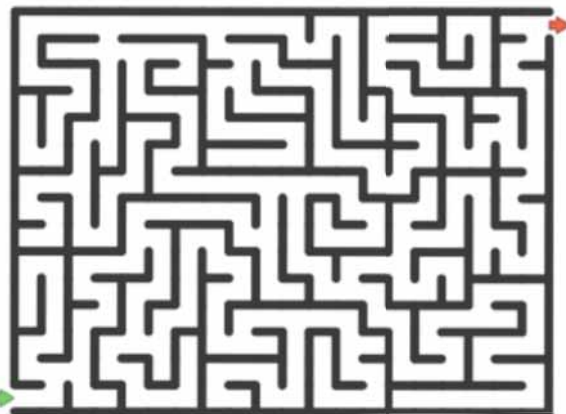


S Club

S club for all primary school aged children on Sunday 20th March, in Eastling Village Hall

Youngstyle

A half hour service for all young at heart
Sunday 27th March,
10am in Eastling Church



Sale of Ex Puddleducks Playgroup Equipment

There is a variety of equipment for sale including:

20 Plastic metal framed, pre-school size, chairs (red & blue).

Trampette - yellow with metal frame.

Yellow plastic rocker.

Pink toddler tricycle.

Green toddler tricycle.

Pink Scooter.

Little Tikes - Tunnel with road & train set.

Various Brio track.

For further details contact

Jill Seaman on 01795 890519

or email jill.b.s@hotmail.co.uk

Painter's Forstal Youth Club

Children between the ages of 8 to 12 are welcome to come along to sessions at Champion Hall, Painter's Forstal, on Friday evenings from 7pm to 8.30pm.

Lots of activities available including deck hockey, pool or snooker and Playstation 2, as well as special events run by the Kent Youth.

Each session costs £1, and tuck is available to purchase.

Future dates are: 4th March, 18th March and 1st April - all to be confirmed.

Jill Seaman Tel: 01795 890519



Mouse Makes

ASH WEDNESDAY is the first day of LENT. It is a day for saying 'sorry' to God for any wrong things you have said or thought or done.

THE 40 DAYS OF LENT

When Jesus was 30 years old he was baptised by John in the River Jordan. Before Jesus began to preach and teach he went out into the desert alone. For 40 days he spent time praying and talking to God, preparing himself for what God had sent him to do.

Remembering those days Jesus spent in the desert, the Christian Church set aside 40 days before Easter as a time to think, pray and learn more about God.

This time is called LENT.

	1 Ash Wednesday	2	3	4	5
	10	9	8	7	6
13	12	11	10	9	8
14	15	16	17	18	19
25	24	23	22	21	20
26 Mothering Sunday	27	28	29	30	31
39	38	37	36	35	34
33	32	31	30	29	28
40 PALM SUNDAY	Mon	Tues	Thurs	GOOD FRIDAY	Sat
READ Matthew chapters 27-28	Wed	Thurs	Sat	EASTER SUNDAY	

Colour in one step each day

READ Matthew chapters 3-4

The day Jesus was put to death

A day to celebrate. JESUS IS RISEN!

Good News

Parish Magazine

March 2011



Service with Imposition of Ashes
13th March 2011, 7.30 pm in Eastling Church.
All welcome.



"I think I've finally become fully accepted here. After 25 years, the villagers have stopped calling me, The new incumbent!"

It was with sadness that, on 6th February, local congregations received the following announcement:

The Bishop of Dover has appointed the Revd. Caroline Pinchbeck to the new post of Executive Officer for Communities and Partnership, while maintaining the role of Rural Life Adviser for the Canterbury Diocese. This will mean that Caroline will be leaving the parishes of Eastling and Stalisfield with Otterden sometime in May or June this year.

We ask for your prayers for Caroline, the Churchwardens and for the parishes as they discern the future for the parishes.

Eastling Walking Group

And they're off

After a very damp pilot walk, the first official outing on 2nd February, was attended by 20 intrepid walkers, who covered just under 5 miles before returning to the village hall and on to the pub for sustenance. The following walk on



16th February, ventured over to Sharsted and was enjoyed by all. New walkers will be welcome on Wednesday 2nd March for the next walk, starting from Eastling village hall at 10.30am.

Pop-In will be open for a refreshing cuppa before you leave.

Contact Harry on 01795 890703 or email hkass@tiscali.co.uk for further details if you are interested in coming along to the walks, which are fairly casual and are generally fortnightly at 10.30am on a Wednesday.



Mothering Sunday

3rd April 2011

All will be welcome at our services:

10am in Eastling Church
3pm in Otterden Chapel

What will you really get out of Lent and Easter this year?

It depends on one aspect of your inner life. If it is not working well, then Easter will be useless to you, even though you attend all the Lent talks, go to all the services in Holy Week, and eat Easter eggs until you are sick.

So what is it? Forgiveness. Not from God to you, but between you and other people. Your willingness - to forgive other people. Everyone has something to forgive. You'll have been hurt by various people throughout your life. Being a Christian does not alter it. But being a Christian does alter the way we are expected to deal with it. Why worry about it now, in Lent? Because we are looking forward to Easter, and when we pray the Lord's Prayer, we say the words: 'forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us.' Easter is all about Jesus dying on the cross to forgive us our trespasses. As we forgive those who trespass against us.

On Sundays when we go up for Holy Communion, the minister summons us with the words: Ye that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours.... come to the Lord's table, eat the bread and drink the wine - his flesh and blood, shed for us on the cross. BUT ONLY if we are in charity with our neighbours....

And Easter is the actual historical event that we commemorate in the bread and the wine.

So this Lent, just how willing are you to forgive others? If you harbour bitterness, then Easter will not do you any good this year. Jesus put it like this in Matthew chapter 6: 'For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.' That is scary!

When God asks us to forgive, he is saying: leave this person to me. Romans 12: 'Do not repay anyone evil for evil... It is mine to avenge; I will repay says the Lord.'

Paul concludes in Colossians chapter 3: 'Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.'

Reg Baker

Eric, John and Gill would like to thank everyone who attended dad's funeral, and for giving him such a good send off. As a family we were deeply moved by the amount of people who attended and it is good to know that so many held him in such high regard. Thank you also for all the donations that have been made - at this time about £500 has been donated to the Stroke Association.

We would of course like to thank all those involved with the lovely service - Caroline, Norman, Jan, Martin and Graham - it was just perfect.

The end of an era!



JOIN A GROUP
THIS LENT



Confident Discipleship

a course which forms part of the
Canterbury Diocesan
'Year of Discipleship'

This five session course is designed to get the Church thinking and talking about what it means to be a 'disciple' of Jesus Christ today. Learning from the Bible and from each other, people will have the opportunity to

- think more deeply about what it means to be disciples of Jesus Christ, moving beyond being just 'believers' or 'churchgoers'
- be affirmed, challenged and equipped to live out their faith 24/7
- become more excited about what a life lived with Jesus can be like
- discover appropriate resources for the journey ahead



The five sessions of the course are based around the journey that Jesus' first disciples travelled: Each session will provide an opportunity for group discussion, worship and reflection together on Scripture and our own experience.

Join a group in our parishes:

Tuesdays from 15th March, 7.30pm at Pinks Farm, phone 01795 890338.

Check the weekly notice sheet in church for details of others groups, or phone 01795 890487.

The Bishop of Dover, The Rt Rev. Trevor Willmott, will lead a group on Wednesdays, March 16th, 23rd, 30th, and April 6th, 13th at 7:30pm in the Baptist Church, Sittingbourne. ALL are welcome of whatever denomination or none.

Please contact 01795 420990 between 10am-3pm or email marion.brenchley@tiscali.co.uk for details and to register interest in attending. Run by Churches Together in Sittingbourne.

The following prayer may be said every day during Lent:

Lord, you called your first disciples to follow you. Help us to deepen our walk with you and renew our discipleship. Kindle in all our hearts a longing to see you more clearly, love you more dearly and follow you more nearly 24/7
Amen

Eastling Church Flower Rota March 2011



5 / 6 Pim & Andrew
12/13 No flowers
19/20 No flowers
26/27 No flowers
April 2 / 3 No flowers

School News

Tree Planting - Tigers' Class visited Hucking Estate to take part in a national tree planting scheme to replenish or create woodlands. It was rather a damp and chilly visit but the children had a great time.

The children enjoyed a long weekend as teachers came to school on Monday 31st January, for training in the latest developments in Mathematics teaching.

Congratulations to the Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 speed stacking teams, following their participation in a festival at St. Anselm's School, Canterbury. If you haven't heard of Speed Stacking visit www.speedstacks.com - children are also invited to join our lunchtime clubs.

Great fun was had by all at the Valentine Disco. A big thank you to the FOES team for all their help and to Mr Walsh for the music, lighting and leading the conga around the hall!

Cubs' Class presented their first assembly. It was enjoyed by the rest of the school and many family and friends.

Well done Cubs!

The whole school enjoyed a 'Who is your neighbour' day presented by Graham and Chrissie from Barnabas in Schools. The children were given a full day's programme allowing them to explore Christianity creatively through story-telling, drama and music.

Term 3 finished on Friday 18th and the children return to school for the start of term 4 on Monday 28th February.

EASTLING PARISH COUNCIL

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on
Wednesday 16th March 2011 at
6.30pm in Eastling Village Hall.

Dates of future meetings are:

Annual Parish Meeting - Thursday 28th April at
8pm (after the Village Hall Committee AGM)
Annual Meeting - Wednesday 25th May
Residents are welcome to attend any meeting.

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

PLEASE TURN UP AND SUPPORT THE TRUSTEES. The Village Hall is a great amenity for 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.



Eastling Neighbourhood Watch

Parish /Village Warden 07794 010394

Crimestoppers 0800 555111

Swale Police 01622 690690

Emergencies 999



Following on from last month's report you will probably know that the two springers that were stolen have been found and a person from the Sussex area has been charged with stealing them.

So please keep your eye on your dogs.

There has been a report of dogs worrying sheep around the lower part of Newnham Lane and I cannot emphasise enough that if the farmer comes across dogs attacking his sheep, they will be shot and also it is a criminal offence.

Another scam telephone call has been received in the village from someone purporting to be from Microsoft, advising the person that their computer is infected with viruses. Remember that if you have not made the call, do not accept any cold call telephone calls relating to computers or bank accounts. If you feel harassed at all, please give me a call.

There has been an incident in the village where some young children decided to destroy some of the daffodils which line the side of the road. As the display is for the benefit of everybody, it would be appreciated if the children could be reminded of their senseless behaviour.

To check on the crime statistics for our local area, you can go to Police.uk. Enter your postcode or 'Eastling', and you will see that the crime prevention in the area works.

Have a good month
Alan

The Carpenters Arms

01795 890234

Mothers' Day

I know it's in April but we are taking bookings now, so if you plan on taking Mum out please book early.

The tapas menu is now back on and with some new dishes too. Available Wed to Saturday, lunch and evening service.

Thanks to all of you who supported the opera week-end and in making it the success that it was. We plan on holding another in the courtyard in August, watch this space!

Sunday Roast

Our Sunday menu now includes a slow roasted mutton leg from Easting's own stock. Alongside the favourite roasts of beef and pork we also serve our delicious burgers and beer battered cod and chips.
Available 12 - 4

Live Music

Thursday 3rd Frank Evans band
Sunday 6th Enigma: Jazz quartet from 4pm
Thursday 10th Pepperset: Beatles covers band
Thursday 17th Cellar 39: R&B covers band
Thursday 24th The Slug Pixies!
Thursday 31st Fate the juggler: Newly formed English folk

All the best
Mitch, Donna and the dogs

Services in our Churches

Ministry in our Parishes

6th March Sunday next before Lent

2 Peter 1. 16 - end, Matthew 17. 1 - 9
 Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)
 Eastling 10 am Holy Communion (CW)
 Stalisfield 10 am Morning Prayer

9th March Ash Wednesday

2 Corinthians 5. 20b - 6.10, John 8. 1 - 11
 Eastling 7.30 pm Service with Imposition of Ashes

13th March Lent 1

Romans 5.12 - 19, Matthew 4. 1 - 11
 Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)
 Stalisfield 10 am Holy Communion (CW)
 Eastling 10.30 am Freestyle

20th March Lent 2

Romans 4. 1 - 5, 13 - 17, John 3. 1 - 17
 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

27th March Lent 3

Romans 5. 1 - 11, John 4. 5 - 42
 Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)
 Eastling 10 am Youngstyle
 Stalisfield 10am Holy Communion (CW)

3rd April Mothering Sunday

2 Corinthians 1. 3 - 7 or Colossians 3. 12 - 17
 Luke 2. 33 - 35 or John 19. 25b - 27
 Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)
 Eastling 10 am Family Communion
 Otterden 3 pm Evening Prayer

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

British Humanitarian Aid

As part of the Lent Giving for 2011, a plate will be put at the back of Eastling Church for donations to British Humanitarian Aid. The donations will be used specifically to help finance a truck to take the much needed Aid out to Ukraine. These huge articulated lorries hold about 12 tonnes of Aid and cost £3,500 for each trip.

On Sunday 13th March, 10.30am, the Freestyle Service will be used to highlight the work of BHA Teams in Canterbury and Ukraine, who endeavour to relieve the desperate poverty in the Chernighiv region. The Service will include a short visual presentation by Director Phil Edmonds, as well as the usual joyful songs and informal worship.

Do come with your family and friends and support it.



Come and join us for

SUNDAY FREESTYLE

13th March
 10.30am
 Eastling Church

Phil Edmonds, Director of British Humanitarian Aid, will be coming to talk about the charity and its work in Ukraine.

Breakfast from 10am, all welcome.

Priest in Charge	Reverend Caroline Pinchbeck (01795 890487) The Rectory, Newnham Lane, Eastling Faversham ME13 0AS <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	Martin Beckenham (01795 892079)
Parish Administrator	Laura Lloyd (01795 890487) eastlingchurch@googlemail.com (Monday & Friday mornings)

From the Registers

Funeral

John Moorhouse HINDLE
 28th January 2011 at Stalisfield

Midweek Groups

Tuesdays Bible study 7.30pm Pinks Farm
 Wednesdays Morning Worship 9.05 - 9.20am Eastling Church
 Thursdays Prayer Group 10.30am Pinks Farm
All welcome.

2011 Annual Parochial Church Meetings

Stalisfield - 10th April
 Eastling - 17th April



In the Early Days

by Audrey Keen

When I was first married, in the spring of 1970, it rained for the first few weeks and I was more or less confined indoors. It was March and new born lambs often took shelter by our door. In those days we lived at Halls Place, Otterden, and did not have a front garden to begin with, so the lambs were allowed to find shelter actually within the porch itself.

Daffodils would bloom under the lime trees; the beech and sycamore in the field, which then was more parkland. Starlings would gather in the limes trees opposite, regardless of the weather, and chatter at length. It was at this time that the seeds of interest in nature were first born and on one cold, misty winter morning I wrote the poem below:

*Starlings gather in the lime,
 They linger there in winter time,
 They choose to chatter and relate
 The day's affairs, each to his mate.
 I see them now on lime bough bare,
 No leaf or flower yet grows there.
 No shady cape, or fragrant scent,
 All this gone, all summer spent.
 Just roughened bark and crooked bough
 And twiglets crossed and laced somehow.
 Just space enough to honour the request
 Of starlings come there now, to rest.*

AIK



Seek some sun

Make the most of any winter sun you can find. A shortage of vitamin D, which is made in your skin when it is exposed to sunlight, can increase your risk of heart disease, high blood pressure and metabolic syndrome. So whenever the sun is shining, expose your face and hands for at least ten to 20 minutes.

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Women's World Day of Prayer :
Praying for Chile,
Friday 4th March, 2pm
 at the United Church, Preston Street.
 Speaker Revd. Debbie Hodgson.



The Women's World Day of Prayer has in recent years become a global, ecumenical movement of informed prayer and prayerful action, organised and led by Christian women. The service is written by a different country each year and that country then becomes the focus of the world's prayers on the day itself. This year 2011 the worship material has been prepared by the women of Chile. Its theme, 'How many loaves have you?', is appropriate as bread is eaten at every meal in Chile, and is very much part of everyday life. Although organised and led by women, this is essentially a day of prayer for everybody, as Christians demonstrate their solidarity with 'sisters and brothers' in other countries.

So - all are welcome to attend!

Stalisfield World News Service

(Royters Affiliated)

Stalisfield Rebuild

Members of the Hall committee met on the morning of 15th February with the Agent responsible for the Otterden Estate of The Wheler foundation. The meeting was very constructive in that we were able to explain directly to the person responsible to the Estate, what we hope to achieve in the community by replacing the current well worn structure with an improved building. Changes in personnel within the Agency and the need to convince the Wheler Trustees of our community needs had resulted in delays in persuading the Trust to grant a 99 year lease with a rent structure affordable to us and consistent with the Trust's objectives. At present we have a lease at a peppercorn rent which runs out in a few years time. Although it was understood that the Trust had every intention to renew a revised lease at the end of the term, it was clear that we could not rely on that intention to justify the cost of a rebuild. In addition we hoped to expand the Hall to create better facilities and increase seating capacity, which would be impossible given the size of the present plot.

The absence of a long term lease and uncertainty regarding site area has been a stumbling block to definitive building plans and to external fund raising. In order to qualify for many funding grants it has become clear that The Hall committee could no longer operate informally and would have to apply for charitable status

necessitating a formal constitution, trustees and a long lease. Tracy (Committee Chair) undertook to confirm in writing the points we had made, to enable the Trust to consider a proposal aimed at satisfying our wishes and the Trust objectives. The trust is expected to meet within a few weeks.

Regarding current ideas for the rebuild, Swale Planning contacts have indicated they would favour a building generally suitable in appearance for the rural nature of the area. Current thought favours a low maintenance simple structure bearing in mind that perhaps fewer than 100 families live within the area and a constant need to raise funds for maintenance should be avoided. Such plans as have been drawn envisage a weatherboard clad, timber framed building on a low masonry base built on a concrete slab. Internal fittings would be appropriate for our known needs. There is a hope that the building could be sited behind the present structure to give the opportunity to increase the space available in front of the Hall. Such a change would expand and improve the appearance of the Green and give space for outside activities still connected but further away from the road. Much will depend upon successful negotiations with the Wheler Trust. We are hoping for swift progress following their next Trustees internal meeting.

GRAZING WANTED

For horses, preferably within 5 miles of Eastling.
 If you can help please call Bev on 01795 890705 or 0775 283 0979

FULL LIVERY AVAILABLE

2 spaces on small private yard Sandschool, all year turnout, good hacking
 Stalisfield/Charing area
 Please call Teresa 07834 258309 or whiteheadt@hotmail.co.uk

Otterden WI

Spring is coming! Well in a month or two. It is so refreshing and comforting to see daffodils sprouting and snow drops popping up everywhere, I'm sure you will agree.

We all enjoyed our art and craft meeting in February, and extend our thanks to the ladies who came to show us their talents. Everyone had a good time and learnt something new. I did discover that I don't really have the patience for Cross-stitch, but thank you Carol for teaching me.

Come and join us in March for our special guest speaker on **Ghosts of Kent**: if you think your brave enough! We will be meeting in



Stalisfield village hall at 7.30pm on 2nd March and hope to see you all there. Please bring some new faces, we always welcome new guests/members.

If you would like to join us, or come for a taster evening, please feel free to contact me on 01795 890071, rward85@btinternet.com

Have a good month Ladies.

Rebecca Ward, Publicity Officer.

Short Mat Bowls Club

Our games up to date: On 20th January we played Bysingwood at home in the Swale League and won by 13 points to 1; their point coming from a draw in the singles.

Then came three games in the East Kent League: On 30th January we played away to Sturry with Mick Heath, Brian Fisher and Roy

winning their game, but Chris Smith, Eileen Piles and Mick Nichol, after a hard fought game, lost by one shot. Sturry then came to us on 3rd February, with about 14 of their club members to

give them some support and to find out were Eastling is! We won on both mats. Then on 10th February, Preston came to us and they soon picked up the run of the mats: Brian Fisher, Bryan Searly and Roy won their game, but Mick Heath, Eileen Piles and Mick Nichol lost by one shot.

We played Leysdown on 13th February in the Swale League; all played very well and we won every game and gained 14 points. At the time of print, this puts us top of the league. We are away to Preston 16th February, so report next month.

If you are looking to know what to get up to on wet days, give us a look. Days and times below or contact Roy on 01795 537162.

Wednesdays: 2 - 4pm, Fridays: 2.30 - 4.30pm and 7.30 - 9.30pm in Eastling village hall.

Charing and District Local History Society

Thursday 10th March

THE HISTORY OF THE VICTORIA CROSS

An account of this medal, awarded only for the most extreme bravery, from the former Chairman of Holts Battlefield Tours
Colonel Mike Martin

To be held at 8pm in Charing Parish Hall, doors open at 7.45pm.

All welcome. Visitors £2.

Enquiries: *Jennie Burgess (Hon Sec)*
01233 714639

COFFEE MORNING

run by the Country Ways Quilters and Stitchers on Tuesday 15th March, 10am - 12 noon in Lenham Community Centre, Groom Way, ME17 2QT

Tea, coffee, cakes etc plus sales table of homemade quilting, knitwear and more.

In aid of the Heart of Kent Hospice. All welcome.

The Painters Forstal COFFEE CLUB

The next coffee clubs will be on 16th March and 6th April, in Whitehill Chapel, 11 am - 12.30pm. All welcome.

LEIGH MILES DANCE & FITNESS

CLASSES Eastling Village Hall

WEDNESDAYS
7.00pm BUMS, LEGS & TUMS
8.00pm FIT DANCE - LATIN FUSION (zumba - esque)

THURSDAYS
9.15am FITNESS PILATES
5pm CHILDREN'S FREESTYLE DANCE IDTA

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Painters Forstal with Ospringe WI

Tuesday 15th March

Talk: My Life with Chloe

by *Mrs Pat Marshall*

Competition: A dog ornament.

2.15pm in Champion Hall

Guests and new members welcome, phone 01795 532756 for further details.



Rochester Cathedral Candlelit Pilgrimage

Wednesday 13th April

The candlelit tour of the Cathedral, visiting parts of the building not usually accessible to visitors, will begin at 7.30pm and conclude at 9pm. Phone The Rectory 01795 890487 to book a place. Places are limited - so first come, first served.

FRIENDS of EASTLING SCHOOL

All the children enjoyed the School 'Valentine's Disco' - lots of face painting and glow sticks made it really special.

Our next event is on Shrove Tuesday 8th March when the children will take part in pancake races (parents are welcome to join in!) from 2.30pm on the school playground.

Hot Pancakes will be on sale during the afternoon with a variety of toppings.



The school Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Thursday 7th April starting at 2.30pm on the school field if weather permits! This will be followed by the Easter Egg Raffle. Tickets will be on sale soon.

After Easter, the children will be encouraged to make models from the Easter Egg boxes. This will be judged on 6th May.

Advance notice that the School Fete will be held on Sunday 10th July.

Second Hand school uniform always available - please let me know your requirements.

Jill Seaman, FOES Publicity.
01795 890252

HELP for HEROES

Many thanks to everyone who purchased books at the Pop-in at Eastling Village Hall on 2nd February.

I am pleased to advise you that a cheque for £80 has now been forwarded to the Help 4 Heroes charity.

The next charity book sale will be on 2nd May (Bluebell Walk), when I will be raising funds for Cancer Research.

Jill Seaman



Pop-In

Open Wednesdays, 9 - 11am

in Eastling Village Hall

No charge, toddlers welcome.

Home made Cake sales will be on 2nd March and 6th April.

Books for sale most weeks.

Contact number is 01795 890338.

Chocolate for Chocoholics

There will be a range of chocolate for sale or to order for Mother's Day and Easter, at the Pop-in on Wednesday 2nd March.

Eastling Gardeners' Club

meets on Thursday 24th March, at 7.30 pm in the village hall,

for a talk on



'The butterfly and wildlife garden'

Followed by homemade nibbles and wine. Plants for sale.

Renew your annual subscription for £5 or come as a non-member for £2.50

Computer needed

We are looking for a computer for the parish office. If you can help, please call the Rectory on 01795 890487.



STALISFIELD ONION SOCIETY

The competition is now in its third year and thoughts should now be turning to the preparation of the onion beds and ordering the plants.

Brian Richmond would like to know who would like the 'Robinson' plants that he will be ordering in mid-March. The price is the same as last - five plants for £3.00 - and they will be available until mid-April, an exact date to be advised in a future issue. Please call Brian on 01795 890697 now, and let him know how many plants you will require.

NB: 'Robinson' Onion plants have produced some remarkable results over the years. Until 1995, the Onion record stood at 6lb 14/2oz, but that year saw the growth of a record smashing onion of 15lb 15/2oz and though progress since that time has not been anywhere near so dramatic, the record presently stands at 16lb 8oz.

How close can contestants in this year's Stalisfield Onion Society get to that giant?

March



2011

The Bluebell Walk 2011

will take place on

Bank Holiday Monday, 2nd May.

As usual, there will be walks of varying lengths and the Bluebell Bistro will be open in the village hall. If you would like to help with preparations for the walk, please contact Harry on 01795 890703.

To help in the bistro please call Hilary on 01795 890338.

EASTLING VILLAGE HALL

To book ring Julia Bailey on 01795 890746



A beautiful hall in a lovely village location for your wedding, club, sports or meetings.

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2nd Cakes and Books at Pop-In	9am	Eastling Village Hall
2nd Walking Group	10.30am	Eastling Village Hall
2nd Otterden WI	7.30pm	Stalisfield Village Hall
4th World Day of Prayer service	2pm	United Church, Preston St.
8th Pancake races	2.30pm	Eastling School
9th Ash Wednesday Service	7.30pm	Eastling Church
10th History Society	8pm	Charing Parish Hall
15th DEADLINE for April Good News		
15th Ospringe WI	2.15pm	Champion Hall
16th Walking Group	10.30am	Eastling Village Hall
16th Coffee Club	11am	Champion Hall
16th Parish Council meeting	6.30pm	Eastling Village Hall
20th S Club	10am	Eastling Village Hall
24th Gardeners' Club	7.30pm	Eastling Village Hall
27th Youngstyle	10am	Eastling Church
29th Magazine Folding	2pm	Pinks Farm
APRIL		
28th Village Hall Annual meeting	7.30pm	Eastling Village Hall
28th Annual Parish Meeting	8pm	Eastling Village Hall

Deadline for April 2011 Good News

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