

St Mary's Church presents...  
**CAFESTYLE**  
 Sunday 28th June  
 10am - 11am  
 Eastling School Hall

**A creative time of worship:**  
 Church in a Café setting.  
 worship discussion reflection  
 prayer fellowship

Tea, coffee & yummy nibbles will be available throughout the service, which will include sung worship, times of prayer, with opportunities for discussion & reflection, and space for the youngest & oldest to worship altogether

Faversham **foodbank** Help feed local people in crisis

**Thank you! Please keep your contributions coming.**  
 The food list for June has stayed the same as last month. I went to the Foodbank at the Gospel Mission Church in Tanner Street to see the system in operation. The downstairs part of the building is set out with chairs and tables so that clients can have a cup of tea and a chat while their details are taken and they are waiting for their food to be boxed up. Don't forget: if you know someone in need of accessing Foodbank help all the details are available on the website at:- <http://faversham.foodbank.org.uk/>

**Food list for June**  
**Urgent items:** Sponge puddings; instant mash; sugar (500g bags); pasta sauce  
**Also needed:** tinned ham/ meat; tinned peas; tinned carrots; coffee; biscuits; tinned spaghetti; men's toiletries; toilet rolls; tinned/packet custard; long life fruit juice; long life/powdered milk.

**Eastling School News**

We're getting into the swing of Summer at school with preparations well underway for our fantastic school fête on Sunday, July 19th from midday - why not add the date to your diaries now. Additionally, if you have any clean toys, books or attractive plants that we could use to supplement our stalls, why not contact the Friends of the School now via Tanya Hann. FOES also organise two non-uniform days on Fridays June 5th and 26th, when students can donate something towards the fête Bottle stall for the privilege of wearing their own casual clothes to school for the day.

Back to the month of June, it's "all stations go" with a host of field trips and the oldest children away on a residential experience under canvas between June 22nd-26th (a full explanation of a week of exciting activity and adventure will go to parents on Tuesday, June 2nd).

Our new intake families are now becoming more involved in the school with a new parents' evening on 8th June followed by Induction afternoons, a special Teddy Bear picnic on 17th June and our early years' sports day on Friday, June 19th.

On Wednesday 3rd June we invite our current parents to a lunch with their children on the field, whilst all our after school clubs continue with the (hopeful) benefit of sunshine. These include Youth clubs on Monday and Friday as well as sports on Tuesday and Wednesday and Arts on Thursday. This month it's the turn of Year 5 to attend swimming lessons at the Faversham pool.

FOES have planned an additional Quiz on the evening of Friday, June 12th from 7pm, whilst our Lions' class assembly takes place on the same morning at 9:10am. We're also off to the "10 pieces" classical concert at the end of June with the National Philharmonic down in Maidstone.  
 Dave Walsh, Headteacher.

**Mouse Makes**

There was a time when the whole world spoke one language. Everyone used the same words. Then they said to each other, "Let's make some bricks of clay and bake them in the fire." They used these bricks as stones and they used tar as mortar. Then the people said, "Let's build ourselves a city and a tower that will reach the sky, then we will be famous." The Lord came down to see the city and the tower and said, "These people all speak the same language and I see that they are joined together to do this work. This is only the beginning of what they can do, soon they will be able to do anything they want. Let's go down and confuse their language then they will not be able to understand each other." So people stopped building the city and the Lord scattered them all over the earth. That is the place where the Lord confused the language of the whole world. That is why it is called Babel.

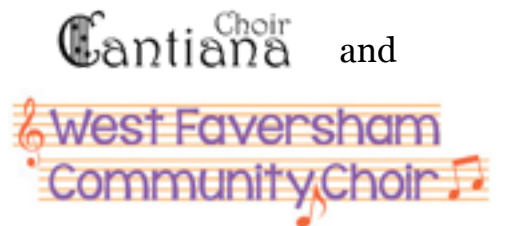
Some words in the story have become jumbled up on the tower, can you unjumble them?

Y S K  
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 L O W R D  
 K W O R  
 N O E  
 S O M A F U  
 L A B E L  
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 N A G G L A U E  
 L U D I B  
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 S W O R D  
 D A R E S T U D N N

READ Genesis 11:1-9

**CHOIRS COME TO EASTLING**

As part of the Faversham Fav-Va-Voom Festival



are holding their annual joint concert at Eastling Village Hall on Thursday 11th June at 7.30 p.m.

A wonderful opportunity to hear two local choirs take you on a musical journey through their wide ranging repertoire led by their musical director Lis Bayford.

Tickets are £7.00 each to include a glass of wine in the interval, from 01795 886392 or on the door.



**THROWLEY WALKING GROUP**



1st June: Meet at 10am at Towne Place Orchard car park for a 4.5 mile walk with a short rest at Throwley Forstal for drinks/snacks.

15th June: Meet at 10am outside The Alma, Painters Forstal for a 4 mile walk

29th June: Start from The Harrow car park, Warren Street, at 10am. (The Harrow is closed on Monday mornings). The walk will take about 2 hours with a half way stop at the White Cross war memorial above Lenham

13th July: Meet at 10am at The Plough car park, Stalisfield Green for a 4.5 mile walk. (The Plough is closed on Mondays).

27th July: Start from Challock Village Hall at 10am for a 5 mile walk around Molash

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# Canon's Column

A recent headline drew my attention to a tragic incident in Australia where a teenage boy has been critically injured playing Russian roulette with a partly loaded revolver. It would seem that three or four boys were seeking a thrill, wanting excitement in their lives. And here in the UK we read about young men and women, teenage boys and girls, flying off to the Middle East to be involved in something neither they, nor most of us, fully understand. Their recruitment and involvement is in many ways parallel to those Canadians who joined the American army during the Vietnam War and to those from many countries who joined one side or the other in the Spanish Civil War of 1936-39. All of them joined with an idealism and a quest for adventure and returned, disillusioned, damaged physically, psychologically or spiritually, and some of them dead.

Adventure, is that the great goal? Here in the UK there is the custom of taking a gap year between school and university, a year to do something different, a year without the pressure of academics. It is sometimes a year of travel, a year to work for a development project at home or abroad. Sometimes it is a year of working at a job you would never want to do again but just to

earn the money toward the costs of university. I have known young people who have spent their gap years in Sudan, Chad, Honduras and on board a medical mission ship. For all of them this was an opportunity to do something beyond themselves. And for many it was the high point of their lives, to know that their lives have meaning.

Victor Frankl, a well known writer, philosopher and psychologist believed that the core drive in everyone's life is the search for meaning. Life must have meaning in order to be fulfilling and satisfying. I often feel that it is this search for meaning that is behind so much of the thrill seeking that leads to risky behaviour in both youth and adult populations. "Perhaps I will find meaning, be complete if I do this or that."

I grew up in a family where the stories we heard around the dinner table were about the adventures my parents had before they met and married and also those they had together before settling into suburbia with their children. I grew up with the understanding that it was possible to have an adventuresome life, and for me life has been just that, partly because

I was always ready to take on something new. I have been blessed with a Christian faith that has given me the foundation to know that life has meaning and that my security and safety are assured. This has given me a freedom to follow where adventure has lead.

The essence and power that comes from any adventuresome activity is the thrill and satisfaction of pushing the limits of what we have and are experiencing. This can be done in a positive and constructive way but can also be done in ways that are destructive and antisocial. Just recently Norma and I met two groups of five teenaged boys hiking along with full backpacks doing a two-day hike for their Duke of Edinburgh award programme. On their own with only two check points each day, they were stretching themselves.

The greatest adventures in life are those where we truly do that and where we are involved in an activity bigger and beyond ourselves. The Christian faith has given my wife and me the foundation for a life of adventure and brought us here to live among you.

Donald




## Wildflower haven in Stalisfield Churchyard

On Sunday 17th May, the churchyard at Stalisfield was ablaze with wildflowers - especially ladies lace and stitchwort .

## Eastling Church Flower Rota

May 31st - Dorothy Reeve  
June 7th - Dorothy Reeve  
21st - Wedding  
28th - Emma Norwood  
July 5th - Emma Norwood

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"Police? This is St Mary's Ladies' Knitting & Vigilante Circle. We've detained two gents trying to nick the church silver."

## The Plough Inn

The Plough Inn, Stalisfield; a family run, independent, award winning pub & restaurant offering an extensive menu of restaurant quality food and pub snacks as well as a large range of unique & locally produced drinks.

### Wine Tasting 17<sup>th</sup> June

Page & sons and Westwell present wines for the evening, Richard will complement them with food – pre booking required

### Fathers' Day 21<sup>st</sup> June

Make sure your Father knows he's as important as your Mother

### Band Night 17<sup>th</sup> July

The Chillbillies live in our heated marquee from 8.30pm

To keep up to date with all that is happening over the coming months follow us on twitter or Facebook or see our website [www.theploughinnstalisfield.co.uk](http://www.theploughinnstalisfield.co.uk) diary page or sign up for our newsletter on our website.

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Out of depth, in search of untold treasure

## DAVY JONES' LOCKER

SATURDAY 6TH JUNE

8PM

## SHELDWICH VILLAGE HALL

A conversational concert featuring classical works by living composers, performed by an ensemble of musical pioneers.

Doors open at 7.30pm for pre-concert conversation.

Tickets - £10, includes a drink.

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T: 07775 507713

## Magna Carta Gala Concert

Church of St Mary of Charity,  
Church Road, Faversham  
Saturday 6th June,  
performances at 3pm and 7.30pm

In the Magna Carta Gala Concert *Toads on a Tapestry*, local composer David Knotts brings together more than 200 professional and amateur performers in a spectacular musical celebration of Faversham's association with *Magna Carta*.

Music by David Knotts and words by John Gallas. Performers will include: Nicole Tibbels (soprano), Michelle Harris (mezzo-soprano), Alan Ewing (bass), Faversham Voices, Faversham Mission Brass, and The Assembly Project.

Tickets £15.

[www.favershammusicclub.co.uk](http://www.favershammusicclub.co.uk)

## Eastling Neighbourhood Watch



Village Warden: 07794 010394  
or 01795 890848

Crimestoppers 0800 555 111

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Emergency 999

There have been several reports of theft and attempted theft in the Faversham area in car parks and supermarkets: Ladies are being approached by persons of Eastern European appearance, with a map, asking for directions, while the ladies are distracted their handbags have been stolen. This is most distressing for the people involved so, please be aware and if you are not happy with a situation call the police.

Several garden sheds in the Newnham area have been broken into and equipment and tools stolen again. Please make sure that your sheds etc are secure and should you hear or see anything suspicious call the police to report it.

There still reports coming in from the local area of persons pretending to be from the Water Board calling on elderly folk and the stealing from them. Please be extra careful and again, if you are not sure, call the police or Alan.

Have a good month and take care.

Alan, Village Warden

## EASTLING PARISH COUNCIL

The Annual Parish Meeting was held on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April when the Chairman gave a summary of the past year. He gave details of the Village Warden Scheme, Potholes in the Parish, the Website, Pub Amenity Application, Footpaths and the precept. He thanked the Treasurer, Peter Cheeseman, who was retiring from the Parish Council.

The Village Warden gave his report and also advised of an incident of bank fraud that occurred that day. Alan Willson had been thanked by the police for his help with the prevention of crime.

The Treasurer circulated the accounts for the year.

County Councillor, Andrew Bowles, gave a summary of Kent County Council's budget which has an increase of 1.9%. Due to the increasing demand for social care, there was no extra budget for roads and repairs. The Chairman thanked Cllr Bowles for attending. Residents were concerned about silted up drains through the parish and a missing road signpost to Newnham/Lynsted and Faversham on the bend.

Cllr Bowles advised that he would take up the matter of the blocked drains with Katy Lewis at Highways. The meeting concluded with snacks and drinks.

Jill Seaman, Clerk to the Council  
[jseaman444@btinternet.com](mailto:jseaman444@btinternet.com)

## Prayer

## Pointers

## June 2015



Sundays	Give thanks for the gift of the Holy Spirit.
Mondays	Give thanks for the beauty the United Kingdom.
Tuesdays	For your church, throughout the world.
Wednesdays	For young people taking exams this month.
Thursdays	Give glory to God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Fridays	For those known to us who are unwell.
Saturdays	Peace over all your creation.

## Services in our Churches

## The High Downs Benefice

### 31st May Trinity Sunday

Isaiah 6. 1 - 8, Romans 8.12 - 17, John 3. 1 - 17  
 Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)  
 Throwley 10 am Benefice Service

### 7th June Trinity 1

Genesis 3. 8 - 15, 2 Corinthians 4. 13 - 5.1, Mark 3. 20 - 35  
 Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)  
 Eastling 10 am Holy Communion (CW)  
 Stalisfield 10 am Morning Prayer

### 14th June Trinity 2

Ezekiel 17. 22 - 24, 2 Corinthians 5. 6 - 10 [11-13] 14 - 17, Mark 4. 26 - 34  
 Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)  
 Throwley 10 am Morning Prayer (BCP)  
 Eastling 10 am Morning Praise  
 Otterden 3 pm Evening Prayer

### 21st June Trinity 3

Job 38. 1 - 11, 2 Corinthians 6. 1 - 13, Mark 4. 35 - 41  
 Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)  
 Eastling 10 am Morning Prayer (BCP)  
 Stalisfield 10 am Holy Communion (CW)

### 28th June Trinity 4

Lamentations 3.23 - 33, 2 Corinthians 8.7 - 15, Mark 5.21 - 43  
 Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)  
 Eastling 10 am CaféStyle in School Hall  
 Throwley 10 am Holy Communion (BCP)

### 5th July Trinity 5

Ezekiel 2. 1 - 5, 2 Corinthians 12. 2 - 10, Mark 6. 1 - 13  
 Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)  
 Eastling 10 am Holy Communion (CW)  
 Stalisfield 10 am Morning Prayer

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

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 The Rectory, Newham Lane, Eastling ME13 0AS

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

Reader Hugh Perks (01795 890603)  
 Weald Cottage, Eastling

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Parish Administrator Janet Payne (01795 890487)  
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Stalisfield with Otterden Jean West (01233 712270)

Parish Administrator Sheila Moger (01233 713212)  
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Throwley Glynn Howland (01795 890094)  
 Barbara Elliott (01795 890020)

### From the Registers

#### Baptism

Arianna Andrea Sylvia Manley  
 10th May 2015 at St. Mary, Eastling

#### Interment of Ashes

Joanne Kay  
 12th May 2015 at St. Lawrence, Otterden

### Midweek Groups

**Tuesdays:** Monthly study group on 9th June, 10am at Garden Cottage, Eastling. 01795 890368

**Tuesdays:** Weekly study group, 7.30pm Pinks Farm, Kettle Hill Road, Eastling. 01795 890338

**Thursdays:** Weekly prayer group, 10.30am Pinks Farm, Kettle Hill Road, Eastling. 01795 890338

**Fridays:** Weekly study group, 10.45am 6 Kettle Hill Cott, Eastling. 07780 661275

You will be welcome at any of our groups.

## Lest we forget

by Audrey Keen

Edith Emma Tamsitt lived at Nutshell Farm, Otterden, with her husband David, who was a poultry farmer.

At an early age Edith won a scholarship to Goldsmiths' College, London. She became accomplished in Latin and Botany. Edith could draw and paint and was a keen gardener. She later taught at Charing Heath school and was well liked. She had a long and fulfilled life, travelling at home and abroad during her teaching years. When she retired, Edith liked to ride her bicycle to Charing once a week to the shops, she also liked to walk to Warren Street to visit her sister. These were things she could not easily do during her busy working life.

Edith Emma was my aunt and she taught me much about wild flowers, recommending a wild flower book by W. Keeble Martin which I bought and still have, it has been my wild flower bible. My aunt was great company and I have happy memories of our long country walks together. Her quiet style of retirement from 1970 is how many of us remember life in the 1950s post war Britain. Edith died in February 1990, aged 84 years.



#### A Doxology

When is right to praise you, Lord,  
 For all that I have seen  
 In this, a new beginning,  
 A springtime dressed in green?  
 And when the summer comes to warm  
 The countryside once more,  
 How can I thank you enough, dear Lord,  
 For the flowers that I adore?  
 But if, when autumn's colours show,  
 I seem a little sad,  
 Saying farewell to pretty leaves  
 and the short life they have had,  
 I'll know when winter rests  
 the land in readiness  
 For spring,  
 It is at all times I should  
 Praise you, Lord,  
 For everything.

A.I.Keen

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### NORTH DOWNS WALK on Sunday, June 21st

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8.00am - last registration 11am.

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On completion all walkers are given a free Ploughman's Lunch, strawberries and are entertained by a local Jazz Band. See the website for Maps/Poster/Route Details/Registration Forms etc. all of which may be downloaded.

Apart from the beautiful scenery the event has the added bonus that walkers may retain 50% of their sponsorship money for their own charity/church/school etc. with the remainder going to CRUK.

Alternatively, you may register at the Hall on the day for a minimum donation of £15 per person. To-date this Walk has raised over £460,000 for local & national charities, with over £225,000 for CRUK alone. ALL COSTS are underwritten by our sponsors so every penny raised goes to charity "



## Repentance - a hopeful word!

by Canon David Williams, a chaplain with the Thames Gateway NHS Trust

Much churchy language we use in worship is hard to understand for those who are unfamiliar with it.

What, someone may ask in the C of E, is a 'gradual hymn'? Why not 'the next hymn'? Or what is a 'collect'? Why not a 'prayer'? True, but there are some words we should explain rather than stop using.

Meaning is important and we should not dumb down a profound word with a trivial one, like using the word 'sorry' instead of the Bible's word 'repent'. Sorry is a weak word, best used to apologise for trivial transgressions, like stepping on someone's toes, or arriving late, or getting the wrong end of the stick. When we confess our sins we need a stronger word than sorry, which we can almost say without thinking.

Repentance includes being sorry, but goes deeper; it is not just about what we say but about what we do. The word literally means 'to turn around', to go in a new direction, to resolve to put things right. That is why in our liturgy we say, 'I repent of my sins' rather

than 'I am sorry'. Our sincerity is proved not just by what we say we regret but our resolve to change it.

In years gone by it was common to see black-suited men with grim faces on street corners holding placards with a mortal warning to passers-by, 'Repent - Flee from the Wrath to come'. It was unhelpful to put such menace into the word 'repent'. Jesus certainly warned of the dire consequences of failing to repent, but his attitude to repentance was far more positive than that. When Jesus was scolded for keeping company with sinners, he replied, in St. Luke's Gospel: 'It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.' Repentance opens us to the forgiving love of God. When we admit our sins, to God and to one another, we repent, we don't just say sorry. Repentance leads to reconciliation and a new beginning. That's why Jesus also said, '...there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over 99 righteous persons who have no need to repent.'

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**BELMONT HOUSE & GARDENS EVENTS**

**WATERLOO DAY**

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June, 10.30 until 4.00pm

The day will focus on the story of William George Harris, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Lord Harris of Seringapatam and Belmont, and the battalion he commanded in the Waterloo campaign. Topics will include the strategic background to the campaign, organisation and equipment of the armies, the battle of Quatre Bras, the battlefield of Waterloo and the aftermath. Lunch and other refreshments will be provided throughout the day. Places are limited, pre-booking is required. Please call or visit our website for more information.

**FLORISTRY WORKSHOP**

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June, 6.30pm until 9.00pm

Spend a lovely Summer's evening in the Walled Garden while enjoying a Pimms or two! You will have a garden tour followed by a workshop to make a flower crown. All materials and tools will be provided. No previous experience is necessary for this workshop, just a willingness to have a go! Please call 01795 890202 for more information or to make a booking.

**SUMMER FAYRE**

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June, 11.00am until 4.00pm

Belmont House and Vintage and Makers' Markets are teaming up for a super summer event. The event will be host to 50+ stalls ranging from vintage to makers. We will be hosting our tea room in the garden so you can expect some delicious treats. Join us for a delightful day out in the Kent countryside and support local artisans.

£5.00 per person and free for children under 12.

Belmont House & Gardens, Throwley, Nr Faversham, Kent. ME13 0HH  
[www.belmont-house.org](http://www.belmont-house.org)

**The Betjeman Players**

Thursday 18th June,  
7.30pm at St Peter & St Paul, Newnham

A celebration of the poet's works through verse, prose, song and music.

£6.50 which includes light refreshments in the interval. Contact  
[valbucket@gmail.com](mailto:valbucket@gmail.com) , 01795 890240.

AT STALISFIELD VILLAGE HALL

**MEDITATION & MINDFULNESS WORKSHOP**

Saturday 4 July 10am-1pm

Develop a calmer, more relaxed mind and way of being. In this workshop you'll get to try different techniques and learn more about these practices so you can incorporate them into your own life. This workshop is run by Yvonne Fernando, certified NLP Master Practitioner & Life Coach.

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[www.yvonnefernandonlp.co.uk](http://www.yvonnefernandonlp.co.uk)



**EASTLING BLUEBELL WALK**

A big THANK YOU to all who came on the successful Bluebell Walk on 4<sup>th</sup> May, and especially to all those who helped to plan, set up and help deliver a wonderful event. We were blessed with good weather and magnificent bluebells, and 342 walkers took part, including 98 children. The Bluebell Bistro and drinks and cakes/desserts did a roaring trade and a good time was had by all.

**Plant Sale total creeping upwards**

A huge thank you to everyone who supported us and helped set up, made cakes, donated plants or helped on the day. We couldn't have had worse weather but raised the magnificent sum of £560.00.

Special thanks to Belmont for their wonderful donation of plants and to Janet Bryant and Bidy Freed for both their donations of plants and plant advice. Also thanks once again to Bay and John Lees for allowing us to use the beautiful setting outside the manor.  
Eastling Seniors' Lunch Committee

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**FRIENDS of EASTLING SCHOOL**

A Quiz Evening is planned for 7pm on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June.

The Country Fête is on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July from 12noon, to be opened by the Mayor. Lots of attractions including sports in the centre arena.

The end of term 'Party on the Field' is on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July.

Jill Seaman, 01795 890252

**Eastling Gardeners' Club**

Summer Visit to The Orangery, Mystole, Canterbury CT4 7DB on 4th June.

For further details about the garden and directions please see the National Gardens Scheme website, or phone Clive on 01795 890160.

We meet at The Orangery at 5.45pm, or 5pm at Eastling Village Hall for car sharing.

The cost is £5 for members and £6 for non-members, to include tea/coffee and cake.



**Stalisfield Highlife Village Party**

Entertained by maypole dancers and a display of street dance led by Hayley, then fed from a fine display of party food, Stalisfield celebrated as spring said hello to summer. Summer was a little hesitant in appearing with the first sign of sunshine breaking through at 4.30 just as only the hardiest still held thoughts of outside activity. The new hall proved its worth as a party space as the festivity continued. The royal couple were crowned and two princesses created from the outstanding entrants to the children's dress competition. Queen Flossie and King Xander will reign for a whole year with princesses Clemmie and Grace. Thanks are due for the loan of the maypole, to helpers responsible for preparation and clear-up and to all who came with fare-to-share in abundance.

**Otterden and Stalisfield W.I.**

At our last meeting we held our AGM, in which Stephanie and Lesley were voted as continuing President and Secretary, and we would like to thank Jan Beckenham for taking on the Treasurer's job.

Our June meeting, which is on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June 6pm, is a Garden Visit to The old Rectory at Otterden, thanks to Mrs Iverslien, we hope for a nice sunny evening. Also on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June we are arranging a BBQ and Social Event in the new hall, from 4.30pm. All welcome.

Once again I would like to remind people that we are very lucky to have the film Director David Leland showing his film "The Land Girls" at Cineworld in Ashford, on 7<sup>th</sup> July, with Q & A with the man himself after the viewing. Tickets £5 from Stephanie.

Anyone wishing to join our group please contact Stephanie Culver 01795 890748 or Lesley Andrews 01795 890581.



**HOG ROAST**

**SATURDAY 4TH JULY EASTLING PIG SOCIETY**

**AND**

**THE CARPENTERS ARMS WILL BE PROVIDING A FREE**

**HOG ROAST FOR EASTLING RESIDENTS**

**FOOD SERVED FROM 5PM ONWARDS**



June 2015

1st Throwley Walkers	10am	Towne Place Orchard
5th Otterden & Stalisfield WI	6pm	Garden visit Otterden
4th Gardeners' outing	5.45pm	The Orangery, Mystole
7th Open Gardens	1pm	Newnham
9th Mobile Library	10.50 - 11.05am	Glebe Cottages, Eastling
11th Mobile Library	1.55am - 12.10pm	Throwley Forstal Green
11th Cantiana Concert	7.30pm	Eastling Village Hall
14th Morning Praise	10am	Eastling Church
14th Evening Prayer	3pm	Otterden Chapel
15th Throwley walkers	10am	The Alma
15th Deadline for July Good News		See below
17th Ladies Coffee & Cake	2pm	Carpenters Arms
18th Waterloo Day	10.30am	Belmont House
20th WI Barbeque & social event	4.30pm	Stalisfield Village Hall
23rd Mobile Library	10.50 - 11.05am	Glebe Cottages, Eastling
25th Mobile Library	1.55am - 12.10pm	Throwley Forstal Green
28th CaféStyle	10am	Eastling School Hall
28th Summer Fayre	11am - 4pm	Belmont House
29th Throwley walkers	10am	The Harrow
30th Magazine Folding	2pm	Pinks Farm
JULY 4th Hog Roast	5pm	Carpenters Arms
19th School Fête	12 noon	Eastling School Field

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