

# Good News Parish Magazine June 2007



## Otterden W.I.

Would you be interested in joining a new WI group?

We will be a mixed age group ranging from young mothers to those who are young at heart. We aim to have interesting and up to date speakers ranging from 'wine tasting' to 'belly dancing'!

We will still encompass the traditional 'Jam & Jerusalem' aspect but with a slightly younger stance.

If you would like to meet other local ladies, have fun, learn new skills and discuss issues important to you please contact Emma Norwood on 01795 892138

## The Children's Society National Coffee Morning

at Pop-In  
20th June 2007  
Eastling Village Hall  
Cakes, Books & Traidcraft  
also **Body Shop**  
demonstration and sales.

Coffee Pop-In is open every Wednesday, during school term, 9 - 11am in Eastling Village Hall.  
Homemade cakes for sale on 6th June.

## QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 16th June.  
7pm for 7.30 pm start.

Jill and Caroline would like you to join them for another fun evening with prizes, games. This quiz night is in aid of the N.A.C.C. (National Association for Colitis and Crohn's Disease)  
Tickets: £5 for adults £2.50 for children  
Take your own food and drink.  
Phone 890865 to book.



## Open Gardens

Canterbury Cathedral  
Open Gardens Weekend as part of  
the National Gardens Scheme

Saturday 2nd June (11am - 5.30pm)  
Sunday 3rd June (2pm - 5.30pm)

Five gardens all set against the magnificent background of the Cathedral. New this year - the Medicinal Herb Garden - there will be herbalists on hand to give talks, demonstrations and answer questions.

Strawberry teas and plant stall.  
Combined Cathedral and NGS gardens ticket £8, concessions £7.  
Precinct pass holders £3

Secret Gardens of Faversham  
2nd and 3rd June & 28th and 29th July  
1pm to 5pm

The Scheme enables participants to visit over 20 gardens in Faversham, all within easy walking distance of one another in or near the town centre. Admission to all the properties is by programme, which includes information on each garden and a location map The programmes, which cost £6.00 or £7.00 by post [cheques payable to The Faversham Society], from the Fleur de Lis Heritage Centre, Preston Street.

Eastling Gardeners' Club  
Garden Safari

on 28th June  
Meet in the  
Village Car Park at 6.30 pm.

Members £2.50  
Non-Members £3.50  
Please contact Clive on 890160  
for further information



## Calling all young pirates!

This Summer's Holiday Club is going to be bigger and better than ever before!  
It's going to be the 30th July till the 3rd August, please put it on your calendars NOW!

### Smile Lines

How much does it cost for a pirate to get his ears pierced?  
A buck an ear.

## S CLUB

Eastling Village Hall  
Sunday 17th June  
10am  
All primary school aged children welcome.

## Youngstyle

**Kids Club**  
Craft Club  
8th and 15th June  
6.15 to 7.15pm  
Champion Hall,  
Painter's Forstal  
5Op a session.  
Contact number 532756.

in Eastling Church  
Sunday 24th June  
10am  
Half an hour of fast fun and teaching.  
All ages welcome.

## BARN DANCE

Saturday 9th June, 7.30pm  
Painter's Farm, Painter's Forstal  
By kind permission of  
Miss D Knowler

Adults £5.50, under 16's £3.50,  
Under 5's free.

Music by  
WATERSHED  
BARN DANCE  
BAND

American Supper  
(bring your own  
food and drink)

Phone 01795 890606  
for tickets.



## Saturday Club!

10.00 till 11.00  
For school years 3+  
9th June - weather dependant as will be on school field.  
23rd June - Eastling village hall!

## Eastling Eastling Youth Festival

'A special day to celebrate youth activities in Eastling'

Saturday 21st July  
12 noon - 3pm Free admission  
Eastling Church and Churchyard

Young People doing it 4 themselves  
We are looking for enthusiastic young people to run stalls and events at our Youth Festival. We need your skills to develop and organise this exciting youth project.

Come along to the first committee meeting in St. Mary's church, 2pm on the 16th of June, to talk over plans for the day with a drink and some snacks. Please let us know if you'd like to come, and we'll look forward to seeing you there!

We also need donations of sweets, chocolate and biscuits, thank you.  
Please phone Lorraine on  
01795 890719.

## Y-Generation

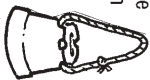
Sunday Nights  
Eastling Village Hall  
6.30 till 8.00pm  
School years 7+

### MOUSE HOLE



### Giant Steps

Make Goliath stilt:  
Measure the distance between your hands and feet, double it and add another 10cm. Cut 2 pieces of strong string to this length and tie each one through the holes in the side of a large upturned plastic flower pot. Hold the strings, stand on the pots and slowly walk around. BE CAREFUL not to fall off!



Do you measure up?  
Measure 9ft (270 cm) up or along a wall then measure yourself against it - how much smaller than Goliath are you?

Read how David's faith in God saved the Israelites in 1 Samuel 17



Goliath the Philistine  
Goliath's a giant nine foot tall. He is the champion of all, He has a sword, he has a spear, When he's around all run in fear!

He jeered and called to the Israelites "Send your champion out to fight!" Instead, dismayed and terrified, they ran away in fear to hide.

But David the shepherd boy had no fear, Because he knew that God was near. He took his staff, he took his sling, And in the name of the Lord, ran out to him.

Goliath was a giant nine foot tall, No longer the champion of all, David struck him on the head, With one small stone, he struck him dead!



Change each letter on the stones to the one after it in the alphabet to find 4 five letter words:

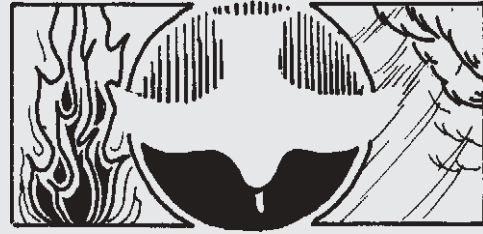
S F R K  
M Z O M H  
C Z U H C  
D N S  
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## Encouraging one another

Recently, I visited the Anglican Church of St Barnabas in Istead Rise. This year, they are celebrating their jubilee year of 50 years. Their story began 50 years ago, when the 'church' then was a group of eight people meeting in someone's house. Now, the church has a weekly congregation of hundred people. It took forty three years before they began to build in bricks and mortar, the church that we see today. But over the last fifty years they have been guided by their faith, and the support of their community, in their vision that their community needed a church where the joys and sorrows of their community could be remembered and celebrated. In recent months, the church has become a sanctuary for the community as the local community hall was burned down, and now many of the community groups are meeting in the Church. This is apt when St Barnabas, whose feast day is the 11th June, is remembered by the Church as an encourager.

Hearing their story reminded me of the account of the first Pentecost or Birthday of the Church which will have been celebrated on 27th May. This is when the Holy Spirit was given as a gift to the Church. The Holy Spirit came as a rush of violent wind, they saw something like flames of fire, and they were so filled with the Holy Spirit that they began to speak



many different languages. This event fulfils the prophesy that 'old men will dream dreams and young men will see visions' (you can read about this in Joel Chapter 2 verses 28-32, and Acts Chapter 2 verse one onwards). The Church will have prepared for this celebration, from Easter Day until Pentecost, by reading from the book of the Acts of the Apostles. We hear the story of how the early Church was ordered, and how the Good News was made known to others. In Acts, we hear of how we are to be as Christians, as Church, but also its impact on the wider world in terms of hospitality, and how we are to live as community.

The issues of Church and Community are ones that are fresh in our minds after the months of April and May, as each community has had their annual Church meeting and also their annual Parish meeting. In both cases, we hear of all that has gone on in the past year, giving thanks for the good things, but also an opportunity to share our concerns and our dreams for the communities in which we live, whether it be Eastling, Stalisfield or Otterden.

As each Church council and Parish council begin a 'new year', we must give thanks for all those who have generously given of their time serving on these councils, not forgetting those who organise our community activities (our village halls, the clubs, the neighbourhood watch and more). Let us give thanks for all that enriches our community life. As we remember the many involved in our communities. We can pray the prayer for the Feast of St Barnabas (11th June):

*Bountiful God, giver of all good gifts,  
who poured your Spirit upon your servant Barnabas  
and gave him the grace to encourage others;  
help us, by his example,  
to be generous in our judgements  
and unselfish in our service;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord  
who is alive and regins with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen*

Caroline Pinchbeck

## Who was St Barnabas?

He was Joseph, a Jewish Cypriot and a Levite, who is first mentioned in Acts 4:36, when the early church was sharing a communal lifestyle. Joseph sold a field and gave the money to the apostles. His support so touched them that they gave him the nickname of Barnabas, 'Son of Encouragement'.

Barnabas has two great claims to fame. Firstly, it was Barnabas who made the journey to go and fetch the converted Paul out of Tarsus, and persuade him to go with him to Antioch, where there were many new believers with no one to help them. For a year the two men ministered there, establishing a church. It was here that the believers were first called Christians.

It was also in Antioch (Acts 13) that the Holy Spirit led the church to 'set aside' Barnabas and Paul, and send

them out on the church's first ever 'missionary journey'. The Bible tells us that they went to Cyprus, and travelled throughout the island. It was at Lystra that the locals mistook Barnabas for Zeus and Paul for Hermes, much to their dismay.

Much later, back in Jerusalem, Barnabas and Paul decided to part company. While Paul travelled on to Syria, Barnabas did what he could do best: return to Cyprus and continue to evangelise it. So if you go to Cyprus and see churches, remember that Christianity on that beautiful island goes right back to Acts 13, when Barnabas and Paul first arrived.

In England there are 13 ancient church dedications and not a few modern ones. Barnabas the generous, the encourager, the apostle who loved his own people - no wonder he should be remembered with love.

## EASTLING PARISH COUNCIL

Prior to its regular bi-monthly meeting on 9th May 2007, Eastling Parish Council held its AGM. Cllr Peter Cheeseman was elected to act as Chairman and Treasurer and the remaining Councillors agreed to continue serving the Community in their existing capacity.

**The Warden** reported that in early March, as a result of storm damage along Kettle Hill Road, it was necessary to remove a collapsed tree and made the area safe. Later in the month there was a road traffic accident in Kettle Hill Road. There were no injuries but the vehicles were damaged. There were also incidents involving suspicious cars being parked in the village. In both cases the cars were subsequently collected.

There were reported problems with a lost horse, lost dogs and sheep around the houses at Glebe Cottages.

There was an incident involving a car seen driving on Belmont land. It transpired that it was an unmarked Police car pursuing suspects. During the period a number of routine patrols were made throughout the Parish which were incident free.

**The Chairman** stated that he had received an invitation to attend the launch of the Ospringe Design Statement and indicated that he would be happy to represent the Council at the event. Cllr Bailey and the Clerk offered to accompany him.

**The Council** approved the accounts which were presented to the Village at the Annual Parish Meeting. The Annual Return needed to reach the Audit Commission by the end of June, having first been audited internally. There was £280.00 in the current account and £3,560.00 on deposit.

**A request** for a further donation towards the cost of providing a Youth Worker had been received. The Council agreed to donate a £1,000 for 2007 - 2008, but although it would be prepared to look favourably on making contributions in the future, it felt that it would be wrong to make a firm commitment which it might find impossible to fulfil at a later date. During related discussions Cllrs West and Bickerdike declared an interest.

**A letter** had been received from the Kent Police relating to the Council's request for a 30 mph speed limit along The Street. Achieving this goal is conditional upon the Council agreeing to take part in the Speed Watch programme. With this in mind the Council is proposing to accept the offer from the Police of a presentation showing what this programme entails. It is intended that this meeting should be open to the public so that everybody will have the opportunity to voice their opinion, and to be aware of the implications involved.

**The next regular meeting** of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 11th July at 6.00 pm.

## EASTLING VILLAGE HALL

From the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held on 16th April 2007  
The Chairman, Dr. Julia Bailey, welcomed all to the meeting, particularly members of the Parish Council, Caroline Pinchbeck - Priest in Charge, and Nick and Katherine - landlords at the Carpenters Arms.

Chairman's report:

This year the Trustees were pleased to report a continuing strong financial position with bookings running at record levels.

The marquee, which was purchased to enhance party and wedding facilities, was hired out on six occasions with three bookings held on private properties. The Trustees were pleased to note growing use of the hall for a range of clubs and activities. The youth group had greatly added to use with a holiday club, youth club and craft workshops. Emma Walker bravely took over the role of bookings clerk at the end of 2006.

Despite some reservations the bottle bank was added to the hall recycling efforts and whilst it does not raise income for the hall, unlike the very successful paper bins, it was hoped it will prove to be a valuable village facility.

Improvements to the hall during the year included an outside electric supply, hooks for internal decorations and low lighting. A mini bus belonging to Eastling Primary school may be used by arrangement for village hall activities. Several Eastling residents have obtained certificates of competence to drive the bus.

Students from the University of Arnhem, Holland enjoyed a week in Eastling in July 2006. The students were postgraduate construction managers utilising the hall for lecturers, and the public house for food and fun. Unfortunately funding difficulties will preclude a visit in 2007.

Fund raising activities were put on hold in 2006 due to an over supply in 2005 but the popular village barbeque will be held on August Bank Holiday Monday 2007.

The Trustees' thanks were extended to partners and friends of the Trustees who

### EASTLING VILLAGE HALL

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on 07940 490 896



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have assisted with maintenance, gardening work and the spring clean up.

The Chair afforded her thanks to the Trustees for their continued enthusiasm and cheerful hard work.

The Honorary Treasurer, Alan Willson, presented the annual accounts for 2006 and highlighted the following points:

Net receipts over payments totalled £1,468 and cash funds held at 31st December totalled £13,287 of which £4,000 was set aside as a maintenance fund.

Income from lettings had considerably increased, as had the waste paper recycling. Charges for the Sunday school/youth activities were being reviewed and efforts were being made to identify further grant funding for the activities of the youth worker. The Parish Council had made a generous grant towards the purchase of new crockery and a new insurer resulted in considerably savings in premium. Cleaning costs had risen due to extra hours because of increased usage.

The Trustees will give further consideration to a suggestion that the cooking facilities in the kitchen be upgraded.

Trustee appointments, being unopposed, were noted as follows:

Parish Council	Mrs. Helen Higgs,
Snooker & Bowls Clubs	Mr. Roy Piles,
Neighbourhood Watch	Mr. Alan Willson,
Parochial Church	Mrs. Liz Bell,
Gardening Club	Mr. Michael Thomas
Village representative	Dr. Julia Bailey,
Village representative	Mr. Tim Philpott,
Hon. Secretary	Mrs. Sue Parry
Hon. Treasurer	Mr. Alan Willson
Bookings Clerk	Mrs. Emma Walker

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## Prayer Pointers June 2007



<u>Sundays</u>	For greater understanding of the mysteries of God's work.
<u>Mondays</u>	For all those with responsibility for children.
<u>Tuesdays</u>	For the homeless, lonely and disadvantaged.
<u>Wednesdays</u>	For the understanding and acceptance of all faiths.
<u>Thursdays</u>	For constancy in our faith.
<u>Fridays</u>	For the sick and those who care for them.
<u>Saturdays</u>	For those in positions of authority.



## Services in our Churches

### 3rd June Trinity Sunday

Romans 5. 1 - 5, John 16. 12 - 15

Eastling 10 a.m. Holy Communion (CW)  
(Crèche available)  
Otterden 3 p.m. Evening Prayer (BCP)

### 10th June Trinity 1

Galatians 1. 11 - end, Luke 7. 11 - 17

Stalisfield 10 a.m. Morning Prayer (BCP)  
Eastling 8 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)  
Eastling 10.30 a.m. Freestyle

### 17th June Trinity 2

Galatians 2. 15 - end, Luke 7. 36 - 8. 3

Stalisfield 10 a.m. Holy Communion (CW)  
Eastling 10 a.m. Morning Prayer (BCP)  
Eastling 10 a.m. S Club in Village Hall

### 24th June Birth of John the Baptist

Galatians 3. 23 - end, Luke 1, 57 - 66, 80

Stalisfield 8 a.m. Holy Communion (CW)  
Eastling 10 a.m. Youngstyle

### 1st July Trinity 4

Galatians 5. 1, 13 - 25, Luke 9. 51 - end

Eastling 10 a.m. Holy Communion (CW)  
(Crèche available)  
Otterden 3 p.m. Evening Prayer (BCP)

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

### Mid Week Fellowship

Monday Prayer Group 2pm Seven Acres, Newnham Lane.  
Tuesday Study Group 8pm The Barn, Pinks Farm  
Thursday Prayer Group 10.15am Pinks Farm.  
New members welcome at any midweek group.

## Ministry in our Parishes

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

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

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

Reader Mr. Hugh Perks (01795 890603)  
Weald Cottage, Eastling.

### Churchwardens

Eastling Mr S. Youle (01795 890368)  
Mrs. A. Smith (01795 890469)

Stalisfield with Otterden Mrs P. Thompson (01795 890376)  
Mr M. Beckenham (01795 892079)

### Contacting the Church's staff

For general enquiries and for specific enquiries about Weddings or Baptisms please phone 01795 890487. If you would like the parish staff to conduct a funeral, either in our churches or elsewhere, please ask the funeral director to make the necessary arrangements.

### From the Registers

### Interment of Ashes

Ivy Kathleen DANTON  
30th April 2007 at Eastling

### Services at Whitehill Chapel

3rd June 10a.m. Brunch - Continental Style  
10.40 a.m. Family People's Choice  
5th June 2.15 p.m. Holy Communion  
24th June 11 a.m. People's Choice

For Baptisms, Weddings or Funerals at Whitehill,  
please contact Revd. P. Barker on 01227 463180

## Thank You

We would like to thank everyone who helped to make the 2007 Bluebell Walk such a success. Despite the inclement weather about 180 people (including children) undertook one of the walks of 3, 5 and 12 miles. Many others came for a meal at the Bluebell Bistro in the village hall, which served delicious food. The early purple orchids were particularly good this year, and the bluebells in Divan Wood were out for the first time. Nightingales have returned to Eastling and Otterden and the long and medium routes passed them - but we are not sure whether any of the walkers were lucky enough to hear them.

Special thanks are due to Andy Walker, Andrew and Pim Baxter, Gordon Samuels, Hugh and Sue Perks, and Jo Gilkes and the 'Bible Tea' teenagers who helped set up and take down the markers, and to Helen Davies and David Breaker, who made the posters and maps, both of which were of excellent quality. Finally thank you to Jill Fellows, Jill and Rosie Seaman, Dot Parrot, Caroline Ramshaw, Hilary Harlow and Helen Fulljames for a stunning Bistro. Thanks to all who supported the event. We have raised over £700 towards the kitchen and toilet facilities in Eastling Church. Peter and Angela Cheeseman. May 2007.

## Eastling Neighbourhood Watch.

There have been several instances in the village of vehicles not slowing down when approaching or passing horses and their riders, please have consideration for these other road users and slow down.

There were reports of a small car with a gold emblem on the bonnet containing 3-4 youths whom were firing an air rifle into the woods as they drove around the Eastling area. The Police are very interested in having a chat with these lads so if this car is seen locally either inform the Police or Alan.

Probably due to the warm weather that was around a while ago there have been several reports of an influx of rodents into the local area. Please be vigilant with any rubbish or food left lying about and if there is any serious instances of these rodents please contact Swale Council Environmental Dept.

May I extend my personal thanks to the organisers of the Eastling Bluebell walk. I had family and grandchildren over to take part and everybody thoroughly enjoyed it. The routes were well laid out and the bluebells were out in force. Everybody who visited the Bistro at the Village Hall commented how excellent it was. Thanks again and hopefully many funds raised towards a good cause.

Take care and have a good month  
Alan. Parish / Village Warden  
Telephone 0779 4010394 E-mail -  
neighbourhoodwatch.swale@kent.pnn.police.uk

## Don't be afraid

'Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear...' Psalm 27:3

Someone once wrote: 'You may not be able to prevent the enemy from pitching his tent in your neighbourhood, but you can be confident that your Father will prepare a banquet table for you in his presence. The enemy's presence does NOT in any way diminish your supply, for God knows how to break through the enemy's camp and provide for you. The attack that comes against you will never exceed the weapon you have been given to resist him with. That weapon is a confident heart that refuses to fear a foe that your Champion has already defeated.'

So what should you be convinced of? That the Lord is your light; your salvation; the stronghold of your life (Psalm 27:1-2) Jesus defeated Satan so he would have right to defend you. You may see the enemy's camp and be aware of the size of his forces; you may recognize that his plan is to wage war against you - but he'll never succeed, because he can triumph only where fear and lack of confidence exist.

Why don't you pray this prayer: "Father, I thank you because I am fully persuaded that you are able to keep me from the evil that's in the world, because Jesus stands before you on my behalf. (John 17:15) The enemy is powerless to harm me and I don't even have to enter into battle with him. Therefore, I choose to use my energy today to praise you for your love from which I'll never be separated. (Romans 8:38,39) Amen.  
From UCB daily notes.

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## A Great Big Thank You

The Rogation Weekend at Stalisfield Church was a success, due to the support of locals and visitors from further afield. Thank you so much to all who helped (all 33 of you!), the team spirit was wonderful from flower arranging, cleaning, refreshments, the Sunday service, putting up and taking down gazebos and stalls, plus filling and taking care of the stalls in the rain.

The five organists; Barbara, Margaret, Markham, Andrew and Graham, made the Saturday afternoon delightful.

Sunday - well it did rain, but at least it did not blow! Neal (Bug hunts), Ishpi (Lichen Survey), Shirley (Bats) and Ken (Mammals) gave insights into our Living Churchyard and the wider countryside. Ishpi will return later in the year, as lichen swell up in the rain making them difficult to identify, a long journey from Bromley to tell us that! We will also have a bat survey later - so - watch this space for details.

We all send our love to Brenda and family. Brenda was taken seriously ill a few days before the weekend. As it was not possible to have the Bric a Brac stall Brenda planned, we hope the Fête Committee will allow us the

stall at the Village Fête in August. So, hang on to the items for a while longer.

The profit is over £400 with some gift aid to be added to the total. It is a tremendous help if tax payers use the gift-aid envelopes for donations and Sunday collections. Envelopes are available from churchwardens. From the stalls some plants are still available and home-made cakes (from the freezer). Please phone 01795 890376 and help to raise the total further.

Pat Thompson.

Sunday 10th June  
10.30am  
Eastling Church

**Sunday Freestyle**

Worship, Teaching and Drama  
Come and join us as we discuss another of the sayings of Jesus

Breakfast of Hot Croissants and Fresh Coffee or Tea from 10am



...what do you mean you don't like our latest church banner!?  
From the first of July you're legally obliged to display it!!

## Fullager & Shannon



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**PUDDLEDUCKS** Playgroup with Mother & Toddler Group at Champion Hall, Painter's Forstal - for children from

18 months to 5 years.

The children have planted a dwarf bean to look at how roots and shoots develop. We continue our creative work using different colours each week and the children enjoy all the other table top activities as well as the climbing frame, sit & rides and trampoline.

Do bring your child along to join us on Tuesdays and Fridays during school term - 9.30am to 11.25am. £3.50 per session which includes a snack and drink. Free tea or coffee for parents.

Jill Seaman  
01795 890519



### Healthy Living - We grow our own

Children at Eastling School had a trip to "The Vegetable Plot" at the Eastling Centre to help relieve the stresses and strains of a successful SATs week.

They were invited to try out new tastes of freshly grown vegetables in a specially prepared dinner before helping out on the plot. Children learned about the different types of crops that could be harvested and also tried their hand at planting some of the range within this educational centre on the school's doorstep.

Teacher, Mrs Brookes who attended the event with the children explained that, although not all children were keen at first to experiment with new tastes, there were some surprising conversions! She added that the centre was a great resource and sure to prove popular with a whole range of schools all over the County.

## FRIENDS OF EASTLING SCHOOL

The sensory garden has been completed recently and the boat is now in place for further enjoyment of this quiet area. The school swimming pool will be ready for use in early June so children should bring their swimming costumes and towels to school ready for the fine weather!

Events for the summer term start with our Pool Party and BBQ on Friday 22nd June 6.45 - 8.30pm at Faversham Swimming Pool. Tickets (which include the first item from the BBQ) will be on sale soon - adults £3.00, children under 12 years £2.00. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

The Summer Fete is on Sunday 1st July at Eastling School starting at 2pm, to be opened by Stage Antics. Do make a date to come along to join in the fun! There will be a music evening on Thursday 5th July at school - more details to follow.

The End of Term Social Evening will be on Wednesday 25th July at Eastling School, an event that can be enjoyed by all the family.

Jill Seaman, FOES Publicity  
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01795 890252

## FITNESS CLASSES

@ EASTLING VILLAGE HALL

### WEDNESDAYS

6.00pm GENTLE EXERCISE for the more mature participant & those starting or returning to exercise.  
7.00pm BUMS, LEGS & TUMS helps to tone & shape these specific areas.  
8pm BOLLYWOOD BURNER works on aerobic fitness, using fun dance moves.

### THURSDAYS

9.15am FITNESS PILATES  
A blend of Pilates & dance exercises  
Helps develop muscle tone, balance, flexibility & relaxation

All classes £4.00 or £7.00 for double class on Wednesdays.

For more info contact Leigh  
01795 890 149 or  
<leigh.fitness@btinternet.com>

## Eastling Short Mat Bowls

Going into the closed season with the league now finished, we are looking to play a few friendly games throughout the summer months, besides still playing on Fridays. Club members took part at Strood Leisure Centre, along with 64 other teams from the four corners of Kent, in a charity event for Demelza House. A grand total of £1000 was raised which was very pleasing for all who took part.

Coming up on June 2nd is the Swale pairs competition and we have four teams taking part. I'll let you now next month how we got on.

Readers can follow the progress of clubs in Swale on the league website <www.swalecvs.co.uk/bowls>.

The Wednesday afternoon sessions have finished and will start again on 3rd October. Fridays continue as before: 2.30 - 4.30pm and 7.30 - 9.30pm in Eastling Village Hall. These sessions are open to all players. New members welcome, so if you want to see what it is all about, and want to try your hand at Short Mat Bowls, come along and have a go at either of these times. For more details, please contact Roy Piles on 537162.



in Badlesmere Church, Saturday 16th June at 6pm

This promises to be a lovely summer's evening event where we hope you will bring your picnics and join us before the concert eating outside and then enjoy the performance in the church by Cantiana, a mixed singing group from the parishes around Doddington.

Tickets at £5 per person are available from Revd. Arthur Skinner (01233 740666) or Andrea Dengate (01795 890308)



## St Nicholas-at-Wade OPEN GARDENS

9th and 10th June, 11am - 5pm  
Approx 12 village gardens open

St Nicholas Court Gardens and Underground Chapel Gardeners' Lunches and Cream Teas

Plants, Cakes, Preserves, Books, Bric-a-brac stalls.  
Entrance of £2.50 includes all gardens open.

Art, Photo and Flower Exhibitions in the Church.  
Proceeds to Friends of St. Nicholas for Church Fabric.  
Information 01843 847210



## The Friendship Club

One to one social contact with older people in their homes.

The Friendship Club aims to reduce isolation and loneliness by offering one to one visits by volunteers on a regular basis, often this contact develops into lasting friendship.

If you would like to know more, please phone the co-ordinator on 01795 532766. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer visitor please call the co-ordinator on 01795 532766.

## Afternoon Club

Activities for June:

7th Board Games

21st Bingo

Both meetings 2pm in the  
Champion Hall, Painter's Forstal

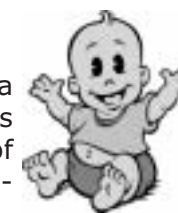
## The Flowers

*Fuschias dance like ballerinas  
Amongst the other flowers,  
Larkspur and delphiniums  
Over the daisy towers,  
Graceful Love-lies-bleeding  
Red with rich green leaves,  
Summer flowers, so beautiful  
One's senses touched and pleased.  
The miracle of sight to see  
The flowers here that grow,  
To identify a bloom by scent  
And say for sure you know.  
To touch and feel the velvet petal  
Gently, perfectly made,  
It's such a shame that these dear  
things  
Inevitably fade.*

Audrey Keen

## Baby Hour

Join us for a relax and a chat with other mothers and babies and a cup of tea at a 'baby and toddler social'.



Plenty of toys suitable for the under 4s, in Eastling Church play area (just inside the church door).

The group now starts half an hour earlier at 2pm-3.30pm to allow mothers to collect their older children from school. Enquiries to Angela Cheeseman 892 124

## Needs a good home:

a little-used IKEA office chair (green), swivelling and height-adjustable. Would accept a £10 donation to Satisfield church funds. Contact Graham Galer - 01795 890780 or graham@galer.demon.co.uk.

## Whitehill Chapel Anniversary

Thursday 7th June  
in the Champion Hall  
at 7.30pm.

Salvation Army Songsters  
Collection  
followed by light refreshments  
All are welcome.

## Painter's Forstal with Ospringle Women's Institute

Tuesday 19th June,  
2.15pm in the Champion Hall  
Mr D Worcester will talk about  
*Hand crafted walking sticks*  
Competition: A walking stick,  
plus flower of the month.

New members welcome,  
contact number 01795 532756.



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| 7th Afternoon Club                                     | 2pm      | Champion Hall           |
| 7th Chapel Anniversary Concert                         | 7.30pm   | Champion Hall           |
| 8th Craft Club                                         | 6.15pm   | Champion Hall           |
| 9th Saturday Club                                      | 10am     | Eastling School Field   |
| 9th Barn Dance                                         | 7.30pm   | Painter's Farm Barn     |
| 15th Deadline for July Good News                       |          | Pinks Farm              |
| 15th Craft Club                                        | 6.15pm   | Champion Hall           |
| 16th Youth Festival Committee                          | 2pm      | Eastling Church         |
| 16th Cantiana Concert                                  | 6pm      | Badlesmere Church       |
| 16th Quiz Night                                        | 7.30pm   | Eastling Village Hall   |
| 19th W. I.                                             | 2.15pm   | Champion Hall           |
| 20th Bodyshop at Pop-In                                | 9 - 11am | Eastling Village Hall   |
| 21st Afternoon Club                                    | 2pm      | Champion Hall           |
| 22nd Pool Party                                        |          | Faversham Swimming Pool |
| 23rd Saturday Club                                     | 10am     | Eastling Village Hall   |
| 26th Magazine Folding                                  | 2pm      | Pinks Farm              |
| 28th Garden Safari                                     | 6.30pm   | Eastling Village Hall   |
| 30th Family Club                                       | 6.30pm   | Stalisfield 'Hut'       |
| JULY 1st Summer Fete                                   | 2pm      | Eastling School         |
| 21st Youth Festival                                    | 12 noon  | Eastling Church         |
| 30th - 3rd Aug Holiday Club                            |          | Eastling Village Hall   |
| DECEMBER 4th Eastling Senior Citizens' Christmas Lunch |          | Eastling Village Hall   |
| 14/15th Eastling-a-dingdong-singalong                  |          | Eastling Church         |

## July Good News

If you would like to advertise in this magazine, submit articles, features or stories for publication, or would like any forthcoming events publicised, please send your magazine contribution by the 15th June to Hilary Harlow, Pinks Farm, Eastling, Faversham ME13 0BA. Tel: 01795 890338. Where possible, please submit your entries by e-mail: h.f.harlow@btconnect.com  
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## Mobile Library

comes to Eastling,  
Glebe Cottages  
10.50 - 11.05am  
June 5th & 19th  
Open to all for:  
Books, children's  
books, story tapes,  
& DVDs