

St Mary's Church presents...

# CAFESTYLE

Sunday 22nd February  
10am - 11am  
Eastling Village Hall

A creative time of worship:  
Church in a Café setting.  
worship discussion reflection  
prayer fellowship

Tea, coffee & gummy nibbles will be available throughout the service, which will include sung worship, times of prayer, with opportunities for discussion & reflection, and space for the youngest & oldest to worship altogether

## Creative children of all ages needed:

Saturday morning.  
14th March.  
10.30am - 12.00 midday  
March 15th is Mothering Sunday and we would love some help from local children to make posies for all our mums- young and old. If you interested please come to Eastling Church at 10.30am on Saturday 14th. Any donations of wild or garden flowers would be much appreciated. Bay Lees (01795 892036) and Catherine Ochs

Has anyone any old vases or other suitable vessels that they would like to donate to the church for flower arranging, please? They would be very gratefully accepted by our wonderful team of flower arrangers. Please contact Bay on 01795 892036 or leave in the church porch with a note.

## Eastling Church Flower Rota

February 2015

1st - Steph Youle  
8th & 15th - Janet Wood  
22nd - Lent - no flowers



## A sincere thank you

goes out to all who were involved in making the recent Youth Alpha program a success, especially to Murray Wilkinson, the diocesan Young People's Advisor. I would especially like to thank all those who cooked a meal or provided food, those who provided transportation and the team of leaders without whose talents it would not have been possible to run the program, and the Eastling PCC for your support and prayers. Thanks also to the young people who came regularly; you are the church of today and we hope you will continue to be curious, to ask questions and grow in your faith. Please bring your questions to any one of us. Watch for future programs that we hope will interest you.

Norma Lawton



## Eastling School News

For such a short month (with a term break in the middle between 14th February and 23rd February) Eastling School continues to provide a wealth of enrichment and curriculum opportunities for its pupils.

By the 3rd February our Sport programme, introducing a different sport each week, will have moved beyond providing Volleyball across the school onto the next exciting installment, probably "Bat and Trap"!

National Story Telling week will take place between 2nd February and the 9th, so we'll be accepting all those tales of homework being eaten by dogs as well as visiting our own favourite stories and books in our superb library. Clubs are already running every night at the school with Youth Club on Mondays, Loom Bands on Tuesdays, Football and Colouring on Wednesdays (Not at the same time!), Art and Craft on Thursdays (hopefully to be joined by a lacrosse club after the mid term break) and our ever popular cinema club on a Fridays.

FOES have some special events lined up for the children including a Valentine's Disco on February 13th between 6 and 8pm, whilst Leopards' Class will be sharing their

thoughts in an assembly on the same morning. Villagers may also spot the giant GIST lorry arriving at the school on 9th February which is part of our road safety training.

At the end of the month we resume our swimming sessions down at the Faversham Pool with our Lions class being transported on a weekly basis from 25th Feb.

New entrants to the school are now starting their induction programme with us - it's not too late to ask for a place for a pre-school child and we're keen that local children should benefit from our fantastic school - not only recently ranked in the Telegraph Top 20 schools for the year, but also in receipt of a letter from Rt. Hon. David Laws M.P. and the Minister of State for Schools, congratulating us as our small village school has been recognised as within the 100 top performing schools in the country, based upon sustained improvement in attainment at level 4 or above in reading, writing and mathematics each year from 2012-2014. This reflects the academic success that can be achieved from a school where children are valued and whose happiness is uppermost in the ever changing swirl of Government targets and league tables.

# LEN 2015

begins

ASH WEDNESDAY 18th FEBRUARY

Service at 7.30pm in Eastling Church

The 40 days before Easter are called **LENT**. Lent is a time for Christians to pray, read the bible and turn to God.

**Mouse Makes**  
"Draw near to God"  
James 4:8

The first day of Lent is **ASH WEDNESDAY**  
It is a day of **repentance**, a day for saying **sorry** to God for any wrong things you have said or thought or done.

"Love God with all your heart, mind and soul"  
Matthew 22:37

**LENT CALENDAR**  
Colour in a square each day to Easter

**JESUS IS RISEN**  
ALLELUIA!

**GOOD FRIDAY**  
The Lord is here, His spirit is with us

**EASTER SUNDAY**

During Lent pray for someone, encourage someone and tell someone about Jesus

During Lent read Matthew's Gospel

1 ASH WEDNESDAY 2  
3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10  
11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20  
21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32  
33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 **PALM SUNDAY**

Tuesday Monday Wednesday Thursday Saturday



## FOOD

### for the journey

Our Lenten journey becomes a focus upon a lakeside meal: While not quite a surprise party, the breakfast on the beach in John 21 had all the hallmarks. These disciples were doing what they knew best. They were fishing, and it wasn't working. It is a story we know well. Jesus presents his friends with surprises that will challenge and rekindle their life's purpose.

Come and find out more...

Journey through Lent in one of our local groups, you will be most welcome:

Tuesdays: 10am at Garden Cottage, Eastling (01795 890368), or 7.30pm at Pinks Farm, Eastling (01795 890338), both starting 24th February.

Fridays: 10am at 6 Kettle Hill, Eastling (07780 661275), starting 27th February.

**Good News  
Parish Magazine  
February 2015**

The magazine for the High Downs Benefice of Eastling, Stalisfield with Otterden, and Throwley  
[www.northdowns.plus.com/goodnews](http://www.northdowns.plus.com/goodnews)



Cannon’s Column

We are so often bombarded with news stories about the rich and famous, the privileged and powerful, those in positions of respect and responsibility. Some of these stories are uplifting and encouraging and some of them make us think these people “are not really worthy of the time it takes to read about them.” Very often these rich, famous, powerful and privileged people ask for or expect special treatment. Sometimes this is appropriate, but when they are asking for or expecting special treatment when they have done wrong, should they be accorded privileges not given to the ordinary person?


Just over a month ago the Chief Justice criticized a multi-millionaire clothing store owner saying, ‘it seems to me there is one law for the rich and another for the poor,’ (the Telegraph, 5 Dec. 2014) after the multi-millionaire refused to pay a fine for doing unauthorized road construction in a wilderness reserve. Is this the truth in our society? We often feel that it is so. Is it ethically justifiable to have a double standard where some people are treated differently than the general public? I might suggest to you that this is ethically acceptable but in a far different way.

One of the important things to remember is that many of the rich and famous, the privileged and powerful, are in positions of trust, respectability and often responsibility. Even those who have made it to the exalted top in the entertainment industry and have become rich and famous can be considered to be in positions of trust and responsibility. Their actions, styles and attitudes often

Prayer Pointers

February 2015

Sundays	For those affected by atrocities in our world.
Mondays	For the sick and those who care for them.
Tuesdays	For those afraid to ask or accept help.
Wednesdays	For our loved ones, wherever they may be.
Thursdays	For those who work to feed us.
Fridays	For blessing on our Benefice.
Saturdays	That the Holy Spirit may enter our hearts during Lent.



One law for the rich and another for the poor?

influence the lifestyle of young and not so young people. People in leadership positions such as MP’s, government ministers, municipal councillors and heads of Trusts, Boards and Corporations, are in positions of trust where they influence decisions that affect the lives of hundreds and thousands of people. To be irresponsible with that trust, to claim expenses beyond entitlement, to take advantage of or abuse one’s position, one’s colleagues, one’s followers, are not the simple crimes of ordinary people. They are offences that often can only be committed by people with influence, power, prestige, respect and wealth.

A careful reading of Leviticus chapter 4, Deuteronomy chapter 24 and the prophets Amos, Micah, Ezekiel (chapters 33 and 34) and parts of Isaiah, give us an understanding that priests, elders, kings and others in leadership positions were held to a higher level

of accountability because of their position and the potential to lead others into wrong doing and harm. The sacrifice of sin offering required of a priest was a bull ox, considerably more valuable than a goat, sheep or pair of turtle doves that were options for ordinary people.

The responsibility that accompanies fame, power, riches or prestige is significant because of the influence people in these positions have on the rest of society. We have only to read the papers or watch TV to see both negative and positive examples of this.

As we look towards the coming election and leadership contests, our Christian faith can offer us resources as we consider the options open to us.  
Donald


Wholeness and Healing in our Benefice

Why Wholeness and Healing?

I have no doubt that we have all sinned at some time in our lives. We are taught through our Christian beliefs that not one of us is perfect but that we should strive to become more Christ-like in all we do.  
By following Jesus’ teaching, through prayer and study, we can head in the right direction but we cannot do it alone. Sharing these things with other Christians helps to make our Spiritual life easier. Being fit and healthy does not make us whole, nor does it help to heal our mind and Spirit.

And.... don’t forget the Prayer Circle  
If you would like prayer for yourself or another, please call Dave and Chris on 01795 534083 and they put any details you care to give on the circle for the other members to pray for in their own prayer time.



In our Benefice there are several ways available to help: At the 10am Eucharist, on the first Sunday each month, members of the ministry team are available for private prayer. You are welcome to come for prayer for yourself or anyone else and you need not be specific about names or any other details. Confidentiality is paramount so there is nothing to be afraid of or embarrassed about.  
There are also Bible study and prayer groups that meet regularly, and home prayer visits could be arranged by contacting our Rector Donald on 01794 890487.



EASTLING PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council met on 7<sup>th</sup> January. The precept for the year 2015/16 was discussed and it was agreed to raise it by 1p to 19p with the tax base of 140.70. This will be a small amount to cover increased costs.  
The election is on 7<sup>th</sup> May and nominations to stand as a Parish Councillor will be welcomed.  
The next meeting of Eastling Parish Council will be on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2015 at 6.30pm in Eastling Village Hall. Residents are always welcome to attend any meeting.  
Jill Seaman, Clerk to the Council  
Jseaman444@btinternet.com

Our Lady of Mount Carmel LENT 2015



CHRISTIAN COLLABORATION – PERSPECTIVES & PRACTICAL STEPS

In the 50 years since the Vatican 2 Council, progress towards greater collaboration with the Anglican and other Christian denominations has been halting and disappointingly slow, although, on the ground, there have been many productive initiatives. The purpose of the Lent series is to hear about and reflect on the possibilities and practical steps that could be taken to further collaboration locally.

Wednesday March 4<sup>th</sup> 2015 7.30pm  
Baptism in Canon and Creeds - doing together whatever we can  
Speaker: Rev Dr Joseph O’Hanlon  
Joseph O’Hanlon is a biblical scholar and author of many books, including The Dance of the Merrymakers and The Jesus Who Was, Jesus Who Is. His talk will explain how, from the very earliest centuries, the canon of scripture and early Christian creeds came together in the ritual of the sacrament of baptism. Joseph will remind us of this common understanding and suggest how we might make it a reality in our churches today.

Wednesday March 11<sup>th</sup> 2015 7.30pm  
Experience of the Holy  
Speaker: Rev Canon Donald Lawton  
The basis of the life of faith is the experience of the HOLY. These occurrences enliven and strengthen our day to day Christian life. We are encouraged by the stories of others and their HOLY encounters. What we all share, when we are sincerely open to the faith journeys of others, are the effects and the power of the HOLY. From his diverse ministry as a teacher and priest in Northern Canada, military and port chaplaincies, and parish ministry in several Dioceses of the Anglican Church of Canada, the Revd. Canon Donald J Lawton will share some of his experiences of grassroots ecumenical ministry and an understanding of God’s grace that has come from them.

Wednesday March 18<sup>th</sup> 2015 7.30pm  
Mission helps us find a common purpose  
Co-presenters: Fr Wilfrid McGreal O Carm, Rev Simon Rowlands  
The final session will be reflections on what we have heard from two of our local priests. They will lead us in a discussion focused on finding the task in hand and a common sense of working together, which we hope will result in some practical steps to greater collaboration locally.

We welcome you all to these sessions, which will be interactive, with plenty of time for discussion and the chance for a chat over a glass of wine afterwards. For more information email [hazel.collyer@gmail.com](mailto:hazel.collyer@gmail.com) or phone the parish secretary on 01795532449.

THE WELCOME CENTRE,  
CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, TANNERS STREET, FAVERSHAM

MAY 2015

YOUR COMMUNITY NEEDS YOU

Become a local councillor - make a difference

Swale Area

Election Awareness event.

This will take place on  
Wednesday 18th March 2015 at the  
Guildhall, Market Place, Faversham.  
6.30pm for refreshments  
7pm start to 8.30pm

For more information visit:  
[www.kentalc.blogspot.co.uk](http://www.kentalc.blogspot.co.uk)

Are you concerned about your local area?


Do you want to represent the views of local people?

Can you contribute your business or personal skills and expertise?

Are you passionate about services provided to your community?

Eastling Neighbourhood Watch

Village Warden: 07794 010394  
or 01795 890848  
Crimestoppers 0800 555 111  
Swale Police 101  
Emergency 999



There have been reports of distraction thefts in the Faversham/Sittingbourne area. This mainly occurs around cash point machines where people withdrawing money are being distracted by the person behind them and then an accomplice will rush in and either steal the money or the cash card. Please take extra care and if you are not sure cancel the transaction and walk away, inform the police or the bank which owns the cash machine .  
An off road motor bike has been stolen from the Painters Forstal area; any information on this please call the police on 101 or give me a ring.  
There has been a fair amount of water coming off the fields and through the village creating some pretty heavy puddles to say the least. Take extra care going through these puddles as there may be a large hole under the water which could rip your tyres, so please take care.  
Have good a good month,  
Alan.

The Carpenters Arms

01795 890234

New Landlords Angie and Darryl welcome you to the Carpenters Arms  
Open all day - 12.30pm onwards  
FOOD  
Full menu available from 1st February.



Services in our Churches

The High Downs Benefice

1st February Candlemas

Malachi 3. 1 - 5, Hebrews 2.14 - 18, Luke 2. 22 - 40

Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)

Eastling 10 am Holy Communion (CW)

Stalisfield 10 am Morning Prayer (CW)

8th February 2nd Sunday before Lent

Proverbs 8. 1, 22 - 31, Colossians 1. 15 - 20, John 1. 1 - 14

Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)

Throwley 10 am Morning Prayer (BCP)

Eastling 10 am Morning Praise

15th February Sunday before Lent

2 Kings 2.1-12, 2 Corinthians 4. 3 - 6, Mark 9. 2 - 9

Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)

Eastling 10 am Morning Prayer (BCP)

Stalisfield 10 am Holy Communion (CW)

18th February Ash Wednesday

Eastling 7.30 pm Holy Communion (CW)

22nd February Lent 1

Genesis 9.8 - 17, 1 Peter 3.18 - 22, Mark 1. 9 - 15

Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)

Throwley 10 am Holy Communion (CW)

Eastling Village Hall 10 am CaféStyle

1st March Lent 2

Genesis 17. 1 - 7,15-16, Romans 4.13 - 25, Mark 8. 31 - 38

Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)

Eastling 10 am Holy Communion (CW)

Stalisfield 10 am Morning Prayer (CW)

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

(CW) Service follows Common Worship Liturgy, 2000.

Buy a CD – and help Mission Aviation Fellowship in Madagascar

MAF is appealing to supporters to buy a CD in order to raise money for a major new project in Madagascar. The new worship CD is called 'In God We Trust', or IGWT for short. The band who created it will donate £3.50 to MAF for every album that they sell. MAF's new project is called MAMAFY, which is the Magagasy word 'to sow'. It wants to transport pastors and evangelists into rural communities across Madagascar in order that they can evangelise these very remote regions. With planes, the dangerous five day journey can be cut to two hours. More details on the CD at: [www.maf-uk.org](http://www.maf-uk.org)

Rector Revd Canon Donald J. Lawton (01795 890487)  
The Rectory, Newham Lane, Eastling ME13 0AS

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

Reader Hugh Perks (01795 890603)  
Weald Cottage, Eastling

Churchwardens

Eastling Andrew Baxter (01795 890598)  
Assistant Warden Steve Youle (01795 890368)

Parish Administrator Janet Payne (01795 890487)  
E mail: [eastlingchurch@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:samhawksnest@aol.com)

Throwley Maggie Scutt (01795 890312)  
Alastair Malcolm (01795 890258)

Midweek Groups

Tuesdays: Weekly starting 24th Feb, 10am at Garden Cottage, Eastling. 01795 890368

Tuesdays: Weekly study group, 7.30pm Pinks Farm, Kettle Hill Road, Eastling. 01795 890338

Thursdays: Weekly prayer group, 10.30am Pinks Farm, Kettle Hill Road, Eastling. 01795 890338

Fridays: Weekly study group , 11am 6 Kettle Hill Cotts, Eastling. 07780 661275

You will be welcome at any of our groups.

Your Church Use It or Lose It

Last month we had a short article along with my Canon's Column about planning for the future of our churches. We are going to have our first meeting on Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 am to 1:00 pm, where the members of the Parish Church Councils and the Benefice Council, along with some others, will be lead by the Rev'd Peter Ingrams through a series of discussions about the strengths, activities and possibilities of our churches and benefice. This meeting will lay the ground for further meetings over the next year as we look at our future possibilities. These future meetings will involve various wider groups of people within the churches and the communities. Please keep these meetings in your prayers and, for PCC members, please keep the morning of the 28<sup>th</sup> of February available for this important initiative for our churches.

Donald

Richard Bewes considers how God has revealed himself to us...

What is the shape of your Bible?

*The true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world. (John 1:9)*

The shape of the Bible is like that of an hour-glass, in which thousands of sand grains sink down from its wide top, trickling through the tapered centre, only to fill out once again at the bottom. At the top – with Jesus as 'The Word' behind creation, the dimensions are enormous: Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made (John 1:3) But quite quickly the glass begins to narrow down. The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it. (John 1:4,5)). At the fall of humanity and the darkness that followed, a divinely-provided way of restoration is pledged. The hour-glass tapers down - to a single continent in the middle-east. It narrows still further - to a particular country measuring little more than 250 miles long and 70 miles wide – and even more - to a family – the children of Israel. Surely, the hour-glass cannot become any narrower? But it does. For Israel – called to be God's light to the nations – fails in her mission. She meets with exile at the hands of the Babylonians. Despite her eventual restoration, the Old Testament ends with a faithful Remnant of 'those

who feared the Lord and honoured his name' (Malachi 3:16). The glass narrows further still. The true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world. In a remote town of Galilee a promised Child is born. Twelve disciples join him. Thirteen men! Surely the hour-glass is down to its narrowest width. But no. One disciple turns traitor, another turns coward; the rest are scattered. At this narrowest point of the hour-glass, we are down to a solitary grain – none other than the original Being who inhabited eternity. He became flesh and lived for a while among us. As Lamb of God in his suffering on the Cross, this single Person is all that Israel could never be – the solitary fulfilment of the divine Covenant, at the centre of God's saving purposes. Then the widening process begins, with the once-descended Child now ascended, higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe. (Ephesians 4:10). Pentecost drives his salvation in ever-widening dimensions.... to Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and to the ends of the earth' (Acts 1:8). Be a part of this, where we are now - at the widest other-end of history's hour-glass!

Valentine Dreams

A young woman woke up one morning and told her husband, "I just dreamed that you gave me a pearl necklace for Valentine's Day. What do you think it means?" "You'll know tonight," he replied with a smile. Sure enough, that evening the man came home with a small package and gave it to his wife. Delighted, she opened it, only to find a book entitled 'The Meaning of Dreams'.



The Plough Inn, Stalisfield; a family run, independent, awarding winning pub & restaurant offering locally sourced food & a selection of locally produced drinks.

Currently recruiting for casual/ part-time staff in both restaurant & kitchen wash up

Experience not necessary but a good personality & willingness to work is essential!

Please send your CV to [info@theploughinnstalisfield.co.uk](mailto:info@theploughinnstalisfield.co.uk)



The Plough Inn, Stalisfield; a family run, independent, award winning pub & restaurant offering an extensive menu of restaurant quality food and pub snacks, as well as a large range of unique & locally produced drinks.

Valentine's day 14<sup>th</sup> February  
A specially designed 4 course menu £38.00 per person

Shrove Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February  
Pancakes galore

Flower arranging event Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February  
Get some inspiration for mothering Sunday with wine and light bites £25 per person at 7.30pm

Band night Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March  
The Chillbillies playing live from 8.30pm

Mothering Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March  
Sunday roast as usual but we don't bump up our prices so you'll need to book up quick!

To keep up to date with all that is happening over the coming months follow us on twitter or Facebook or see our website [www.theploughinnstalisfield.co.uk](http://www.theploughinnstalisfield.co.uk) diary page.

Stalisfield Road, Faversham, Kent, ME13 0HY  
Tel: 01795 890 256 Email: [info@theploughinnstalisfield.co.uk](mailto:info@theploughinnstalisfield.co.uk)

Easter weekend

Friday – A special fish blackboard menu of Richard's creative & traditional dishes.

Saturday – Kick start the day with breakfast, or lunch or dinner dependant on how lazy you are feeling!

Sunday – Traditional family roast

Monday – Family fun day with activities for the youngsters & those young at heart

St Georges Day Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April  
Celebrating all that is English

'Drive it day' Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April  
Bring your classic car out for the day

Band night Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May  
Hullabaloo playing live from 8.30pm





## PAINTER'S FORSTAL with SELLING WI

meet at the Champion Hall, Eastling Road, Painter's Forstal the third Tuesday of the month, at 2.15pm. We have set an interesting and varied programme for the forthcoming year and would welcome new members to come along and join us. We are a very friendly group of ladies, and you will be made most welcome.



Our next meeting is on Tuesday 17th February when our speaker will be Leigh Miles, who will talk on "Dance and Fitness".

If you wish to find out more about our WI group then please contact Pat on 01795 539629 or email: patyounger@sky.com

## Eastling Gardeners' Club

Meets on Thursday, 19th March for a talk 'Herbaceous Plants for Impact'

by Hilary Newman

The meeting starts at 7.30 p.m. in Eastling Village Hall, followed by wine and home-made nibbles. Subscriptions for the coming year at £6 per person will be collected. Non members pay £3.



## LEIGH MILES DANCE & FITNESS



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7.00pm ZUMBA®

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## Eastling Short Mat Bowls

Our first East Kent League game on January 4th, was away at Whitstable when John Graham, Eileen Piles & Chris Smith lost by just 1 shot while Des Briggs, Bryan Searly & Roy Piles won 19 shots to 10, so we came home with 4 points. The return match on Tuesday 13th saw Des, Bryan & Roy win 28 shots to 7, unfortunately our other team, having a very bad run, lost by 3 shots another 4 points to Eastling. Next a Swale League game on 16th January away against Bysingwood at the Community Centre resulted in the team playing well and the Eastling Cherries coming home with 10 points, leaving Bysingwood licking their wounds on just 4 points. A very good performance by the team.

The club meets in the village hall on Fridays at 2.30pm to 4.30pm, and in the evening 7.30pm to 9.30pm. New members are most welcome, contact Roy Piles on 01795 537162.

## FRIENDS of EASTLING SCHOOL

The children look forward to the Valentine's Disco on 13<sup>th</sup> February - 6pm to 8pm. Parents are needed to help at this event.

Our Wine & Wisdom Evening will be held in the school hall on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March from 7pm to 9pm. Tickets will be £5 each and this will include wine and nibbles.

We will be fundraising for Red Nose Day on 13<sup>th</sup> March when children can wear non-uniform for a donation.

Make a note that the School Summer Fete will be on 12<sup>th</sup> July.

Jill Seaman. 01795 890252

## The WI

## Craft Club

will be



holding its next meeting on Wednesday 11th February, starting at 11.15am in the Small Room, at Champion Hall, Painter's Forstal. We will be having a 'Card Making session'. Tea/coffee and home made cake and all materials will be provided. Come along and join our small friendly group. Cost £5 per session.

THANK YOU



May I say a further thank you to all who very kindly contributed to this lovely silver Canterbury cross and chain for my retirement. It has been hand made and has only just now been completed. I feel touched to have been given something so special by you all - thank you. I shall wear it a lot I know. God Bless you.

Ps there is some money over which I have asked to be donated to the Barnabas Fund, a charity which supports persecuted Christians throughout the world, including in Iraq and Syria in the present conflict.

Angela Cheeseman.

## Otterden and Stalisfield W.I.

Our next meeting is at Stalisfield Village Hall, on 4th February, and is Italian Cookery with one of our ladies, Sabrina Leland.

Anyone wishing to join our group please contact Stephanie Culver 01795 890748 or Lesley Andrews 01795 890581



## Charing and District Local History Society

On Thursday 12th February

Mike Bundock will give a presentation on VICTORIAN HERNE BAY

Herne Bay as a seaside resort in the Victorian era 8pm the Parish Hall, Station Road, Charing TN27 0JA, doors open at 7.45 pm.

Enquiries: Valerie Yeeles 01233 712772, [secretary@charinghistory.co.uk](mailto:secretary@charinghistory.co.uk)

[www.charinghistory.co.uk](http://www.charinghistory.co.uk)

Visitors are welcome at £3.00.

## Apartment in Eastling

Lovely upstairs apartment for rent.

Includes double bed room, lounge/kitchen/diner, bathroom, separate shower room, workshop or storage area.

Unfurnished £600 pcm including utilities, off road parking and use of laundry area.

Ring Julia on 01795 890401 or email [julia.bailey@virginmail.co.uk](mailto:julia.bailey@virginmail.co.uk)

## Faversham Music Club

Thursday 19th February  
7.30pm to 9.30pm

Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, Faversham Music Club presents Antara, a duo consisting of Thomas Hancox (flute) and Rachel Wick (harp). Tickets £12 (£6 students) on the door or from Rodney Foord (01795 535937).

## EASTLING VILLAGE HALL

To book ring Alan Willson on 01795 890848



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.

## CURRY NIGHT

Eastling Village Hall  
Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March

Bar open 7pm

Food served from 7.30

£15 per person for 3 courses and nibbles. Food by Corinne's Creative Kitchen.

Tables of 4, 6 or 8 people

To book please contact Sue Parry on 890254 or [sueandpeter@live.co.uk](mailto:sueandpeter@live.co.uk).

Booking deadline 7<sup>th</sup> March.

This is a fundraiser for the Village Hall and our only profit will come from the bar as the food is being sold at cost price.

You are welcome to bring your own wine but we hope that you will understand that we will need to charge a corkage fee of £5 per bottle of wine.

Bar costs will be a reasonable -

£10 per bottle of wine and

£2.50 per pint of beer.

Soft drinks will also be available.



February



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| 3rd Mobile Library                | 10.50 - 11.05am  | Glebe Cottages, Eastling |
| 4th W.I. Italian Cookery          | 7.30pm           | Stalisfield Village Hall |
| 5th Mobile Library                | 1.55am - 12.10pm | Throwley Forstal Green   |
| 8th Morning Praise                | 10am             | Eastling Church          |
| 11th Craft Club                   | 11.15am          | Champion Hall            |
| 12th History Society              | 8pm              | Charing Parish Hall      |
| 13th Valentine's Disco            | 6pm              | Eastling School          |
| 15th Deadline for March Good News |                  | See below                |
| 17th Mobile Library               | 10.50 - 11.05am  | Glebe Cottages, Eastling |
| 17th Painters Forstal WI          | 2.15pm           | Champion Hall            |
| 19th Mobile Library               | 1.55am - 12.10pm | Throwley Forstal Green   |
| 22nd CaféStyle                    | 10am             | Eastling Village Hall    |
| 24th Lent course starts           | 10am             | Garden Cottage, Eastling |
| 24th Magazine Folding             | 2pm              | Pinks Farm               |
| 24th Lent course starts           | 7.30pm           | Pinks Farm, Eastling     |
| 27th Lent course starts           | 11am             | 6 Kettle Hill Cottages   |
| 28th Church away day              | 9.30am           | Lynsted Church           |

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| <b>MARCH</b> 14th Curry Night | 7pm    | Eastling Village Hall    |
| 19th Gardeners' Club meeting  | 7.30pm | Eastling Village Hall    |
| 27th Spring Quiz              |        | Stalisfield Village Hall |

## FROM THE EDITOR

If you would like to advertise in the March 2015 magazine, submit articles or stories for publication, or would like any forthcoming events publicised, send your contribution by 15th February to: Hilary Harlow, Pinks Farm, Eastling, Faversham, ME13 0BA. Tel: 01795 890338. Where possible, please submit your entry by email: [goodnewsmagazine@me.com](mailto:goodnewsmagazine@me.com)

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A happy picture from the Stalisfield Over 60s Tea in December 2014.

## Stalisfield Highlife

### Events Planned for the Year 2015

- Spring Quiz. Date: Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> March.
- Safari Party. Date: Saturday 18th April
- May Celebration Party on the Green. Date: Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May.
- Frog Racing. Date: Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July.
- Fête. Date: Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> August.
- Harvest Supper Date: Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September or 3<sup>rd</sup> October.
- Autumn Quiz. Date: Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October.
- Pantomime. Date: Friday 11<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December.
- Children's Party Date: Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December.
- Over 60s. Date: Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December.
- Historic views of Stalisfield and Otterden- the Murray Family Collection. To be agreed.