

HOLIDAY CLUB

For Children aged 5-11 At Eastling Village Hall

Tuesday 14th- Friday 17th April 10.00 am-12.00pm

£4.00 Per Child for the whole week
Plus a Pyramid Rock Sclub Special on Sunday 19th April
20 Places available

Please contact Joy to book places on 890487 or 07999807519 Email: eastlingyouthworker@hotmail.co.uk

S Club

in Eastling Village Hall
Sunday 15th March, 10am
All primary school aged
children welcome
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YOUNGSTYLE

10am in Eastling Church,
Mothering Sunday
22nd March.
Come and join in the praise

for Mothers everywhere.



Christian
Discussion Group
For Young People
aged 11-16
On a Friday Night
from 7-8.30
Please contact Joy for
more info on 07999
807519 or Email:
eastlingyouthworker
@hotmail.co.uk

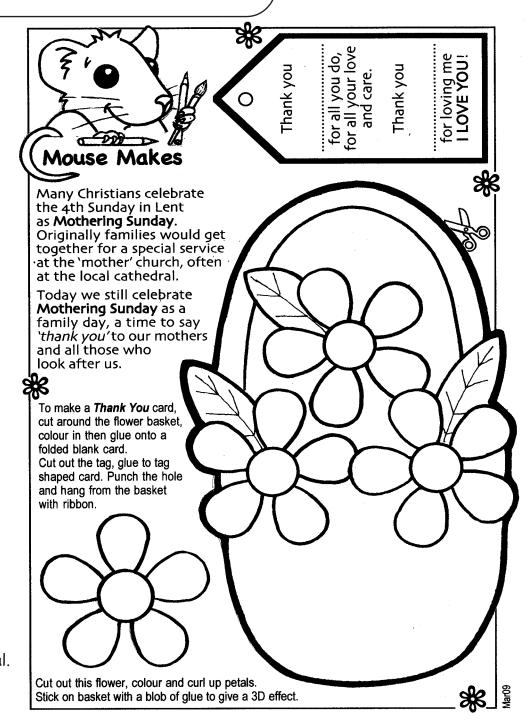


Craft Club

13th and 27th March
6.15 - 7.15pm

Champion Hall, Painter's Forstal.
50p a session.

Contact number 532756.



Mother's Way (Luke 2:19,51)

You treasure those things, Keep them safe in your heart, Where did the years go?

Everything still so fresh... The birth, those moments alone, Your first looking Into each other's love.

And the visitors With their wonder and wisdom, With their gifts and their gazing, Everything still so fresh...

Then the growing years,
Baby into boy,
Into man,
Into joys and sorrows,
Into life away from your helping,
Yet you alone hold his history in
your head.

You treasure those things, Keep them safe in your heart, Of course you do... You are his mother.

Daphne Kitching



Good News

Parish Magazine March 2009

Mothering Sunday Services 22nd March 10am at Eastling 10am at Stalisfield





Happy 100th Birthday Mary



Mary Bayley celebrating her 100th birthday on February 9th.

Friends joined Mary for home Communion, celebrated by our vicar, Caroline, with hymns and music. This was followed by lunch and a wonderful chocolate birthday cake. Mary has been part of Stalisfield church life for nearly 70 years, when she moved to the parish to care for her father. She cleaned the church for 40 years and the brass for over 50 years.

Thank you Mary for your faithful service and good wishes from all who know you.



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

Olave Snelling considers the year ahead...

Be still and know ...

"This is the word of the Lord for 2009," There is most certainly a time to be up said a well-known American pastor. What was that word? It was "Still." That's all just the word "Still." He felt it was a "now" word that would empower us be the eternal Word of God - forever radically, and permanently. We will still throughout the year.

In the midst of failing banks, falling stock exchange rates, frightening unemployment statistics, fearsome problems in the housing markets and fiscal uncertainty, the Lord tells us to be being able to read much and having only still and know that still he is God.

our pulse rate quietens down and our breathing slows a bit, we can enter into God's presence and sense his nearness. "In quietness and confidence shall be our

Joni Eareckson Tada speaks about the once and for all. God is still using my fearful diving accident she had which left her completely paralysed and how she appreciated people who were willing just to come and sometimes sit with her healed while I was in the hospital." quietly and hold her hand or read her some poetry or something like that. There was huge benefit in that gentle stillness, much better than being constantly talked at, she said.

and at it, a time for action and activity. But it is good to come out of stillness into that action knowing that the Bible will still settled in Heaven. Prayer will still always work. God the Father will still be on his indomitable throne and his son Jesus will still be the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Joni says: "Lying here day after day, not so much I can do with my time, isn't much There is great benefit in being still. As fun. So even though books have been written, I speak to a lot of people, and a movie has been made, the paralysis doesn't go away. I have to fight battles against discouragement and depression over and over. You don't get over them paralysis to teach me about myself and

> She had, and has, enforced stillness to cope with, but the Holy Spirit will still always be her and our Comforter comforting us from the inside, out. of Jesus Christ our Lord. Healing will still be in his wings! Amen.

through it all he's purging me of bitterness

or things that were never adequately

His grace will still be all-sufficient for her and for us, whatever the task and whatever the outward circumstances! In the midst of swirling change, we must be still and know that the gifts of the Spirit will still change lives - instantly, be God's most prized possession - his cherished son or daughter!

Sowing will still result in reaping! So keep sowing! The love of God will still be in our hearts - and nothing can separate us from it! All things will still work together for our good - as we do his will! The devil will still, still, STILL, ultimately be a big-time loser! The Lord is still building his Church and the gates of hell will not prevail against it.

Glorious and dazzling God, revealed in your beloved Son, help us to carry his image in our hearts. *Draw aside the curtains of daily* distractions,

drive away the clouds of doubt that hide him,

se we may glory in the radient sight



Reception children helping with our new sign. Left to right: Sam, Tommie, Sam, Alfie, Louis, Mrs Maria Johnson, Dulcie, Chloe

Eastling School News

The whole school took part in a mosaic workshop, to produce a mosaic which will be displayed on the wall of the hall. Look out for the new art work when you visit us. As a flourishing Eco-School, we hope to have the highest award, a Green Flag, before the summer break. One of our objectives is to encourage wildlife to enjoy our school grounds. Members of our HUGG (Help Us Go Green) Club took part in the RSPB Big Schools' Birdwatch. We observed many species of bird including House Sparrows, Robins, Blackbirds... and one lonely Chaffinch. It is clear that our efforts to encourage wildlife are paying dividends. If anyone has spare bird food, feeders, gardening tools or any other equipment that may be useful to an Eco-School, please let Mr Marsh know or contact the school office.

Our youngest children, Cubs Class, enjoyed a trip in the school mini bus when they visited Tesco and Macknade Fine Foods. This built on the food topic they are doing in class. They bought their lunch and enjoyed a 'picnic' back at school.

Five children from Tigers Class enjoyed a Speed Stacking Competition at St. Anselm's School. Well done to Alfred, Millie, Lauren, Cordelia and Hannah who represented Eastling.

Leopards Class took a step back in time on Friday, February 13, as they attended school dressed as Victorians. They took part in a Victorian themed day, being careful not 'blot their copy book' and end up wearing the 'dunce's cap'.

School will be closed for one day on Monday 2nd March when staff will be attending a training day.

Sport: The school team played a very competitive football match at Davington School. The final score was 3 - 3, with goals for Jake, Joe and Seb.

The Year Six Young Sports Leaders have taken part in a training session at the University of Kent, Canterbury. This should help them to make lunchtimes even more enjoyable for the younger children.

Fundraising

For the school: Don't forget to send us your tokens for free books, these can be found in the Times newspapers and other products. We are also collecting Sainsbury's vouchers for sports equipment as well as various other reward schemes. Vouchers/tokens can be taken to the school office (01795 890252).

For others: Over £30 was raised for the Mission Nutrition Blue Peter Appeal - Katie Davis worked hard to organise a successful bring and buy sale.

Eastling Neighbourhood Watch.

Contact numbers:

Parish/Village Warden 07794 010394 Crimestoppers 0800 555 111 (24 hours, free and anonymous)

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

There has been a spate of trailers, horse and general, being stolen in local villages, so please if you are an owner of one, be wary and always keep the trailer either chained up or stored in a locked garage/ barn.

There have been reports of hare coursing being carried out in the locality. These actions are despicable and should any person observe anything where they believe this to be happening, do not get personally involved, please ring the police or myself. Let's put a stop to it.

I heard on the radio that there has been more burglaries committed in Kent of late, than before the 'credit crunch', so please make sure that your home is secure at all times, and if you have callers

at your front door offering their services, and it is a cold call, remember the answer is 'no' and then ring the police or me, so the necessary action can be taken

Have a good and safe month Alan

EASTLING PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 11th March at 6.30pm in Eastling Village Hall. Members of the public are welcome to attend.



Prayer **Pointers**

March 2009

Sundays Praise and thanks for Mothers everywhere. Mondays For 'Open Doors', serving persecuted Christians worldwide. For the British Police Force. <u>Tuesdays</u>

For those working together to <u>Wednesdays</u> overcome global warming. Thursdays For the people of Australia after the recent fires. Fridays For those relying upon

investments for their income, especially the retired. Give thanks for family and **Saturdays** friends in times of trouble.

Eastling Church Flower Rota No flowers in March

Friends of Don and Freda Boorman will be saddened to hear of Don's passing on 15th February 2009.

The funeral will be held in Ospringe Church, at 2.30pm, on Monday 2nd March.

Donations to Pilgrims Hospice.

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 to

know, as early as possible, how much money we will have to spend, as the price per lily goes up during Holy Week. A list of names will be displayed in each

Eastling - Emma Walker 07940 490896 Stalisfield - Mary Dowling 01795 890669

Bluebell Walk Plans for the 2009 Bluebell Walk on Bank Holiday Monday 4th May, are well

underway, but it's not too late to join the organising team. Contact Caroline Pinchbeck on 01795 890487.

The Bluebell Bistro will be looking for volunteer washer-uppers on the day please contact Hilary on 890338.

A Senior Moment!

I made a list. I checked it twice. I left it at home.

Services in our Churches

1st March Lent 1

1 Peter 3. 18 - end, Mark 1. 9 - 15

8am Holy Communion (BCP) Eastling Eastling 10am Holy Communion (CW)

Stalisfield 3pm Lent Service

8th March Lent 2

Romans 4. 13 - end, Mark 8. 31 - end

Eastling 8am Holy Communion (BCP) 10am Holy Communion (CW) Stalisfield

Eastling 10.30am Freestyle

15th March Lent 3

1 Corinthians 1, 18 - 25, John 2, 13 - 22

8am Holy Communion (BCP) Eastling 10am Morning Prayer (BCP) Eastling 10am S Club in the village hall Eastling Stalisfield 10am Morning Prayer (BCP)

22nd March Mothering Sunday

Ephesians 2. 1 - 10, John 3. 14 - 21

8am Holy Communion (BCP) Eastling

Eastling 10am Youngstyle

10am Holy Communion (CW) Stalisfield

29th March Lent 5

Hebrews 5, 5 - 10, John 12, 20 - 33

Eastling 8am Holy Communion (BCP) Stalisfield 10am Benefice Service

5th April Palm Sunday

Psalm 118. 1 - 2,19 - 24, Philippians 2. 5 - 11, Mark 11. 1 - 11 8am Holy Communion (BCP) Eastling 10am Holy Communion (CW) Eastling

Otterden 3pm Evening Prayer

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

Lastling Church
8th March
10.30am
The Uniqueness of the Cross All ages welcome

Ministry in our Parishes

Priest Reverend Caroline Pinchbeck (01795 890487) in The Rectory, Newnham Lane, Eastling

Charge Faversham ME13 0AS

<caroline.pinchbeck575@btinternet.com>

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

Reader Mr. Norman Fowler (01795 890412)

4 Meesons Close, Eastling.

(01795 890603) Reader Mr. Hugh Perks

Weald Cottage, Eastling.

Churchwardens

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

Stalisfield with Otterden

Patricia Thompson (01795 890376) Martin Beckenham (01795 892079)

Services at Whitehill Chapel

1st March 10 a.m. Brunch 10.40 a.m. Family People's Choice 3rd March 2.15 p.m. **Holy Communion** 22nd March 11 a.m. People's Choice

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

Midweek Groups

Both groups will be following Lent studies: **Tuesdays**

2nd March to 7th April - 7.30pm, Pinks Farm

Thursdays

26th February to 2nd April - 10.15am, Pinks Farm New faces welcome, phone 890338 for further details, or just come along.



well I've given up using the mower!

Easter Concert 2009 In aid of the Save Canterbury Cathedral Appeal Stainer's Crucifixion and Fauré's Requiem

On Palm Sunday, 5th April, there will be a very special performance of Stainer's Crucifixion and Fauré's Requiem, at 7pm, in the Nave of Canterbury Cathedral. The singers are comprised of local choirs who will perform under the guidance of Dr David Flood, Organist and Master of the Choristers at Canterbury Cathedral.

Tickets are priced at £10 for Adults, £8 concessions for OAP's and Friends. Under 12's are free with a paying adult.

Tickets are available by calling into the Save Canterbury Cathedral Appeal office at 27-28 Burgate, Canterbury, CT1 2HA, by calling 01227 464764 with a credit or debit card or by email fundraisingcampaign@ canterbury-cathedral.org

Fauré's Requiem

Phillipe Lacamp and the Norton Choir will be performing Fauré's Requiem on Good Friday at Teynham Church, with an additional performance on Maundy Thursday in Eastling. No tickets needed.

If you would like to join the choir for these performances, weekly rehearsals start on Tuesday 3rd March at Barbary Farmhouse, Norton, between 8:00pm and 9:30pm.

Please phone 01795 890598 for further details. All parts are welcome.

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RIVER PRAISE

Saturday 28th February, Lynsted Church, 6.30pm

Join us for an exciting evening of praise & worship, lead by the RIVER band Guest speaker Mandy Harris, from St Williams, Walderslade

Please encourage and enable any younger people in your area to come along.

All Welcome! Toilet facilities *Disabled access *Youth room open * More details 01795 521714

Otterden Chronicles



I find some things never change and spring pleasures are the same today as in the 1980s, when I wrote the poem below. It is March and we begin to smell and taste the spring. The evenings are lighter, so we will have more time to enjoy the coming season. But, nature will not be rushed and, if she Onward past the grazing sheep, decides to send us a flurry of snow, well then we must be patient with her. Today the sweet lambs look content as their dams peer over the hedge, with large eyes that look like beads of glass, and watch as I pass by. Primroses and germander speedwell are everywhere, bringing bright colour to the green grass. The time is ripe for poetry and, perhaps, this verse, in it's humble way, A yellow cloud that floats away. tells all:

'No other time is quite like this, Now spring is here the sun will kiss

by Audrey Keen

The hills that gently sweep and lay Towards the sea, not far away. And later, when the fields are ploughed, The gulls will come and call out loud, But now the meadows, silent, green, Replace the recent snowy scene. Soon perfume from nature's flowers Will scent the many happy hours I spend in this enchanting place, Where green leaves of ivy grace The hedges, fence and fallen tree, Once tall and shady over me. Into a wood I'll walk and keep Onto the track that takes me through Tall trees, dripping with morning dew. And from a path I know so well I'll look to find the first bluebell. Here too, it is I hope to see The cuckoo as he calls to me. And I will touch catkins that shake, depositing a dust which make

Rev Dr Jo White continues her series on the Signs and Symbols in our churches. The Sanctuary

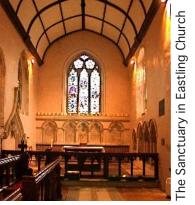
When you think of a 'Sanctuary' you probably think of somewhere safe: in a retreat, perhaps a refuge from harm, or a shelter in a storm. In the Middle Ages one could flee from the law to a place of sanctuary for so many days.

Even today one hears of cases where people have moved into the sanctuary of a church building to prevent their being taken either by the police or perhaps the immigration authorities.

The word Sanctuary comes from the Latin, 'sanctus' meaning 'Holy', so hence a church or other sacred place would count as a place of 'sanctuary'.

In a church the most holy place is considered to be where the bread and wine are consecrated and become, or represent, the body and blood of Christ himself - the altar. So hence the close area around the altar is called 'The Sanctuary'. You can normally see where it begins by it having steps rising up to it and there being a rail around it. The rail reminds people that they are approaching a special place and not to enter, unless authorised to do so.

Some people will genuflect or bow to the altar (give it reverence) when they pass in front of it - whether a service is taking place or not - as their recognition of the uniqueness of what takes place there at the consecration.



In the days of the Temple in Jerusalem, only the priests could enter the sanctuary and the most central area - the Holy of Holies - was entered by only one priest, on one day of the year. Hence the importance that Christians place on the tearing apart of the temple cloth when Christ died on the cross the Holy of Holies is now visible and accessible.

Have a look at some different churches' sanctuaries, perhaps when you are on holiday. How do they mark that this place is special? In your own life, what would you mark as special?

FRIENDS OF EASTLING SCHOOL

The Family Disco was enjoyed by all - a total of £210 was raised. Thanks to Jose Morrobel for the disco and to all the organisers.

The Eastling School children's disco is on Friday 6th March - 6pm to 8pm. Entry by ticket

Don't forget to book a table at the Table Top Sale on Saturday 7th March in Eastling Village Hall from 10.30am to 12.30. Contact Justine Hollands via the School Office if you would like to book a table. Why not pop along to peruse and buy some of the merchandise.

I now have Chocolates for Chocoholics catalogues available for Mother's Day and Easter chocolate. I will have a range at the pop-in at Eastling village hall on Wednesday 11th March, 9am - 11am.

Diary Dates:

The Easter Egg Hunt and Raffle - Thursday 2nd April - Eastling School Swimming Pool Party - Friday 19th June -Faversham Swimming Pool Eastling School Summer Fete - Sunday

12th July Jill Seaman, FOES Publicity



Eastling Short Mat Bowls

Since my last report we have now learned that Eileen Piles and Chris Smith have qualified to take part in the final of the County pairs on 22nd March. We have just received the news that Mick Heath, Chris Smith and Roy Piles have now qualified for the County Triples final on 19th April. The club team have played three more Swale league games; Newington Reds at home winning by 8 points to 6. Next home game was against Hornhill Oaks and we took 12 points off them and they went away with 2 points. We then played our first away game which is always very difficult, but still came away with 5 points, so we was quite pleased with that. We have only one more game at home and the last five will be away. At the moment we are top of the first division, how long that will last for I do not know.

Ususal club sessions continue in the village hall: Wednesdays 2.30 - 4.30pm and Fridays 2.30 - 4.30pm and 7.30 - 9.30pm.

New players welcome.

Roy Piles, 537162.

Painters Forstal with Ospringe W.I.

Tuesday 17th March at 2.15pm in the Champion Hall. Reg Barnes will give a talk on 'A visit to Ukraine.'

Competition -A hen's egg decorated for Easter.

New members welcome; please contact Bobbie on 532756.



Welcome to all at Pop-In, every Wednesday, 9 - 11am in Eastling Village Hall No charge to join us for a cup of tea, coffee or squash and a biscuit.

Toddlers welcome, lots of toys - and space! Homemade cakes for sale on 4th March and 1st April; proceeds to Pop-In expenses.

Traidcraft Stall on 4th March. Chocolates on 11th March; proceeds to FOES. Contact number is 890338.



Fairtrade Fortnight

Hilary will have the Traidcraft stall open at Fair Trade Coffee morning, Saturday 28th February, 10 - 12 in the United Church in Preston Street. Pop-In on 4th March and

Freestyle on 8th March.

Please call 890338 for a catalogue, and to buy goods at other times.



FITNESS CLASSES @ Eastling Village Hall

WEDNESDAYS 7.00pm BUMS, LEGS & TUMS

helps to tone & shape these specific areas.

8.00pm FIT DANCE "Just Boogie"

works on aerobic fitness, using fun DANCE moves. Helps to control and burn body fat.

THURSDAYS 9.15am FITNESS PILATES

A blend of Pilates & dance exercises. Helps to develop muscle tone, balance, flexibility& relaxation

Fun & Funky 4.30pm FREESTYLE DANCE IDTA

school years 3 -11

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

www.milesdanceandfitness.com more info contact Leigh on 890 149 leigh.fitness@btinternet.com THE PAINTERS **FORSTAL**

COFFEE CLUB

Come and join "The Painters Forstal Coffee Club" in Whitehill Chapel on Wednesday 18th March at 11.00am to 12.30pm.

Otterden WI

The January 'Swap Meet' was a huge success and really proved the old adage that 'one woman's trash is another woman's treasure' as many lovely (and some more unusual) items changed hands during the course of the meeting.

On the same subject of 'recycling', if anyone has any unwanted plastic garden furniture, please let us know and we'd be delighted to take it off your hands and put it to good use.

Dates for your diary:

Thursday February 26th, Stalisfield village hall, 7.30pm, "Easy puddings" - a cookery demonstration by members.

Tuesday March 31st The Harrow, Warren Street, 7.30pm, Local Food v The supermarket. This will be a lively debate with tastings.

Thursday April 30th, Stalisfield Village Hall, 7.30pm, Quiz Night.

We are a very friendly group and new members and quests are always welcome. If you would like a copy of our 2009 programme or any more details about us, please contact me or just come along to a meeting and find out for yourself.

Emma Norwood, President 01795 892138

The GOOD NEWS is...

Eastling's Wit and Wisdoms,

Christmas Lunch, are set to continue due to the kind response of Alan and Marion from Manor Lees. As a result, the next Wit and Wisdom will be on Saturday 18th April at 7.30pm.

The format remains the same - £3 per person, tables of 6, bring your own refreshments.

We hope our regular contestants will still give their support, and a few new

ones will be very welcome. You can book your table by ringing Norman on 890242, or Alan on 890848.

in aid of the Senior Citizens'

at the Eastling Gardeners' Club meeting on Thursday 26th March, in the village hall at 7.30pm, Free to members

otherwise £2.50



2009

Charing and District Local History Society

Ken West will give a talk entitled

'Meet a Dormouse'

Thursday 12th March in Charing Parish Hall at 8pm. Chris Currie will give a talk on

Timber, Joiners and Woodwork in the 17th Century A talk of local interest, based on Charing church furniture and the churchwardens' accounts.

Doors open at 7.45pm, non-members pay £2.



4th Cake Sale at Pop-In 9 - 11am Eastling Village Hall 7th Table Top Sale 10.30am Eastling Village Hall 8th Fair Trade stall 10am - 12noon Eastling Church 10th Mobile Library 10.50 - 11.05am Glebe Cottages 11th Chocolate Sale 9-11am Eastling Village Hall 11th Parish Council Meeting 6.30pm Eastling Village Hall 12th Afternoon Club Champion Hall 2pm 12th Charing History Society 7.45pm Charing Parish Hall 6.15pm Champion Hall 13th Craft Club 15th Deadline for the April Good News Pinks Farm 17th Painters Forstal WI 2.15pm Champion Hall 18th Painters Forstal Coffee Club 11am Champion Hall 22nd S Club Eastling Village Hall 10am 24th Mobile Library 10.50 - 11.05am Glebe Cottages 26th Afternoon Club Champion Hall 2pm 26th Gardeners' Club 7.30pm Eastling Village Hall 6.15pm Champion Hall 27th Craft Club 28/29th Spring Art Exhibition Sutton Valence School 31st Magazine Folding Pinks Farm 2pm 31st Otterden W.I. 7.30pm Stalisfield Village Hall APRIL 2nd Easter Egg Hunt Eastling School 9th Fauré's Requiem **Eastling Church** 18th Wit and Wisdom 7.30pm Eastling Village Hall MAY 4th Bluebell Walk Around Eastling/Stalisfield/Otterden

Deadline for 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, send your magazine contribution by 15th March to Hilary Harlow, Pinks Farm, Eastling, Faversham. ME13 0BA. Tel: 01795 890338. Where possible, please submit your entry by e-mail: h.f.harlow@btconnect.com

Past and current issues of the Good News may be viewed on www.northdowns.plus.com/goodnews



Afternoon Club

March Activities

12th - Board Games

26th - Board Games

2pm in the Champion Hall,

Painters Forstal.

New members welcome.

All domestic cleaning and ironing undertaken, from a vacuum to a spring clean.

Coll/del service available for ironing. Honest, reliable and hard working. Personal references available. Call Shelley on 01795 892104

/ 07738 197856

or davidnshelly@hotmail.co.uk



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