



Craft Club Fridays 5th & 19th June, 3rd July 6.15 - 7.15pm Champion Hall, Painters Forstal. 50p per session Contact number 532756.



On: Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July From: 9.30am – 3.30pm At: Otterden Place Fields

Range of classes for all ages and abilities Come along and enter on the day Dog show classes to start at 10.30am

Refreshments available including: Local meat BBQ, home-made WI cakes and splendid cream teas!!

Horse show enquiries: 07789 013570 Dog show enquiries: 01795 886814

Ladies, if you'd like to find out more about Otterden WI, please contact Emma on 01795 892138 or email emmaenorwood@yahoo.co.uk



# Cherishing Churchyards Week 19th - 28th June



To celebrate this special week **Stalisfield Church** will be open on Sunday 28th June, 2 - 5pm. There will be bug hunts, a plant stall, teas and displays inside the church. Come and join us.

#### Churchyards are special places: • They often contain a rich diversity of plant and

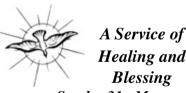
- animal life.

  They are important places for archaeology and history.
- They often have distinctive and veteran trees.

• The stonework and boundary walls provide a home for a mosaic of mosses, ferns and lichens.

They provide a tranquil place for quiet reflection.

They are a resource for inspiration and community learning.



# Sunday 31st May Eastling Church at 6pm

Following our first successful service held in February, we are pleased to announce another chance for everyone to come for a peaceful time of prayer and reflection, with the opportunity to receive prayer for healing for yourself, or another. **Our speaker will be the Revd Peter McIntosh,** from the Crowhurst Healing Centre.

from the Crowhurst Healing Centre. The service will last about an hour and will be followed by refreshments.



#### At Stalisfield Church on Sunday 14th June at 3pm A Mid Summer Medley

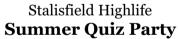
# of Bach to Beatles

Martin Elliott: basses and voice Catriona Bryce: cello and voice Nevill Willis: guitars Richard Dray: piano, mandolin, harp and accordion Ivan Thompson: saxophone,

clarinet and voice With an interval to

#### include Afternoon Tea.

Adults £8, Children £4 Booking is essential, please phone 01795 890376



On Friday evening, 19th June, in response to unprecedented public demand, our resident Quizmasters have agreed to host yet one more quiz party in the Hut on the green at Stalisfield.

The fun begins at 7.30pm prompt. We will follow our time-honoured formula of £2.50 per person, teams of six, bring your own nibbles and tipples.

Don't miss the best quiz party in town. If you can't raise a team, come along and join the pot-luck table. To reserve your table please ring Ian on 01795 890475.

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# Prayer: a beginner's guide

Lucy Moore, Bible Reading Fellowship's Children's Ministry Representative for the South of England and part of BRF's Barnabas team

The good thing about prayer is that there's only one way to go wrong. and that is not to do it. The best way to do it is to just get on and do it. If prayer at its simplest level is listening to God and talking to him, you don't need long books to tell vou how to do it, you just need a conviction that prayer is a good thing to do, that you're someone God wants to hear from and that he's worth talking to.

Is prayer a good thing to do? Never mind for the moment about whether praver 'works' or not: Jesus praved and he encouraged his disciples to pray too, so if we're following him, we need to be praying. Full stop.

Are you someone God wants to hear from? The message of the Bible is that however unworthy, sinful and useless we may feel as human beings, God can't wait to hear from us and is sitting on the edge of his seat like a love struck teenager, hand poised ready to pick up the phone the second it rings.

A new team led by Revd. Caroline Pinchbeck, rather nervously took over the organisation of the Bluebell Walk this year from Peter and Angela Cheeseman. Both, however, still provided a huge amount of verv welcome support and the team is extremely grateful to them.

On the day itself, we were lucky with the weather for the sixth annual bluebell walk. Despite some rather depressing forecasts, rain held off until around 2pm, by which time most walkers had completed their routes. Although some of the bluebells had in places just gone over, we were fortunate that in the main they were still beautiful.

About 250 people took part in the walks, which were of 3, 5, and 8 miles length. The majority did the short and medium lengths, but guite a few brave souls did the longest, which took in some stunning countryside through Divan Wood and Otterden

Is he worth talking to? He's the one S person who knows us inside out, the one person with infinite power at his Μ fingertips, the one who has the true perspective on an entire world's Tstory. Not a slot machine to pay into in the hope of one day getting 'an answer to prayer', but a person. Who likes us.

How might you begin to pray? What sort of a person are you? Do you like a good gossip? Then gossip to God. Are you the strong silent type? Then be silent in his presence. Say hello... say the Lord's Prayer ... say 'Oh God' and mean it... deliberately be silent and still for one minute ... read a story from a Gospel and imagine what you would say to Jesus if you were there... tell him about what is worrying you or thrilling you ... copy the great pray-ers of the Bible and of the Church... write a letter to him ... listen and look for a few moments in a place you consider holy... You can't go wrong. Prayer is good. God longs to hear from you. He's worth it.



Sundays	Thank you Lord, for my life.
Mondays	Thank you Lord, for my family and friends.
Tuesdays	Help me Lord, to put a smile on someone's face.
Wednesdays	Help me Lord, to work out my difficult decisions.
Thursdays	Keep me strong Lord, when I face times of trouble.
Fridays	I'm sorry Lord, for the things I've done
Saturdays	wrong. Thank you Lord, for loving me so much.



June 6/7 Mel Jordan 13/14 Philippa Wigdahl 20/21 Philippa Wigdahl 27/28 Audrey Smith July 4/5 Gilly Freed

Bluebell Walk 2009

We are grateful to the Otterden and Belmont estates, local farmers and shoots for allowing us to erect markers over their land.

Thank you to all the kind volunteers who helped organise the event, its publicity and put up (and took down!) the markers. They include Paul & Jane Hamley, Jane Baker, Sharon Clark, Julia Bailey, Liz Bell, Rov Piles, Janet & David Bensted and, of course, Peter and Angela Cheeseman. Thanks also to David Breaker who designed and printed all the maps, Helen Davies who produced the posters, and the Reid family for providing the marker posts.

We are delighted to announce that the sum total raised on the day for Easting Church was a tad over £1,200. A huge thank you to all those who contributed. Emma Walker



Church

What can I say - our team of 15 worked like crazy to feed all those hungry and thirsty walkers.

Mark and David served 3 times the number of drinks over last year and ran out of cakes. The washers up were fabulous, each taking a turn and so I would like to thank Jill and Rosie. Chris and David, Jane and Sadie, Janet, Dot, Marina, Emma, Pim, Nervs, and Helen, for food donated and help on the day. We had lots of good reports, so thank you to all our supporters for another happy and successful day.

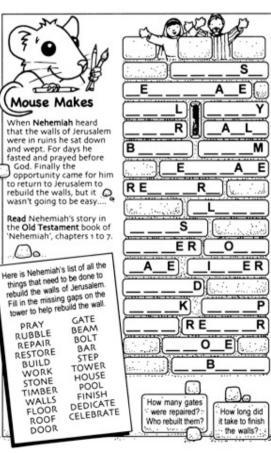
## God the Three in One

On 7th June we celebrate Trinity Sunday. The doctrine of the trinity is one of the most important of the Christian faith, for it goes to the very heart of what God is like. The Bible is quite clear: there is one God, but he is revealed in three 'persons' - the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Have you ever wondered at what point in the Bible God is revealed as being more than one person? Well, you don't have to read very far: only to the first chapter in Genesis. where God (Elohim - a plural noun) says: Let US make man in OUR image. (Gen. 1:26)

The Bible reveals a pattern: God the Father lives in heaven and has never been seen. God the Son became the incarnate Jesus Christ, who made known to us the Father, and God the Holy Spirit, who is unseen, has been sent to live within and to equip his people, the Church.

The Trinity is basic to our salvation - for these three persons in the one Godhead have combined to save us from our sins: it is the WILL of the Father, the saving WORK of the Son. and the indwelling WITNESS of the Holy Spirit. (John 14:16, 23-26).



### Eastling Neighbourhood Watch.

Contact numbers:

Parish/Village Warden Telephone 07794010394 Crimestoppers 0800 555 111 (24 hours, free and anonymous) Sittingbourne police station 01795 477055 Emergencies or crime in progress always use 999

There has been reports of persons posing as water board officials near to this area which have resulted in people being tricked into letting them into their home where they have had property and money stolen. I would reiterate do not let any person into your home unless you have called them and then still check their identity, if you are not sure please call either the Police or myself to have them checked.

As you have probably read in the local newspapers there have been a couple of finds by the Police of thousands of cannabis plants within the local surrounding area, there are probably a few more of these around so if any person has a suspicion of any of these plants please report it. Remember drugs kill.

There have been reports of dogs being stolen, mainly Jack Russells, so please at all times keep your eyes and ears open should you see any suspicious person or vehicle taking notice of your dogs please report it. Have a good month Alan



## "ARTstock is coming!

A new chilled-out micro music festival in the Kent countryside. Bands and solo musicians from across the south east covering all points on the musical compass will be plaving for your enjoyment. Full lineup to be announced, six acts already confirmed.

Saturday 15th August 2009 from 1pm-midnight, Eastling Hall, Near Faversham, ME13 OBB, Kent. Shepherd Neame bar, ice cream, barbecue, fun stuff. All-day ticket just £10. Under 12s free if accompanied. Free overnight camping.

Ticket by reservation only, pay on the day, numbers limited - reserve now on artstock09@gmail.com names, phone and email contact needed. Max four tickets per person, please mention if you need a tent pitch. More info on 07803 908980.

ARTstock is raising money for the Alzheimer's Research Trust (ART) - www.alzheimers-research. org.uk. Big thanks to the Pamela Champion Foundation, the Eastling Centre, the Carpenters Arms PH, and the team behind the scenes."

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# Services in our Churches

7th Luna Trinity Sunday

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Romans 8 12 - 17, John 3. 1 - 17			
Eastling	8 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	
Eastling	10 am	Holy Communion (CW)	
Otterden	3 pm	Evening Prayer	
14th June Trinity 1			
2 Corinthians	5.6-10,14	- 17, Mark 4. 26 - 34	
Eastling	8 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	
Stalisfield	10 am	Holy Communion (CW)	
Eastling	10.30 aı	n Freestyle	

# 21st June Trinity 2

2 Corinthians 6, 1 - 13, Mark 4, 35 - end 8 am Holy Communion (BCP) Eastling Eastling 10 am Morning Prayer (BCP) Stalisfield 10 am Morning Prayer (BCP) Eastling 10 am S Club in the Village Hall

# 28th June Trinity 3

2 Corinthians 8, 7 - end, Mark 5, 21 - end 8 am Holy Communion (BCP) Eastling Stalisfield 10 am Holy Communion (CW) 10 am Youngstyle Eastling

# 5th July Trinity 4

2 Corinthians 12, 2-10, 14 - 17, Mark 6, 1 - 13 Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP) 10 am Holy Communion (CW) Eastling Otterden 3 pm Evening Prayer

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



drama teaching music

Fresh coffee and hot croissants from 10am All ages welcome

# Ministry in our Parishes

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Midweek Groups				
Tuesdays	7.30 pm	Bible Study		
Thursdays	10.15 am	Prayer Group		
Both groups meet at Pinks Farm, Eastling				
01795 890338 New members welcome				
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# Services at Whitehill Chapel

Wednesday 3rd June 2.15 pm Holy Communion 7th June 10.00 am Brunch 10.40 am Family People's Choice 28th June 11.00 am People's Choice Wednesday 1st July 2.15 pm Holy Communion

Please note: During June, July, August, the weekday Communion service moves to first Wednesday. From September it is hoped to have a service each Sunday, one of which will be Communion.

For Baptisms, Weddings or Funerals at Whitehill, please contact Revd. D. Hodgson on 01795 532461



# **Otterden Chronicles**

#### by Audrey Keen

In the winter of 1839 there was a murder at Otterden. According to records, it took place just yards from where I live at Bunce Forstal. The unfortunate woman who met her grisly end lived here, in a small cottage called 'The Wren's Nest'. which fell down too many years ago to accurately record.

The woman's name was Hannah Giles and her assailant, one Samuel Seager, who was subsequently found and hanged. The murder of Hannah Giles and the trial of Samuel Seager are well recorded in an excellent book by Mark Mullins called 'Old Ashford Borough Murders'.

It appears that Hannah was shot and had her throat cut. The gun fire itself set light her clothes alight.

The motive seems to have been jealousy, as she would not reciprocate Samuel Seagar's attentions, though it is thought that they had once been friendly. It would appear that Otterden in the 19th century was quite a rough area. Difficult to imagine today, but on reading these accounts I often think that this would make an interest television drama as it is an histor event. Even though the topic macabre, the images of Otter then, its landscape, the poor

ruling classes living side by side, murder of Hannah and the trial conviction of the villain, wo make a more interesting televis play than many seen today.

'Nature imparts to me A feeling free and rare, And I give thanks for this Each night, privately In prayer.' AIK

# The Big Lunch Sunday 19th July

A chance for the whole village to join together for a meal.

I thought "Eastling could do this."

What do you think?

We will need a good team to make it possible. If you can help, in any way, come for a chat and a cuppa to Pinks Farm, 4pm on Sunday 7th June. Is it feasible? How can we do it? Where should we have it? Hilary Harlow, 01795 890338

The Big Lunch is an Eden Project initiative and the RHS is supporting it by encouraging people across the country to hold a street party in their neighbourhood on 19 July. Other partners in the initiative include the National Trust, Garden Organic and Land Share.

# From the website: www.thebiglunch.com

Imagine a summer's day on which millions of us, throughout the UK, sit down to have lunch together, with our neighbours in the middle of our streets, around our tower blocks and on every patch of common ground. The food, entertainment and decorations we will have either grown, cooked, or created ourselves. This will be a day to break bread with our neighbours, to put a smile on Britain's face.

The Big Lunch was dreamed up by Tim Smit and Paul Twivy one morning at the Eden Project.

Eden is all about projects, we believe in experiments that live, eat, breathe and with luck, thrive. Eden is a celebration of life. People say it puts champagne in your veins, which sounds a lot more fun than chlorophyll.

Although Eden have kicked started The Big Lunch (and are working hard to grease the necessary wheels of government that will help it come together), we're resisting the temptation to own or control the day. We want to keep it organic, create a mood, a rumour.

# It's your party.

# Rotary Club of The Weald of Kent, based at Grafty Green:

sting prical c is prden and c, the	The East Peckham Silver Band Concert Saturday 13th June at Grigg Oast, Headcorn (TN27 9SJ). Gates open at 4pm, music starts at 7pm. Take your own food, drink and chairs.	The 24th Annual Sponsored <b>North Downs Walk</b> Sunday 21st June 5 or 10 mile circular routes, from Harrietsham Village Hall. Start between 8.00 - 10.30am Non-sponsored walkers are welcome -
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Both events are in support of charity - all proceeds for The Silver Band Concert will be split between Headcorn Church and local Rotary supported charities and this year the proceeds of The Walk will go principally to Cancer Research UK, normally not less than £10,000, but it does depend upon the number of walkers, with the remainder going to local Rotary supported charities plus, of course, the sponsored walkers retain their 50% to donate to the charity or good cause of their choice. For further details of either event visit www.wealdofkentrotary.org.uk

# FITNESS CLASSES

#### @ Eastling Village Hall

#### WEDNESDAYS 7.00pm BUMS, LEGS & TUMS helps to tone & shape these specific areas. 8.00pm FIT DANCE works on aerobic fitness, using fun DANCE

moves. Helps to control and burn body fat.

#### THURSDAYS

(No Thursday classes on 4th June due to European Elections - back on 11th June) 9.15am FITNESS PILATES A blend of Pilates & dance exercises. Helps to develop muscle tone, balance, flexibilitv& relaxation

#### Fun & Funky 4.30pm FREESTYLE DANCE **IDTA** for school years 3 -11

Classes £4.00 each or £7.00 for a double class on Wednesdays.

www.milesdanceandfitness.com more info contact Leigh on 890 149 leigh.fitness@btinternet.com



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exhibition.

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taken to the school office.

how we can grow our own food.

Our sports team have been busy -Ten children from Years Three and Four took part in a Tri-Golf festival at Herne Bay High School. They all had great fun and would like to start a golf club at school ...anyone interested in helping? Well done to Megan,

our Star Player. A multi-skills festival for Years One and Two, also at Herne Bay High School, was enjoyed by a team of ten pupils from Eastling. Austin was our Star Player, reaching Gold standard in seven events. During May, lots of children were working

hard during their SATs tests - good luck everyone!

Thank you to all the parents, friends and children who helped with the Big Tidy Up after school on 15th May. Several bags of litter were collected from around the school grounds, village hall car park and local footpaths. The children decided that our village is guite clean but they were disappointed by the amount of dog waste they had to avoid.

Cubs' Class had two trips out using our own mini-bus. They enjoyed looking at the variety of wildlife at Wingham Bird

Whitehill, Painters Forstal **Chapel Anniversary** 

7.30pm Tuesday 9th June 2009 Entertainment by: Ospringe Handbell Ringers Light refreshments will be provided



### Afternoon Club

June 4th - Members invited to join Mrs Noreen Mitchell at her home, for a pleasant get-together and tea. June 18th - Board Games 2pm in the Champion Hall New members welcome.

Park. They would also like to

thank everyone at Syndale

Stables for allowing them to

Tigers' Class have had a full day

trip to the county show ground

where they took part in the Living Land

The school is currently participating in

several voucher schemes. These include

Tesco, Sainsbury's, Times newspapers and

cereal box tops. Vouchers and tokens can be

Lions' Class visited the Eastling Vegetable

Plot which is owned and run by Julia Bailey.

Thanks to Julia for giving the children

hands-on experience, helping them to learn

It was a busy last day of Term Five on

Friday. In the morning, children from Years

Five and Six organised a multi-skills sports

festival for the younger children in Key

Stage One. After lunch, Years Five and

Six went for a walk around the village where

they completed Geography field work as

part of their contrasting localities topic,

School reopens for Term Six on 1st June.

comparing Eastling and Whitstable.

We will have homemade cakes for sale on 3rd June and 1st July in Eastling Village Hall. Pop-In is open to everyone for a free cuppa between 9 and 11am on Wednesdays - lots of toys suitable for toddlers' play. Contact number is 01795 890338

#### Painters Forstal with Ospringe W.I.

Tuesday 16th June What you didn't know about Buttons a talk by Alison Ellman-Brown. 2.15pm in the Champion Hall Competition: An unusual button, old or new.

New members welcome.

#### EASTLING VILLAGE HALL To book ring Julia Bailey



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

Our April meeting at the Harrow, Otterden Warren Street was a lively Quiz Night and we were delighted to see so many of our members bringing along guests and potential new members to join in the fun. A small number of members entered the biscuit competition but the results were

delicious! Our new ice-breaker 'Three things vou didn't know about me' caused quite a stir as we discovered all sorts of interesting and unexpected things about each other and we will be continuing this at future meetings.

A team of six members represented Otterden WI in the West Kent Top Team Quiz in Lenham on Tuesday 28th April and were delighted (and surprised) to win the contest. This means that the Otterden team goes forward to the finals of the competition on Thursday 30th July in Sevenoaks. Good luck ladies!

The proposed Safari Suppers have been postponed for the time being, so our regular monthly meeting will be:

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June 7.30pm at The Harrow, Warren Street

### FRIENDS OF EASTLING SCHOOL

During May, the sale of bedding plants and vegetables from a nursery in Norfolk made a profit of £124.39 for the school.

Our next event is the Swimming Pool Party on Friday 19th June at Faversham Swimming Pool. This is a really fun event with all the outside pools available from 6.45pm to 8.30pm. Tickets will be on sale from 5<sup>th</sup> June and cost £3.50 for an adult (16 years and over) and £2.50 per child. Ticket price includes one item from the BBQ. Don't forget that all children under 8 must have an adult in the pool with them and all children should have adult supervision.

A reminder of future dates for your Diary: Eastling School Summer Fete - Sunday 12th July End of Term Social - Friday 17th July - School Field. Jill Seaman, FOES Publicity jill.b.s@hotmail.co.uk, 01795 890252

Mature lady available for general household duties. Children and pet friendly. For more information phone 01795 532627

> Make sure this date is in your diaries too ..... Saturday July 4th - Open Horse and Fun Dog Show 9.30 - 3.30pm

After the huge success of last vear's first-ever Otterden WI Horse and Dog Show and due to popular demand, we are now making this an annual event and this year the competition is not restricted to under-16s, but open to all. Even without a horse or dog to enter in any of the classes, just come along to soak up the atmosphere of the day; enjoy delicious barbecued locally produced meat or have a splendid cream tea from the WI tea tent. This will be a great day out for all the family!

We are a very friendly group and new members and quests are always welcome. If you're a little shy of coming on your own, please contact us and we'll try to arrange for you to 'buddy up' with a member who lives nearby. If you would like any more details about us, please contact our President Emma Norwood on 01795 892138.

Wendy Thomas Publicity Officer

# Local Artists Wanted

For local, community project To teach various forms of art to small groups of children aged 11-15. Term time, daytime lessons to run in 2 hr weekly sessions over short blocks of 3-5 weeks per artist/medium. Pay rates negotiable at this early stage.

To apply, or find out more, please e-mail your details to suandvioe@vahoo.co.uk. or telephone Su on 01795 89033

### **Eastling Gardeners' Club**

Thursday 18th June Evening Visit to **Chilham Castle Gardens** Meet in the Village Hall car park at 5.30 pm for the bus (small charge payable) or at the Castle at 6pm. Entrance costs £4

ALL SALES

For further details contact Clive Jolliffe on 890160



2nd	Mobile Library	10.50 - 1	1.05am	Glebe Cottages
3rd	Cakes at Pop-In		911am	Eastling Village Hall
4th	Afternoon Club		2pm	74 London Road
5th	Craft Club		6.15pm	Champion Hall
7th Big Lunch Preliminary meeting 4pm			ng 4pm	Pinks Farm
9th	Chapel Anniversary		7.30pm	Champion Hall
14th	Mid Summer Medley	у	3pm	Stalisfield Church
15th Deadline for July Good News			Pinks Farm	
16th	Mobile Library	10.50 - 1	1.05am	Glebe Cottages
16th	Painters Forstal W.I.		2.15pm	Champion Hall
17th	Coffee Club		11am	Champion Hall
18th	Afternoon Club		2pm	Champion Hall
18th	Gardeners' outing		6pm	Chilham Castle
19th	School's Pool Party		6.45pm	Faversham Pools
19th	Quiz Party		•	Stalisfield 'Hut'
	Otterden WI		-	Harrow Hotel
28th	Cherishing Churchya	ards	2- 5pm	Stalisfield Church
	2	10.50 - 1	1.05am	Glebe Cottages
30th	Magazine Folding		2pm	Pinks Farm
	4th Horse and Dog	Show	9.30am	Smoad Farm
12th	Summer Fete			Eastling School
AUG	UST 15th ARTstock		1pm	0 0
Deadline for 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, send your contribution by 15th June to Hilary Harlow, Pinks Farm, Eastling, Faversham ME13 0BA. Tel: 01795 890338. Where possible, please submit your entry by email: h.f.harlow@btconnect.com

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