

St Mary's Church presents...
CAFESTYLE
Sunday 8th July
10am - 11am
Eastling Village Hall
A creative time of worship:
Church in a Café setting.
worship discussion reflection
prayer fellowship

Tea, coffee & yummy 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.

Help feed local people in crisis
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Faversham Foodbank July 2018

Thank you so much for the response to last month's appeal. there was a noticeable increase in donations. Please keep them coming.

Urgent items for July: long life milk; long life fruit juices; squash; tinned fruit; tinned fish.

A special thank you to Ella and Thomas who made cakes and lemonade to sell from their house on Bank Holiday Monday to raise money for Foodbank. Afterwards they went shopping with their mum to buy items from the foodbank list with the proceeds. We are very grateful for their hard work and concern for others.

What's On

WEEKLY EVENTS:
Tuesdays
 Table Tennis 7 - 9pm Stalisfield Hall
 Alternate **Wednesdays**
 Eastling Walkers 10.30am Call 01795 892194
Thursdays
 Fitness Pilates 9.15am Eastling Hall
Thursdays
 Zumba 6.30pm Stalisfield Hall
Fridays
 Short Mat Bowls 7.30pm Eastling Hall

July **2018**

Good News

Parish Magazine

July 2018

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Children's Table Tennis

afternoon at
Stalisfield Village Hall
Sunday 12th August at 2pm.
Contact Catherine
clnorwood@doctors.org.uk to let us know your children would like to attend.
Parents have to remain with their children

Mouse Makes

LOST AND FOUND
 Jesus told three stories to help us to understand God's love and forgiveness. The first is about a missing sheep that the shepherd did not give up looking for. The second is about a lost coin that the owner kept searching for until it was found. The third is about a young man who returned home after he realised he had made a mistake by wanting to go his own way.

Read the 'Lost and Found' parables in Luke 15

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 S W E E P S F I N
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 F O H U N D R E D I K
 O N E H E A R A G
 N S I N N E R

Can you find the lost COIN, the lost SHEEP and the lost SON in the word search? Can you find these other words from the Lost and Found parables too?

HEAR • JESUS • HUNDRED • LOST • LOOK • FOUND
 REJOICE • SINNER • REPENT • TEN • ONE • LAMP • SWEEP • SEARCH
 FATHER • JOURNEY • SPENT • HUNGRY • PIGS • BACK • HOME • RAN
 ROBE • RING • CALF • EAT • CELEBRATE • DEAD • ALIVE

Say a prayer

Young Brian and his family sat down to Sunday dinner at his grandmother's house. When Brian received his plate, he started eating right away. 'Brian! Please wait until we say our prayer,' said his mother. 'I don't need to,' the boy replied. 'Of course, you do,' his mother insisted. 'We always pray before eating at home.' 'That's at our house,' Brian protested. 'This is grandma's house, and she can cook!'

1st	School Fête	12 - 3pm
	Eastling School Field	
1st	Open Garden	12 - 5pm
	Belmont House & Gardens	
7th / 8th	Festival of Music and Flowers	
	Ospringe Church	
8th	CaféStyle - church for all	10am
	Eastling Village Hall	
11th	Eastling Parish Council	6.30pm
	Eastling Village Hall	
11th	Otterden & Stalisfield W.I.	7.30pm
	Stalisfield Village Hall	
14th	Stalisfield Litter Pick	11am start
	from Stalisfield Village Hall	
14th	Afternoon Tea	2pm
	Stalisfield Village Hall	
15th	Deadline for August Good News	
	goodnewsmagazine@me.com	
17th	Painters Forstal with Selling W.I.	2pm
	Eastling Village Hall	
21st	Open Garden & Teas	2.30pm
	Eastling Manor	
25th	Stalisfield Parish Council	7.30pm
	Stalisfield Village Hall	
29th	Deanery Service	11am
	Boughton Parish Church	
31st	Magazine Folding	2pm
	Pinks Farm, Eastling	
AUGUST		
10th	Pot Luck Ladies Lunch	12.30pm
	Stalisfield Village Hall	
12th	Children's Table Tennis	2pm
	Stalisfield Village Hall	
25th	Stalisfield Village Fête	2pm
	Stalisfield Green	

Eastling Primary School Summer Fête

SUNDAY 1ST JULY 12-3PM

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 2ND PRIZE... £75 Tesco VOUCHER
 3RD PRIZE... BARROW OF BEVERAGES

Eastling Primary School, Kettle Hill Road, Eastling ME13 0BA. Hosted by Friends of Eastling School. Charity number 1056103. No dogs allowed - sorry.

High Downs Parish

Serving the villages of Eastling, Otterden, Stalisfield and Throwley

Ever wonder who is eligible to become a Christian? Here the Ven John Barton concludes his two-part series.

Becoming a Christian

I said last month that to become a Christian requires from us something outward and something inward. Of course, the 'something external' is Baptism: a physical act in which we apply to the candidate a sign of Christ's sacrificial death and resurrection. But Baptism implies a turning of heart and mind towards God. It can happen at any time.

Kenneth Clark, the art historian, who was the author of a famed television series called 'Civilisation' was clever, charming, and wealthy (he bought Saltwood Castle near Hythe). He lived an urbane and rather immoral life. But recently, on the BBC, Bishop James Jones revealed another side to the man.

Clark had been on his own studying religion in Florence when one day he was in the Church of San Lorenzo. For a few minutes his whole being was, he said, 'irradiated by a kind of heavenly joy, far more intense' than anything he had experienced before. It lasted for several months. He was sure that he had felt 'the finger of God'.

But then, he admitted that he had made no effort to hold on to the experience, 'My life was far from blameless: I would have to reform. My family would think I was going mad, and perhaps after all it was a delusion for I was in every way unworthy of receiving such a flood of grace.' But the experience, he said, helped him to understand the joys of the saints.

Shortly before his death Clarke was received into the Roman Catholic Church, saying he found the Church of England too secular. Was that a last-minute conversion prompted by the vision he had experienced long before? I hope so.

Your conversion may be less dramatic. But are you ready to die, whenever that happens? We have to ask ourselves if we are. It is possible, like the thief crucified alongside Jesus, right at the last moment, to turn your life over to Christ as Saviour, knowing that there's nothing you can contribute. Salvation is on offer to all. God does not reject anyone.



Congratulations to Ella Ochs, Lucy Blunt, Libby Swatland and Max Williams who completed their training and were been confirmed by Trevor, Bishop of Dover, in Eastling Church on 20th June 2018. We pray for many blessings upon them as they continue on their Christian journeys.

*Do not be afraid,
For I have redeemed you.
I have called you by your name;
You are mine.*

*You are mine, O my child;
I am your father,
And I love you with a perfect love.*

*Do not be afraid,
For I have redeemed you.
I have called you by your name;
You are mine.*

Prayer Pointers July 2018

Sundays - Give thanks for those recently baptised or confirmed.

Mondays - Give thanks for freedom to express our faith and pray for those at risk for professing their faith.

Tuesdays - Pray for Christian missionaries, in this country and abroad.

Wednesdays - Pray for those who are sick and in need of healing.

Thursdays - Give thanks for our Health Service and pray for all working within it.

Fridays - Pray for those leaving full time education this term.

Saturdays - Pray for our Farmers as they prepare for harvest.

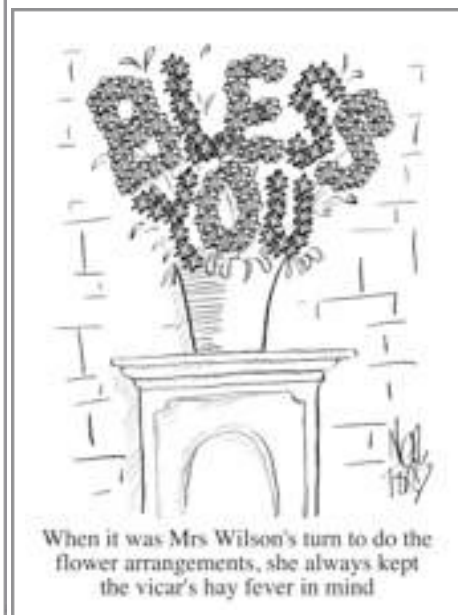
Eastling Church Flower Rota

July

1st & 8th - Clive Jolliffe
15th, 22nd & 29th - Steph Youle

August 5th - Julia Bailey and Marion Willson

If you would like to join the flower arranging rota, please call Bay on 01795 892036.



Eastling Parish Council

The council will meet in the village hall on Wednesday 11th July at 6.30pm.

Residents are welcome to attend.

Stalisfield Parish Council

The council will meet in Stalisfield village hall on Wednesday 25th July at 6.30pm.

Residents are welcome to attend.

Village Websites:

Don't forget to keep in touch by checking your local site:

www.stalisfieldvillagehall.co.uk

www.stalisfieldpc.kentparishes.gov.uk

eastlingvillage.co.uk

www.eastlingvillagehall.co.uk

www.eastling.kent.sch.uk

throwley.org

Road Closure Notice

Barratt Homes gives notice that during the school summer holidays (21st July - 2nd September) the A251, between the M2 and A2 will be subject to closure for partial hedgerow removal, formation of a new roundabout, new pedestrian crossing, services diversions and road widening.

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Police 101 Emergency 999

A religious church cross measuring 12 inches high has been found in Eastling Church car park. The owners as yet have to be traced after extensive reporting. Should anybody have any information as to the owner please give me a call so that it may be returned.

A few scam telephone calls have been received in the village and surrounding areas relating to telephone providers, e.g. BT and Virgin and Talk talk, please be very wary of these calls and if not sure cut the caller off.

With the dry conditions prevailing at the moment please take care with bonfires, barbeques etc.. Please keep them under control and make sure they are extinguished before you leave them.

To finish, please no drink driving, make it a happy summer.

Have a good month, Alan.

Stalisfield



Official Litter Pick - 14th July 2018

It was raised at the Annual Parish Meeting that litter is starting to accumulate on various footpaths, bridleways and in hedgerows. Swale are supporting us with pickers' vests and bags and all workers will be rewarded with an afternoon tea at the village hall. We hope the thought of this may encourage as many pickers as possible to make quick work of bringing back the "Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty". Please meet at the village hall at 11am to sort out routes.

Volunteers – new and long-serving – are an asset to our trust



Meeting new people and helping patients is what drives many of our volunteers to sign up their time and help patients and staff.

As part of Volunteers' Week (1 to 7 June) we're celebrating our volunteers, from those who have recently signed up to those who are long-standing members of our teams.

New volunteer Frances Tamplin, from Higham, joined KCHFT in March this year and spends every Wednesday afternoon at on the outpatients' reception desk at Gravesham Community Hospital.

Her role includes helping the reception desk, meeting and greeting patients to make sure they are waiting in the correct area and supporting audiology with distribution of hearing aid batteries.

Having previously worked in retail, Frances is no stranger to chatting with

customers and helping people. She said: "I enjoy helping others and also volunteering is giving me newfound confidence and different skills too.

"I have previously volunteered in a charity shop and when I decided I wanted to do more volunteering I immediately thought of my nearest hospital and helping out in our NHS."

While Frances is new to volunteering for KCHFT, some of our volunteers have been with us for a long time, such as Mick Burns, based at Edenbridge War Memorial Hospital for 15 years.

Diana Fowkes, a cook at the hospital, said: "Mick is a valued member of our team and is loved by all departments at our hospital. No job is too big or too small for him. Mick will stay late or even return to the hospital in times of need. He is a very special person we are lucky to have him."

There are hundreds of roles a volunteer can have in the NHS, including ward activity assistant, reception work, service volunteer, cardiac rehabilitation volunteer, administrative or clerical support, ward visitor or helper with the chaplaincy, an arts and craft maker or an events helper.

You can find out more about our volunteers and the trust's Volunteer Strategy at www.kentcht.nhs.uk/volunteer

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Services in our Churches

1st July Trinity 5

2 Corinthians 8. 7 - end, Mark 5. 21 - end

Eastling 10 am Morning Prayer (BCP)

Led by Caroline Ramshaw

8th July Trinity 6

2 Corinthians 12. 2 - 10, Mark 6. 1 - 13

Eastling 10 am CaféStyle in the Village Hall

15th July Trinity 7

Ephesians 1. 3 - 14, Mark 6. 14 - 29

Stalisfield 10 am Holy Communion (CW)

Celebrant - Revd. Roy Kilford

22nd July Trinity 8

Ephesians 2. 11 - end, Mark 6. 30 - 34, 53 - end

Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)

Celebrant - Revd. Caroline Pinchbeck

Throwley 11.30 am Morning Prayer (BCP)
with Baptism

Priest - Revd. Thomas Collett-White

29th July Trinity 9

Ephesians 3. 14 - end, John 6. 1 - 21

Deanery Service with Bishop Trevor Willmott
11 am Boughton Parish Church

5th August Trinity 10

Ephesians 4. 1 - 16, John 6. 24 - 35

Eastling 10 am Morning Prayer (BCP)

Led by Norman Fowler

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

High Downs Parish

Rector Vacant
Parish Office Email: eastlingchurch@gmail.com
facebook.com/highdownsbenefice

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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)

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Stalisfield with Otterden
Jean West (01233 712270)

Administrator Sheila Moger (01233 713212)
E mail: samhawksnest@aol.com

Throwley Glynn Howland (01795 890094)

From the Registers

Baptisms

Alisha Margaret Sharon Waller
Joe Oliver

Chanaya Alice Rose Oliver
Joe David Samuel Oliver
24th June 2018 at Eastling

Confirmation

Lucy Blunt, Ella Ochs,
Libby Swatland, Max Charlie Williams
20th June 2018 at Eastling

Midweek Groups

Tuesdays: Study group, 9.30am on 10th & 24th July
at Garden Cottage, Eastling. 01795 890368

Wednesdays: Study group, weekly, 7.30pm, Pinks Farm
Kettle Hill Road, Eastling. 01795 890338

Thursdays: Prayer group, weekly, 10.30am, Pinks Farm
Kettle Hill Road, Eastling. 01795 890338

Fridays: Study group, weekly, 10.45am, New House Farm,
Eastling. 01795 890629

You will be welcome at any of our groups.

CONTACT THE GOOD NEWS EDITOR

If you would like to advertise in the August 2018 magazine, submit articles or stories for publication, or would like any forthcoming events publicised, send your contribution by 15th July to: Hilary Harlow, Pinks Farm, Eastling, Faversham, ME13 0BA. Tel: 01795 890338. Where possible, please submit your entry by email: goodnewsmagazine@me.com

Past and current issues of the Good News may be viewed on www.northdowns.plus.com/goodnews

St Peter and St Paul's Church
Water Lane, Ospringe ME13 8XS



**Festival
of
Music and Flowers**
Saturday 7th July 10am to 6pm
&
Sunday 8th July 1pm to 6pm



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Faversham Nautical Festival

14th and 15th July, 10am to 6pm

Festival featuring many traditional vessels
moored in Faversham Creek, including
Thames sailing barges, Dutch barges, tugs,
smacks and gaffers. Vessels will be dressed
overall, making a colourful display, and
some owners may invite you on board.

On Town Wharf, home of the Sea Cadets' medieval building, TS Hazard, there will be stalls, an art exhibition, a music stage, a barbecue, oysters and champagne and a beer tent. This will be the place to socialize, relax and enjoy listening to the many live musicians who will play traditional music from 12 noon on both days.

On Front Brents, there will be children's entertainment, including Punch and Judy, balloons and magic, a bouncy castle and a climbing wall. There will be a music stage from 12 noon to 6pm, a wide selection of food and drink, and many interesting stalls to browse.



Visitors can enjoy a walk along the unspoiled creek, winding through beautiful fields, saltings and interesting boatyards out to the Swale while observing wildlife on the creek. Alternatively, they can enjoy a walk around the historic town and a visit to its Fleur de Lis museum.

Contact: Sue Akhurst,
nauticalfestival@gmail.com /
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Wonderful Women's Wednesdays - July 25th, 7.30pm

A great excuse for the ladies to meet up at
the pub - please call or email for details.

August Bank Holiday Weekend Beer Festival Saturday to Monday

Live music and lots of beer from Saturday
midday until Monday 6pm. (also it's the
Village fete on Saturday from 2pm for a real
traditional English summer feel!)

Band line up:- Under the wood, Rosie Horne
& the Chillbillies

New for 2018 - selection of local gins for
the non-beer drinkers!

Why not pitch a tent or bring your caravan
so everyone can join in the fun!

Keep up to date by following us on
Facebook, Twitter or Instagram

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Painters Forstal with Selling W.I.

In June our ladies enjoyed an afternoon out to a beautiful garden followed by a cream tea.

This month, on 17th July, we will be entertained by Jan, a florist from Faversham, who will be demonstrating how to make an arrangement in a teacup or mug. Please bring your own container, flowers will be provided.

As always, anyone interested can get further details from the president: Barbara on 01795890020 or e-mail tombar72@hotmail.co.uk



POT LUCK LADIES' LUNCH AT STALISFIELD VILLAGE HALL

on FRIDAY 10TH AUGUST 2018 from 12.30 pm

This is an opportunity for the ladies of Stalisfield and Otterden to get together and enjoy lunch, company and chat, and perhaps meet a few new people. The idea is for everyone to bring along a dish for sharing, and something to drink.

We hope that as many as possible of you will come, and look forward to meeting up.

For info. please contact: Sheila Moger
Email: samhawksnest@aol.com Tel: 01233 713212

Paddock available in Eastling.

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Otterden and Stalisfield W.I.

Our Speaker for June was very topical for this time of year: Helen Kendall-Tobias explained 'How to Pack for our Holidays'. Helen's 'day job' is advising ladies on how to get the best from their wardrobe of clothes - much the same as Trinny & Susannah on TV. Helen explained how to colour co-ordinate the colour palate of your clothes to get the maximum number of outfits, as well as rolling clothes, rather than packing them flat in the suitcase. The pairs of shoes we really need is 3 (unlike the 19 pairs one of our ladies recently took on a cruise!) It was quite amazing how much she managed to fit into quite a small suitcase.

On 13th June, fourteen of our group visited Doddington Place Gardens, for which the weather was just right for walking around - not too hot or cold. It was beautiful and well worth another visit at a different time of year. We then all gathered as one, at the tea room for the compulsory tea and cakes, served by a very hospitable young man.

Wednesday 11th July is our next Meeting at Stalisfield Village Hall at 7.30 p.m., when the Speaker will be Jane Cullen covering 'The life and work of Emily Bronte'. If you would like to join us, please contact either Ellie Cameron on 01795 892016 or Helen Brooks on 07477 580727.

Afternoon Tea

at Stalisfield Village Hall



On Saturday 14th July, at Stalisfield Village Hall, Afternoon Tea will be served between 2pm and 4pm. As well as the mandatory sandwiches, scones, cake and tea there will also

be a glass of fizz served. This is a community event and free to all villagers.

If you need transport to attend this event or can help in anyway please contact Tracey on 01795 890517 or email traceysmith210@btinternet.com. Put the date in your diaries and see you then.



Throwley Fête

The community would like to thank the Fête committee, particularly Gaynore and James, who did a Sterling job for an excellent well run and organised Fête on the 2nd June and all the helpers who set up and took down everything including the heavy bar.

The stall holders, bar people and all did wonders which made the day and evening such a success.



National Garden Scheme:

Eastling Manor.

21st July 2018

2.30 - 5.00pm.

John and Bay Lees are opening their garden for the NGS on Saturday, 21st July.

The entrance fee is 5 pounds per person, with proceeds going to the NGS charities.

Delicious homemade Teas will be served until 4.30pm provided by Dorothy, Marion and Pam.

Proceeds from the teas will go to the Eastling Senior Citizens' Christmas Lunch.

It would be wonderful if you could come and support this event.



BelmontHseGdns

Belmont House and Gardens



BELMONT HOUSE & GARDENS

MEASURE FOR MEASURE – OPEN AIR THEATRE

Friday 6th July, 7.30pm

Vienna is rife with brothels, loose morality and ludicrous characters. The weak Duke goes undercover, leaving his strict deputy Angelo in charge to clean up the city. But when Angelo sentences young Claudio to death for sleeping with his wife to be, Claudio's sister Isobel, a nun, pleads for his life. Angelo agrees to spare him, but the stakes are high. Isobel faces an impossible choice. Adults £20, Child (10-18 yrs) £10 and under 10's free.

SPOON CARVING

Tuesday 17th July, 10.30am – 4pm

You will be taught the safe and proven ways to carve and whittle. Phil from Badger Bushcraft will show you how to get the best results from the tools with very clear to follow demonstration. £40.00pp, including lunch. To book please visit our website.

BLITHE SPIRIT – OPEN AIR THEATRE

Sunday 22nd July, 3pm

Celebrated novelist Charles Condomine has invited a local medium and eccentric, Madame Arcati, to hold a séance at his house, as research for his new book. Arcati calls up the ghost of Charles' first wife – the alluring Elvira - who delights in taunting her husband and mocking his new marriage to his new wife Ruth. Adults £20, Child (10-18 yrs) £10 and under 10's free.

FAMILY BUSHCRAFT DAY

Saturday 28th July, 10am – 4pm

Looking for something different to do with the family? On our family bushcraft day you will get the chance to spend quality time together learning new skills and enjoying a summers day in the woods. £50.00 per adult/child pair including lunch and refreshments. To book your place, please visit our website.

Belmont House & Gardens, Throwley, Nr Faversham, Kent ME13 0HH
www.belmont-house.org



'Blue Night for a Blue Light'

This hugely over-subscribed event in Stalisfield Village Hall, one which saw all 120 tickets sold and the too late but still hopeful forced to join a long waiting list, stemmed initially from a conversation in *The Plough*.

It was one triggered initially by local farmer Richard Vant, who, along with his daughter, Jessica, is one of those many people in Kent who have reason to be forever grateful to the county's Air Ambulance service

Becky, the bar manager, took up the running, and in due course the organisation and promotion of a 'Blue Night for a Blue Light' evening of comedy and music, held on Saturday, 28th April. It was an evening that saw Richard's brave debut as a stand-up 'Blue' comedian and, with some splendid musical support, the proverbial good time was had by all.

Thanks must of course go to Becky for making it all happen, and to

Richard and the band, as well as to some of the other principal drivers and organisers of this very special event.

Thanks, then, to Debbie and Graham Dawson, along with their daughter, Emma and her band, Dockyard Rock, as well as to Melanie Peek and Ray Giles.

Thanks are also owed to the Old Dairy Brewery and to Melanie's brother, Bradley, at BWS Ltd for donating two barrels of beer for the bar, with ALL the proceeds going to the Air Ambulance

Thanks also go to those local businesses and individuals who donated some amazing auction and raffle prizes – and indeed to those who bid so enthusiastically and generously to secure them. The final amount raised was a truly magnificent £6026.25!

The auction alone raised £3295, with the rest of the money coming from ticket sales, raffle money and kind donations.

"A date for your diary for August in Stalisfield"

August 10th, 1pm Stalisfield & Otterden Ladies Pot-luck Lunch
Contact Sheila samhawksnest@aol.com to book your place

August 12th, 2pm Children's Table Tennis

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August 25th, 2pm Village Fete
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