are again at Strood  
playing in the pairs, report next Month.  
Roy Piles, 01795 537162.

**Afternoon Club**

February Activities  
12th - Bingo  
26th - Board Games  
2pm in the Champion Hall,  
Painters Forstal  
New members welcome

**Fairtrade Fortnight  
23rd Feb - 8th March**

Hilary will have the Traidcraft  
stall open at Pop-In on 4th  
March and Freestyle on 8th  
March.  
Please call 890338 for a  
catalogue, and to buy goods at  
other times.

THE PAINTERS  
FORSTAL



**COFFEE CLUB**

Come and join "The Paint-  
ers Forstal Coffee Club" in  
Whitehill Chapel on  
Wednesday 11th February  
at 11.00am to 12.30pm.  
We hope to return to the  
3rd Wednesday of the  
month in March.

**Charing and District  
Local History Society.**

Thursday 12th February  
in Charing Parish Hall at 8pm.  
Professor Jackie Eales will give a talk on  
**KENT IN THE CIVIL WARS,**  
1640 - 1649  
*Puritans and Parliamentarians:*  
*the story of a troubled period in Kent.*  
Doors open at 7.45pm,  
non-members pay £2.

**February**



2009

**Otterden WI**

Happy New Year to you all.  
2009 will be a busy year for Otterden WI. We  
have many exciting things planned for you and hope  
that we will give everyone young and old good value  
for their WI membership (which is now due).  
New for 2009 will be our craft group which will  
meet once a month in a members house to have a  
go at various crafts. If you have something  
particular you would like to have a go at please let  
us know at a meeting.

Dates for your diary:

February 26th (Thurs) Stalisfield village  
hall 7.30pm Cookery demonstration  
**"Easy puddings".**

Tuesday March 31st The Harrow 7.30pm  
**Local Food v The supermarket.**

This will be a lively debate with tastings.

Otterden WI is for ladies of all ages where we  
can come together and discuss local and national  
topics, learn new skills, make friends, contribute  
and help your local community and above all have  
fun.

We always welcome ladies who would like to come  
to a meeting to see if they like it, we don't bite!  
Emma Norwood  
President Otterden WI  
01795 892138

**Part time  
Admin support  
needed locally**

Good computer and admin skills  
essential as well as the ability to  
communicate effectively by email  
and by phone.

Basic bookkeeping helpful.

Hours flexible approx  
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**FITNESS CLASSES**

@ Eastling Village Hall

**WEDNESDAYS**

**7.00pm BUMS, LEGS & TUMS**

*helps to tone & shape these specific areas.*

**8.00pm FIT DANCE "Just Boogie"**

*works on aerobic fitness, using fun DANCE moves.  
Helps to control and burn body fat.*

**THURSDAYS**

**9.15am FITNESS PILATES**

*A blend of Pilates & dance exercises.  
Helps to develop muscle tone, balance, flexibility &  
relaxation*

Fun & Funky

**4.30pm**

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1st Service of Healing & Blessing	10 - 11am	Eastling Church
4th Cake Sale at Pop-In	9 - 11am	Eastling Village Hall
10th Mobile Library	10.50 - 11.05am	Glebe Cottages
11th Book Sale	9-11am	Eastling Village Hall
11th Painters Forstal Coffee Club	11am	Champion Hall
12th Afternoon Club	2pm	Champion Hall
12th Charing History Society	7.45pm	Charing Parish Hall
13th Craft Club	6.15pm	Champion Hall
13th Cause for Celebration	7.45pm	Gulbenkian Theatre
15th Deadline for the March Good News		Pinks Farm
17th Painters Forstal WI	2.15pm	Champion Hall
22nd S Club	10am	Eastling Village Hall
24th Mobile Library	10.50 - 11.05am	Glebe Cottages
24th Magazine Folding	2pm	Pinks Farm
24th Pancake Races	2.30pm	Eastling School
26th Afternoon Club	2pm	Champion Hall
26th Gardeners' Club	7.30pm	Eastling Village Hall
26th Otterden W.I.	7.30pm	Stalisfield Village Hall
27th Craft Club	6.15pm	Champion Hall
MARCH 7th Table Top Sale	10.30am	Eastling Village Hall
26th Meet a Dormouse	7.30pm	Eastling Village Hall
28/29th Spring Art Exhibition		Sutton Valence School

**Deadline for March Good News**

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