



Help feed local people in crisis

Faversham Foodbank

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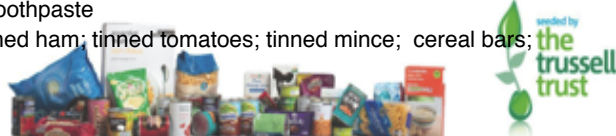
The Foodbank organisers sent special thanks for the extra contributions we were able to send over the Christmas and New Year period. This month we learn that they have had a sudden increase in people coming for help who have small babies and so the list of urgent items includes nappies. Do visit Faversham Foodbank's Facebook site periodically for extra updates on the Foodbank's work.

Please continue to give generously .

Food list for February

Urgent items: nappies (sizes 1,2 and 3); tinned potatoes; tinned fruit; children's toothbrushes and toothpaste

Also needed: tinned ham; tinned tomatoes; tinned mince; cereal bars; cooking sauces; tinned corn; tinned green beans



He's been updated. He's now the patron saint of tweeting!

Good News

Parish Magazine

February 2016



LENT 2016



Join a discussion group this

LENT

Open to all

- Tuesdays:** February 16th, 23rd, March 1st, 8th, 15th
10.30am Garden Cottage, Newnham Lane, Eastling
7.30pm Pinks Farm, Kettle Hill Road, Eastling
- Thursdays:** February 18th, 25th, March 3rd, 10th and 17th.
7.30pm The Rectory, Newnham Lane, Eastling (Men's Group)
- Fridays:** February 12th, March 4th, 11th and 18th.
10.45am Newhouse Farm, Otterden Road, Eastling

LENT is the season of preparation for the celebration of Good Friday and Easter, the passion, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Lent begins with the service on Ash Wednesday, when we confess to God that we have not always lived up to the standard we should

Ash Wednesday
10th February
Holy Communion
7.30pm Throwley Church

and as a sign of our sorrow and penance are marked with the sign of the cross, in ashes, on our foreheads. Lent continues for the next six weeks. There are usually extra midweek services and/ or study groups during the season of Lent so that we can have to opportunity to seriously prepare for the fullness of Easter. This year the Lenten material, entitled **Desert Exchanges**, looks at Jesus' time in the wilderness after his Baptism when he faced the great temptations that we all face, **appetite, ambition, acclaim, authenticity, and acceptance.** This programme will be used by each of our present study groups and Canon Lawton will be hosting a study group at the Rectory, in Eastling, aimed at men of the parish. The main scripture passage for this study will be Luke 4. 1-30, with emphasis on various sections of the passage each week. The Sunday lessons and sermons will also focus on these themes, so we will be able to have a unified theme for the whole of Lent this year. Please come out and join us for this opportunity to deepen our faith in Jesus Christ and be more authentic Christians.



Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil... (Luke 4:1, 2)



Deuteronomy 8:3 Bread is not enough to keep us alive; we need to feed on every word of God

Good Friday - March 25th Plan now to be part of our **Good Friday Walk with the Cross** as we take the cross to each Church and around each village in our Benefice. You can join us for the whole circuit or join us in your village as we process with the Cross. Times at each church and village will be published in next month's Good News.

Eastling School News

For such a short month (with a term break in the middle) our school is continuing to 'pack in' activities and events for the benefit of our students and families. Our After School care is now 'up and running' with availability for any child each evening of the working week until 5.30pm, allowing parents that extra bit of assured time at work.

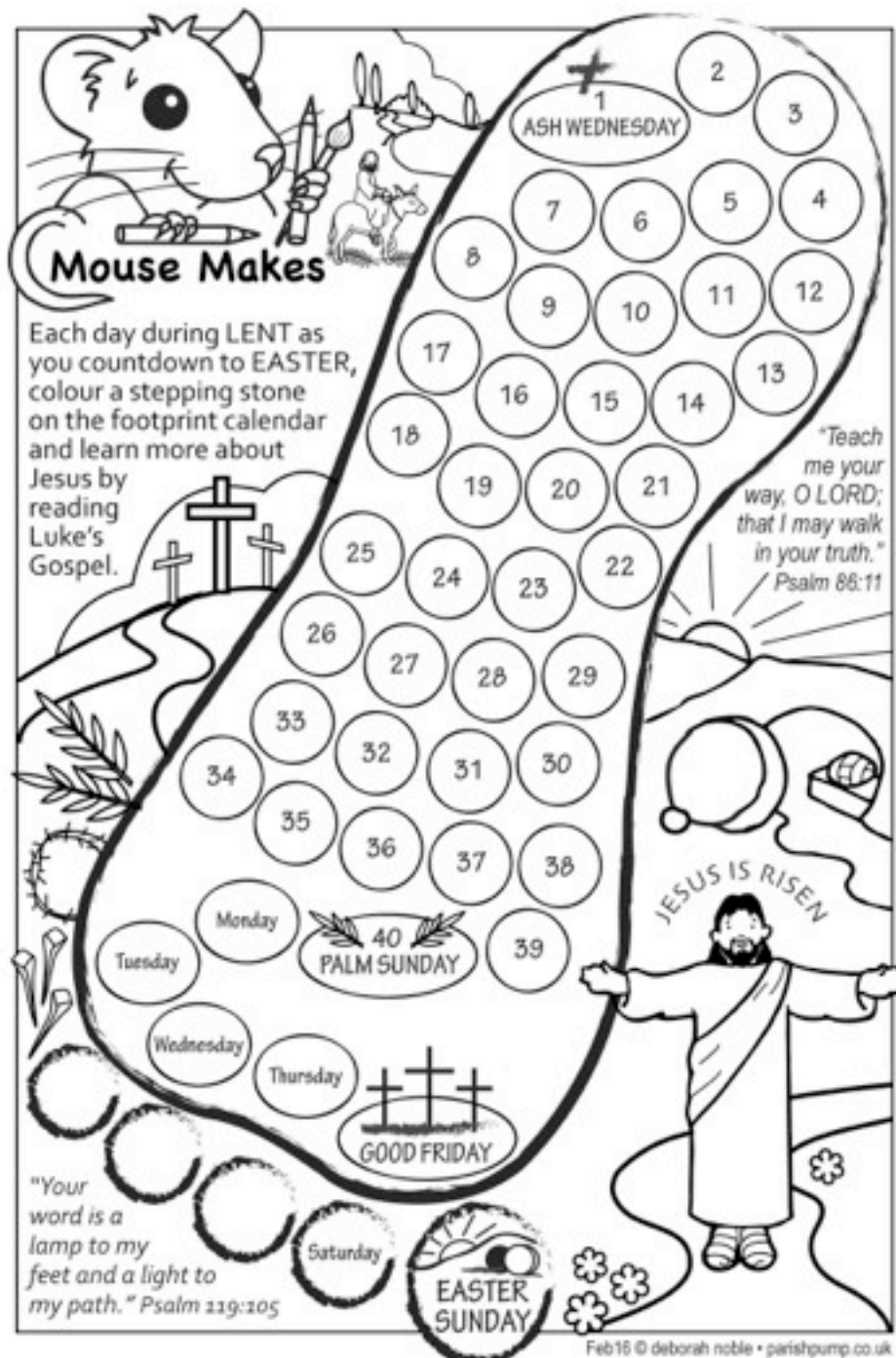
In terms of activities and events, we have our Cubs assembly on the 5th February (this is always a cute one and certain to be well attended!) and our Lions Assembly a month later (4th March). We start our month with Parents' consultations on the 2nd and 4th of February whilst our ever popular cinema club has a full bill of adventure films for children to enjoy whilst eating their hot dogs in our hall cinema. Lions class continue their swimming sessions and we hope that the school will continue to have a 100% swimming record for its leavers!



Half term starts on Fri 12th Feb (although we hold our famous FOES Valentines Disco on that evening) followed by a week of rest for the children until the 22nd when they are back, ready to learn once more. FOES also has a committee meeting to plan its future events to benefit our community on the 23rd.

Finally, we have drama workshops (9th Feb) for our younger children, Safer Internet day (10th), NSPCC event (12th Feb) and our celebration of "World Book Day" (3rd Mar) to look forward to.

Mr. Dave Walsh, Head Teacher



Mouse Makes

Each day during LENT as you countdown to EASTER, colour a stepping stone on the footprint calendar and learn more about Jesus by reading Luke's Gospel.

"Teach me your way, O LORD; that I may walk in your truth." Psalm 86:11

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." Psalm 119:105

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Canon's Column

Do I have to go to church to be a Christian?



No, going to church does not make you a Christian. Basically, a Christian is a follower of Christ. To be a follower of Christ means to be like the disciples, to be with Christ regularly, to want to be like Him, to frame our lives after his teaching and his lifestyle. To be a Christian is to be Jesus' friend, to have an ongoing relationship with Him. Just as relationships with families and friends need to have ongoing contact, so we need to be in regular ongoing contact with Jesus Christ. We do this through regular Bible reading and prayer and through gathering together with other Christians for opportunities to share, relate and learn. This is what church is about.

But do I have to attend church to be a Christian? No, there are lots of committed Christians who are not able to go to church regularly such as people who live in isolated places or situations. I knew a northern Canadian trapper who lived on his trap line for months at a time without going into town. He kept a Bible in an old biscuit tin to keep dry and away from field mice. It was well worn because he used it daily and he

was in church only four or five times a year. People who work on oil rigs, in construction camps or are sailors at sea have no chance of regular church attendance but those who are committed to having the true Christian's living relationship with Jesus Christ often gather together with one another for Bible reading, study and prayer. As a port chaplain, I sometimes saw a small shrine or worship focus in a ship's lounge, recreation room or crew dining room with a cross, candle or holy picture, Bible, devotional guides, prayer books and rosaries were often stacked nearby.

From my own times living in isolated situations, in a construction camp, as a wilderness canoe guide and at sea as a naval chaplain, I know how difficult it is to maintain one's relationship with Christ when one is alone and without a group of other Christians to read and pray with. For me, being in church regularly is an important part of my relationship with Jesus Christ.

We talk about Christians having a living relationship with Jesus Christ. It is a concept that comes from the Bible, especially from the epistles of Paul, but also from the gospels and even the Old Testament. In several places this relationship is likened to a marriage relationship. Those of us who are married know how important good regular communication is to sustaining a marriage. During times of separation, such as business trips, etc. telephone calls, emails and letters are all part of this process of communication, but it is not as good as being there. So it is with our relationship with Jesus Christ.


Is it necessary to be in church to be a Christian? Being in church is not the definition of a Christian, but a Christian who is working at building a real relationship with Jesus Christ has regular church attendance as part of his/her spiritual lifestyle because it contributes to that ongoing relationship.

Canon Donald J. Lawton

Prayer Pointers

February 2016


Sundays	For all who are affected by conflict.
Mondays	For solutions to divisions within the Anglican Communion.
Tuesdays	That God will grant what we deserve and not what we want.
Wednesdays	For the departed and those who mourn.
Thursdays	For the Leaders of our nation.
Fridays	For the Queen and the royal family.
Saturdays	For all who are near and dear to us.



Prayer for Healing

Members of the team will be available for private prayer for you during and after Communion on:

7th February, 10am service at Eastling,
21st February, 10am service at Stalisfield,
28th February, 10am service at Throwley



Eastling Church Flower Rota February 2016

7th - Sue Chandler
10th Ash Wednesday
LENT - no flowers



Women's World Day of Prayer Friday 4th March

2pm Service at St. Catherine's Church, Faversham.

This year the service has been written by women in Cuba. All denominations are welcome to attend.





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24th February
1.45 - 3pm
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£3.50 per session (includes tea & biscuits)
Contact Lissie Bayford on 01795 886392
music@cantiana.co.uk

Eastling Neighbourhood Watch

Warden Tel Nos 07794 010 394 or 01795 890 848
Police 101 Emergency 999



I mentioned last month that two dogs had been found in the village but I did not give the end result.....

One, after various phone calls, was traced back to its owner and the other, which had turned up outside one of the houses, was in a pretty bad state. Various enquiries were made and as it was not microchipped the dog warden was informed. To cut a long story short, the house owner's daughter was present when it was found and obviously loved it and subsequently decided to adopt it. Now I understand the dog has settled in and is there to stay. Good news and a thank you to the lady concerned.

A thank you to all the people who have contributed to making this a safe

village to live in over the last year, with special thanks to Ben the farmer, whose work has kept the undesirables from driving around the village and tearing up the fields and for keeping the hare coursing down to zero this year.

A reminder that anybody or children are riding bicycles in the mornings or evenings, please have bright lights and if possible high vis jackets as there have been a few near misses.

There have been a few criminal acts within the local villages over Christmas but thank goodness, as far as I know, Eastling has been quiet

Have a good month
Take Care, Alan

NHS Talking Therapies

Faversham Counselling Service has been awarded a three contract within Canterbury and Coastal CCG Region for providing an NHS Talking Therapies service and provides a similar contract within Swale CCG region.

Our aim is to:

- to support people who are suffering from mental health problems, such as anxiety, depression, obsessive compulsive disorder, phobias, panic attacks, post traumatic stress disorder, or difficulty in dealing with life events.

We can help you:

- gain speedy and flexible access to a range of effective treatments from within your locality.
- find greater choice of access either through your GP, health professional or your own self-referral.

How talking therapies can help:

Talking therapies can help unravel and deal with the distress caused by life difficulties or events. Talking with a counsellor can help people work through their personal or relationship difficulties to gain a better understanding of the issues they face and to find suitable solutions or coping strategies. Counsellors are trained to listen and to help others explore their feelings, thoughts and behaviours in a safe, confidential and non-judgemental way.

The Plough Inn

offering an extensive menu of restaurant quality food and pub snacks as well as a large range of unique & locally produced drinks.

British Yorkshire Pudding Day

7th February
Yorkshires with every roast!

Shrove Tuesday February 9th

sweet & savoury pancakes

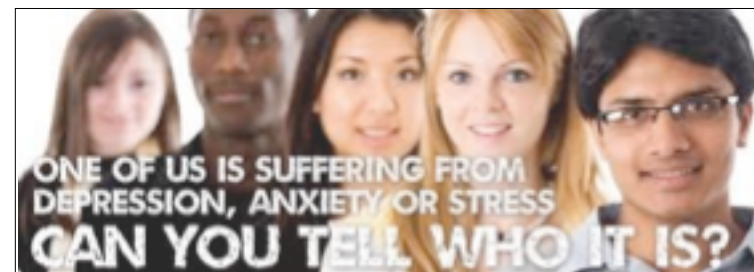
Valentine's Day weekend 13th & 14th

Richard will be cooking up a romantic meal, pre booking required

Chapel down evening 24th

Freddie from Chapel down will be running our event evening at 7.30pm - pre booking required with cc details

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



You can refer yourself, or speak with your GP or health professional and ask for a referral to Faversham Counselling Service, your local accredited IAPT provider.

Please call 01795 591019

Our staff and team of counsellors are ready to respond to your need, when you need it.

Faversham Counselling Service

is commissioned by the **NHS** to provide a free 'Talking Therapies Service' for individuals and couples aged 18 years and over.

IAPT is a free and confidential talking therapies service for people who experience common conditions, such as anxiety and panic attacks, depression, stress and many other issues. It is part of the new **NHS** IAPT (Improved Access to Psychological Therapies) initiative to involve local qualified mental health providers in the treatment of these common psychological conditions that effect most of us at some point in our lives.

www.favershamcounselling.co.uk

Services in our Churches

31st January Candlemas

Malachi 3. 1-5, Hebrews 2. 14-end, Mark 5. 21-end
 Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)
 Eastling 10 am Benefice Service

7th February Sunday before Lent

Exodus 34. 29-end, 2 Corinthians 3.12-4.2, Luke 9. 28-36 (37-43a)
 Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)
 Eastling 10 am Holy Communion (CW)
 Stalisfield 10 am Morning Prayer

10th February Ash Wednesday

Throwley 7.30 pm Holy Communion (CW)

14th February Lent 1

Isaiah 55.1-7, Hebrews 4.12-16, Luke 4. 1-15
 Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)
 Eastling 10 am CaféStyle in School Hall
 Throwley 10 am Morning Prayer (BCP)

21st February Lent 2

Genesis 39. 1-10, James 4. 1-10, Luke 4. 1-15
 Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)
 Eastling 10 am Morning Prayer (BCP)
 Stalisfield 10 am Holy Communion (CW)

28th February Lent 3

1 Samuel 16.4-13, Revelation 3.1-6, Luke 4. 1-15
 Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)
 Eastling 10 am Morning Praise
 Throwley 10 am Holy Communion (BCP)

6th March Mothering Sunday

Exodus 2. 1-10, 1 Timothy 1. 1-10, Luke 3.23-38
 Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)
 Eastling 10 am Holy Communion (CW)
 Stalisfield 3 pm Mothering Sunday Service

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

## The High Downs Benefice

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

Reader Caroline Ramshaw (01795 892088)  
 4 Glebe Cottages, Eastling

#### Churchwardens

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

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

Stalisfield with Otterden Jean West (01233 712270)

Parish Administrator Sheila Moger (01233 713212)  
 E mail samhawkstest@aol.com

Throwley Glynn Howland (01795 890094)  
 Barbara Elliott (01795 890020)

### From the Registers

**Funeral**  
 June Rosemary Temple Harris  
 14th January 2016 at Throwley

### Midweek & Lent Groups

**Tuesdays:** Weekly Lent group, starting 16th February,  
 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

Men's Lent study, 7.30pm, The Rectory,  
 Newham Lane, Eastling. 01795 890487

**Fridays:** Lent study group on 12th February and 4th, 11th &  
 18th March 10.45am, New House Farm,  
 Eastling. 01795 890629

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

## Jo's Diary of Country Walks

(A dog tells the story of her life in the countryside)

by Audrey Keen

My Mistress Rhoda, sits on the banks and listens to the birds. I lay on the summer grass and pant in the heat, as we dogs do. My friend Connie lifts her head, nose twitching to catch the passing scents, while a tricky breeze moves the fur on her ears. The trees have been completely re clothed and the bees are busy beneath with dandelions and daises. When we stand to move on Rhoda treads carefully over these wild flowers. Sheep's wool clings to fallen boughs beneath wild cherry as the cuckoo calls and baby rabbits play beside the fluttering yellow wings of a brimstone butterfly. The larch trees are green again and lilac milkmaids decorate the ground below as the wind murmurs through some conifers to our left.

In front of me, almost within reach of my eager front paws, a peacock butterfly stretches out on the grass, resting and soaking up the sun, but I am distracted by the sudden movement of a wood pigeon who seems restless and anxious. We follow a disused pathway where anemones and violets grow and bright yellow celandines raise themselves between fallen boughs. Strawberry blossom, yellow dead nettle, ground ivy and so many other wild flowers contribute to Rhoda's enjoyment of this beautiful time of year.



**Mary Tudor** – the first undisputed Queen of England to reign in her own right, was born on 18th February 500 years ago.

The daughter of Henry VIII and Catharine of Aragon, she reigned for five years and after her death was known as Bloody Mary, because of her execution of hundreds of Protestant leaders in a bid to turn England back to Roman Catholicism following the death of her half-brother Edward, an ultra-Protestant.

The first of these martyrs was the printer of the "Matthews-Tyndale Bible"; also executed was

the former Archbishop of Canterbury, **Thomas Cranmer**, who was primarily responsible for the printing of the Great Bible, as well as bishops Ridley and Latimer.

During her reign from 1553, Mary thwarted a bid to put Lady Jane Grey on the throne and then crushed a rebellion led by Sir Thomas Wyatt. To help her restore Roman Catholicism in England, she married Philip of Spain.

This marriage was not a success, however, and she was childless – after several false pregnancies she died of what is believed to be uterine or ovarian cancer. Her husband showed little long-term interest in her or in England, except to drag it into a conflict with France that cost it the area around Calais, its last toehold in France. As a result the country became disillusioned with her and was ready for a return to Protestantism when she was succeeded by her half-sister Elizabeth I, daughter of Henry and Anne Boleyn.

Mary's body was interred in Westminster Abbey, and when Elizabeth died, in 1603, she was buried next to her. With Elizabeth's backing, the radical Protestant John Foxe tracked down the stories of those killed under Mary and published them in his *Book of Martyrs*, which was enthusiastically received and widely read.

At the third meeting of our group

## Refugee Crisis

held at the Carpenters Arms in Eastling, we were pleased to acknowledge that Swale Borough Council has agreed to take a number of refugees as part of the Government's International Relief Programme. We agreed however that, due to the unprecedented scale of this human crisis on our doorstep, the commitment to support ten families over five years is a wholly inadequate response and we urge the council to reconsider and increase these numbers considerably. Subsequently we agreed to create an online petition. **Faversham and Villages Refugee Solidarity Group via change.org** will take you to the webpage where Swale residents can sign the petition requesting that Swale Borough Council look again at their unsatisfactory response.

While we appreciate that larger numbers of refugees in our community will have implications for local people and the services they depend on, this is a crisis on our 'doorstep' of unprecedented scale and requires us all to do so much more.

While our group understands that it is government policy to grant asylum to 20,000 Syrian refugees living in camps near Syria in the next five years (again a woefully inadequate response), we heard from members of our group who have recently visited camps in Calais and Dunkirk about the appalling and worsening conditions (described recently by a spokesman from Médecins Sans Frontières as the worse that they have seen, including those near the conflict zones).

We have heard the arguments about why it is government policy to support only Syrian refugees living in or near the conflict zone, but these men, women and children, including large numbers of unaccompanied minors, are there now, living in French camps in conditions that shame us all.

The Faversham and Villages Refugee Solidarity Group will continue to meet to discuss further ways of supporting our refugee neighbours and continue to lobby local and national elected representatives about this escalating humanitarian crisis.

Please join us for our next meeting on **Tuesday 2nd February at The Vaults Pub, Preston St. Faversham (opposite the Alexander Centre) at 7.30pm** or phone Greg on 07787062634

**Faversham & Villages Refugee Solidarity Group**

### PANTOMIME:



18 & 19th February 7.45pm  
 Saturday 20th February 11am and 3pm  
 West Faversham Community Centre,  
 Bysing Wood Road, Faversham  
 Contact: Sue Shepherd 01795 531645

Faversham's Up the Creek Pantomime Society presents an original version of this traditional panto, with songs, genies, laughter, fairies and not one, but two, dames.

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### HALF TERM FUN

This coming half term let your child come and have fun making a mess in our kitchen at beautiful Belmont and bring home some tasty treats for all the family to enjoy!

#### Cookie Class

Tuesday 16th February, 10.00am - 12.30pm £12.50 per child

#### Red Velvet Cupcake Class

Wednesday 17th February, 10.00am - 1.00pm £13.50 per child

Refreshments, ingredients, apron & equipment will be provided. Gluten, nuts and flavourings will be used. Suitable for children aged 8 - 13 yrs.

There is a limit of just 6 places for each class so be sure to book your place early! To make a booking please call 01795 890202 or email [events@belmont-house.org](mailto:events@belmont-house.org)

Belmont House & Gardens, Throwley, Nr Faversham, Kent ME13 0HH  
[www.belmont-house.org](http://www.belmont-house.org)



### Eastling Gardeners' Club

Meeting on Thursday 10th March  
'The Herb Garden'

Speaker: Vanessa Jones  
plus a plant sale

Eastling Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.  
Followed by wine and nibbles  
Free to members, non-members £3



### Eastling Village Hall

THURSDAYS  
9.15am FITNESS PILATES



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What did the Valentine's Day card say to the stamp?  
*Stick with me and you'll go places.*



### Eastling Short Mat Bowls

In the East Kent League, the 'top of the table' team A.R.C.A. came to Eastling and gave us a lesson on how to play the game. We played badly, not to our usual standard, and they went back to Canterbury with the full six points. Then it was away to Leysdown on the Isle of Sheppey where, with two of our players down with illness, we called up Nellie Potter and John Hobbs from the afternoon squad to help us out, and they both had a very good game, in fact the team all played very well away from home and we came back with 5 points, which we were pleased about, and they where left with 9 points. Our return game at A.R.C.A. will be on 21st January so will report on that next month.

New members are always welcome - come and give it a try on Fridays 2.30 - 4.30pm then 7.30 - 9.30pm in Eastling Village Hall.  
Roy Piles, 01795 537162.

### PAINTERS FORSTAL with SELLING

#### WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

(due to the closure and sale of The Champion Hall, Painters Forstal we have re-located to Eastling Village Hall from March 2016)

#### EASTLING LADIES!

We invite you to come along and join us at our new meeting venue in EASTLING VILLAGE HALL on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March at 2.15pm to hear a talk by Kent Air Ambulance.



Refreshments will be provided. Here you will have the opportunity to meet with and make new friends in a social environment. We have an exciting and interesting programme set for 2016. If you wish to find out more about our Women's Institute please email: [patyounger@sky.com](mailto:patyounger@sky.com) or telephone Barbara on 01795 890020 or email: [tombar72@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:tombar72@hotmail.co.uk)

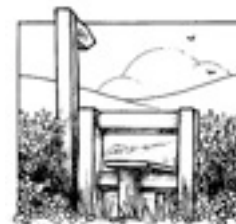
### EASTLING WALKING GROUP.

Our next season (2016) will start with a local walk from the Village Hall, Eastling, on Wednesday 2nd March. The usual start time 10.30am.

New faces would be most welcome. Come and join us and keep abreast of local gossip whilst getting rid of the winter blues.

Dogs welcome, Happy walking  
Phone 01795 892194 if you require further information.

Colin Bell.



### THROWLEY WALKERS

Walks on Wednesdays and Fridays. All start at 10.30am

We're going from strength to strength. New faces are joining walks and numbers are growing. Come and explore our local footpaths at a pace and distance to suit you!

**Wednesday 3rd February** Slower pace: about 2 miles and 1 hour from The Plough, Stalisfield ME13 0HY

**Friday 5th February** About 3 miles, 1.5 hours, from Challock Village Hall, TN25 4AU.

**Wednesday 10th February** About 4 miles, 2 hours, from Towne Place Orchard car park, Bagshill Road, Throwley.

**Wednesday 17th February** Slower pace: about 2 miles, 1 hr, from Towne Place Orchard car park, Bagshill Rd, Throwley.

**Friday 19th February** About 3 miles, 1.5 hours, park at Eastling Village Hall, ME13 0BA

**Wednesday 24th February** About 4 miles, 2 hours, park at Eastling Village Hall, ME13 0BA

**Wednesday 2nd March** Slower pace: about 2 miles and 1 hour from Kettle Hill Road, roadside parking near Kettle Hill Farm ME13 0BB

#### Friday 4th March

About 3 miles, 1.5 hours, from Kettle Hill Road, roadside parking near Kettle Hill Farm ME13 0BB

01795 892037; 07948 038993

[annhutt@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:annhutt@hotmail.co.uk)



### Otterden and Stalisfield W.I.

Our February Meeting is a talk by Sonny Hillier, who is a Horse & Carriage Eventing driver, and also does Weddings and Funerals.

This meeting is on THURSDAY 4th February at Stalisfield Village Hall. 7.30pm.

Anyone wishing to join us please contact Stephanie Culver on 01795 890748 or Lesley Andrews on 01795 890581.

### MEDIEVAL FIND IN EASTLING

Last year Anna and Laurence Wood found a small stone with a hole in it, at the edge of the path that runs from The Street to the church. They thought it looked interesting so sent it off to be examined and it turned out to be a medieval hone stone. It would have been for personal use and hung from the belt by the hole and carried regularly. The stone is possibly a micaceous schist. Very similar examples are known from Viking York from 9th to 11th century



You can look it up at the following link, which has really good pictures of it and historical information.

<https://finds.org.uk/database/artefacts/record/id/720084>



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|-----------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|
| 2nd Mobile Library                | 10.50 - 11.05am   | Glebe Cottages, Eastling   |
| 2nd Refugee Crisis meeting        | 7.30pm            | The Vaults, Preston Street |
| 4th Mobile Library                | 11.55am - 12.10pm | Throwley Forstal Green     |
| 4th Otterden & Stalisfield WI     | 7.30pm            | Stalisfield Village Hall   |
| 3rd Throwley walkers              | 10.30am           | The Plough                 |
| 5th Throwley walkers              | 10.30am           | Challock Village Hall      |
| 10th Throwley walkers             | 10.30am           | Towne Place car park       |
| 15th Deadline for March Good News |                   | See below                  |
| 16th Mobile Library               | 10.50 - 11.05am   | Glebe Cottages, Eastling   |
| 17th Throwley walkers             | 10.30am           | Towne Place car park       |
| 18th Mobile Library               | 11.55am - 12.10pm | Throwley Forstal Green     |
| 19th Throwley walkers             | 10.30am           | Eastling Village Hall      |
| 23rd Magazine Folding             | 2pm               | Pinks Farm                 |
| 24th Throwley walkers             | 10.30am           | Eastling Village Hall      |
| <b>MARCH</b> 2nd Eastling Walkers | 10.30am           | Eastling Village Hall      |
| 2nd Throwley Walkers              | 10.30am           | Kettle Hill Farm           |
| 10th Gardeners' Club              | 7.30pm            | Eastling Village Hall      |

### FROM THE EDITOR

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