Sunday 16th June ▶10am in Eastling Village Hall Open to all primary school aged children

## Youngstyle

Sunday 23rd June 10am in Eastling Church Half an hour of fun and worship Open to all ages

#### **Eastling School News**

Did you pick up that our small village school has the Swale "Teacher of the Year" in its ranks! Mrs Cook won this award from some strong competition and received her award at a celebration event at the end of May. The Infant class team were also nominated and commended for their efforts in maintaining such high standards of pupil achievement in the school.

In June the school hopes to be re-assessed for two of the more prestigious awards. These are retaining our eco-schools "Green flag" status and re-affirming our commitment to the arts through the Artsmark award. Very recently, the school pond has been redesigned to help provide a safer environment for the animals and plants in its vicinity but if villagers have any suitable water plants , please contact Mrs Frost at the school (01795 890252) to offer them for our use! We're also keen to engage volunteers to help maintain our plants and settings over the Summer holiday when the school is

Our final term for this academic year starts on Monday, June 3rd and it's bound to be full of some exciting activities and events. Although our oldest class has enjoyed a residential experience, it is now the turn of our Tigers' class to have a go at some character and team building activities in the Arethusa centre. We also hope to use the local environment more for geographical, historical and cultural field trips to the wealth of facilities around- watch out for our mini buses going through the villages.

Plans are developing quickly for the FOES annual fete on the school field on July 14th. If you have any donations of unused gifts that you'd like us to re-home, please get in contact. We're also keen to hear from you if you can help us source raffle prizes in this economic downturn! Please contact the Friends of Eastling School (FOES@Eastling.kent.sch.uk or 01795 890252) if you can help in any way.



www.farmsunday.org **BELMONT** 

Sunday 9th June, 1pm - 4pm Come to Belmont for Open Farm Sunday and enjoy the trailer rides, machinery displays, sheep shearing demonstrations and more!

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**FARM** 

**SUNDAY** 

**AT** 

We have Snoad Farm here selling their delicious burgers and hot dogs. The Tearoom will be open, to treat vourself to one of our well known Belmont cream teas.

Free entry! Normal house tour admission applies.

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changed them to



"I've heard the vicar has a problem with squatters moving in to the belfry."



## **THROWLEY FETE 2013**

Saturday, June 1st 1-5 p.m.

Throwley Forstal

Tropical Beach Party theme



you would like to help up in any war, volunteer to run a stall, event, sideshow or have any ideas, queries, please contact: Ela & Adam Jastroebski, 01795 890934, ela@jastroebska.co.uk; Louise & Steve Hadlow, 01795 890005, steve hadlow@hotmail.co.uk.

We want the Fete to be successful and to give our community and visitors a lot of fun. Also we hope to raise money for this year's good causes, including the Throwley community roo

PLEASE COME AND JOIN US ON SATURDAY 1ST JUNE

## Stalisfield Highlife

Summer Solstice Celebration

Come celebrate the solstice on

#### The Green at Stalisfield on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June.



The theme will be "Summer of Love- Flower Power" in a nod to the 60s/70s when it really did seem as if collective love could rule the world and the heady scent of harmony drifted across from

California.

We plan to start this family party at 5pm with a children's fancy dress competition on

the same theme. For their parents party-dress will be optional, but dig through your ragbag- you might just find a 60's gem.

This village party will take the form of a picnic with seating, with food & drink brought by the participants

in the mood to share, in the sunshine to the sounds of topical music. Those who celebrate 'til dusk will take part in lighting the ceremonial bonfire. Fuel for the fire is urgently required. Please drop your contribution by arrangement with Steph on 01795 892017

The sole object of the occasion is the enjoyment of fun with friends and

## Good News Parish Magazine June 2013



## STALISFIELD VILLAGE OPEN GARDENS

Sunday 16th June 2013 from 12.30 to 6pm Tickets £5

from Judith Saunders 01795 890203 and Rob Peaple 01795 890230 Afternoon Teas available

All proceeds to St Mary's Church funds

A Midsummer Evening of Music featuring the Russian Vocal Ensemble - Lyra Sunday, 23rd June from 5.30 pm at St. Mary's Church, Stalisfield

**Programme** 

5.30 Bring and set up picnics

Russian music - sacred, folk, opera 6.00

Picnic time (marquee in case of rain)

Tickets: Adults £10. Children £5. Contact Sheila Moger 01233 713212



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

## The dire situation of How can we help our Farmers?

so many farmers has prompted the Bishop

of Hereford, the Rt Revd Anthony Priddis, to write an open letter of support and solidarity.

"This is almost certainly the most difficult time for the whole farming community since the horrendous "foot and mouth" outbreak 12 years ago," says Bishop Anthony. "As a result, it is vital that our farmers, their families and our whole rural communities are assured at least of our prayer and support in these straitened times.'

The Farm Community Network (FCN, formally the Farm Crisis Network) received more calls locally in the first month of this year than the whole of last year, Bishop Anthony points out. "While there is nothing that those of us outside the farming community can do about the underlying issued themselves, and not much that those in the farming industry can do about weather conditions, fuel and feed costs, disease and so on," says Bishop Anthony, "we can nevertheless demonstrate our support by showing as much care and understanding as possible, so that those suffering hardship and extreme worry and isolation can at least know of our solidarity.

"Practically, we can buy locally sourced food as much as possible to ensure returns to the local economy."

FCN helpline number: 0845 367 9990

fcn.org.uk

## Prayer **Pointers** June 2013

Sundays



Continue to pray for

Donald and Norma who join us in July. For all who are striving to Mondays produce our food. Tuesdays For the PCCs and all who minister to us. For all who are sick in Wednesdays body, mind or spirit. For family and friends. Thursdays

Fridays For all involved in Youth

Saturdays For peace in the world.

A prayer for farmers

struggling to recover from the severe weather.

The Church of England has published a prayer for farming communities recovering from weather conditions that have led to thousands of sheep and cattle being lost and crops being sown weeks late or ruined.

"We grieve for the loss of so many livestock in the recent appalling weather conditions," said the Rt Rev James Bell, Bishop of Knaresborough, who chairs the Church of England's Rural Affairs Group. "We grieve, too, for the farmers who have worked so hard to feed and shelter their animals so that we can have good food to eat. This prayer is an expression of solidarity with those who have experienced hardship or distress, in the hope of a fruitful and kind season to come, and in commitment to see farmers properly supported and rewarded."

A prayer for farmers struggling to recover from the severe weather was written by Cn Dr Jill Hopkinson, the CofE's National Rural Officer based at the Arthur Rank Centre in Stoneleigh:

Gracious God, you provide us with food from the earth through the

work of human hands: after last year's poor summer and long winter, we pray for all those who grow and produce our food in the most difficult conditions.

We remember the physical hardships and distress of farmers dealing with livestock that have died, and those who are still to sow crops to harvest this year.

Bless the work of all those who care for your land and animals so that we may have food to sustain us. *This we ask* through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Everyone will be welcome to join us for a

## **Special Service** Sunday 9th June 10.30am in Eastling Church

Bishop Trevor will be here to confirm twenty candidates from around the Ospringe Deanery, half of whom live in our 'High Downs' benefice. Please come along and support them making this step forward in their faith.

After the service, which lasts about an hour, please come for refreshments in the village

## Two visits in one day!



the Guru Nanak Darbar Gurdwara in Gravesend and The Pilsdon at Malling Community in West Malling? Then, do come along and join us on outing which is being organised by the Bunce Ecclesiastical Charity. The date is Saturday 28th September 2013 from 10am to 6pm. For further details or to book a place please contact Jan Beckenham on 892079 or via jan.beckenham@googlemail.com

## Eastling Church

## June 2013 Flower Rota

2nd Bay Lees 9th Bay Lees

16th Dorothy Reeve

23rd Dorothy Reeve 30th Emma Norwood

July 4th Catherine Ochs

and Fiona Swatland

#### **Eastling Parish Council**

The Annual Parish Meeting was held in the Village Hall on 25th April 2013, in conjunction with the Annual Meeting of The Village Hall Trustees, and was attended by 9 members of the public.

The Chairman reported on the main activities of the Council in the past year and was pleased that the 30mph limit had been instigated through the village. He said that there are still outstanding Highway problems including resurfacing of Mill Lane and potholes in Newnham Lane. Planning applications had been few, and generally approved. The Chairman thanked the Warden for his work over the last 12 months.

The Village Warden reported on recent damage to vehicles and a spate of fly-tipping. He said that antisocial behaviour had reduced to a low level, and that communication to him by parishioners was invaluable. The defibrillator had been funded and was available for use by residents for emergencies.

The Treasurer reported on the last financial year which had finished with a closely adhered to budgeted bank balance. He said that the precept remains the same as for the previous two years. The meeting concluded with refreshments.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2013 at 6.30pm in Eastling Village Hall. Residents are welcome to attend.

Jill Seaman, Clerk

#### Wordsearch for lune

On 24th June the Church remembers the birth of John the Baptist. (Luke 1) In the days when Herod was king of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah who served in the temple. One day the angel Gabriel appeared to him. Gabriel said that Elizabeth, Zechariah's barren, elderly wife, would give birth to a son who would have a unique role in history. Zechariah did not cope very well with the news: he laughed in disbelief. Nevertheless, a baby was born: John, whose amazing role in life was to announce the coming of the Messiah: "he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God" (Lk 1:16) John's role was unique, but all over the world Christians today are in ministry for exactly the same purpose: "...to make ready for the Lord a people prepared".

John Zechariah Incense Angel Laugh Disbelief Children Prepare Announce Messiah Ministry Barren Wife Elderly Gabriel baby

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#### **Stalisfield Annual Parish Meeting**

Thursday June 6th 7.30pm at the Village Hall

This is your opportunity to raise concerns over matters affecting the village and its residents, and your chance to put across your point of view.

If you would like to raise any points to be discussed at the meeting, or would like to highlight the work of any local organisations you're involved with, please contact Stephanie Connor on 01795 892017 or steph.connor1964@hotmail.co.uk

The meeting will be followed by the AGM of the Parish Council and you are welcome to attend this as well.

#### What makes men risk car crashes

Beware good looking men at the wheel of a car. More than two million men have had a car 'crash' of some sort in the last year while admiring themselves in their rear-view mirror. It seems that male motorists study their reflection between five and ten times in a

half-hour journey, according to research carried out by

That is not all that these so-called 'motorsexual men' do at the wheel. They apply deodorant (25%); use face wipes (15%); apply

aftershave (13%); moisturiser (12%); and use mouthwash (10%). Six per cent of men even admitted to having applied fake tan, or makeup while driving. As one motoring expert observed: "It's important that men leave their looks alone while driving, and pay attention to the roads." The book of Proverbs puts it another way: "The prudent see danger... but the simple keep going and suffer for it." (Prov 27:12)

#### **Eastling Neighbourhood Watch**

Warden 07794 010394 or 01795 890848 Crimestoppers 0800 555 111 Swale Police 101 Emergency 999

Congratulations to those people who organised the Bluebell Walk this year, I understand that financially it was very successful and, as one who took part, found the walks very enjoyable and well marked out. Apart for a few aching legs next day there were no reports of any injuries.

We have had the usual knock at the door with young lads selling clothing etc., saying they are ex young offenders or have just come out the army and are trying to raise funds. Whilst what they are saying is rubbish it is up to the individual whether you purchase anything from them at inflated prices, or just say no. Any problems or sightings please give me a call.

There have been several break-ins to sheds in local villages so please keep your outbuildings and sheds locked up and tools put away.

A serious incident occurred regarding a dog and some sheep. I would remind dog owners that your dog must be on a lead in the vicinity of sheep, as the sheep owner has the right to take the necessary action should his sheep or lambs be attacked.

Have a good month and take care,



## Services in our Churches

## 2nd June Trinity 1

Galatians 1. 1 - 12, Luke 7. 1 - 10 Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP) Eastling 10 am Holy Communion (CW)

3 pm Evening Prayer (BCP) Otterden

## 9th June Trinty 2

Galatians 1. 11 - end, Luke 7. 11 - 17 10.30 am Confirmation Service with Eastling

Bishop Trevor

#### 16th June Trinity 3

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

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

#### 23rd June Trinity 4

Galatians 3. 23 - end, Luke 8. 26 - 39

8 am Holy Communion (BCP) Eastling

Eastling 10 am Youngstyle

Throwley 10 am Holy Communion (BCP)

Stalisfield 6 pm Lyra Concert

#### 30th June Trinity 5

Galatians 5. 1, 13 - 25, Luke 9. 51 - end Stalisfield 10 am Benefice Service

## 7th July Trinity 6

Galatians 6. [1 - 6] 7 - 16, Luke 10. 1 - 11, 16 - 20 8 am Holy Communion (BCP) Eastling 10 am Holy Communion (CW) Eastling 3 pm Evening Prayer (BCP) Otterden

(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

Non Stipendiary Minister with Permission To Officiate

Reverend Angela Cheeseman (01795 892124)

New House Farm, Eastling ME13 0BN

Reader Norman Fowler (01795890412)

4 Meesons Close, Eastling

Reader Hugh Perks (01795 890603)

Weald Cottage, Eastling

#### **Churchwardens**

**Eastling** Steve Youle (01795 890368) Audrey Smith (01795 890469)

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E mail: eastlingchurch@gmail.com

Stalisfield with Otterden

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**Parish Administrator** 

Sheila Moger (01233713212)

E mail samhawksnest@aol.com

Barbara Elliott (01795 890020) **Throwley** Maggie Scutt (01795 890312)

## From the Registers

#### **Baptism**

Alexander Hebditch Moore 18th May 2013 at Eastling

## Midweek Groups

Tuesdays: monthly Study Group - 10am on 11th June at Garden Cottage, Newnham Lane.

Tuesdays: weekly Study Group 7.30pm Pinks Farm

Thursdays: weekly Prayer Group 10.30am Pinks Farm including Benefice group on 6th June.

You will be welcome at any of our groups.

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## People and Places from the Past

by Dorothy Murray

Country weddings always attracted much interest. The top photograph taken in 1905 by Frank Crosoer is of a young couple leaving Stalisfield Church after their wedding. The bridegroom is wearing a frock coat which was the fashion in the Edwardian era. A well-dressed lady looks on admiringly.

The large family group photo was taken in June 1908 in Shire Lane after the wedding in Stalisfield Church. The bride was Agnes Raines who lived in Willow Cottage. Her father Edward, was a labourer. The bridegroom was Charles Haines, a tradesman from Lewisham. His father, George, was a retired Police Officer. The bridal party certainly dressed up for the occasion.

The wedding group photo outside Snoad Farmhouse was taken in 1918. The bride was Winnifred Payne and the bridegroom was Harry Lewis. Winnifred's father Leonard (seated on the left) and mother Agnes were married in 1890 and took over the farm in 1896, farming there for the rest of their lives. Their son Charles carried on farming until 1954. When the farmhouse was restored in 1954, 3 windows were revealed under the plaster which had been blocked up during the Window Tax of 1700 in the reign of William III.







## **Ospringe Flower Festival** "Favourite Things"

Sat 29th & Sun 30th June 10.30am - 5.30pm Sat 29th at 7pm Faversham Mission Band (tickets £5)

Sun. 30th 6pm Thanksgiving Service For more details please contact Sally & Tony Wheatley 01795 534528.

#### **NEWNHAM OPEN GARDENS** Sunday 9th June 2013 1 pm to 6 pm

Ploughman's lunches from 12 noo.

Come and enjoy an afternoon at one of Kent's favourite Open Gardens days

- Fifteen gardens open •
- Ploughman's lunches •
- Pimm's and local beers Scarecrow competition •
- Children's treasure hunt •
- Lace making demonstration
- Bellringing Local honey • Sculpture studio •
- Afternoon teas from 2 pm

by programme, obtainable at any of the open ga Adults £5, accompanied children free Parking at the foot of Sharsted Hill, ME9 0LN

Proceeds to Newnham Church

## THE WAY I SEE IT: A minor courtesy - Trevor Huddleston 100 years on

When Desmond Tutu - famous South African archbishop and Nobel Peace laureate - was a small boy he was walking along the pavement in Sophiatown with his mother. She took in laundry and was carrying a load of washing. They were approached by a tall white man wearing a black cassock. They prepared to step off the pavement, as they were required to do by the apartheid conventions of the time, to make room for him, but before they could do so he stepped out into the road and doffed his hat to Desmond's mother.

The tall white man was Trevor Huddleston, who was born exactly a century ago this month. He was the parish priest of the sprawling African township where the Tutu family lived. Raising one's hat to a passing woman carrying laundry might seem to us today a small courtesy, but for young

Desmond it was a life-changing gesture. It told him that for some Christians, at least, race and skin colour were matters of indifference. He sought out Father Huddleston, who helped him with his education. More importantly, Desmond embraced the faith that lay behind that simple courtesy.

Trevor Huddleston went on to became a tireless campaigner against apartheid, but also a passionate advocate of the Christian faith. Born in Bedford, with a public school and Oxford background, he happily immersed himself in the life of the people in Sophiatown, where he served for 13 years. The people gave him the nickname 'Makhalipilo' - Dauntless One. His book Naught for your Comfort, published in



1956, became a worldwide call to address the evils of apartheid, and later, as a bishop in England (Stepney) and then of Masasi, he continued to protest that

'in Christ there is neither Jew nor Greek', black nor white, but 'all are one in Christ Jesus'. He retired as archbishop of the Province of the Indian Ocean in 1983 and died at Mirfield, the home of his Anglican Order, the Community of the Resurrection, in 1998. His ashes, however, were buried in Sophiatown, the place most dear to his heart. His simple Prayer for Africa became a world-wide call:

God bless Africa; guard her people; guide her leaders. And give her peace. Amen.

### **BELMONT HOUSE** & GARDENS **EVENTS**





#### **CAMBRIDGE TOURING** THEATRE PRESENTS "TREASURE ISLAND"

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June, Performance at 3pm, Workshop starts at 1.30pm Bring your family along to see the Cambridge Touring Theatre's swashbuckling musical adaptation of Treasure Island. For more information or to book please visit www.cambridgetouringtheatre.co.uk or call 0843 208 0500. Adult £12.00, Children £9.00, Workshop (Age 5 - 10) £2.00, under 3s free

#### **OPEN FARM SUNDAY**

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Free entry! Normal house tour admission applies.

#### **MEET THE HEAD GARDENER**

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June, 11.00am till 1.00pm Graeme Watts, the Head Gardener at Belmont, will host a tour around our beautiful gardens. The tour will commence with coffee and an introduction in the Tearoom and is expected to last 2 hours. Adult £8.00, Concession £6.00

#### **OPEN AIR THEATRE PERFORMANCE** OF 'RICHARD III'

Friday 12th July 2013, starts at 7.30pm

Changeling Theatre's production will feature a brilliant ensemble cast, original music and the company's renowned directorial twist. It promises to be an experience not to be forgotten! Adults £16, Children (under 16) £8. To book please visit www.hazlittartscentre.co.uk or call 01622 758611

#### **Belmont House & Gardens, Throwley,** Nr Faversham, Kent ME13 0HH

Tel: 01795 890202 www.belmont-house.org

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

Tuesday 18th June at 2.15pm in the Champion Hall. Mrs Sheila Boyd will talk on

King William IV and Mrs Dora Jordan **Competition:** A piece of Royal Memorabilia **Contact Bobbie Richards** 

on 01795 532756

### CANCER RESEARCH UK **North Downs Walk**

Sunday 30th June Harrietsham Village Hall

Start between 7.30am and 11am 3, 6 or 9 mile walk across the beautiful North Downs. Free Ploughman's lunch and strawberries on completion. Walkers may retain 50% of their sponsorship money for their own charity, with the remainder going to CRUK, or register on the day for a minimum donation of £10.

Go to www.wealdofkentrotary.org.uk to download maps, posters, route details and registration forms.

Walk-line number: 01622 890650

#### Bluebell Success

A BIG THANK YOU to all of you who helped out at the Bluebell walk both before and after the actual event. 21 helpers were needed on the actual day for the walking part with a further 15 plus in the Bistro.

We had just over 320 Walkers this year which is a new record, but this was helped

by the weather which was kind to



We raised just over £920 on the tickets sales and nearly £750 on the Bistro for the church appeal.

The Bistro was the best ever as this involves a lot of organising before but is then an immense job on the day so special thanks to Hilary and Mark and all her kitchen crew and children who helped. Well done Eastling and its Walking Group. Harry Kyte

#### FRIENDS of EASTLING SCHOOL

Thank you to parents and staff for your orders for summer plants. These have now been received and a profit of £69.42 was raised for FOES.

Please make a note of our next Coffee and Cakes event which will be on Friday 7th June. Parents and friends are invited to join us from 2.45pm to join us for a chat in the school hall or outside if the weather is good! Second hand uniform including boy's shorts and summer dresses will be available. Plans are well underway for the School Summer Fete on Sunday 14th July from 12noon to 3pm on the school field. Some really exciting events for this year's fete and great prizes for the Grand Summer raffle. Please let us know if you can help in any way. Jill Seaman, FOES, 01795 890252





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

The competition leagues have closed for this season with the Eastling Cherries topping second division in the Swale league. Well done to the teams who will start the 2013/14 season in the first division. Watch out Tunstall Kingfishers!

Three Eastling teams entered the Swale pairs competition on 18th May: Des Briggs & Bryan Searly, Chris Smith & Jim Harris, played Eileen & Roy in the quarter finals, with Eileen & Roy going on to the semi final, where they were beaten by the eventual winners. On May 25th we entered one team in the Triples competition: Jim Harris, Des Briggs & Brian Fisher, a report on their result will be in next month's Good News.

The club is looking for new members for the regular club sessions in Eastling village hall on Fridays; 2.30 to 4.30pm and 7.30 to 9.30pm. No previous experience is necessary, just turn up with a pair of flat soled shoes to wear and prepare for a good time. Roy Piles, 01795 537162.

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skellyjoe97@yahoo.co.uk

#### Otterden & Stalisfield W.I.

The New Date for the Julie Murray's

## QUIZ NIGHT

is 28th June

7.30pm Stalisfield Hall Tickets £8 each, tables of 6/8. Please book early.

In May our WI held a very successful AGM, which was followed by a couple of games of fun bingo, and we were very pleased to welcome two new members.

Our June meeting is a visit to Bladbean Gardens in Canterbury and our July meeting will be a boat trip along the Swale Estuary and up to Westminster on the Thames. If anyone would like to join our group please contact Julie on 01795 890700

or Kim on 01795 890691.

# **Eastling Gardeners'**

Thursday 15.

Thursday 15.

Meet at Eastling Vilia.

at 6.30 p.m.

The cost is £4 for members and £5 for non-members
Followed by a buffet r
in the village hal!

## Thank you

Jill Seaman thanks all who bought books at the Bluebell Walk, £85.60 has been sent to the British Red Cross.

### The Painters Forstal **COFFEE CLUB**



Join us in Whitehill Chapel, II am - I2.30pm on 26th June All welcome.

#### **Guitar Lessons** EASTLING VILLAGE HALL **For Beginners** To book ring Julia Bailey

on 01795 890746

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.

## Stalisfield Highlife

#### **Stalisfield Spring Quiz Party**

In the liveliest quiz party to date, a record 12 tables of eager enthusiasts happily contested each round of the Spring Quiz party. Prizes there were in plenty for the lucky winners and just as many for the losers. Our quizmasters retain their touch for entertainment coupled with surprise in their choice of brain teasers.

As ever, the occasion was orchestrated with more concern for enjoyment than with fund raising but table fees still added up to a useful contribution to Hall funds of £165.

### Frog Racing at Stalisfield



Hold the date of Friday 26th July! Stalisfield's fabulous frogs are limbering up for the race- meet of the season in the barn of Derbies Court. The flap of flippers on concrete

can't quite compete with the thunder of hooves on baked turf but every other excitement of the race will as ever be generated on the night. A reminder notice giving details will be in the July *Good News* but make sure you enter 26th July in your calendar. Prices will be held at last year's level to include fish and chips.

#### **KM Charity Pauses in Stalisfield**

As announced last month, Stalisfield greets the walkers of the KM Charity Walk on the morning of Sunday 30th June with refreshment provided at moderate cost. The walk is in support of a number of charities and we are happy to provide this service. At the same time we invite the neighbours to come along to cheer the walkers on and to

take BBQ breakfast at modest prices as a social activity.



1st Throwley Fête 1 - 5pm Throwley Forstal 2nd Treasure Island from 1.30pm Belmont House 6th Benefice Prayer Group 10.30am Pinks Farm 6th Annual Parish Meeting 7.30pm Stalisfield Village Hall 7th Coffee & Cakes 2.45pm Eastling School 10.30am Eastling Church 9th Confirmation Service 9th Open Farm Sunday 1 - 4pm Belmont House 11th Monthly Study Group 10am Garden Cottage 13th Garden Safari 6.30pm Eastling Village Hall 15th Deadline for July Good News See below 16th S Club 10am Eastling Village Hall 16th Open Gardens 12.30pm Stalisfield 18th P. Forstal & Ospringe WI 2.15pm Champion Hall 22nd Summer Solstice Celebration 5pm Stalisfield Green 5.30pm Stalisfield Church 23rd Lyra concert and picnic 25th Magazine Folding 2pm Pinks Farm 26th Coffee Club 11am Whitehill Chapel 28th WI Quiz Night 7.30pm Stalisfield Village Hall JULY 14th School Fête 12 noon Eastling School Derbies Court Barn 26th Frog Racing

#### Deadline for the July *Good News* will be 15th June

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