

## Easter holiday club!

For children Reception till Year 6.  
Monday 2nd April till Friday 6th.  
10:00 till 12:00



in Eastling Village Hall.  
£2:00 per day or £7:50  
for all week!

For more info call Jo  
Gilkes on 07999807519

If anyone has a  
spare television  
that they could  
donate to East-  
ling Youth please  
get in contact with Jo Gilkes.



For more info on all  
Eastling Youth Work  
please call Jo Gilkes on  
07999807519 or email at  
eastlingyouthworker  
@hotmail.co.uk

Come and join us!

## Eastling Puppet Club



All 9-16 yr olds welcome  
(no previous experience  
necessary!)

Rehearsals in Eastling Village  
Hall will be 3 - 4pm on Satur-  
days: March 3rd and 17th.

Performance in Eastling  
Church, March 18th  
(Mothering Sunday) at 10am.  
Enquiries: Angela Cheeseman  
01795 892124

## Saturday Club!

For school years 3+

10:00 till 11:00

10th and 24th March

in Eastling village hall.

## Youngstyle

in Eastling Church on  
Mothering  
Sunday

Sunday 18th  
March, 10am  
All welcome.



## S Club

meets in  
Eastling Village Hall  
Sunday 25th March,  
10am  
All primary school aged  
children welcome.



## Craft Club

9th & 23rd March  
6.15 - 7.15pm  
Champion Hall,  
Painter's Forstal  
50p a session.  
Contact number 532756.

**MOUSE HOLE**

**THANK YOU MUM**  
Thank you Mum  
for all you do,  
For all your  
love and care,  
For helping me  
to tie my shoes,  
And brush and comb  
my hair.

**Flower Cards**

To make a 3D flower  
card, cut strips 1.5cm  
wide  
and  
about  
12cm  
long,  
from an A4 size sheet  
of thin green card or  
thick paper.

Cut lots  
of large  
flowers  
from  
coloured  
paper and stick one onto  
the end of each strip.  
Curl  
round  
with  
the  
flowers facing inwards and  
stick. Write a message on  
a tag and stick to the pot.

For cuddles when  
I'm frightened,  
For hugs when  
I am sad,  
For loving me  
when I am good,  
And *still* loving me  
when I am bad!

For teaching me  
about Jesus,  
Of how he loves  
me too,  
Thank you Mum  
for loving me,  
**I LOVE YOU!**

Look up the  
Bible verses on  
the tags to find  
out which  
flowers are for  
which mother.

To \_\_\_\_\_  
love **Samuel**  
1 Samuel 1:20

To \_\_\_\_\_  
love **Isaac**  
Genesis 17:19

To \_\_\_\_\_  
love **Joseph**  
Genesis 30:24

# Good News Parish Magazine March 2007

## Mothering Sunday

18th March

Special Services

10am Eastling Church, with Puppet  
Club performance

10am Stalisfield Church

## British Summer Time

Put your clocks forward one hour on  
25th March 2007

Daylight Saving Time, or Summer Time  
as it is known in Britain, was invented  
by William Willett (1857 - 1915), who  
was a London builder living in Petts  
Wood in Kent. In 1907 he circulated a  
pamphlet to many Members of  
Parliament, town councils, businesses  
and other organisations, he outlined that  
for nearly half the year the sun shines  
upon the land for several hours each  
day while we are asleep, and is rapidly  
nearing the horizon, having already  
passed its western limit, when we reach  
home from work before it is over.

His proposal was to improve health and  
happiness by advancing the clocks  
twenty minutes on each of four Sundays  
in April, and by reversing this idea by  
the same amount on four Sundays in  
September. He reckoned that it would  
not only improve health and Happiness  
but it would save the country £2.5  
million pounds, that was also taking into  
account the loss of earnings to the  
producers of artificial light.

Though the scheme was ridiculed and  
met with considerable opposition a Day-  
light Saving Bill was introduced in 1909,  
though it met with no success before  
war broke out.

In April, 1916, Daylight Saving Time was  
introduced as a wartime measure of

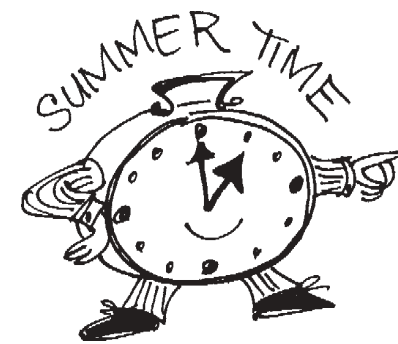


*I'd love to help dear - but I really must finish this sermon...  
...my theme's the '200th Anniversary of the Abolition of Slavery!'*

economy, not only in Britain but,  
within a week or so, in nearly all  
countries, both allied and enemy.  
Sadly, William had died the previous  
year so never saw his idea put into  
effect.

Most countries abandoned Daylight  
Saving Time after the war had  
finished, most reintroduced it  
eventually, and some even began to  
keep it throughout the year.

In 1968 to 1971 Britain tried the  
experiment of keeping BST - to be  
called British Standard Time -  
throughout the year, largely for com-  
mercial reasons because Britain  
would then conform to the time kept  
by other European Countries. This  
was not good for the school children  
of Scotland as it meant they had to  
always go to School in the dark. The  
experiment was eventually  
abandoned in 1972, Britain has kept  
GMT in winter and BST in summer.  
From [www.greenwichmeantime.com](http://www.greenwichmeantime.com)



## Jumble Sale

1pm

Saturday 10th March  
Eastling Village Hall

20p entry

Proceeds to Eastling School  
and Youth Worker funds.

## Race Night

(with Painter's Forstal Amenities)  
Saturday 31st March - 6.30pm for  
a 7pm start in Eastling Village Hall,  
Adults £1.00 entry, children free.  
Horses, Jockeys & Trainers -  
£2 each. More details in the school  
news on centre pages.

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



## Have you given up anything for Lent?

*I am trying to give up sweets and sugar, but it is difficult. I think many of us have a longing to improve our lifestyles, but we don't always question why.*

Lent has been traditionally a time of fasting and penitence, commemorating the 40 days of Christ's fasting in the wilderness before he started his ministry. Nowadays it tends to be a time of reflection, a time for examining and perhaps questioning our lifestyles. To do this isn't easy in this modern world where we can be distracted 24/7 by television, CDs, internet, computer games or whatever, and our taste buds instantly gratified by a huge range of delights.

Early on in the history of Christianity, monks went out alone into the Egyptian desert to get away from the distractions of life and to seek God. They lived alone in prayer and became famous for their down-to-earth wisdom

One of these "desert fathers" wanted to explain to some town monks who were doing good work amongst people, but were disheartened, what it meant to live in prayer and stillness in the desert. He poured some water into a bowl and asked them to look at the water. It was disturbed. After a little while he said "look how still the water is now", and as they looked into the water, they saw their own faces reflected in it as in a mirror.

He said to them "It is the same for those who live among people: disturbances prevent them from seeing their own faults. But when someone is still, especially in the desert, then he sees his failings".

We may not be able to retreat into the desert, but our rural setting allows us to shut away part of the alluring pace of life for a while. Then, maybe, we can pause and reflect such questions as "What is the meaning of my life?" "Am I leading the life God intended me to?", and in the peace of silent reflection we may find there is more room in our hearts for God than we realised. We were created by him for him, and that means that he loves us and is ready to accept us and restore us despite our waywardness. Indeed, another of the desert fathers asked a soldier

"If your cloak were torn, would you throw it away?"

"No", replied the soldier,

"Well", said the monk, "if you care so much for your cloak, will not God show mercy on his own creature?"

We are God's creatures, and must respect the lives of those afflicted by poverty or disaster. It can be depressing to see suffering on TV and we get compassion fatigue. Yet Jesus told us to feed the hungry, heal the sick, and we are fortunate to have ways of doing this through charities if we cannot do this personally. We also must care for God's world. This is especially obvious to us who live in this beautiful countryside. One way we can do this is to reduce our "carbon footprint"-the pollution we cause personally by burning up fuel in cars and aircraft. We can try to avoid driving when we could walk or cycle, If travelling by air, it is better to go by train or even car, but if essential we can now easily "offset" our carbon emissions through various schemes accessible on the net, such as Myclimate and Climatecare (www.Climatecare.org) , which start eco-friendly schemes such as solar power or more efficient stoves for poor people in developing countries (thought to be more effective than planting trees).

A recent programme on TV was entitled "God is Green". As his creatures we can serve him and care for his creation better by being "green" too!

May God bless you over this special time of Lent.

Rev. Angela Cheeseman

## Eastling Neighbourhood Watch.

Contact numbers:

Parish/Village Warden Telephone 07794010394

Swale NHW office 0800 100 3308 (free) E-mail

neighbourhoodwatch.swale@kent.pnn.police.uk  
Crimestoppers 0800 555 111 (24 hours, free and anonymous)

NHW liaison officer 01795 419212

Sittingbourne police station 01795 477055  
Emergencies or crime in progress always use 999

Kent Trading Standards 08457 585 497

Unfortunately the two dogs that were stolen within our area during December/January have not been found. They could still be within a local radius so please keep looking and advise Alan the warden of any sightings of these, or any other loose dogs running around.

In recent times there has been a small silver/white hatchback car, could be a peugeot or fiat, been seen acting suspiciously in the village. If this vehicle is seen please jot down the number plate and location, it may be of great assistance.

Please let Alan know of any vehicle or persons within the village or nearby locality acting suspiciously as there has been a few house break-ins in the Newnham area which is quite disturbing.

On Friday the 9th February a male person riding a bicycle towards Eastling was involved in an accident in the Painter's Forstal area. This person was knocked off his cycle by a small white hatchback car which failed to stop after the accident. He suffered a broken arm together with bruises and lacerations. People driving cars without any consideration for other road users need to be caught so if anyone has any more information on the incident please contact either Alan or the police on 01795 477055.

There have been many incidents within the Swale area over the last couple of months regarding wanton damage to property and motor cars, if these incidents are seen or known please report them to Swale Police.

Have a good month,  
Alan

### Coffee Pop-In

Come and join us for a chat and a cuppa on Wednesday mornings between 9 and 11am in Eastling Village Hall. All ages welcome, no charge. Plenty of toys for toddlers to with.

### POP-IN SPECIAL

7th March , 9-11am  
Homemade cakes for sale  
Traidcraft stall for  
Fairtrade Fortnight

Pop-In will be closed for the Easter break on 4th and 11th April  
Contact number 01795 890338

## Prayer

## Pointers

## February 2007



### Sundays

Give thanks for our cathedrals and those who work in them.

### Mondays

For growing strength in our faith.

### Tuesdays

For teenage girls using motherhood as a better option than working in a low-paid, dead-end job.

### Wednesdays

For all working to abolish slavery in all walks of life.

### Thursdays

For our Church Annual Meetings.

### Fridays

For all whose sight is failing.

### Saturdays

Praise the Lord in the glory of spring bird song.

## Church Electoral Roll.

This year, there will be a full revision of the Church Electoral Roll for the Parishes of Eastling, Stalisfield and Otterden. If you are currently on the Church Electoral Roll you will be contacted by the Electoral Roll Officer of the relevant Parish.

If you are not on the Church Electoral Roll and would like to be added, there are certain criteria that need to be fulfilled. To learn more about this please contact Revd Caroline Pinchbeck who will help you to complete the process.

These need to be completed two weeks prior to the Annual Parochial Church Meetings which will be on - Sunday 25th March for Eastling at 11am after the main service. Sunday 22nd April for Stalisfield at 11am after the main service.

## Outing to The Friars

The Bunce Ecclesiastical Charity is organising an outing from your Parish to The Friars at Aylesford on Sat 22nd September 2007. The visit will be a full day event and is open to any of our parishioners - so please put the date in your diary - come on your own or with other parishioners of friends and family - it is suitable for both able bodied and less able - please let us know if you have special requirements.

This will be fully funded by the Charity and will cover coach transport to the Carmelite Priory from Sheldwich Lees at 10am and Lenham 10.15am pickup points and activities for adults and children during the day including the pottery, visiting the beautiful grounds, special service in the Cloister Chapel, barns complex, visiting the Main Shrine - guests will need to bring their own packed lunch or purchase lunch in the tea room. There are wonderful picnic areas, and also a covered area which to eat your picnic. We will be returning at 4pm. Book a place/s now by calling Jane Baker on 01622 850686 Janebiztrainingnetwork@btinternet.com or Angela Stoddart on 01795 890210 angela@cforstal.surfaid.org

Sunday 25 March this year marks a very important date in British history. On this date in 1807 a Bill was enacted in the House of Commons in London that outlawed the transport of slaves in British ships anywhere on the high seas. It was an important legal milestone on the road that led to the final and total abolition of slavery in the British Empire 26 years later in 1833.

Origins of the British Slave Trade:

Britain and her empire became joined in the slave trade in the 16th century. This involved taking black African men and women from their homeland against their will and selling them to work on sugar plantations in the Caribbean and cotton plantations in America. Most of these slaves were stolen from their villages, often by their own chiefs, and then sold to the captains of British ships. The journeys to the West Indies and America were horrifying ordeals for the slaves. Herded like cattle in stifling conditions in the over-filled holds of the ships, they were subject to indescribable squalor and prey to typhoid, dysentery and other killing diseases. Not only

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were the many corpses dumped overboard like unwanted rubbish, but there was certified evidence that many captains dumped the sick overboard without waiting for them to die.

In this 21st century we may find these facts difficult to handle but the evidence for Britain's slave traffic is detailed and terrible. Two of our great national heroes, Sir Francis Drake and his cousin, Sir John Howard, have an honoured place in British history because they defeated Spanish attacks on Britain. But Drake and Howard were among the first British sea captains to carry slaves across the oceans and sell them as chattels. The arithmetic of this traffic is truly horrific. It has been calculated that in the two hundred years from 1600 to 1800, no fewer than twelve million black men, women and children were forcibly taken from Africa and sold as slaves. What cannot be computed is how many of these 12 million died at sea and were

unceremoniously tossed overboard. Many merchants in Bristol, Liverpool and Glasgow grew very rich because they bought, owned and sold slaves.

The first legal action in Britain against the slave trade was taken in 1772. At that time many of those who owned plantations in the Caribbean and America continued to live in Britain. They brought many slaves to work in their homes and estates and by the 1770s there were as many as 12,000 slaves employed by these plantation owners in England and Scotland. In the famous Somerset Case, heard before Lord Mansfield, the Lord Chief Justice, in London in 1772, it was ruled that owning and employing slaves in Britain was illegal. Lord Mansfield delivered a landmark verdict. 'Let justice be done though the heavens may fall.' This ruling put an end to the employment of slaves in Britain but not in her colonies. That legal and humanitarian battle was yet to come. In the next two articles we will see the part played in that decisive victory by evangelical Christians.

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## Services in our Churches

## Ministry in our Parishes

### 4th March Lent 2

Philippians 3. 17 - 4. 1, Luke 13. 31 - end  
 Eastling 10 a.m. Holy Communion (CW)  
 (Crèche available)  
 Stalisfield 10 a.m. Holy Communion (CW)

### 11th March Lent 3

1 Corinthians 10: 1 - 13, Luke 13. 1 - 9  
 Eastling 8 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)  
 Eastling 10.30 a.m. Freestyle (Crèche available)  
 Stalisfield 10 a.m. Morning Prayer (BCP)

### 18th March Mothering Sunday

2 Corinthians 5: 16 - 21, Luke 15: 1 - 3, 11 - 32  
 Eastling 10 a.m. Mothering Sunday Service  
 Stalisfield 10 a.m. Mothering Sunday Service

### 25th March Lent 5

Philippians 3. 4b - 14, John 12. 1 - 8  
 Stalisfield 8 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)  
 Eastling 10 a.m. Morning Prayer (BCP)  
 Village Hall 10 a.m. S Club

### 1st April Palm Sunday

Philippians 2. 5 - 11, Luke 19. 28 - 40  
 Eastling 10 a.m. Holy Communion (CW)  
 (Crèche available)  
 Stalisfield 10 a.m. Holy Communion (CW)

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

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 Faversham ME13 0AS  
 <caroline.pinchbeck575@btinternet.com>

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

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

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

#### Churchwardens

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

Stalisfield with Otterden  
 Joint Warden { Mrs. J. Baker (01622 858332)  
 Mrs S. Gaind (01622 858551)  
 Mrs P. Thompson (01795 890376)

#### Contacting the Church's staff

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

#### Mid Week Worship at Eastling

2.15pm Celtic Prayer every Wednesday in church -  
 20 minutes for prayer and reflection  
 Monday Prayer Group 2pm Seven Acres, Newnham Lane.  
 Tuesday Study Group 8pm The Barn, Pinks Farm  
 Thursday Prayer Group 10.15am Pinks Farm.

#### Services at Whitehill Chapel

4th March 10a.m. Brunch followed by  
 10.40 a.m. Family People's Choice  
 6th March 2.15 p.m. Holy Communion  
 25th March 11 a.m. People's Choice

**Age Concern Maidstone** exists to promote the Welfare of the older residents in the Borough of Maidstone and was originally founded in 1957 as Maidstone Old People's Welfare Committee. In 1972 Age Concern Maidstone was registered as a charity affiliated to Age Concern Kent and Age Concern England. In 1997 Age Concern Maidstone became an Incorporated Charity with the company number 3344224 and the Charity number 1062723.



We provide day care for the older residents in our day centres located throughout the Borough of Maidstone. At the centres we organise a variety of activities from bingo to educational talks; we also provide a hot mid-day meal and perhaps most importantly the companionship of their fellow attendees. During the warmer months we organise trips for our day care clients. We are able to transport our day care clients to and from our centres on our fleet of minibuses. We also run a domiciliary bathing service and our foot care service is available in a number of surgeries throughout the borough or in the home if house

bound. Information and advice on services for the benefit for older residents of the Borough is available from our office in Mill Street.

Our permanent staff are ably supported by our team of 60 volunteers who drive our minibuses, escorting those clients using the minibuses from and to their homes and supporting our day care work. Without their continued valued support our work would be curtailed to the detriment of our clients.

If you would like to know more about our work; join our team of volunteers; attend a day centre; access our other services; please feel free to contact us on 01622 753 618 or alternatively e-mail us on info@ageconcernmaidstone.org.uk

If you wish to make a financial donation to support our work our address is Age Concern Maidstone, 14A Mill Street, Maidstone, ME15 6XH.

Paul Coles  
 Chief Executive Officer

# OPENING AGAIN - SPRING 2007

## All are welcome to visit The Vegetable Plot.

A group of Eastling volunteers have created at Churchfields Farm, The Street, Eastling a Vegetable Plot to allow children to visit and learn about planting, growing, harvesting and tasting fruit and vegetables.

Last May an open day welcomed visitors for the first time and through the summer, groups of children enjoyed a day out. Whilst many of the children from Eastling School visited, it is hoped that all our local children will have experienced the day by the spring of 2007.

The new season begins in April with an ambitious programme of up to 2000 children and youth group members attending workshops at The Vegetable Plot. Sponsorship is being obtained and help has come from a variety of directions. Recently Bishop Graham, the Diocese Rural Affairs Advisor, viewed The Vegetable Plot with Caroline Pinchbeck. He enthusiastically offered his support to the project.

A Defra Country Stewardship Scheme allows public access around the farm and Vegetable Plot using well signed public footpaths. Villagers are most welcome to visit The Plot at any time perhaps accessing The Vegetable Plot via the public footpath from the Village Hall.

The Vegetable Plot has been created within the cherry orchard and includes vegetables, fruit bushes, hops, herbs and flowers. The children use all their senses in identifying, tasting, smelling, seeing and hearing the life of the orchard. They are encouraged to sow, grow and reap and then share in eating the produce.

Following the advice of teachers the visit provides a rural laboratory for 'hands on' science exploration. Addressing Key

Stages 1 and 2 of the National Curriculum lessons prior, during and after the visit reinforce the experience of the day.

The major theme of the school visit is the changing seasons and the life cycles of the fruits and vegetables grown. The Victorian hedgerow dramatically changes from season to season. Some eighteen varieties of fruits, berries and nuts support much wildlife. The heady smell of blossom in the spring changes to the brightly coloured berries of autumn. Children, through games, quizzes and observation, learn to identify the sights and sounds of the seasons.

Many domestic animals live at the farm including dogs, cats and horses, and the adjoining woodland is the home of pheasants, foxes, badgers and numerous birds.

The school visits include lunch for all in the Village Hall, where the children sample the local produce, and take home goodie bags of seeds, recipe cards and other mementos of the day.

Villagers have already provided seeds, plants and their time to ensure a good start. All future help is greatly appreciated. The Plot can be found by passing through the stable yard at Churchfields and following the fenced walk to the south east running parallel with Kettle Hill Road. Visitors may picnic in The Plot, exercise their dogs and enjoy a quiet moments relaxation. Wellingtons are vital until the rains stop! For Health and Safety reasons we do ask that visitors of primary school age or below are accompanied by a responsible older visitor.

For more information visit [www.thevegetableplot.co.uk](http://www.thevegetableplot.co.uk) <<http://www.thevegetableplot.co.uk/>> or contact Julia Bailey on 01795890746 e-mail [julia.bailey@arsoft.net](mailto:julia.bailey@arsoft.net).

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## Race for Life



Gillian Tiernan is taking part in the Maidstone Race for Life on 10/06/2007 to raise money for Cancer Research UK and would really welcome your support.

It will take but a moment to sponsor her. It's really easy - you can donate online by credit or debit card at the following address: [http://www.raceforlifesponsorme.org/chelsea\\_girl](http://www.raceforlifesponsorme.org/chelsea_girl) All donations are secure and sent electronically to Cancer Research UK. If you are a UK taxpayer, an extra 28% in tax will be added to your gift at no cost to you. If you don't have access to the internet, call Gill on 01795-887314 Please join Gill in supporting Cancer Research UK and a fabulous cause!

## Memorial Lilies at Easter

If anyone would like to contribute towards the Memorial Lilies on Easter Day in our churches, would they contact the names below with their donation and the names they would like commemorated. It would be helpful if we know as early as possible how much money we have to spend as the price per lily goes up during Holy Week. A list of names will be displayed in each Church.

Eastling - Pippa West 01795 890273 or Janet Wood 890352.  
 Stalisfield - Vera Eckley 01795 890116



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## Eastling Short Mat Bowls Club

Sorry that I have not given any reports lately for the above club but, before and just after Christmas, we have not been playing any league games. Swale short mat bowls now have a website: [www.swalecvs.co.uk/bowls](http://www.swalecvs.co.uk/bowls). If any parish magazine reader wishes to go on line, they can soon see how Eastling is faring.

We have played Warden Bay, Stockbury and Bredgar - all away matches, and have gained quite a few points playing on different mats, which is a lot harder than playing on your own mats. The last game we played was against Hornhill (Milstead) at home, and won 14 points to nil. This was a very good result. By the time you read this we will have played two further games at home against Bredgar and Stockbury

The team came to watch Chris Smith, Mick Heath and myself play in the last sixteen of the knock out stage of the Kent County Triples at Strood. We played an extra end but lost by one shot. So, you can see we are still a very active club. More information in next Good News.

The club meets in Eastling Village Hall on Wednesday afternoons, 2.30 - 4.30pm and on Fridays 2.30 - 4.30pm and 7.30 - 9.30pm. These sessions are open to all players. New members welcome so, if you would like to see what it is all about and want to try your hand, please come along and have a go. If you need more details, please contact Roy Piles on 537162.

## Pictures in the Sky

White clouds form pictures in the sky  
You'll see if you really try;  
Icebergs, desserts, moors and mountains,  
Springs and geysers, falls and fountains.  
So many scenes set in the space  
That looks upon the good earth's face.

Audrey Keen

## QUIZ NIGHT

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

Jill and Caroline would like you to join them for another fun evening with prizes, games. This quiz night is in aid of the N.A.C.C. (National Association for Colitis and Crohn's Disease)

Bring your own food and drink. Please book early to avoid disappointment. Telephone Jill on 01795 890865 to book your table. We look forward to seeing you all again.

## Sunday Freestyle

Drama, Praise and Worship

10.30am

Eastling Church  
Sunday 11th March

Come and join us when discuss another of the "Sayings of Jesus"

Breakfast from 10am  
Crèche during service

## FITNESS CLASSES @ EASTLING VILLAGE HALL

### WEDNESDAYS

6.00pm GENTLE EXERCISE for the more mature participant & those starting or returning to exercise.  
7.00pm BUMS, LEGS & TUMS helps to tone & shape these specific areas.  
8.00pm FAT BURNER works on aerobic fitness, using fun dance moves.

### THURSDAYS

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

I will be choreographing the New Dame Edna Television series This may lead to some slight changes in the class timetable during March & April.

Thank you for your continued support.  
For more info contact Leigh  
01795 890 149 or  
<[leigh.fitness@btinternet.com](mailto:leigh.fitness@btinternet.com)>

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

March meeting Tuesday 20th, 2.15pm in the Champion Hall  
Mr D. Harper will talk about *The Romance of Pub and Inn Signs*  
Competition - Design a pub sign on a postcard, plus flower of the month.

New members welcome, contact number 01795 532756.

## Afternoon Club

Members wish to thank Gill, Mervyn and their staff at The Alma, for arranging such a happy luncheon party. A great success.

### March meetings

8th Board Games  
22nd Board Games,  
Both meetings start at 2pm in the Champion Hall.

## PUDDLEDUCKS Playgroup

and Mother & Toddler Group at the Champion Hall, Painters Forstal - for children from 18 months to 5 years. This term we will be making Mother's Day cards and flower arrangements, as well as other creative activities. Plenty of free play to stimulate the children's imagination. A quiet time for story reading while the children enjoy a snack and drink. Do join us on Monday and Fridays - 9.30 to 11.25am - £3.50 per session.

Jill Seaman  
01795 890519

## EASTLING VILLAGE HALL TRUST

Now's your chance to get involved and have a say in the running of Eastling Village Hall!

At the Trust's Annual General Meeting at 7.30 p.m. on Monday, 16th April 2007 in the Village Hall, nominations will be considered for election of two 'village representatives' to serve as Trustees. Nominees must be 18 years of age or over. Nomination forms (to be returned by 13th April) and further details are available from the Trust Secretary, Sue Parry at Magnolia Cottage, Newnham Lane, Eastling (tel: 890254).

Even if Trusteeship doesn't appeal, the Trustees are always looking for additional helpers. If you have a few hours to spare to do a bit of gardening or decorating at the Hall, please give Sue a ring.

## Saturday 10 March, 7.30pm Canterbury Cathedral

The University of Kent chorus and symphony orchestra.

Fauré: Cantique de Jean Racine  
Saint-Saëns: Symphony No. 3 in C minor (Organ)

Gounod: Messe solennelle de Sainte Cécile

Tickets £22, £18, £14, £10, £8 from Canterbury Bookings Box Office (01227 378188) and the University Music Office (01227 827335)



## Eastling Gardeners' Club

meets on 22nd March at 7.30pm in the Village Hall for a talk by J. D. Kemp on

*'The Culture of Vegetables: Colour and Flavour'*

Followed by wine and home-made nibbles

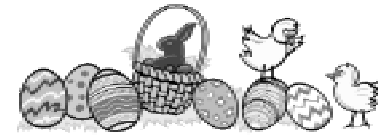
Free to members, otherwise £2.50

## FRIENDS OF EASTLING SCHOOL

The events organised for this month start with:

### The Jumble Sale in Eastling Village Hall on Saturday 10th March

- doors open at 1pm - 20p entry. Any jumble can be brought along to the Pop-in on Wednesday 7th March; Friday 9th at 3pm or on Saturday morning from 9.30am. Any offers of help to sort and sell will be welcomed. (Proceeds to Eastling School and Youth Worker.)



**The children's Easter Egg Hunt** will take place on the last day of term Friday 30th March starting at 2.45pm. Pre-school children are welcome to join in. The Easter Raffle will be drawn at 3.10pm.

Why not join us for an exciting evening at the **Race Night in Eastling**



**Village Hall on Saturday 31st March** - 6.30pm for 7pm start. Adults £1.00 entry, children free with entertainment arranged for youngsters. Bring your own drinks and snacks. There are still a few Horses, Jockeys & Trainers at £2 each. Contact Natasha on 01795 535122 or Jacky on 01795 536548. (Arranged by Eastling school and Painter's Forstal Amenities Committee.)

## Charing and District Local History Society

On Thursday 8th March at 8pm, Marjorie Lyle will give a talk on

### The Story of the Big Digs in Canterbury

The discoveries beneath the Whitefriars development. The presentation will be given in the Parish Hall, Charing. Everyone who is interested will be welcomed when the doors open at 7.45pm.

Non-members of the Society pay £2.

## EASTLING VILLAGE HALL

To book ring Emma Walker on 07940 490 896



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 occasion.

## WIT & WISDOM

Eastling Village Hall  
Saturday 14th April  
7.30pm

Tables of six, at £3 per head, can be booked by ringing Norman on 01795 890242. Proceeds to the Eastling Senior Citizens Christmas Fund.

## Lent Lunches

Open to all.

Lunch of soup and roll 12 noon - 2pm every Friday during Lent in the Alexander Centre, Faversham. Proceeds to Christian Aid.

## March



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| 3rd Puppet Club rehearsal         | 3-4pm     | Eastling Village Hall |
| 7th Cakes at Pop-In               | 9-11am    | Eastling Village Hall |
| 8th Afternoon Club                | 2pm       | Champion Hall         |
| 8th History Society               | 7.45pm    | Charing Parish Hall   |
| 9th Craft Club                    | 6.15pm    | Champion Hall         |
| 10th Saturday Club                | 10am      | Eastling Village Hall |
| 10th Jumble Sale                  | 1pm       | Eastling Village Hall |
| 10th Concert                      | 7.30pm    | Canterbury Cathedral  |
| 14th Eastling Parish Council      | 6pm       | Eastling Village Hall |
| 15th Afternoon Club (Board Games) | 2pm       | Champion Hall         |
| 15th Deadline for April Good News |           |                       |
| 17th Puppet Club rehearsal        | 3-4pm     | Eastling Village Hall |
| 18th Mothering Sunday             |           |                       |
| 18th Puppet Club performance      | 10am      | Eastling Church       |
| 20th Women's Institute            | 2.15pm    | Champion Hall         |
| 22nd Afternoon Club               | 2pm       | Champion Hall         |
| 22nd Eastling Gardeners' Club     | 7.30pm    | Eastling Village Hall |
| 23rd Craft Club                   | 6.15pm    | Champion Hall         |
| 24th Saturday Club                | 10am      | Eastling Village Hall |
| 25th Annual Church Meeting        | 11am      | Eastling Church       |
| 27th Magazine folding             | 2pm       | Pinks Farm            |
| 30th Easter Egg hunt and raffle   | 2.45pm    | Eastling School       |
| 31st Race Night                   | 6.30pm    | Eastling Village Hall |
| APRIL 2nd - 6th Holiday Club      | 10am - 12 | Eastling Village Hall |
| 14th Wit & Wisdom                 | 7.30pm    | Eastling Village Hall |
| 16th Hall AGM                     | 7.30pm    | Eastling Village Hall |
| 22nd Church APCM                  | 11am      | Stalisfield Church    |
| MAY 7th Bluebell Walk             | 11am      | Eastling Village Hall |
| JUNE 16th Quiz Night              | 7.30pm    | Eastling Village Hall |

## April Good News

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