Next S.Club will be at 10am With your Lent Money Boxes you 658 on Sunday 19th June in Eastling Village Hall. All primary school aged children welcome.

# Youngstyle

Sunday 26th June.

# WELL DONE S.Club

raised £160 for 'Hands of Compassion', helping to provide schooling for orphans of Zambia.

#### And a BIG THANK YOU to

Ben Lewis, who as guest barman at the Carpenters Arms 10am in Eastling Church raised £220 for S.Club funds.

PENTECOST

12th June

Of the three main festivals in the

Christian year, Pentecost or

Whitsun is the least celebrated

Christmas celebrates the birth of

a baby in a stable. Easter

celebrates that baby grown to a

man, our Risen Lord. And

Pentecost celebrates the coming

of the Holy Spirit to the

beginning of the Christian

Pentecost is the birthday of all

# Holiday Club is back in Eastling!

This year there will be a huge range of fun activities, from games to craft, singing to sport, plus a lot more; holiday club has something for everyone! The club takes place from the 8th-12th August, between 10 and 12 daily in the village hall, and is aimed at children of primary school age. It costs £4 per day, or book before Friday 1st July for an early discount: £.16 for the whole week. To book your place email eastlingyouthworker@hotmail.com for a registration form, or call Sarah on 890233 with any questions.

Places limited so don't hesitate to book yours!

#### FRIENDS of EASTLING SCHOOL

There were some brilliant models with a Royal Wedding theme from recycled Easter Egg boxes judged in school on Friday 6th May. Congratulations to the winners and well done to every child who

Many thanks to all the helpers for their hard work during FOES 'jobs day'. A great many jobs around the school were completed.

On 17th June, the Swimming Pool Party is open to all school children, friends and family - details and tickets will be on sale

Don't forget the School Fete will be held on Sunday 10th July from 12pm to 3pm. Tickets for the Grand Raffle will be sent

Second Hand school uniform always welcomed and available to parents to purchase.

Jill Seaman, FOES Publicity 01795 890252

### PEN-THINGS

Pentecost comes 50 days after Easter, PENTA means 5 so a pentagon has five sides and the first five books of the Old Testament are called the Pentateuch.

There are quite a number of words that begin with the letters PEN, so can you say which PEN is... (answers at the bottom of the page)

- A free kick in football?
- A female swan?
- 3. Someone you write to?
- 4. An early kind of bicycle?
- 5. A sporting event?
- 6. A small coin?
- 7. A flag?
- 8. A black and white bird that can't fly?

are welcome to come along to sessions at Champion Hall, Painter's Forstal on Friday evenings from 7pm to 8.30pm. If the weather is fine we meet at the park for football, tennis, kwick cricket and basket ball.

Activities indoors include deck hockey, pool or snooker and Playstation 2 as well as special events run by the Kent Youth.

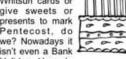
Each session is £1 and tuck is available to purchase. Future dates are: June 10th and 24th - all to be confirmed. Volunteers to help with sessions always welcomed.

Jill Seaman Tel: 01795 890519

Christian Churches. It was the start of all those ripples that Painter's Forstal Youth Club spread wider and wider to cover Children between the ages of 8 to 12 the whole world. From the 11 disciples and Matthias (who replaced Judas Iscariot) to us today.

But we don't send Whitsun cards or give sweets or presents to mark Pentecost, do we? Nowadays it Holiday. How do

Church.



you think we should celebrate Pentecost?

Why did the man take a pencil to bed? To draw the curtains.

What did the pencil say to the rubber?

Take me to your ruler.

Why is it bad to write on an empty stomach?

Because paper is better.

Answers: 1, penalty 2, pen 3, pen friend 4. penny farthing 5. pentathlon 6. penny 7. pennant 8. penguin

# **Good News**







Eastling and Stalisfield Wardens would like to thank everyone for their generosity and their help which made Caroline's leaving party such a joyful occasion. Caroline would like you all to know how touched she was to see so many people there and to say how delighted she is to own a picture she had always wanted.

#### Cherishing Churchyards Week Celebration Sunday 19th June, 2.00pm - 4.00pm Help needed

We need to record properly the graves and inscriptions, where possible, at Stalisfield Churchyard. It would be good to make a start on the graves since 1921 to the present in the "new area" of the churchyard during this event. Help will be available to try to read some of the more difficult headstones and also it is planned to have the burial registers for the

Cherichina

Churchward

period available for inspection if it can be arranged to bring them from the archives. If you are interested in this please contact me on 01795 890376 or e mail me at patricia@dumpy.plus.com.

Tea, Coffee and Cake for sale and the popular Bug Hunt with Neal for children and the young at heart.

#### A Busy Weekend in our parishes.

Congratulations to those who were confirmed by The Right Reverend Trevor Willmott, Bishop of Dover, on Friday 13th May. Bishop Trevor, who was accompanied by his wife Margaret, gave an inspiring talk and, after confirming the twelve candidates, celebrated the Eucharist, during which the newly confirmed took their first Communion.

On Sunday 15th May, parishioners attended the final church service led by Revd. Caroline Pinchbeck before she assumed her new role as Executive Officer of the Communities and Partnership framework, whilst continuing her work as Rural Life Adviser in the Diocese of Canterbury.

That evening there was a leaving party in the village hall attended by over 100 parishioners. During the evening Churchwarden Steve Youle thanked Caroline for her work in the benefice, noting especially her versatility in being 'barman for a night' in the Carpenters Arms earlier in the year. Caroline was presented with gifts of a limited edition print called 'After Chapel' by Ian Weatherhead, a floral bouquet and a cheque. She thanked everyone for their friendship and help during the five years of her office, was sad to be leaving and asked folk to support the Wardens and PCCs during the interregnum.

Revd. Pinchbeck has also been appointed an Honorary Canon of

Canterbury Cathedral and will be installed during a service in the Cathedral on September 10th at 5.15pm. Honorary Canons have a stall in the Cathedral and are asked to pray specifically for the life and work of the Cathedral within the City and Diocese. They also become members of the Cathedral Foundation. The office of Honorary Canon dates back to 1840 and a maximum of 30 Honorary Canons of Canterbury may hold an appointment at any one time.



The news magazine for the combined parishes of Eastling and Stalisfield with Otterden

#### Give thanks to the LORD and pray to him ...

This is the disciple who is testifying to these things and has written them, and we know his testimony is true. But there are also many other things that Jesus did: if every one of them were written down, I suppose that he world itself could not contain the books that would be written. (John's Gospel Ch 21 verses 24 and 25)

I write this five years to the day, when I first came to Eastling for interview. As I was guided around the parishes, and met the Wardens and others I tried to imagine myself living and working here. Five vears later. I cannot imagine myself not being here. So much has happened in the life of the parishes, we have seen many people come and go. But as we look back together, we discern where the hand of God has guided us.

On 2<sup>nd</sup> June, all the parishes in the Diocese will begin a cycle of nine days of prayer. This is part of its 'Year of Discipleship' when we prayer and think together about the ways in which God is calling each of us, and how do we speak and share the Good News with others. In the busyness of our lives, it can be easy to not make time to pause and reflect.

It is good to pause and reflect on all that has happened, so that it can shape all that we do in the present for the future. As the final verses of John's Gospel (above) say, there is too much for us to take in once we begin to recall all that has happened.

# Prayer **Pointers** June 2011

Thursday

Sunday For the newly confirmed members of our benefice. Monday For those who are sick that

they might be comforted. Tuesday For those sitting important exams at this time.

For Eastling, Stalisfield and Wednesday Otterden as we go forward into the Interregnum.

> For areas of conflict in the world and those involved

in fighting. Friday For the hungry.

Saturday For guidance for the parochial church councils.

Personally speaking, there are so many things for which to give thanks to God. I recall the people that I have met, the conversations that we have shared, the events in which we have celebrated together. There are also the memories of those who have now passed away, and rest in Christ's peace. It is with sadness that we recall their passing, while also giving thanks that we have shared their lives, and they are the basis of our memories and the shaping of our

I would like to thank everyone in our communities for the privilege of being here and sharing in your lives. I have many memories to take away with me, which will be added to my kitbag for my continuing ministry.

I would also like to thank everyone for the very generous gift of the picture, which has pride of place in my dining room. It is something I thought I would never be able to purchase. Every time I look at it, Î will pause and give thanks for the time in Eastling, Stalisfield and Otterden. As St Paul writes to the Philippians -

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you ...

May God bless you all. With all my love and prayers. Caroline

Give thanks to the LORD and pray to

Sing to him; sing praises to him. Tell about all his miracles. Be glad that you are his: let those who seek the LORD be happy. Depend on the LORD and his strength, always go to him for help. Remember the miracles he has done; remember his wonders and his decisions. (Psalm 105 verses 1-5)

# Eastling Church June 2011

4/5 Nerys and Emma Wedding 11/12

18/19 Philippa Wigdahl 25/26 Audrey Smith July 2/3 Janet Wood

40 days after Easter comes Ascension Day. It may seem crazy to call it Eastertide when Easter is clearly over! - but these are the 40 days



during which the Risen Christ appeared again and again to his disciples, following his death and resurrection.

The Gospels give us little of Christ's teachings and deeds during those forty days. Jesus was seen by numerous disciples: on the road to Emmaus, by the Sea of Galilee, in houses, etc.

He strengthened and encouraged his disciples, and at last opened their eyes to all that the Scriptures had promised about the Messiah. Jesus also told them that as the Father had sent him, he was now going to send them - to all corners of the earth, as his witnesses.



#### Church flower help needed!

Due to Emma's moving, she and Nervs will be resigning as the Eastling church flower rota organisers as from July, and so we are looking for some volunteers to take

Thanks to our hugely reliable flower arrangers, the rota is pretty much selfrunning now and, in the past couple of years in January, we have simply updated and re-issued the list for the year ahead Hilary very kindly provides a reminder to everyone in Good News of the month's

Most of the role, therefore, surrounds organising the Easter Lillies (collecting donations and buying the flowers) and organising the arrangement helpers for harvest festival and the Christmas flowers. The latter two tend to be great fun, with lots of people happily getting involved. If you do think that you might be able to take over from Emma & Nervs - either on your own or with a friend - please do give Laura a call on 01795 890487 or email her at eastlingchurch@googlemail.com.

#### School News

Royal Wedding - after spending a Thursday morning making decorations, flags and crowns, the children enjoyed a traditional street party with fancy dress, races and lots of food.

The football team played away at Davington school but unfortunately lost 5-2. Welcome back - Miss Pout returned to teach Tigers' Class after Easter. following her maternity leave.

Tigers' Class enjoyed a full day at the show ground, Detling; during the Living Land exhibition. They were very surprised to see Reverend Pinchbeck leading some activities! A week later the class had a great day of outdoor and adventurous activities during a 'mini' residential visit last week and also participated in a music festival at Meadowfields School, Sittingbourne.

Year Six completed the final SATs tests and we hope all the hard word has been rewarded. Congratulations to the Year 3/4 tri-golf team - they finished fourth out of eight teams in the SSCo festival.

To reinforce their class work, Lions' Class enjoyed a visit to the Dover Museum where they learned all about "The Great fire of London" through drama and handling the museum's artifacts. They even managed some time on the beach in the glorious sunshine. Term Six begins on Monday 6th June.

#### EASTLING PARISH COUNCIL

The Annual Parish Meeting took place on Thursday 28th April in Eastling Village Hall, when the Chairman gave a summary of events over the past year and the Treasurer summarised the end of year

KCC Councillor Andrew Bowles reported on current matters in the Parish and Rev. Caroline Pinchbeck gave her report on Church affairs and, as Chair of the Governors, a summary of events at Eastling School. The Chairman thanked all the attendees and the meeting concluded with drinks and snacks.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 13th July at 6.30pm in Eastling Village Hall.

Residents are welcome to attend any meeting.

Jill Seaman. Clerk to the Council mick seaman@yahoo.co.uk

# **BELMONT ESTATE** On 12th June 2011 Discover life on Britain's farms Come along and join us for a family Attractions include: FARM MACHINERY FARM ANIMALS FORESTRY DEPARTMENT DISPLAYS KTTCHEN GARDEN PRODUCE & PLANTS WORKSHOP OPEN TRACTOR AND TRAILER RIDES ENGINE DISPLAYS CREAM TEAS It's fun, it's free and you might just learn something OPEN FROM 1pm till 4pm BELMONT

**Open Farm Sunday** 

### What's the Big Idea? -

an introduction to the Books of the Old Testament: Job 'Why does God allow suffering?

of the Christian faith, because we believe Job's suffering, remembering his morally in a God who is both good and powerful. It upright character. Finally all are silenced by is the book of Job which explores this issue. God, as he speaks himself (chs 38-42). He Job is part of the wisdom literature, along points out that Job knows very little about with Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Song of the universe when he reflects on God's

author or when the book was written. The to confess his confidence and trust in God. picture of life described in Job fits well with The issues of his suffering melt away in the the patriarchal period (around 1600 BC). power of God's presence. Job is not However, being part of the wisdom tradition, condemned and the book ends with the means the book would probably have been restoration of his family and possessions. written between the time of Solomon and The importance of this book is that it the Exile.

experienced catastrophic suffering, losing unhelpful friends who want to explain the all his wealth, children and health. This is pain and end up offering simplistic answer portrayed as a resulting from Satan's to life's most painful questions. The book of challenge to God, to test whether Job's Job is not so much about why God allows devotion to God was dependent on his suffering, as it is about how we should circumstances or not.

consists of dialogues between Job, his came from my mother's womb, and naked I friends (Eliphaz, Bildad, and Zophar) and shall depart. The LORD gave and the God. Job and his friends are working with LORD has taken away; may the name of the assumptions that God is almighty and the LORD be praised.' (1:21) perfectly just, and no human being is wholly innocent. In the three cycles of

'This is the most frequently question asked speeches they wrestle with the reasons for power. Job confesses his lack of We are given no clue as to identity of the understanding and weakness, but goes on

realistically addresses the painful questions Job was both wealthy and righteous, yet he of life. Like Job we can be surrounded by respond to suffering. Job's trust in God is The main body of the book (3:1-42:6) evident throughout the book: 'Naked I

Revd. Paul Hardingham.

#### Eastling Neighbourhood Watch

Parish /Village Warden 07794 010394

Crimestoppers 0800 555111 Swale Police 01622 690690 Emergencies 999

There are still reports coming in of a computer company making cold telephone calls, advising that there is a computer virus in your machine and if you would like to part with over £250 it can be resolved. There is only one way to resolve this sort of telephone call, cut the caller off.

Another telephone scam doing the rounds advises that you have overpaid your council tax for last year. The caller requests your bank details so the overpayment may be made direct to your bank. If you have overpaid Swale Council will make the payment direct so under no circumstances pass your details onto any cold caller you are not 100% sure of.

My usual reminder now that summer is now with us, or have we already had it, to think about arranging for transport if you are going to a barbeque or any other function in which you may be indulging in alcohol to an excess and may result in drink driving. The cost of a taxi is small against the loss of your licence or an accident which may involve loss of life.

Remember to close up windows etc when leaving home as there are persons about who will take advantage of an opportunity to enter your home. Have a good month, Alan.

# Services in our Churches

# Every Wednesday

Eastling 9.05 - 9.20am Morning Worship

### 5th June Easter 7

Acts 1. 6 - 14, John 17. 1 - 11

Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)
Eastling 10 am Holy Communion (CW)
Otterden 3 pm Evening Prayer (BCP)

#### 8th June

Eastling 8 am - 8 pm Prayer and silent vigil

## 12th June Pentecost

Acts 2. 1 - 21, John 20. 19 - 23 or John 7. 37 - 39
Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)

Stalisfield 10 am Holy Communion (CW) Eastling 10.30 am Freestyle

# 19th June Trinity Sunday

2 Corinthians 13. 11 - end, Matthew 28. 16 - 20

Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)
Stalisfield 10 am Morning Prayer (BCP)
Eastling 10 am Morning Prayer (BCP)
Eastling 10 am S Club in Village Hall

# 26th June Trinity 1

Romans 6. 12 - end, Matthew 10. 40 - end Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)

Eastling 10 am Youngstyle

Stalisfield 10 am Holy Communion (CW)

# 3rd July Trinity 2

Romans 7. 15 - 25a, Matthew 11. 16 - 19, 25 - end Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)

Eastling 10 am Holy Communion (CW) Otterden 3 pm Evening Prayer (BCP)

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

# Ministry in our Parishes

Priest in Charge Vacant

PLEASE NOTE all enquiries should be directed to the Parish Administrator Laura Lloyd (01795 890487) eastlingchurch@googlemail.com (Weekday mornings)

Non Stipendiary Minister with Permission To Officiate

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

Reader Norman Fowler (01795 890412)

4 Meesons Close, Eastling

Reader Hugh Perks (01795 890603)

Weald Cottage, Eastling

Churchwardens

Eastling Steve Youle (01795 890368)

Audrey Smith (01795 890469)

Stalisfield with Otterden

Sue Gaind (01622 858551) Pat Thompson (01795 890376)

## From the Registers

#### Confirmation

Anna Blunt, Jeremy Condrup, Matthew Gaston,
Daisy Jordan, Thomas Jordan,
Jasper Ostle, Octavia Ostle,
Bert Parrett, Dot Parrett, Nicky Price,
Jake Williams, Toby Williams.
13th May 2011 at Eastling

#### Wedding

**Book-Keeping Services** 

Based in Otterden, Faversham.

Is offering a manual book-keeping

service tailored to your needs.

Telephone No: 01795 890151

or Mobile No: 07531 830083

Katie Cheeseman and Russell Toon 1st May 2011 at Eastling

# Midweek Groups

Tuesday 21st June Study Group 9.30am Garden Cottage
Tuesdays weekly Study Group 7.30pm Pinks Farm
Thursdays Prayer Group 10.30am Pinks Farm
All welcome.

# R.H.SERVICES

MAJOR DOMESTIC APPLIANCE SALES & REPAIRS

Tel: Faversham (01795) 535616

1 Queens Parade East Street, Faversham Kent. ME13 8AQ

Ray Huntley

# Victoria McCarthy House Group

The Tuesday morning house group meets, once a month, on the 3rd Tuesday starting at 9:30am and finishing at 11am. The next meeting will be on Tuesday 21st June at Garden Cottage, Newnham Lane.

#### Stalisfield Wildlife

Royal Wedding Party

Stalisfield celebrated the Royal Wedding with enthusiasm. Despite a keen northeast wind barely tempered by afternoon sunshine, the party on the green attracted a goodly crowd including a diminutive princess bride who circulated freely within the company.

Food there was in plenty and of every variety, brought by the partygoers and freely shared under the cover of a marquee thoughtfully provided by the Greenwoods.

Nostalgically themed music brought back memories of youth to many a mature mind and created an atmosphere well suited to the audience

liberally sprinkled with members of all ages. As always on these occasions, the scene was completed by the sight of the children happily playing as only children can, on a festive occasion.

Entertainment at the maypole came from dances performed by teams after only minimal on-the-spot instruction. Both children and adults put on

very creditable performances and received well deserved applause. A "home raised" Morris team then took the stage with performances of





again provided the sound system for a Stalisfield event, to Elaine for her efforts in dance instruction and arrangement, to the "good sports" who performed, to all those who turned up on the morning to set up and afterwards stayed to clear up, for the donation of the Pimm's, and of course to everyone for embracing the "Fare to Share" principle.

The Fare to Share food, volunteer help and a little free spending on the day, secured the prime goal of the event. We had a wonderful day without general admission or other charges. All expenses were covered, with a modest surplus to add to the hall funds for good measure.

#### **Stalisfield Funding Footnote**

Taking full advantage of the Party on the Green, our Grants Application Co-ordinator, fresh from a fruitful funding meeting, circulated copies of the questionnaire she had compiled on the advice of our "Funding Buddy". This is a service provided free to advise those applying for grants from charitable bodies.

The questions on the form attempt to establish the degree of support in the village for a rebuilt Hall and expectations with regard to the functions of such a building. Without solid evidence of support for the project, we are unlikely to qualify for any grants to help fund the rebuild or to achieve the status of a Charity which seems also to be a prerequisite for funding. It is essential that we receive a high proportion of returns to provide that evidence.

We are grateful to those who have already returned their completed forms and for the indication of willingness to help on many of them. If your form is not among the returns, please spend a little time letting us know your opinions. We will be happy to provide additional forms via email, post or delivered by hand. Just phone Tracey on 01795 890517 or Roy on 01233 712893. It is not essential to fill in the spaces for which you feel uncertain so long as we gain a good idea of how you feel. Return the form to Tracey Smith at Flint Barn, Redborough Farm, Stalisfield, ME13 0HX or to any other committee member.

# Stalisfield Highlife-Santa's Summer Selebration

Readers may recall that following two consecutive years cancellation of the Christmas Tea for the over 60s, we queried whether it might be preferable to hold a similar function at a more favourable time.

Accordingly, this year we plan to hold a get-together for the Over 60s on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> of June at 4 o'clock in the afternoon in the Hut on the Green at Stalisfield. Food and festivity will be combined with the chance to chat and catch up with the neighbours' news and happenings. Individual invitations will be issued but if yours hasn't arrived in good time, ring Ian on 01795 890475 or Roy on 01233 712893.

We are still hoping that the weather in the days before Christmas will allow us to mark the season with a gettogether for yuletide chat, mince pies and a little Christmas cheer.

#### **Stalisfield Parish Council Election**

As a result of the election of  $5^{th}$  May 2011 the council consists of the following members:

Cat Hom, Apple Tree, Stalisfield. Tracy Dove, The Old Post Office, Stalisfield Judith Saunders, Derbies Court Stalisfield. Ian McKay, Holbeam Cottage, Stalisfield. Rod Twiss, Redborough Cottage, Stalisfield

No Party affiliations have been declared.

The Parish Council is able to make recommendations to the Borough regarding Planning Applications and to raise matters of concern to Swale council and other bodies.

As a result of the former Parish Clerk being elected to the council, the post of Parish Clerk is currently vacant. Applications are invited from persons interested in filling this post. Apply to Cat Horn on 01795 890298 or Rod Twiss on 01795 890 181.

#### STALISFIELD ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

will be held in the Village Hall on

#### Thursday 23rd June at 7.30pm

This is your opportunity to raise concerns over matters affecting the village and its residents, and your chance to put your point of view. All are welcome and items to be discussed will include future plans for Stalisfield Church, but if you have matters which you would like added to the agenda, please contact Rod Twiss on 01795 890181.



Reserve the date of 22<sup>nd</sup> July for the **Stalisfield Annual Frog Races.** You won't want to miss this year's Frog Race Meeting. Coupled with a delicious Fish 'n' Chip supper the event is a highlight of the Stalisfield calendar. Look for full details in July's issue of *Good News* and in the meantime note the date in your diary.

### Village Concert

at the Champion Hall, Painters Forstal

Opera arias, light classical, folk and choral pieces. Thursday 9th June, at 7.30pm

Tickets £5, at the door or from Bobbie on 532756

# BARN DANCE

Saturday 11th June Painters Farm Barn

Tickets cost £6 adults: £4.50 children under 16; £18 family of 2 adults + 2 children. To book please call Bobbie on 01795 532756.

#### **Eastling Short Mat Bowls Club**

We have finished all of our league games and as reported last month, we finished top

of both the Swale and East Kent league's and go into higher divisions next season. The club continues to play on Friday afternoons and evenings, right though the

summer months, so if anybody wishes to try their hand at the game, please contact Rov on 537162 and ask for details. Wednesday afternoon practices resume in October.

One piece of good news; Roy has just had the news that he has obtained sufficient points for his Kent County Badge and will go to the presentation for this. He will then play a couple of games for Kent County next season

Badlesmere and Leaveland Churches OPEN WEEKEND

to launch our God's Acre project 11th and 12th June, 1 - 5pm Footpath walks between the churches, history talks, children's activities, hay meadow stroll, teas and tombola COME ALONG AND CELEBRATE WITH US!

# The Painters Forstal COFFEE CLUB

The next coffee club will be on 29th June, in Whitehill Chapel, 11 am - 12.30pm. All welcome.

The Champion Hall is available for hire, at reasonable rates. Suitable for meetings, children's parties etc. (No alcohol is allowed on the premises) Please phone Bobbie on 532756.

BEEKEEPING

Taster/ Introductory Talk

Pluckley Village Hall,

Station Road, Pluckley,

Friday 17th June from 8 to

9pm. Cost is £5 per person.

This talk is aimed at giving

important information into the

conservation of bees and the craft

of beekeeping. It is not intended to

give knowledge on how to keep

07894 833779 or 07515 595706

bees successfully.

Debbie and Pat Hillman



I'm Fionn Bernthal, and in the

summer of 2012, I'll be in Kenya,

helping local communities, the

environment and local wildlife with

Camps International, I'm 15, and I go

to The Archbishop's School. I need

to raise £3480 for the expedition,

and with your help, I'll manage it. I'm

looking for any part-time work, or

anything you've got, really. You

suggest it, I'll attempt it.

Email: fionnb@hotmail.co.uk

Telephone: 01795 890308

### Otterden WI

Newnham Open Gardens

Sunday 5th June, 1pm - 6pm

More than 16 gardens open, hundreds

of plants for sale.

Ploughman's lunches from 12 noon,

Teas from 2pm. Children's Treasure

Hunt, lacemaking and more.

Proceeds to Newnham Church.

**Painters Forstal** 

with Ospringe WI

Tuesday 21st June

2.15pm in Champion Hall

Chile: A travel talk

by Mrs Liz Sillifant

Competition: A photo that

makes vou smile.

I'd like to thank our Wine and Wisdom David Fagg evening 6th May, also to Julie Murray for

being a terrific Quiz Master. It was a huge success with all money raised going to The WI Charity and Breast Cancer UK, Apologies for having to cancel the Garden Visit due to illness, we all Wish Mrs Bell a speedy recovery.

June 8th - Wine Tasting Evening.

Mr Andrew Higgs will be joining us for an evening to sample summer wines. The WI will be providing nibbles to soak up some of the wines. Please bring a quest, there will be a charge of £2.50 pp to cover the costs. Hope to see you all there. Enjoy your month.

Becky Ward, 01795 533604

rward85@btinternet.com

to Eastling Village Hall on Wednesdays, 9 - 11am

No charge, toddlers welcome. Come for a free cup of tea, or coffee, and a chat. DATE CHANGE:

Home made Cakes and second hand books on sale on 8th June. Contact number is 01795 890338.

#### **Book Sales**

Many thanks to everyone who supported the Book Sales at Pop-In and at the Bluebell Walk: £117.50 has been sent to Cancer Research. Next sale will be at Pop-In on 8th June. Jill Seaman

#### Many thanks

to all who donated to B.H.A. with Lent giving. It will be used to fund transport of aid to the various support centres in Ukraine To help even more, please can I encourage you all to support Jill & Caroline's quiz night everyone who came to on June 4th which is for the same cause.



# **Eastling Gardeners' Club**

A visit on Thursday, 9th June to Pheasant Barn, Oare, ME13 0OB

A series of smallish gardens overlooking Oare Creek including a vegetable garden, flower beds, water features and labyrinth. Entrance costs £4 for members of the Gardeners Club and £5 for non members, to include a glass of wine and nibbles. Meet at Pheasant Barn at 6pm or Eastling Village Hall at 5.30pm for car sharing. Phone Clive on 890160 for further information.

#### **Eastling Quiz Night**

Saturday 16th July, 7.30pm in aid of village hall funds. Tickets £5 to include raffle tickets, bring your own snacks and drinks. Places bookable through Sue on 890254 pay on the night.

# PENTECOST FREESTYLE

Sunday 12th June. 10.30am **Eastling Church** 

Putting God first in your life. All ages welcome Free breakfast from 10am



#### Join in the Week of Prayer 3rd June - 11th June

Free Pocket Prayers available in our churches.

The nine days between Ascension and Pentecost have been designated to be the Novena of Prayer. All parishes in the Diocese have chosen to celebrate this in their own individual way. In our parishes, we will be holding a day of worship on Wednesday 8th June in Eastling Church and folk are encouraged to attend for as long, and as often as they are able: stay for 10 minutes, an hour or longer.

Between 8am - 8pm, the day will be divided into 12 hourly slots and we are looking for volunteers to lead individual hours. This can involve any form you choose: prayer, songs, silent vigil etc.. Pocket prayers and ideas for worship are available on the table by the font.

If you can help, please sign up to our rota, which is at the back of Eastling church on the notice board, or email: eastlingchurch@googlemail.com

# The Cake Break Fund raiser

for the Multiple Sclerosis Society. Thank you to those who supported the event on 21st May. It was a beautiful afternoon to drink tea, eat cake and chat in the Stalisfield churchyard, £88.50 was raised. Thank you all, Pat.

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# **Iune** 2011 4th Ouiz Night

7pm Eastling Village Hall 8th Cake and Book Sales 9am Eastling Village Hall

8am - 8pm Eastling Church 8th Novena of Prayer 8th Otterden WI wine tasting 7.30pm Stalisfield Village Hall 9th Gardeners' Outing 6pm Pheasant Barn, Oare

9th Concert 7.30pm Champion Hall 11th Barn Dance 7.30pm Painters Farm Barn 12th Open Farm Sunday

1 - 4pm Belmont Estate See below

15th DEADLINE for July magazine 17th FOES Social Evening Faversham Swimming Pools 10am Eastling Village Hall

19th S Club 19th Open afternoon and Bug Hunt 2pm Stalisfield Church 9.30am Garden Cottage, E'ling 21st Study group

21st Ospringe WI 2.15pm Champion Hall 23rd Stalisfield Annual Parish Meeting 7.30pm S'field Village Hall

25th Santa's Summer Selebration 4pm Stalisfield Village Hall

28th Good News Publication 2pm Pinks Farm 11am Whitehill Chapel 29th Coffee Club

JULY 10th School Fête 12pm Eastling School Field 7.30pm Eastling Village Hall 16th Quiz Night

22nd Stalisfield Frog Racing

#### Deadline for July 2011 Good News

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## The Bluebell Walk 2011.

Once more our village of Eastling showed its community spirit in an effort to raise funds for our local church via the Annual Bluebell Walk and Bistro.

The weather was kind to us this year although the Bluebells themselves were a little past their

best because of the long dry spell leading up to the actual walk.

We had over 250 walkers of all ages take part and many more visitors from afar who enjoyed both the walks and the excellent food on offer. I would like to say to the 50 plus volunteers of all ages, who helped on the day doing in some cases very unglamorous, but necessary, jobs like washing up dishes or car park duties, a very, very big thank you. We showed ourselves to be a small village with a big heart.

Harry Kyte, chairman.

#### Children's Bluebell Walk Nature Competition Result.

walk, were Emma twenty five entries. o f



The two winners of the field microscopes drawn on the day of the

Josie accompanied by

her mother Julia.

Wilkinson and Josie Hargreaves. We had The picture shows the microscopes being presented by Harry and Julie Kyte to

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