

Eastling School News

February is usually a very exciting month for children at the school. Our Health and Healthy Choices week will come to a close at the start of the month with a visit from Billingsgate Fish market to tell us all about the local fish types available. We've even got the Quantum Theatre coming along to perform their science based play "Invasion of the Summer Puddings" which is about the perils of making the wrong food decisions in early life. The full range of our after school activities continue after school with the ever popular Youth clubs, Cinema Club, Art and craft and Sports operating during the week.

FOES have a Wine and Wisdom scheduled for the 7th February - we'd be delighted to see teams from the villages in this fun evening when the full quota of topic quizzes will be available. We'd also like to point out that 11th February is "Safer Internet" day and that the school is able to provide information and guidance to anyone in the community concerned about their own or others' safety on the internet.

The school has a short break in the middle of February with half term (or end of Term 3) falling on from 3.20pm on Friday 14th February through until the morning of Monday 24th. Even so, we are running our "Valentine's Day Disco" straight after the end of term on the 14th February between 6 and 8pm for children who attend the school.

Our return to school is on Monday 24th February, from 9am giving us a week before the start of March although all our after-school activities will be available from the Monday evening.

If any parents out in the community haven't picked it up, the school has recently refurbished its library and is keen to encourage any pre-school children to utilise it if it is more convenient than travelling all the way down to Faversham - come along on a Tuesday evening between 3.30 and 4.20 to get your very own library card!



What you have in common with a woodcarving

Woodcarving isn't as straightforward as it seems. You draw a plan of what you want to carve, and only when you've got that right do you start to shape your piece of wood.

The carver works his block with his plan alongside it. He cuts away those bits of wood that he doesn't want and shapes what is left until it more closely resembles that original plan. Only when the design on the wood and the paper plan are identical has the carver finished his job. He's then made exactly what he'd hoped for, while working all along from that original plan.

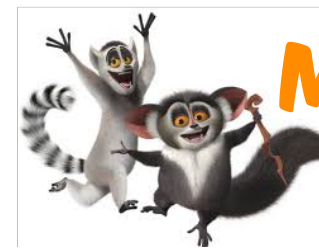
It's the same for our lives. God is the master carpenter. As we go through life,

God shapes us, cutting away those bits of us that he doesn't want and which would spoil what he wants us to look like: Jesus. But there's one big difference between a human being and a block of wood. The wood has to sit impassively on the carver's bench while he works at it. It cannot help the process along and has no idea what's happening to it.

God hopes that we will help him in the process of being shaped into his pattern. That's why we read the Bible and worship and pray: only when we have some idea of what he wants us to be can we cooperate in the process. However often we get it wrong and fail, there is one promise we have. God will never give up on us, until he has shaped us into exactly what he planned for us to be all along.



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Good News Parish Magazine February 2014

The news magazine for the parishes of Eastling, Stalisfield with Otterden, and Throwley

The Canon’s Column

What would our society be like if only half of the children were able to go to school? Can you imagine the gulf between the lives of those who were educated and those who had no education? Until the 1850’s, that was quite typical of life here in Kent and in England as a whole.

Education has been an important constituent of the equalization of standards in our society. It has made it possible for the UK to become one of the top countries in the world and all of us want the best education possible for our children.

Kathy Lucking, a school teacher from Canada, saw how much children in Madagascar wanted education. Madagascar is one of the poorest countries in Africa and a very small percentage of children have the opportunity for any education, even basic literacy and numeracy. She worked with her church and raised funds in Canada to build a small school starting with 50 children. The Madagascar School Project (MSP) now runs schools in two communities with about 500 students from primary level to teenagers. In a year and a half of concentrated study, many of the teenagers have been able to pass the Madagascar national standards for their level in their basic subjects.

A great Canadian philanthropist of the 1880’s through to 1910, Sir William Macdonald, saw the need for a three pronged focus in rural development for the growth of the fledgling country of Canada, with over 60% of its population rural and agricultural. He established schools and colleges in four

different provinces to train young people in agriculture, household science and teaching. He believed that the future would be based on good education, effective modern farming practices plus good nutrition and household management. The institutions he founded are still running and contributing to Canadian life and prosperity.

The MSP focuses on educating children, but children need to be fed and healthy to learn effectively, so there are school gardens to raise food for the school meal programme. Parents and older children contribute and help in the school gardens. The older girls also have the opportunity to learn sewing and knitting and then contribute to the schools by making the uniforms.

Kathy Lucking stopped here in our Benefice recently while on her way to Madagascar. She spoke at Freestyle at Eastling and generated considerable interest in the project.

Take time to explore the MSP’s website at www.MadagascarSchoolProject.com. Look through the various pages and taste the flavour of this adventure in education – it is making a difference in the lives of children and communities.

You may want to be part of this adventure by supporting the programme and receiving regular updates. We are looking at ways we can do this effectively. If you would like to be part of this project, please contact Canon Donald or Norma Lawton at The Rectory, 01795 890487.

One of the things I have always believed in is that we can, through our faith and action, through our commitment and generous spirit, make a difference in people’s lives. Kathy Lucking is such an obvious example of this.

Blessings,
Canon Donald J. Lawton

Deanery Confirmation Service


The Deanery Confirmation service will be held this year in St. Michael’s Church, Hernhill, on Tuesday, 4th March, in the evening, time to be announced. Many people from other parishes came to support the candidates at the service in June in Eastling Church, it would be wonderful to have Christians from our Benefice there to support the candidates and the people of St Michael’s Church as they host this year’s service.

LENT 2014

Lent is a season of preparation for Easter, a time of self examination and renewal as we get ready to celebrate the most important event in history, the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Our Lenten journey will begin with the Ash Wednesday service on 5th March at 7.30p.m. in the Throwley Church.

This is our story

The diocese of Canterbury’s Lenten program this year is entitled **This is our Story** and is a series of 5 studies working through Acts, chapters one and two. It would be great if we could have at least one house group in each parish in the benefice either in an afternoon or evening. For those we will need several leaders. If you think you would like to lead one of the groups, please contact Canon Lawton on 01795 890487. A leaders’ preparation evening is scheduled for Thursday, February 13th, 7.30 – 9p.m. at St. John’s School, Maidstone.

24-7 PRAYER

Prayer, Mission and Justice

Faversham Churches hold a week of prayer.

During February Half Term (16th - 23rd) Faversham’s churches are uniting in for one week of continual prayer for our town and its people, also giving people the opportunity to request prayer for specific needs. The week begins with a **United Service at St Mary of Charity on Sunday 16th February** at 6pm and will conclude with a **Service of Celebration & Testimony on Sunday 23rd February at 6pm.**

Prayer requests can be posted through the post box of 7 Middle Row or through the website: www.dochurch.org.uk. If you would like to sign up for an hour slot to go to the prayer room and pray, please contact Revd Tracey Bateson on 01795 533272. The Prayer room is secure and safe and during the week of 24/7 prayer it will be full of resources to help stimulate prayer. Further details of the week are available on www.dochurch.org.uk.

Eastling Neighbourhood Watch

Village Warden tel no 0779 401 0394 or 01795 890848
Crimestoppers 0800 555111
Swale Police 101 Emergency 999

Three vehicle break-ins have occurred during January; in Newnham Lane, Meesons Close and Glebe Cottages, where both tools and clothing were stolen. If anyone has any further information on these crimes please either contact the police or let me know and I will pass on any information. A couple of distressing incidents have occurred in the Otterden area over the past month, where the carcasses of animals have been dumped in the fields, please contact me if you have any information on this or of any vehicles in the area which look suspicious. Telephone calls have been received in the village area informing folk that their computer has a virus and the caller would gladly help you out on this matter for payment. It means giving them access to your computer so please **put the phone down on them**, any problems please give me a call. Trading Standards have been advised about these callers and will be taking the necessary action. Walking through the village I did notice how much dog fouling there was on the pavements. This is not very nice so I would request that owners please clear up after their animals. There is a fine of £80 available if one does not want to comply.

Have a good month
Take care, Alan

A huge Wedding Thank You

The Carrotte and Bailey families would like to extend a massive thank you to all of the Eastling villagers who helped so much to make Elly’s and Phil’s wedding day such a success. Caroline and Donald for a beautiful service, Andrew Baxter for playing the organ and the Eastling choir for leading the singing, the church flower arrangers and brass cleaners who made the church look so wonderful, Mitch and his staff for excellent catering, Circo Rum Ba Ba for their brilliant performances, the rural leaders who organised the car parking and Polly and Dave at the Carpenters Arms who laid on pre wedding sandwiches. We were delighted that so many guests turned out to attend the service and/or reception on such a horrible day in weather terms. Thank you to you all. *Graham and Julia Bailey.*



THANK YOU

Pim and Andrew would like to thank the Christmas Choir for all their hard work and support towards the carol services over the years - some of you have been with us almost since the beginning, in 1973. The feedback from this year’s service was fantastic and the church has never been fuller, nor the congregation in such fine and lusty voice! Thank you too for the wonderful presentation to us both on Christmas Eve. For those who wish to book ahead, practices for this year’s Carol Service will begin on Sunday 9th November!

Thank you to everyone who made the church look so spectacular for Christmas and for Eleanor’s and Philip’s wedding on the 21st December, especially to those who arranged the flowers so magnificently and also to those who helped to polish the brasses and made the church spick and span for the celebrations. Your help is very much appreciated. As the New Year begins, please can I also thank everyone who has contributed to the church by doing flower arrangements throughout last year. Thanks to you, Eastling Church always looks welcoming and beautiful. *Bay Lees*

Eastling Church

February 2014 Flower Rota

2nd, 9th & 16th Bay Lees
23rd & March 2nd Steph Youle

The second in a 12-part series to mark the Centenary of the beginning of the First World War.

The Great War: GALLANT LITTLE BELGIUM

By David Winter

The posters were everywhere. Lord Kitchener, eyes blazing and finger pointing imperiously, proclaimed ‘Your country needs YOU!’ And up and down the land during those first anxious months of the Great War young men, often urged on by families and girl friends, responded by lining up at recruitment offices in order to enlist in the Army. Those who didn’t, for whatever reason, were in danger of receiving a white feather in an anonymous envelope, the badge of cowardice.



Most, like my own father, needed no such urging. For him, as he would explain to the end of his life, the war was a moral duty in defence of ‘gallant little Belgium’, which had been invaded by the German army on its way, it hoped, to northern France. Britain was bound by its treaty obligations - the famous Entente Cordiale- to share in the defence of France, so (as my father and millions of others saw it) there was a solemn duty to keep our promises.

That is not, of course, necessarily the way history sees things, but I am sure that most of those young men who queued up to volunteer did it for one of two reasons, or, more probably, both of them: patriotism and public pressure. Crowds cheered the young recruits as they marched off to training camps. It would, everyone confidently asserted, ‘all be over by Christmas’. Defeat was unthinkable. These young men - many of them barely fit, through poor diet or unhealthy backgrounds - would face up to the Kaiser’s hordes and crush them. At that point, the country was not an unwilling participant in war, but totally committed to it.

In the event, the euphoria didn’t last long - indeed, barely as far as Christmas. The German army, well-drilled and equipped, simply barged its way across Belgium. There were bloody battles at Ypres and Mons, but it was the Germans who did the crushing and the Allies - British and French - who did the retreating.

However hard they fought, at each point where the generals drew a line and said ‘no further’, the German army simply paused for breath and then swept on. Casualties on both sides were high, and slowly the truth began to filter into the public consciousness at home.

This war would not be short; it would not be easily won; and it would be desperately costly.

Services in our Churches

Ministry in our Parishes

2nd February Candlemas
Malachi 3. 1 - 5, Hebrews 2. 14 - end, Luke 2. 22 - 40
Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)
Eastling 10 am Holy Communion (CW)
Stalisfield 10 am Holy Communion (CW)

9th February 4th Sunday before Lent
Isaiah 58. 1-9a, 1Corinthians 2. 1-12 (13-end), Matthew 5. 13-20
Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)
Throwley 10 am Holy Communion (CW)
Eastling 10.30 am Freestyle

16th February 3rd before Lent
Deuteronomy 30. 15-end, 1Corinthians 3. 1-9, Matthew 5. 21-37
Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)
Eastling 10 am Morning Prayer (BCP)
Stalisfield 10 am Holy Communion (CW)

23rd February 2nd before Lent
Genesis 1.1 - 2.3, Romans 8. 18 - 25, Matthew 6. 25 - end
Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)
Eastling 10 am Youngstyle
Throwley 10 am Holy Communion (BCP)

2nd March Sunday before Lent
Exodus 24. 12 - end, 2 Peter 1. 16 - end, Matthew 17. 1 - 9
Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)
Eastling 10 am Holy Communion (CW)
Stalisfield 10 am Holy Communion (CW)

5th March Ash Wednesday
Throwley 7.30 pm Holy Communion (CW)

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

Priest of Revd Canon Donald J. Lawton (01795 890487)  
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Reverend Angela Cheeseman (01795 892124)  
New House Farm, Eastling ME13 0BN

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4 Meesons Close, Eastling

Reader Hugh Perks (01795 890603)  
Weald Cottage, Eastling

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Audrey Smith (01795 890469)  
**Parish Administrator** Janet Payne (01795 890487)  
E mail: eastlingchurch@gmail.com

**Stalisfield with Otterden**  
Jean West (01233 712270)  
Gillian Wallace (01233 714904)  
**Parish Administrator** Sheila Moger (01233 713212)  
E mail samhawksnest@aol.com

**Throwley** Barbara Elliott (01795 890020)  
Maggie Scutt (01795 890312)

From the Registers

**Funeral**  
Brian Coppins  
6th January 2014 Cremation at Charing

Midweek Groups

Tuesdays: monthly, Study Group - 11th February  
10am at Garden Cottage, Newnham Lane.

Tuesdays: weekly, Study Group 7.30pm Pinks Farm

Thursdays: weekly, Prayer Group 10.30am Pinks Farm

*You will be welcome at any of our groups.*

**Women's World Day of Prayer**  
Friday 7th March  
Service starts at 2pm in the Gospel Mission in Tanners Street, Faversham.  
Everyone welcome.  
This year's service is written by the women of Egypt:  
**Streams in the Dessert**

**Waiting and Ready**  
(Luke chapter 2, verses 25-35)  
Waiting for fulfilment of a promise,  
Waiting to see the longed-for light,  
Waiting in devotion of a lifetime,  
Simeon, trusting God to keep his word.  
Ready for the prompting of the Spirit,  
Ready for the revelation joy  
Mixed with cross-shaped shadows of the future,  
Simeon, holding Mary's God-filled boy.  
*By Daphne Kitching*



Jesus presented at the Temple



Lest we Forget

*by Audrey Keen*  
Mary Bayley loved her home, her garden and her wild birds. In days gone by, my aunt and I would accompany Mary to her house after church. We drank tea, ate scones and Victoria sponge and talked of gardens and life. In her younger days Mary worked on her embroidery and, when complete, it was good enough to exhibit, although I don't think she ever did. Mary was a kind and gentle person, and she loved animals. When I first moved to Stalisfield with my parents and sister in 1959, I remember Mary's father would often walk past our cottage with their black and white collie. Much later Mary had a King Charles spaniel called Lucy, but many, many years before all this she had a ginger cat called Rufus. Mary's mother died in 1937 so she lived with her father until he died some years later. They lived at Old School House surrounded by the countryside she loved. Mary died on the 26th February 2011, aged 102.

*And though the frost  
Will not release its hold  
Upon the earth,  
And cold unwanted leaves  
Are wedged by this  
Inside the track,  
The February sun sends  
Yellow light into the wood  
Where bluebells aim to triumph  
Over winter into spring. AIK*

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**Explaining romantic attraction**  
A man said to his wife one day, "I don't know how you can be so stupid and so beautiful all at the same time."  
The wife responded, "Allow me to explain. God made me beautiful so you would be attracted to me; God made me stupid so I would be attracted to you!"



**LENT EVENT**  
**Reflections on the role of women in the Catholic Church**  
**Women in the early church**  
Thursday March 6<sup>th</sup>, 7.30pm  
*Speaker:* Fr Wilfrid McGreal, Our Lady of Mount Carmel

**What now for women in the church following the election of Pope Francis?**  
Wednesday March 12<sup>th</sup>, 7.30pm  
*Speaker:* Professor Tina Beattie, Professor of Catholic Studies at Roehampton University.

**What can the Church learn about women's roles from the Anglican experience?**  
Thursday March 20<sup>th</sup>, 7.30pm  
*Speaker:* Canon Clare Edwards, Canon pastor Canterbury diocese .  
**Venue:** The Welcome Centre, Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Tanners Street, Faversham

We look forward to welcoming you to this special event for Lent. For more information, please contact Hazel Colyer, email [hazel.colyer@gmail.com](mailto:hazel.colyer@gmail.com)

**FRIENDS of EASTLING SCHOOL**  
Our next event is the  
**'Wine and Wisdom'**  
on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February starting at 7.30pm in the School Hall.  
Why not come along to pit your wits against other teams!! The cost is £5 each, tables of 6 - 8 people, which includes wine, soft drinks & nibbles.  
The children's Valentine Disco will be on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 6pm to 8pm. Tickets are £2.50 each or £5.00 a family. Wear something pink or red!  
**Future Events:** Pancake Day - Shrove Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March. Come along to watch the children pancake racing at 2.40pm. Pancakes will be sold at 50p each with a topping of your choice.  
FOES Breakfast - Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March from 8.40am to 9.15am. Come along to join us to enjoy warm croissants and tea or coffee.  
Jill Seaman, 01795 890252.

**EASTLING PARISH COUNCIL**  
The Parish Council met on 8th January 2014 when the state of the roads, which have numerous potholes requiring repair, was discussed. The precept was set for 2014/15 at a small increase to 18p. Dates of meetings for the coming year were agreed:  
The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Thursday 24th April 2014 at 8pm in the village hall: The Annual Meeting on Wednesday 21st May and regular meetings on 9th July, 3rd September, 11th November, 7th January 2015 and 11th March 2015. All meetings commence at 6.30pm unless otherwise stated.  
The next meeting of Eastling Parish Council will be on Wednesday 12th March 2014 at 6.30pm in Eastling Village Hall. Residents are always welcome to attend any meeting.  
Jill Seaman, Clerk to the Council  
[jseaman444@btinternet.com](mailto:jseaman444@btinternet.com)

*Get those little grey cells working at a*  
**QUIZ**  
*in Eastling Village Hall*  
*on Saturday 5th April at 7.30pm.*  
*£5 per head - teams of 6/8*  
*In aid of Village Hall funds*  
*Bring your own drink and nibbles*  
*Please call Sue on 890254 to book.*





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

At Sutton Valence School  
Pictures and Crafts on  
exhibition and for sale  
Saturday 29th March 11am to 6pm  
Sunday 30th March 10am to 5pm  
Entrance £1 at the door - Refreshments will  
be available  
All proceeds go to Rotary Charities  
For further information call:  
Derek Lamb (01622 890650)  
Or Bob Taylor (01233 756379)  
Or visit: [www.wealdofkentrotary.org.uk](http://www.wealdofkentrotary.org.uk)

## LIVE MUSIC

Local band  
'Under The Wood'  
will be playing at the  
Carpenters Arms on  
Saturday evening,  
1st February.



## TAIZÉ

Taizé is a great place for young people to:  
• explore questions of faith  
• find God in their lives  
• meet people from all over the world

One of the most enriching trips I have ever made was to the community of Taizé in France. Taizé is situated in the middle of France, just north of Lyon. It is a community of Monks that seek to live a life of prayer and reconciliation and to provide a welcome to all, but especially to young people. It therefore combines both the feel of a religious monastery and a very large youth camp. I found it a remarkable experience, a place that fosters an atmosphere of searching and questioning about God, faith and what it means to be a human being.

## A young person's trip to Taizé 14th - 23rd June 2014

I am part of a small group with the Diocese of Canterbury that is preparing to take a group to Taizé 14<sup>th</sup> June to 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2014. The cost of the trip will be between £160 - £200, depending on your individual circumstances. The trip is designed for young people 18 - 30.

For more information please contact Alex Bienfait 01580 291454, or follow the link on the Canterbury Diocesan Website: [www.canterburydiocese.org](http://www.canterburydiocese.org)

## Eastling Short Mat Bowls

On 3rd December the Eastling Cherries played at home against Newington, winning 10 points to 4 points. The match on 17th December did not have a good start to the evening, for in the door came the Teynham team. Just as I said "We are not due to play you", the Borden team came in, so Teynham had to go home and the match got under way; we drew 7 points to 7 against a very good Borden team.  
Into 2014 and we played away at Whitstable on 12th January, sadly going down on both mats - 6 points to them. Two days later it was a different story when they came to Eastling, we won on both mats giving us 6 points.  
Roy played on January 4th at Boughton open pairs competitions, but Eileen was not

well so he had to borrow a spare lady from the Boughton club, to fulfill the fixture.

We are still looking for new members to have a go at short mat bowls; afternoon's 2.30 to 4.30 pm, evenings 7.30 to 9.30pm in the village hall. No experience needed, just learn the game with a friendly club.

## Angel

*First man (proudly): 'My wife's an angel!'*

*Second man: 'You're lucky, mine's still alive.'*



## Otterden and Stalisfield W.I.

Happy New Year to All. We have more visits programmed in our itinerary for this year, as new hall being built.  
Our February meeting is being held in The Harrow at Warren Street, on Wednesday 5th February, when local Poultry Expert Jane Boorman will be speaking on 'My Life with Chickens'.  
We welcome new members, so please contact Kim Curtis for details on 01795 890691.



## The Painters Forstal COFFEE CLUB

Join us in Whitehill Chapel,  
11 am - 12.30pm on 26th February.  
All welcome.



## Craft Club

There is no meeting of the Painters Forstal Craft Club in February but we will meet on Wednesday 19th March 2014 at 11.15am - 1.15pm in the Small Room of Champion Hall, Painter's Forstal. We have an exciting programme for 2014. Please come along and join us. Cost of session is £3 with refreshments and home made cake.  
For further information please call pat on 01795 539629.

## NEED A BABYSITTER?

Reasonable rates, reliable service.  
References available.  
Alice Whitehead 07834 258307

## HELP NEEDED with ANIMALS (Pony and dog)

Approximately one hour a day.  
Would suit someone on the school run.

Please call 01795 890737  
for more details.

## Eastling Seniors' Christmas Lunch

### Thank You

Arthur and June would like to say a big *Thank You* for our pensioners' Christmas lunch, thank you Pam. I would like to thank Barbara, Hilary, Sylvia and Norman for visiting me in hospital, also thank you to Eileen and Keith for all your help.  
June Showell

Although it seems ages ago, a big thank you to all who came and all who helped in so many ways with the Eastling Seniors' Christmas Lunch on 12th December.

We had a record number of guests - sixty enjoyed a wonderful lunch at the village hall and four meals being delivered to those not well enough to attend.

Plans are already in hand for this year's Christmas Lunch and we look forward to seeing you all again.

Dorothy, Marion, Pam and Patti.

## Painters Forstal with Selling W.I.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 18th February 2.15pm - 4pm at Champion Hall, Painter's Forstal. The speaker will give a talk on

### Dover Castle.

Please come along and join us, we have an interesting programme arranged for the forthcoming year.

Membership enquiries please ring Bobbie on 01795 532756 or email [patyounger@sky.com](mailto:patyounger@sky.com)



## 'Singing for the Soul'

on Wednesday afternoons from 1.45 to 3.00pm at Newnham Village Hall.

There will be 5 sessions from 5th March but you can join at any time. No previous experience needed. Simple songs and chants to lift the spirits and soothe the soul. Cost is £3.50 per session (includes tea & biscuits). For more information please contact: Lis Bayford on 01795 886392 [music@cantiana.co.uk](mailto:music@cantiana.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 Gardeners' Club

### New Year's Party

Around 40 people, members and guests of the Eastling Gardeners' Club, welcomed in the New Year with a party at the village hall on Saturday, 11th January. There was a welcome glass of mulled wine to begin with before Andrew Higgs of Eastling Wines provided a wine tasting. The wines varied as did their country of origin and were greatly appreciated, especially due to Andrew's expertise and professionalism. The evening closed with a delicious buffet meal, again with wine, which members and guests had provided. A collection, taken during the evening in aid of the Maranatha Trust, which is providing pre-school facilities in Swartland, South Africa, raised over £100.

Eastling Gardeners' Club meets on Thursday, 13th March at 7.30 p.m. in the village hall for a talk by Malcolm Withnall - 'Pruning of Garden Fruit Trees and Shrubs' Followed by wine and homemade nibbles.

Also plants for sale

Members are free, guests pay £3

Happy New Year  
Clive Jolliffe



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|-----------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| 4th Mobile Library                | 10.50 - 11.05am   | Glebe Cottages         |
| 5th Otterden W.I.                 | 7.30pm            | The Harrow, Warren St. |
| 6th Mobile Library                | 11.55am - 12.10pm | Throwley Forstal Green |
| 7th Wine and Wisdom               | 7.30pm            | Eastling School        |
| 9th FreeStyle                     | 10.30am           | Eastling Church        |
| 11th Monthly Study Group          | 10am              | Garden Cottage         |
| 11th Safer Internet day           | Eastling School   |                        |
| 14th School Valentine Disco       | 6pm               | Eastling School        |
| 15th Deadline for March Good News | See below         |                        |
| 18th Mobile Library               | 10.50 - 11.05am   | Glebe Cottages         |
| 18th Painters Forstal W.I.        | 2.15pm            | Champion Hall          |
| 20th Mobile Library               | 11.55am - 12.10pm | Throwley Forstal Green |
| 23rd Madagascar Adventure         | 10am              | Eastling Church        |
| 25th Magazine Folding             | 2pm               | Pinks Farm             |
| 26th Coffee Club                  | 11am              | Champion Hall          |
| MARCH 5th Ash Wednesday Service   | 7.30pm            | Throwley Church        |
| 13th Gardeners' Club              | 7.30pm            | Eastling Village Hall  |
| 19th Craft Club                   | 11.15am           | Champion Hall          |

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