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for all primary school aged children
on Sunday 21st March,
10am in Eastling Village Hall

Youngstyle

A half hour service for all
young at heart
Sunday 28th March,
10am in Eastling Church

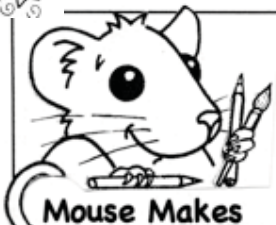
FRIENDS OF EASTLING SCHOOL

The Wine and Wisdom evening on 29th January was well supported and there was £260 profit to add to the funds. The School Valentine's Disco was postponed due to bad weather. The new proposed date is Friday 5th March in the school hall. Any Eastling School children and families that bought tickets can have a refund or can come along to the new disco date.

Future dates:
There is sale of cakes on Thursday 11th March, 3pm - 4pm in the School Hall, when Class 2 will be baking cakes earlier in the day. The Easter Raffle tickets will be on sale from 15th March -£1.00 for 5. The draw will take place after the Eastling School Easter Egg Hunt on 1st April from 2.30pm.
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I was going to give up chocolates for Lent - then I thought of all those poor Cadbury workers and their anxious shareholders...

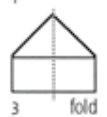
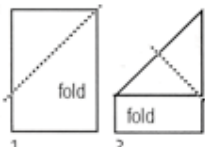


Mouse Makes

The Sunday before Easter is known as Palm Sunday - the day we remember Jesus riding into Jerusalem on a donkey. The people shouted 'Hosanna, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord'.

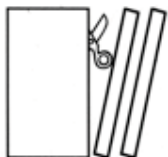
Read Matthew 21:1-11

Fold-a-Cross

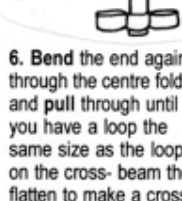
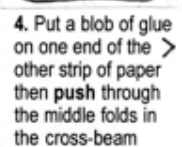
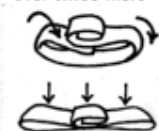
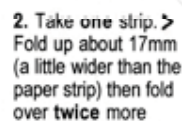


Decorate with Easter colours and patterns

Palm Sunday Cross



1. From a sheet of paper cut 2 strips about 15mm wide.



Make a card for Mothering Sunday by decorating a paper folded cross with cut out flowers

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Women's World Day of Prayer

Friday 5th March

The Faversham service will be held on Friday 5th March, 2pm at St Catherine's Church, Preston Lane. The speaker is Revd. Pat Pollard.

'LET EVERYTHING THAT HAS BREATH PRAISE GOD'

On Friday 5th March over 3 million people world wide will be praying and worshipping together during an annual day of prayer, using a service prepared by Christian women in Cameroon. The Republic of Cameroon is said to be 'Africa in miniature'. It is a country of great cultural diversity with more than 240 ethnic groups and languages. Cameroon faces many challenges as its people seek to move forward into a modern age without losing their distinctive characteristics. But at all times, in all circumstances, Cameroonians are able to praise God with joy and exuberance and the service reflects this. Although organised and led by women, this is essentially a day of prayer for everybody and all are welcome to attend.



Mothering Sunday Services

14th March

Eastling 10.30am Freestyle
Stalisfield 10am

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Holy Week and Easter Services

28th March Palm Sunday

Eastling 8am Holy Communion

10am Youngstyle

Stalisfield 10am Holy Communion

1st April Maundy Thursday

Stalisfield 7.30pm Holy Communion

2nd April Good Friday

Eastling 12 noon Hymns and Readings

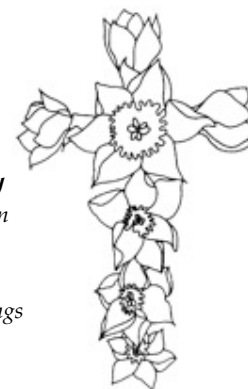
4th April Easter Day

Eastling 8am Holy Communion

10am Holy Communion

Stalisfield 10am Holy Communion

Otterden 3pm Evening Prayer



Ride of the King

(Lk19:28-41, 23:21,34)

We waved palms
And welcomed him.
Even on a donkey
Jesus had majesty.

All our hopes,
The hopes of generations,
All our longings,
And our expectations -
Our expectations -
Poured upon him
Through palms and praises.

Hosanna, Hosanna,
Hosanna to the King
Who wept,
Knowing our weaknesses,
Knowing our frailty and lack of faith,
Knowing already our next cry,
"Crucify."

Father forgive us
For our knowing and not knowing
King Jesus.

Daphne Kitching

ADAM & EVE

At Sunday School the children were learning how God created everything, including human beings. Little Josh was especially intent when the teacher told him how Eve was created out of one of Adam's ribs. Later in the week his mother noticed him lying down and looking scared. "Josh, what is the matter?"

Josh whispered fearfully: "I have pain in my side. I think I'm going to have a wife."



Craft Club

Fridays 12th and 26th March,
6.15 - 7.15pm

Champion Hall, Painters Forstal.

50p per session

Contact number 532756.

Currently, I have been trying to catch episodes of **Priceless Antiques Roadshow** on television. I don't know about you, but **Antiques Roadshow** is gripping television, some of us like to know what would it cost? Others prefer the stories as to how the person got their possession, some especially like to hear that they bought the item for 50 pence, and now it is worth £40,000! But for me, the excitement is in the mystery of what happens afterwards. So often, the person will say, "Ooh! I would never sell it"; and yet, their eyes are full of pound signs.

Priceless!

However, the heartening stories are in those items which have no real value other than the story that they have to tell. These items are truly "priceless". Priceless can mean without compare, it could be interpreted as having no value, or it can mean totally and utterly unique.

In the Christian Church, we have just started the season of Lent. A time of remembrance and reflection as we recall Christ's time in the wilderness moving in to Holy Week when we walk with Christ from the joy and celebration of Palm Sunday through to his crucifixion on Good Friday, and then to the joy and celebration of his resurrection on Easter Sunday. Lent is a time of testing, particularly if we have given up



Prayer Pointers March 2010

- Sunday** Help us during Lent to prepare ourselves for the Festival of Easter
- Monday** Pray for those who do not know about Easter.
- Tuesday** Our Hospitals, those who work there and their patients.
- Wednesday** Newborn babies and their families, that they may know Jesus.
- Thursday** For the bereaved, that they may find comfort in You.
- Friday** Remember Our Lord's Crucifixion.
- Saturday** For the churches in our Deanery of Ospringe.

our favourite vices, chocolate, wine and cheese. More importantly, it is to be a reflection on the Christ's ministry and ultimately his sacrifice on the Cross. We then ask ourselves, What does it cost me? In John's Gospel, Chapter three verse sixteen we read the words –

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son so that everyone who believes in Him, may not perish but may have eternal life.

This indescribable, unique, and extraordinary gift that has been given to the World is totally priceless. This gift has transformed the lives of millions of people over two thousand years, and still is transforming people's lives beyond all expectations. Yes, this gift is priceless and has no monetary value. Yet, this gift is there to be taken at anytime. This gift has does not go out of date, or out of fashion.

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This gift has the power to change as we are changed. This gift is more faithful than even the strongest relationship. This gift wants to see us be content, to flourish and to be made whole. However, there is one small cost. Depending on who we are this can be great, seismic, or relatively painless.

The cost is our commitment. The cost is in that small and quick word to say – Yes! Yes, that I do believe in Jesus Christ as the Saviour of the World. Yes, that I believe that Jesus died and rose again in order that we might life, life in all its fullness, and life beyond death. All of this is priceless, and yet their value to us is one that, no matter how much money we might have, offers to us a life of contentment, wholeness and flourishing. Involved in this, is a lifelong journey which will lead us to unexpected, exciting and extraordinary places and experiences. PRICELESS!

Caroline Pinchbeck



Mary Bailey at 101

A few of us gathered at Elmley Court, Sittingbourne to celebrate Mary Bayley's 101st birthday on 9th February. Mary has been there since May last year and is very well cared for, but sadly she is never going to end her days in her lovely home.

Eastling Church Spring Clean

Helpers needed on Saturday 27th March, from 10am, to help spruce up the church in preparation for Easter: dusting, hoovering, polishing, sweeping, all help needed. Please come if you can spare just a few minutes or longer. Tea/coffee/squash and biscuits provided.



EASTLING VILLAGE HALL TRUST

Now is your chance to get involved and have a say in the running of Eastling Village Hall! Here is your opportunity to raise that burning issue about the Hall, that you have been mulling over. The Trust's Annual General Meeting is at 7.30 pm on Thursday 22nd April 2010 in the Village Hall and all are welcome to attend. The meeting includes a public forum for questions and suggestions from villagers, and 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 4th April) and further details are available from the Trust Secretary, Sue Parry at Magnolia Cottage, Newnham Lane, Eastling (tel: 890254; email sueandpeter@live.co.uk). PLEASE TURN UP AND SUPPORT THE TRUSTEES. The Village Hall is a great amenity to the local community and the Trustees would welcome your input. 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.

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EASTLING PARISH COUNCIL

Please note the dates of the next Parish Council Meetings will be held in Eastling Village Hall on Tuesday, 16th March at 7.30pm and the Annual Parish Meeting on Thursday 22nd April at 8pm.

Jill Seaman, Clerk to the Council
mick_seaman@yahoo.co.uk

EASTLING VILLAGE HALL

To book ring
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on 01795
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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 have been several shed break-ins in the North Eastling Road area recently so please ensure that your sheds are secure and report any suspicious activity that you come across.

We are now into the lambing season and it is now, more than normal, that all dogs

The Carpenters Arms

01795 890234

Pensioners Of Eastling
The £5 Thursday lunch menu will continue with our home made dishes, changing weekly.

"The Feastling"
(Sunday 30th May- Village hall)
Tickets will be on sale soon, starting with sales in the village first then going on general release.
Traditional charcoal and apple wood hog roast
Barbecue and salad bar
Full bar facilities
Selection of Kent's finest live bands
(confirmed so far; Goosebumps, Wildfire, Learning Curve)

Live music dates
Thursday 4th March Learning Curve. Modern popular covers
Sunday 7th March Enigma. Jazz quartet. From 4:30
Thursday 11th March Java Jam. Fantastic cover quartet
Thursday 18th Cradle. Rock/blues covers from 70's & 80's
Thursday 25th Happy Trails. Cajun & Americana must see!

The work to the courtyard area is now well under way and shaping up beautifully, the stone is laid with just the final pointing to complete when the weather dries a little!! There has been some concern that we planned to demolish the coach house. Please rest assured this was never our intention and in fact we have now started work on a restoration program of the coach house to bring it back to it's former glory.

Best Wishes
Mitch & Donna

must be kept under control, especially in the vicinity of sheep, and not allowed to wander alone in the area. Farmers have the right to shoot any animals that are causing a nuisance to their flocks, remember the serious incident we had last year by Spuckles Cottage. Many times the information that is relayed via the Parish magazine, which may I say is a very good way of passing on information, is quite old by the time it reaches the press. Should anybody require more updated information, you can send me your e mail address to alanw.willson@btinternet.com and I will gladly forward on any warnings that I receive about any problems in the area, thank goodness there are not too many.
Have a good month, Alan

Equine and Canine Care at your Home

Would you like help looking after your horses/dogs? A flexible service offered in all aspects of horse care, feeding, turning out, mucking out etc. 20 years of experience with my own horses and ponies, and a member of Tickham Pony Club Committee for over 10 years. Do you need someone to walk/look after your dogs. Many years experience in dog care with various different breeds. References available,
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Eastling Church
March Lent -
no flowers
April 3/4 Easter Lilies

Services in our Churches

7th March Lent 3

1 Corinthians 10. 1 - 13 , Luke 13. 1 - 9

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

14th March Mothering Sunday

Eastling	8 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Eastling	10.30 am	Mothering Sunday Freestyle
Stalisfield	10 am	Mothering Sunday Service

21st March Lent 5

Philippians 3. 4b - 14, John 12. 1 - 8

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

28th March Palm Sunday

Psalms 118. 19 - 24, Luke 19. 28 - 40

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

1st April Maundy Thursday

Stalisfield	7.30 pm	Holy Communion
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2nd April Good Friday

Eastling	12 noon	Hymns and Readings
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4th April Easter Day

Acts 10. 34 - 43, John 20. 1 - 18 or Luke 24. 1 - 12

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

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

Services at Whitehill Chapel

7th March	10 am	Brunch
	10.40 am	Family Choice
14th March	11 am	Morning Service
21st March	11 am	Holy Communion
28th March	11 am	People's Choice

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

Ministry in our Parishes

Priest in Charge
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<caroline.pinchbeck575@btinternet.com>

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

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

Reader
Hugh Perks (01795 890603)
Weald Cottage, Eastling

Churchwardens

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

Stalisfield with Otterden

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

Annual Parochial Church Council Meetings
Stalisfield 21st March, 11am in church.
Eastling 28th March, 11am in church.
Members of the congregations are welcome to attend.
For further details please contact
Revd. Pinchbeck on 01795 890487.

CHANGE OF E MAIL ADDRESS

Please note the new address for email news items and advertisements is goodnewsmagazine@me.com
Phone and post remain the same: 01795 890338
Pinks Farm, Eastling.

Copy deadline is 15th of preceding month.

Midweek Groups

Tuesdays Bible study 7.30pm Pinks Farm
Thursdays Prayer Group 10.30am Pinks Farm
All welcome, phone 01795 890338

CONTENTMENT

A study for Lent

Come and join us as we follow a 6 week course by Anne Woodcock - *Healing the hunger of our hearts*.
Tuesdays from 23rd February - 30th March, 7.30pm at Pinks Farm. All welcome, bring your own bible if possible, tea/coffee provided.



A Fairtrade coffee morning and bazaar of arts and crafts will be held at the Guildhall, Faversham market place, on Saturday 6th March, between 10am and 2pm.



an industry led initiative, to give you the skills necessary to build a career in farming. www.careerinfarming.co.uk

'Fresh Start' - an emotive title for an initiative originally set up by Government a few years ago with the idea of encouraging people back into the farming.

Pat Crawford explains what is involved. The story about why so many left what was once one of the UK's leading industries is simple to tell. First of all, some CAP (Common Agricultural Policy) was unfavourable to British farmers. Then the global market arrived and, with it, competition from countries with far less overheads than those experienced in the UK. Soon a generation grew up that was used to putting on their plates whatever they wanted - whenever they wanted it. Before long, all sense of 'seasonality' was lost. In what would once have been termed a 'coals-to-Newcastle' situation, we imported apples into Kent by the ton-load. Result: our growers, unable to compete, began to grub up the orchards that were such a traditional part of the scenery.

(As an aside to this, the glorious prevalence of orchards undoubtedly has relevance to the county's 'Garden of England' status. As our landscape began to undergo changes, another county attempted to purloin the title: Yorkshire! Fortunately the county of the White Rose failed in this endeavour - dismally!) For many farmers, things looked black - and the future even blacker. We saw butter - and other - mountains build up - many thought as a result of misdirected CAP. Then Set-aside made an appearance and the EU paid farmers to leave some land to its own devices. (Many felt this was the main reason for Ragwort - that most injurious of plants - getting such a stronghold.) A weighty book could be written - and no doubt will - chronicling the sad facts. Needless to say - the traditional father-to-son (or daughter) aspect of farming was gradually lost as disengaged offspring opted for more promising careers routes.

Requirement for education and training reduced because very few wanted to enter farming. (It was during this period that many agricultural/horticultural colleges were closed or amalgamated - or reinvented themselves as 'land-based institutions' offering a much broader range of courses. Kent's own 'Hadlow' was one such.) Then statisticians, planners and government advisors began to realise that a crisis was approaching. The words 'food security' began to make an appearance - and the focus began to change. We are now all aware that the UK must become more self-supporting in relation to food production.

Simultaneous to this, climate change issues are causing increasing concerns about the carbon emissions associated with so called food- miles. People question where their food is coming from - and how far it has travelled. Words like 'local' and 'regional' appear in the columns of virtually every food writer. Celebrity chefs like Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall and Jamie

Oliver extol the virtues of fresh regional produce. Families are opting to 'grow their own' and gardening columns are filled with appropriate advice. Allotments have become like gold dust - and waiting lists stretch and stretch. 'Urban agriculture' has made an appearance and people in towns and cities are now growing fruit and vegetables in the unlikeliest of places. Confidence in farming is returning. Farmers in every sector of the industry believe they have a future. Here in Kent, we have already returned to being the UK's largest producer of top fruit (apples, pears and so forth) and the orchards are back where they belong - in the Garden of England.

This, then, is a very brief background to Fresh Start!

Coming up to five years ago, Hadlow College set up what was then only the UK's second Fresh Start Academy. Over a period of eighteen months, meetings were held every four weeks and students were given opportunity to upgrade existing skills and develop new ones. At the same time, they were introduced to people in the industry looking for staff or offering other opportunities. The success of that first programme can be measured by the fact that every one of those who took part is

engaged in farming - in one way or another - today. Subsequently the college set up a second Academy (currently operating successfully). And then the college's Mark Lumsdon-Taylor took a fresh look at Fresh Start! What the farming industry surely needed now was fresh blood - people of all ages who might never have previously considered making a career in the industry. Thus it was that, just before Christmas, the college invited anyone who wanted to take a look at farming as a potential career option to attend a meeting in order to gain an insight. Attendance was excellent and, as a result, another Fresh Start Academy has opened at Hadlow. Those enrolled represent all walks of life and all age groups. Some intend to make a career in hands-on farming - others are more interested in supporting roles such as agronomy, marketing, et cetera. The Fresh Start project at Hadlow is free to entrants - being funded jointly by the college/the Laurence Gould Partnership/Kent County Council. It is making an invaluable contribution to the future of farming - and thus to the provision of future food security. Further information can be obtained from: pat.crawford@hadlow.ac.uk 07771 635684.

Remembering

by Audrey Keen



When I was a child, it was not unusual for a cottager to keep a pig in a sty. We did and it lived beside the wood shed some way from the cottage. We also kept chickens, geese and baby lambs that were hand fed and kept as pets. On the roof of the wood shed a blackbird chose to stand and sing, and he would call for us through spring to the following winter. He was always there and that is why the blackbird has a special place in my memory even today. His loyalty reminds me of so many things: of the love given me by my mother who was always there for us and of the happy times I spent with my father, gathering holly and other evergreens together at Christmas time to decorate the cottage walls, for example. The blackbird was always outside, not far away, singing. His song evokes images of log fires on winter afternoons, as I lay curled up in a chair drinking my ovaltine with a cat, and a book, probably Jane Pilgrims Blackberry Farm. My mother would be baking cakes or preparing the evening meal. It was such a cosy time. In winter we would often go for walks as a family, into the wood by the cottage or

on the narrow pathway to the lane close to the farm. I would enjoy the rutted track, the snow topped hedges and the brown leaves underfoot, sporting a cloak of icy filigree. I would notice the colours of the pheasant, and the meagre sunlight which, to be fair, did try hard to warm the afternoon. But all the while the blackbird would be singing. So now, as then, the blackbird and his song is a comfort to my country soul.

*Pale lilac I remember most
And tiger lilies gay,
The rooks, the cattle brown,
And sunny meadows left for hay,
And pigs in sties, and little chicks
As goslings grew to geese,
And baby lambs developed
A lovely woolly fleece.
And though these are but memories
And all those mentioned gone,
The memories fill my mind again
As the love for these lives on.*

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Otterden WI

Spring is on its way! And its about time too. We all enjoyed a nice evening of catching up from over Christmas and New Year in our January meeting, Everyone brought along something to put on the table for our Swap Shop. February meeting has not yet been held at time of print.

There has been an adjustment made to our programme for March & April this year:

31st March - Spring Quiz

Fun quiz night for members and guests. Come along for a fun filled evening of laughter and maybe a few general knowledge questions. Please bring own Refreshments & £1 entry per person. Please email or phone me if interested in coming along.

28th April - Butchery: An evening with a butcher - Basic Butchery Lessons; bone & rolling etc.

If you'd like to come along and join us for our next meeting on 31st March, please get in touch with our Membership Secretary, Chris Tait on 01795 890324 for details on joining, or just fancy a taster for a night, then we can buddy you up with someone who's local to you. Have a good month.

Rebecca Ward, Publicity Officer
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Book review: Pocket Prayers for Troubled Times

by Bishop John Pritchard,
Church House Publishing,
£5.99



This book includes prayers covering work and financial issues, personal relationships, the environment, illness and bereavement. Among them, the bishop has penned a number of original intercessions which might address issues affecting the mood of households across England today, including the situation in Haiti, money worries and parental pressures.

In words that may resonate with the thoughts of many in the aftermath of the earthquake in Haiti, Bishop John describes how in prayer we "bring to God the awful wounds of the world in order to focus his love and ours on the victims and the situations in which they are caught".

Here is one prayer from the book:

*God of every moment,
of times of disaster and times of elation,
you enter our bewilderment and outrage;
you stand with your beautiful, broken people
in their illness and sadness.
Stay with us in our fear and confusion,
sustain us in the bleak hinterland of our
loneliness
and promise us, we pray, a life beyond pain
and hope of a new day.*

Short Mat Bowls Club

February's snow led to cancellation of many league games but, on 17th January, Mick Heath, Chris Smith, and Roy did play in the county singles at Strood. Chris was unlucky not to win a game, Roy won one game and lost two, and Mick won two games and lost one. To be certain of going into the next round you have to win all three games, but as 64 players were needed for the final, Mick winning two, just qualified as one of the highest losers - good luck in the final Mick, on 18th April.

To catch up on our League fixtures, we have seven games in March, also Eileen, Mick, Chris and Roy are playing in the county pairs final on 14th March. More reports to come. Regular club meetings are held in Eastling village hall on Wednesdays, 2.30 - 4.30pm, and Fridays, 2.30 - 4.30pm and 7.30 - 9.30pm. New members always welcome, no previous experience necessary, all you need is a pair of flat soled shoes. Call Roy Piles, on 01795 537162 for further information.



Charing and District Local History Society

Thursday 11th March

THE KENTISH FLAX INDUSTRY, 1938 - 1955
John Hosking talks on the flax industry that was established at Pivington, Pluckley.

To be held at 8pm in Charing Parish Hall,
doors open at 7.45pm. All welcome. Visitors £2.

FRIENDS OF OSPRINGE CHURCH

SEASONS OF OSPRINGE IN PHOTO'S

Spring is on the way! Be sure not to miss it!
If you forgot to take your pictures of Winter, be
sure not to miss Spring and Summer!
**Take your photographs of the seasonal
changes in Ospringe Parish.**

The competition is open to everyone, just send your photographs with your name, address and age, if under 18 years, on the back, plus when and where in the parish the photographs were taken. Send as many as you like, one for each season if you wish.

The photos are to be no larger than 10" x 8" and are to be sent to The Friends Of Ospringe Church, c/o Whitehill House, Whitehill, Ospringe, Faversham, Kent ME13 0DN
The closing date is 31st August 2010.

Painters Forstal with Ospringe WI

Tuesday 16th March
A talk by David Green on
Monet's Garden

Competition: Something from
France

2.15pm in the Champion Hall
Guests and new members
welcome.

The Painters Forstal COFFEE CLUB



The next coffee club will be
on 24th March, in Whitehill
Chapel, 11 am - 12.30pm.
All welcome.

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8.00pm FIT DANCE

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Loom and Spinning Wheel for Sale



Four shaft floor loom + stool for sale. Yarn, spare heddles, many extras also to clear. In working order. Any offers. Buyer collects.

Please ring Julia Bailey on 01795 890746.

Afternoon Club

4th March Bingo

18th March Board Games

Meetings will start at
1.30pm

for the foreseeable future,
in the Champion Hall,
Painters Forstal



Faversham Choral Society Requiem and Gloria by John Rutter

Saturday 13th March
7.30pm

Faversham Parish Church
Tickets, £8, from Wyn's Flowers,
Preston Street or at the door.
(Under 16's free)



Stalisfield Onion Society

NOW is the time to start making preparations for this year's **Giant Onion Competition** at the **Stalisfield Summer Fête**.

The special mammoth onion plants have now been ordered and will be available to would-be competitors from April 17th - fully hardened off and ready for planting outdoors.

Don't be complacent, now is the time to prepare the ground. Dig in well rotted manure and add bonemeal and sulphate of potash - and, if available, calcified seaweed.

At the beginning of April cover the ground with a cloche. This will warm the ground and the appreciative plants will root more quickly.

Space out the plants and keep covered by the cloche for 2 to 3 weeks and keep well watered. It should not be necessary to add further plant food, but if it needs be, use nitrate of soda, or chicken based feed. Harvest your mammoth onions a week before Judgement Day at the Stalisfield Fete. Cut off the roots and the top foliage, then tie the tops for exhibition.

Plants will be limited to 5 per Stalisfield resident and will be available from Brian the Onion Man on **01795 890697** at a cost of £3 for the five plants
All proceeds with go to the Stalisfield Hut rebuilding fund.



This year's Bluebell Walk

will take place on Bank Holiday
Monday, 3rd May. As usual, there
will be walks of varying lengths and the
Bluebell Bistro will be open in the village hall.
Should you wish to assist with the marking
out of the route, or the collection of
markers after the walk, please contact
Caroline on 01795 890487.

To help keep the increasing number of
lunches flowing from the kitchen, volunteer
washers-up will be very welcome - please call
Hilary on 01795 890338.



POP - IN

Welcome to Coffee Pop-In, where
we serve tea / squash and biscuits as well.
Eastling Village Hall, 9 - 11am on Wednesdays.

Toddlers welcome - lots of toys!

3rd March - Home made Cakes
& second hand Books for sale.
Contact number 890338.



Eastling Gardeners' Club

meets in the village hall at 7.30pm on
Thursday 25th March, when
Gill Regan will talk on
'Colour and Interest in
the Garden Throughout
the Year'

Also plants for sale.

Renew your subscription of £5 or pay
£2.50 for the evening. Homemade
nibbles and wines after the talk.

March



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3rd Cakes and Books at Pop-In	11am	Eastling Village Hall
4th Afternoon Club	1.30pm	Champion Hall
5th World Day of Prayer service	2pm	St Catherine's Church
11th History Society	8pm	Charing Parish Hall
13th Choral Concert	7.30pm	Faversham Parish Church
15th Copy Deadline for April Good News		
16th Painters Forstal W I	2.15pm	Champion Hall
16th Eastling Parish Council	7.30pm	Eastling Village Hall
18th Afternoon Club	1.30pm	Champion Hall
21st S Club	10am	Eastling Village Hall
24th Coffee Club	11am	Whitehill Chapel
25th Gardeners' Club	7.30pm	Eastling Village Hall
27th Spring Clean	from 10am	Eastling Church
30th Magazine Folding	2pm	Pinks Farm
31st Otterden WI	7.30pm	Stalisfield Village Hall
APRIL 17th Mammoth Onion plants at the ready	Stalisfield	
24th Quiz Night	7.30pm	Eastling Village Hall
MAY 3rd Bluebell Walk	from 10.30am	Eastling Village Hall

Deadline for April 2010 Good News

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