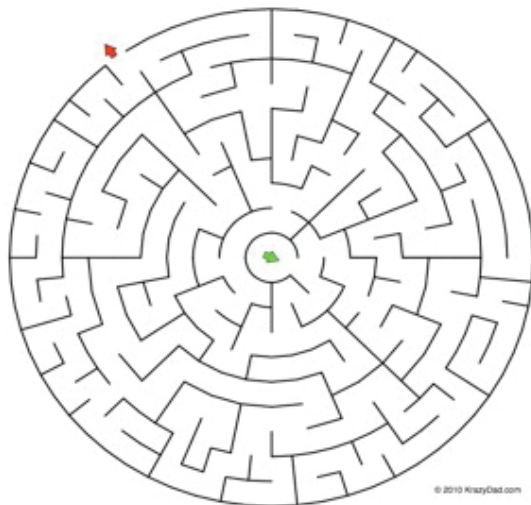


## S Club

S club for all primary school  
aged children on Sunday 20th  
February, in Eastling Village Hall

## Youngstyle

A half hour service for all young  
at heart  
Sunday 27th February,  
10am in Eastling Church



## BIBLE WORDS

Can you find all the answers to  
this Bible Quiz? All the words  
begin with the letter **P**. Answers  
at the bottom of this page.

1. Andrew's brother, one of the  
disciples.
2. Another name for a king of  
Egypt.
3. A tribe who fought Saul and  
David (2 Samuel).
4. The first place in Europe  
where Paul established a  
church (Acts 16).
5. The island where St John  
had his revelations.
6. She travelled with St Paul  
and was married to Aquila  
(Acts 18).
7. The Italian port where Paul  
landed on his way to Rome  
(Acts 28).
8. The Roman Governor who  
set Barabbas free (Matthew  
27).

## NEWSFLASH:

Two prisoners escaped from  
custody today. One is 7 feet tall,  
the other is 4 feet 3 inches. The  
Police are looking high and low  
for them.

1 Peter 2 Pharaoh 3 Philistines 4 Philippi  
5 Patmos 6 Priscilla 7 Puteoli  
8 Pontius Pilate

What do you get if you  
cross a jeep with a dog?  
A LAND ROVER

**Mouse Makes**

**WHAT IS LOVE?**  
*Cross out every **second** letter and  
find the bible verse:*  
OHNMETJSOAHYF,  
CAHQAXPZTDEKR  
WFB OHUKRL,  
VAECRLSWE  
CTMER  
NQ

**HOW DOES GOD SHOW  
HE LOVES US?**  
*Look at this page in the mirror*  
yd au rot evol airl bawords boG  
otni nos ylna airl gnibnes  
ew tlat soe ,blrow ert  
sil evar thgim  
"mir thguorht  
nrlol I  
e:l

**"The steadfast love  
of the Lord never  
ceases, his mercies  
never come to an  
end, they are new  
every morning"**  
*Lamentations  
3:22-23*

**GOD'S LOVE**  
*Change each letter  
to the letter before it in  
the alphabet:*  
"Hpe mpwie uif xpsmfe tp nvdi  
uibu if hbwf ijt pomz tpo tp uibu  
fwtszpf xip cfmjfwft jo ijn nbz  
opu ejf cvu ibwf fufsobm mjg"  
kpio 3:16

**HOW LONG IS GOD'S LOVE?**  
*Cross out all the xxx to find out.*  
"Oxgxixvxtxhxaxnxksxtxox  
xxhxexLxoxrxdx,fxoxrxhxexi  
sxgxoxoxdx,xhxixsxsxtxexa  
dfxaxsxtxlxxvxxexn  
dxuxrxexsxxfxoxrx  
exvxxrx.  
pxsaxlxm  
136:1

# Good News

## Parish Magazine

### February 2011



## The Presentation of Christ in the Temple Candlemas

In bygone centuries, Christians said their last farewells to the Christmas season on Candlemas, 2nd 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.

*Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace :  
according to thy word.*

*For mine eyes have seen : thy salvation,*

*Which thou hast prepared :  
before the face of all people;*

*To be a light to lighten the Gentiles :  
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.*

## Candlemas

**Wednesday 2nd February**

All welcome to join in a short  
service, 9.05 - 9.20am in  
Eastling Church

## HEALING FROM THE INSIDE OUT

*A day for yourself*

**with Jennifer Rees Larcombe**

Saturday 26th February 2011,  
in Eastling Village Hall

*Jennifer Rees Larcombe has a fruitful and long-established  
prayer, healing, speaking and writing ministry.*

Visit [www.beautyfromashes.co.uk](http://www.beautyfromashes.co.uk) to find out  
more about Jennifer and her ministry.

Provisional timings are :

9.30 - 10.00	Registration and coffee
10.00 - 10.30	Welcome and worship
10.30 - 12.00	Part one of Jennifer's talk
12.00 - 12.45	Lunch
12.45 - 13.00	Worship
13.00 - 14.30	Part two of Jennifer's talk
14.30 - 15.00	Tea / coffee
15.00 - 16.00	Service with prayer for healing.

There will be plenty of opportunities to buy books written by Jennifer, there will also be a stall run by the Sittingbourne Christian bookshop.

The day is hosted by members of Eastling Church and, if you would like to reserve a place please contact Laura Lloyd, via The Rectory, Newnham Lane, Eastling, ME13 0AS. Tel: 01795 890487

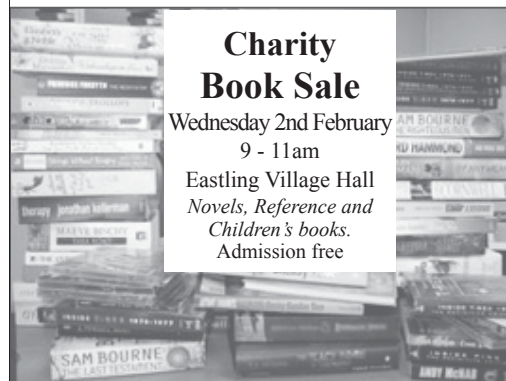
Cost is £5 per person - cheques payable to Eastling PCC.  
Tea and coffee provided, please bring your own lunch or include £1.50 if you would like soup.



## Charity Book Sale

**Wednesday 2nd February**  
9 - 11am

Eastling Village Hall  
Novels, Reference and  
Children's books.  
Admission free



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



## It is not enough to love – you need to be loved.

*Sometimes we can be inclined to give and give and give to others – without asking anything in return. We may think that this is a sign of generosity – of great strength. But it can also be one of pride – we want to be seen as the one who does not need help. Or it can be a sign of very low self-esteem – we do not think we are worth receiving anything from others.*

*Whatever the reason, when we keep giving, without also receiving, we put ourselves in danger – we will burn out quickly. It is as important to know when we need to TAKE attention and care, as when we need to give it to others. If you do not pay careful attention to your own needs – whether physical, emotional, mental or spiritual – you will not last the distance. If you want to remain a joyful giver for years to come, you need also to be a joyful taker – and accept God's love – given to you through other people.*

### Prayer Pointers

February 2011



<b>Sunday</b>	For your Blessing on the Churches in our benefice.
<b>Monday</b>	Those who are unwell and those who care for them.
<b>Tuesday</b>	Those who are suffering the devastation of flooding.
<b>Wednesday</b>	Caroline, Angela, Norman and Hugh.
<b>Thursday</b>	For the Healing Day to be held in Eastling this month.
<b>Friday</b>	Our armed forces, especially those serving abroad.
<b>Saturday</b>	For people who have lost their jobs, together with their self respect and hope.

## With Valentine's Day in mind, the Revd Dr Jo White considers the ways of expressing love....

A vicar once horrified a stranger whilst travelling up twelve floors with her in an office block lift by saying, 'How lovely to meet a fellow Christian'. 'What do you mean?' she replied, bewildered. 'Well you're wearing a crucifix, so I assumed you must be a Christian.' 'Oh, this,' lifting a large gold necklace she was wearing, 'this was my Grandmother's – I wondered what it was.'

So often we just take for granted that people know what we know about the Christian faith, and of course, in that case she clearly didn't.

As our thoughts turn to 'Love' in the month of February and St Valentine's Day, what symbol might you choose to express your love for someone? Perhaps a heart, a lipstick kiss, or even a hug? What colour would you choose for love? It is usually red – to remind us of our lifeblood. In fact, if you see stained glass in a church, the chances are that where red glass predominates the message is of sacrifice and ultimately of 'love'. Jesus, it is often said, showed his love by opening his arms wide upon the cross; and so the cross is our supreme symbol of God's love for each of us. A cross (no figure suspended) because Jesus is no longer held there, but rather has overcome death and is alive again. A crucifix (with a suspended figure) because here is Jesus paying the ultimate sacrifice for love of each one of us.



Give Lavishly

Live Abundantly



The more you give -  
the more you get.

The more you laugh -  
the less you fret.

The more you do unselfishly -  
the more you live abundantly.

The more of everything you share -  
the more you'll always  
have to spare.

The more you love,  
the more you'll find - that life  
is good and friends are kind.

For only what we give away,  
enriches us from day to day.

Helen Steiner Rice

### A Daily Thought through Lent

I thought it would be an excellent idea if the *Good News* has its own 'Lent Calender' and would really like to have suggestions for a daily 'thought' from you - the readers. We have 40 days to fill, 9th March to 23rd April, so a suggestion of a favourite bible reading, poem, prayer, quotation, 1st line of a hymn, even a small picture - something special to you.

The space for each day will be quite small, as this example shows, so we need little snippets to fit that space. Please send your suggestion to me, Hilary Harlow, at Pinks Farm, Eastling, phone 01795 890338 or email [goodnewsmagazine@me.com](mailto:goodnewsmagazine@me.com) I will need 20 by 15th February, for the March magazine and the rest by 15th March for the April issue. Don't be shy - please send in your 'Daily Thought' for others to enjoy.

*The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you and give you peace.*

### Eastling Church Flower Rota February 2011

5 / 6 Dorothy Reeve  
12/13 Philippa Wigdahl  
19/20 Nerys & Emma  
26/27 Nerys & Emma  
March 5/6 Pim & Andrew



## Newlyweds know each other better than older couples.

How well do you know your partner? It seems that the shorter time you have been married, the better you know their likes and dislikes. In a recent study, psychologists found that couples who have been together for an average of 40 years knew less about each other's likes and dislikes than those who have been together for only a year or two.

They believe that this is because at the start of a relationship, people pay more attention to each other. Years on, they take their partner for granted, and 'stop looking' at their partner in any detail. It was also found that couples who shared the same tastes made the best guesses about each other, regardless of age.

Try this quiz, to see how well you know some things about your spouse:

What is their current favourite music?

What is their current favourite TV programme or film?

Name three kinds of food that they best like.

What is your spouse's current favourite garment?

What colour would they most like in the bedroom?

In the living room?

Where would they most like to holiday this coming year?

What sort of furniture do they like? Dark? Light? Modern? Traditional?

If your spouse could do anything for a day, what would that be?

If your spouse is frightened of one thing, what is it?

What would be your spouse's 'dream' for the future?

## Eastling School News

**Going Green** - Many thanks for the donations towards our 'Phil the Bag' textile collection. We raised £185. This will be put towards 'Green' projects. Our next collection takes place in June, although donations can be stored at school if you would like to drop them off before then.

**Reading help** - Does anyone have an hour or two to spare each week? We would love to hear from you if you would like to listen to the children read. Contact the school office for more information (01795 890252).

**Leopards' Class** will be leading an assembly on the theme of Australia. This coincides with Australia Day on Wednesday, 26th January. Parents and friends will be welcome at 2.55pm in the school hall.

The school will be closed for a staff training day on Monday 31st January.

### Eastling Parish Council

At the Parish Council meeting held on 12th January 2011, the hedgerows in the parish was discussed and it was agreed to write to the landowners asking them to cut them back before the end of February.

There will be no increase in the precept for this year.

The new AONB (Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty) village signs should be erected during January.

Swale Borough Council will be providing display boards, showing details of developments in Swale to 2031, in Eastling Village Hall from 2nd to 4th February.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 16th March 2011 at 6.30pm in Eastling Village Hall.

Dates of future meetings are:

Annual Parish meeting – Thursday 28th April

Annual meeting – Wednesday 25th May

Residents are welcome to attend.

Jill Seaman, Clerk to the Council, [mick\\_seaman@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:mick_seaman@yahoo.co.uk)

### Eastling Neighbourhood Watch

Contact Nos

Parish /Village Warden 07794 010394

Crimestoppers 0800 555 111

Swale Police 01622 690690

Emergencies 999



It was reported that, on the Thursday 13th January, two springer spaniels were stolen from Syndale Farm, which is situated at the meeting of the Newnham Road/A2 roads. Please be aware and make sure your dogs are safe and if persons are seen taking an unusual interest in your dogs, please report it.

There are still strange telephone calls being directed at the village, with persons purporting to be security companies acting on behalf of banks because there is a problem with your account. Please do not be taken in by these calls and, under no circumstances, give your bank details over the telephone.

There is the usual problem with the amount of dogs' fouling being left on the local footpaths. It is the responsibility of the owner to clear up after their dog. The penalty is £100 for failing to do so and the ignominy of having their name printed in the local paper.

Whilst on the subject of dogs, a timely reminder that the lambing season is here, please to keep your dogs under control.

With Spring not too far away the birds will soon be nesting, so a reminder to have your hedges cut now, as March is too late. So, all you Gardeners and Farmers get cracking please. Some copper piping and a copper water tank were stolen from a garden in Prospect Place. Although time has passed on, if any person saw anything suspicious in the area around the middle of January, please report it.

Have a good month  
Alan

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Ever tried parking at the hospital?

This piece is for you!

The long search for a parking spot.

Ever look back on how you have spent your life?

Somewhere in all those years there will be a

YEAR of your life spent just looking for a parking spot.

Research among 9,000 drivers has found that drivers spend an average of more than six days a year searching for a parking space... they are simply circling streets and car parks.

If you then reckon a motorist drives for 50 years, the lost time adds up to 7,600 hours, or more than 45 weeks. The parking company NCP did the research.



## Services in our Churches

### 6th February Fifth before Lent

1 Corinthians 2. 1 - 12 [13 - end], Matthew 5. 13 - 20  
 Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)  
 Eastling 10 am Holy Communion (CW)  
 Stalisfield no service

### 13th February Fourth before Lent

1 Corinthians 3. 1 - 9, Matthew 5. 21 - 37  
 Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)  
 Stalisfield 10 am Holy Communion (CW)  
 Eastling 10.30 am Freestyle

### 20th February Third before Lent

1 Corinthians 3. 10 - 11, 16 - end, Matthew 5. 38 - end  
 Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)  
 Stalisfield 10 am Morning Prayer (BCP)  
 Eastling 10 am Morning Prayer (BCP)  
 Eastling 10 am S Club in Village Hall

### 27th February Second before Lent

Romans 8. 18 - 25, Matthew 6. 25 - end  
 Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)  
 Eastling 10 am Youngstyle  
 Stalisfield 10am Holy Communion (CW)

### 6th March Sunday next before Lent

2 Peter 1. 16 - end, Matthew 17. 1 - 9  
 Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)  
 Eastling 10 am Holy Communion (CW)  
 Stalisfield 10 am Morning Prayer

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

## Ministry in our Parishes

Priest in Charge  
 Reverend Caroline Pinchbeck (01795 890487)  
 The Rectory, Newnham Lane, Eastling  
 Faversham ME13 0AS  
 <caroline.pinchbeck575@btinternet.com>

Curate  
 Reverend Angela Cheeseman (01795 892124)  
 New House Farm, Eastling ME13 0BN

Reader  
 Norman Fowler (01795 890412)  
 4 Meesons Close, Eastling

Reader  
 Hugh Perks (01795 890603)  
 Weald Cottage, Eastling

#### Churchwardens

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

Stalisfield with Otterden  
 Martin Beckenham (01795 892079)

Parish Administrator Laura Lloyd (01795 890487)  
 eastlingchurch@googlemail.com (Monday & Friday mornings)

### From the Registers

#### Funeral

Reginald Eric BAKER  
 12th January 2011 at Stalisfield

### Midweek Groups

Tuesdays Bible study 7.30pm Pinks Farm  
 Wednesdays Morning Worship  
 9.05 - 9.20am Eastling Church  
 Thursday Prayer Group 10.30am Pinks Farm  
 All welcome.

Join us for

**SUNDAY  
 FREESTYLE**

13th February  
 10.30am  
 Eastling Church



**Always Show Mercy**

All ages welcome  
 Breakfast from 10am

### The Friends of Canterbury Cathedral GIANT BRING AND BUY SALE

Saturday 5th February 2011  
 In the Chapter House, Cathedral Precincts, Canterbury  
 10.30am to 1.30pm

*Pick up a bargain at The Friends' Giant Bring and Buy Sale!*

Labelled clothes, scarves, hats, belts and costume jewellery  
 Games, toys, books by subject, tombolas  
 Antiques, unwanted presents and bric a brac  
 Cakes, refreshments and much more.....

Please bring donated items to the Chapter House on Friday 4th February  
 from 2.30pm to 5.30pm or on the day from 9.30am  
 For information call The Friends' Office on 01227 865292

Normal Precincts charges apply  
 Registered charity number 256575



### Faversham Music Club Concert

Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School  
 Thursday 10th March at 7.30pm  
 The London Conchord Ensemble  
 perform on piano, flute, oboe, clarinet,  
 bassoon and French horn, works by  
 Mozart, Poulenc, Bridge and  
 Beethoven.

Tickets: £11 (£5.50 students), on the door  
 or contact Rodney Foord (01795 535937).



### YOGA

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## Dungeness

by Audrey Keen



Dungeness is famous for its pebbles, fishing, light house, power station and bird reserve. I like to visit Dungeness: it may not be glamorous, but it feels wild and free. I like to sit and watch the gulls as I feel the sun and hear the wind. And while I look out to sea, I envisage in my mind's eye the land that rises there across the channel, France. From France you could travel almost anywhere by foot, coach, car or train. I turn and look inward toward the marshes. I know that a small road journey will take me into countryside that is typically English, with little churches and running streams, lined by osier and reed. Further away, I can see the curvy hills and green pasture of the Downs, all with a back drop of blue and white sky. As

interesting and invigorating as these places are, I know that home is where I would always wish to be.

I'll paint a picture of the willow  
 Growing on the rise  
 And watch the sticky buds unfurl  
 Before my very eyes,  
 I'll shake the trembling catkins  
 And drink sweet drops of dew,  
 Or kiss the furrowed bark of oak  
 Bringing leaves anew. AIK

## Time2Give

Time2Give is Kent Libraries and Archives volunteering programme, offering opportunities at over 100 libraries across Kent. We welcome people of all ages from the Kent community and pay agreed out of pocket expenses, such as travel to the library.

The range of activities we offer is much wider than most people expect, from Computer Buddies to helping customers with IT, to library gardeners creating attractive reading gardens. Or from Knit and Natter volunteers to encourage and retain traditional crafts, to Home Library

Service couriers delivering books to those who are housebound, and to their carers.

Faversham Library vacancies include: Computer Buddies, Library Gardener (wild life garden), Home Library Service Couriers, Scrabble Club organiser, Talk Time, Local Sporting Heroes.

Further information, including our volunteer newsletter and volunteers own accounts of their Time2Give experience, can be found in the Libraries/Services For All section of the KCC website at [www.kent.gov.uk](http://www.kent.gov.uk), or contact Nicola Browne on 01622 696468, E [nicola.browne@kent.gov.uk](mailto:nicola.browne@kent.gov.uk)

### CALLING ALL WOULD-BE FARMERS THE WORLD NEEDS YOU!

We know the UK must become more self-sufficient in the production of food. At the present time we produce something like 60% of our needs. We are fortunate to have a strong farming (agriculture and horticulture) sector on which to build - however, we are already witnessing a skill shortage and predictions indicate that 60,000 new entrants will be required over the next ten years. Farming, for centuries our most important industry, is on the way up again - and necessarily so. We have to become more self-sufficient, there really isn't an alternative. In order to achieve this, the industry must attract more new entrants of the right calibre. Many, but not all, will be involved in a particular branch of farming - others will be concerned with research, marketing, agronomy and one of the other support services. Anyone who thinks they might possibly be interested in making a career in any branch of farming, or an associated

service, is invited to attend a friendly and informative

**Open Evening at  
 Hadlow College on**

**Thursday 10th February at 7pm.**

The programme will include opportunity to meet practising farmers from diverse sectors, ask questions, seek advice and generally evaluate the career opportunities farming offers.

Age and background are immaterial. This opportunity might interest those who are still at school - people who have been made redundant - or those seeking a change mid-career. Everyone is welcome.

A buffet supper (free of charge) will be served. For further information or to confirm attendance - please telephone SUE WHITE - 01732 853266.

Pat Crawford, press officer Hadlow College, can be contacted: 07771 635684 [pat.crawford@hadlow.ac.uk](mailto:pat.crawford@hadlow.ac.uk)





## Stalisfield Over 60s' Christmas Tea

Unfortunately the snow and icy underfoot conditions forced the cancellation of this event after a telephone poll concluded that the majority of people were not in favour of attending. This was a last minute decision which was prompted by the onset of an accumulation of fresh snow even as the tables were being laid. The combination of snow and ice made attendance too dangerous to risk.

The assembled "goodies" were distributed to the intended guests as well as possible under the circumstances, but the hoped for gathering for a good neighbourly get together was lost.

This is the second year running that snow and icy have caused the Over 60s' Tea to be abandoned and the thought arises that perhaps we should substitute the party at Christmas with something staged at a more favourable time. The Hall committee would welcome views on this.

## Eastling Carol Singing

A small but enthusiastic group of carol singers went round houses in the Street and nearby on a rainy but not too icy night on December 6th. Many thanks to them and the generosity of those whom the carol singers visited. Their contributions raised £106 for the overnight hostel, run by "Catching Lives", for the homeless over Christmas and the New Year. Angela Cheeseman.

## Eastling Short Mat Bowls

The Eastling Cherries played at home, against Macknade in the Swale league and they out played us, winning by 8 points to 6. We have not played any East Kent league games recently, but had two pairs taking part in the Boughton open competition on Saturday 8th January. Eileen Piles and Bryan Searly played two and won two, Nellie Potter and Roy Piles won three and lost one. The next day Nellie Potter, Barbara and Norman Addy took part in the Boughton Triples winning two and losing two, this was their first experience in playing a competitive game and they said they thoroughly enjoyed themselves. On that same Sunday, Brian Fisher, Chris Smith, and Eileen and Roy Piles took part in the Kent County unbadged fours at Strood (for members who have not got a County badge). They won three and lost two, not a bad result. Sunday 16th January saw Chris Smith and Roy Piles playing at Stood in the County Singles; Chris drew 1, won 1 and lost 1; Roy drew 1, won two, and got highest shots, so won the mat and goes through to the final on 17th April.

We wish Des Briggs (Hip replacement), Mick Nichol (knee replacement) and Mick Heath speedy recoveries after their operations. No - nothing to do with our sport! All the best to all readers. Roy Piles. 01795 537162.

## Eastling Senior Citizens

enjoyed a very successful Christmas Lunch in the village hall, on Tuesday 14th December. Forty three members sat down to a 3 course meal, with wine. The main guests for the afternoon were Mitch and Donna, licencees of the Carpenters Arms, who were warmly welcomed and thanked for the generous donation received from the Harvest Auction.

Our thanks also to Joan Webster, and her helpers, for preparing and cooking such an excellent meal.

Norman Neaves

## Painters Forstal with Ospringle WI

Tuesday 15th February  
Talk: Village Life  
by Revd. Mike Johnson  
Competition: Photo or card, of a village you have visited.  
2.15pm in Champion Hall  
Contact 01795 532756 for membership details.

Grandchildren don't make a man feel old; it's the knowledge that he's married to a grandmother.

## Charing and District Local History Society

Thursday 10th February

### FAMOUS WOMEN IN TUDOR and STUART KENT

An informative look at the social, economic and political position of some notable women in 16th and 17th century Kent. *Professor Jackie Eales*

To be held at 8pm in Charing Parish Hall, doors open at 7.45pm.

All welcome. Visitors £2.

Enquiries: Jennie Burgess (Hon Sec)  
01233 714639

## LEIGH MILES DANCE & FITNESS

### CLASSES Eastling Village Hall

**WEDNESDAYS**  
7.00pm BUMS, LEGS & TUMS  
8.00pm FIT DANCE

**THURSDAYS**  
9.15am FITNESS PILATES

5pm CHILDREN'S  
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01795 890149 or 07873 431952

## COFFEE Pop-In

Open Wednesdays, 9 - 11am  
in Eastling Village Hall  
No charge, toddlers welcome.

Home made Cake sales will be on  
2nd February and 2nd March.  
Books for sale most weeks.  
Contact number is 01795 890338.

## FRIENDS of EASTLING SCHOOL

We have some great events planned for this term, starting with the Eastling School 'Valentine's Disco' on Friday 11th February - 6pm to 8pm. Tickets on sale soon.

Shrove Tuesday is on 8th March when the children will take part in pancake races (parents are welcome to join in!) Pancakes will be on sale during the afternoon with a variety of toppings.

The Easter Raffle and Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Thursday 7th April. Details to follow next month.

Advance notice that the School Fete will be held on Sunday 10th July.

Second Hand uniform always available - please let me know your requirements.

Jill Seaman, FOES Publicity, 01795 890252.

## GRAZING WANTED

For horses,  
preferably within 5 miles of Eastling.  
If you can help please call Bev  
on 01795 890705  
or 0775 283 0979

## Need some Spare Cash?

Interested in ironing bedding for our holiday let?

We are looking for somebody from Eastling or Painters Forstal, pay commercial rates and can drop off/ pick up the ironing.

Please call Christina for more information  
**01795 890264**

## Eastling Gardeners' Club

meets on Thursday  
24th March,  
at 7.30 pm in the village hall,  
for a talk on

### 'the butterfly and wildlife garden'

Followed by homemade nibbles and wine.  
Renew your annual subscription for £5 or come as a non-member for £2.50

## Otterden WI

Come and join us at Stalisfield Village Hall on Wednesday 2nd February 7.30 for our Craft Evening, we will have different arts and crafts for people to participate in, Cross Stitch, Drawing, Painting & Beading. Refreshments supplied by the WI.

We are now starting a bric-a-brac table at every meeting so if you have any unwanted items that you would like to donate to the table they are most welcome. Hope Everyone is well and look forward to seeing you all on the 2nd, New Faces ALWAYS welcome.

Rebecca Ward, Publicity Officer:  
01795 890071

## Ex Puddleducks Playgroup Equipment

We have a variety of equipment for sale including:

Free standing wooden Climbing Frame with slide and platform  
20 Plastic metal framed, pre-school size, chairs (red & blue)  
Trampoline - yellow with metal frame  
3 plastic shelf units - 4 shelves incl. Top  
Yellow plastic seesaw  
Set of 3 tier stacking crates on casters  
Assorted toddler tricycles and bikes

For further details contact Jill Seaman on 01795 890519 or email [jill.bs@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jill.bs@hotmail.co.uk)

## EASTLING VILLAGE HALL

To book ring Julia Bailey  
on 01795 890746



A beautiful hall in a lovely village location for your wedding, club, sports or meetings.  
The large hall has pretty grounds, car parking, meeting rooms and fully equipped facilities for professional or self-catering occasions.

## Eastling Village Walking Group



Around 20 potential walkers gathered in the Carpenters Arms on 19th January, for an exploratory meeting to form a walking group.

Folk decided to hold fortnightly walks, on Wednesdays, of about 2 hours duration; some local, some further a field.

The first walk will start from Eastling village hall car park at 10.30am, on Wednesday 2nd February. Everyone welcome, wear suitable footwear, dogs on leads. Please contact Harry, on 01795 890703, to book a ploughman's lunch in the pub after the walk.

## Cash Found

A small amount of cash has been found on the footpath adjacent to Eastling churchyard gate. Please phone Norman on 890412, to claim.

## February 2011

|                                     |            |                          |
|-------------------------------------|------------|--------------------------|
| 2nd Charity Book Sale               | 9 - 11am   | Eastling Village Hall    |
| 2nd Cakes at Pop-In                 | 9 - 11am   | Eastling Village Hall    |
| 2nd Candlemas Service               | 9.05am     | Eastling Church          |
| 2nd Wednesday Walkers               | 10.30am    | Eastling Village Hall    |
| 2nd Otterden WI                     | 7.30pm     | Stalisfield Village Hall |
| 2nd - 4th Swale development display |            | Eastling Village Hall    |
| 10th History Society                | 8pm        | Charing Parish Hall      |
| 11th School Valentine's Disco       | 6 - 8pm    | Eastling School          |
| 13th Sunday Freestyle               | 10.30am    | Eastling Church          |
| 15th DEADLINE for March Good News   |            |                          |
| 15th Ospringle WI                   | 2.15pm     | Champion Hall            |
| 16th Coffee Club                    | 11am       | Champion Hall            |
| 20th S Club                         | 10am       | Eastling Village Hall    |
| 22nd Magazine Folding               | 2pm        | Pinks Farm               |
| 26th Healing Study                  | 10am - 4pm | Eastling Village Hall    |
| 27th Youngstyle                     | 10am       | Eastling Church          |

## Deadline for March 2011 Good News

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