Eastling School News

The run up to Easter has begun with all our two minibuses (thanks to the generous after school clubs busy so that children can enjoy the extra activities. This season is when new places for September 2014 are allocated to new parents (3rd March) - if you come across (or even know!) families with school age children, please recommend us - we do try very hard to ensure places at Eastling for any children who wish to come and we know that sometimes parents from slightly further afield think that they will be out of our catchment area. This isn't the

For our current pupils we have a wide range of exciting events planned including pancake racing on shrove Tuesday (4th March), a visit to Canterbury Cathedral on 6th March



and a special Barnabas Trust "Why Narnia?" thought day on 18th

March. Tigers class have adopted their namesake from the local Canterbury reserve and are due to visit as a reward for their hard work.

The school continues its strong musical traditions with Kent Music Show "Bach to the future" on the 10th and a performance at the recorder festival later on in the month. On 7th March, our Tigers Class will be presenting an assembly of their work for parents and friends of the school.

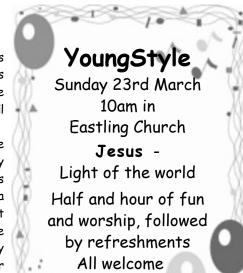
Our school library is proving very popular and is open to all family siblings. We will be celebrating National Book day with author Stewart Ross, our own events on Friday 7th March plus the provision of vouchers that allow children to buy the specially produced books for free.

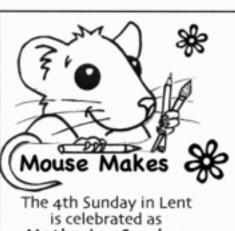
Watch out for our young cyclists receiving training on The Street between the 19-21st March as they ensure that their bicycle skills are up to scratch (as is their bike!) ready for possible transport over the summer months and beyond.

As part of our Sports Provision we continue our specialist sports clubs on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings and have organised an evening of adrenaline sports (climbing, abseiling, archery, zip wires, high ropes etc) at a centre in Ashford on 25th March, Did you know that our KS2 football team has now triumphed twice at local school cluster tournaments? Lions Class continue their swimming sessions at the Faversham pool, made available (and economical) by the school's ownership of

donations and fund raising of our Friends group (FOES). Sports Relief 2014 takes place on 21st March and we hope our school council will support with some wacky sports ideas!

The Friends of Eastling School (FOES) are organising a "Breakfast event" on Tuesday 11th March and they hope as many parents as possible will attend. They also have a Committee meeting on the 13th March at which the continuing preparations for the FOES Fete will feature - if you have any contacts that may be able to provide prizes or support, please let us know - our community really depends on the support of well-wishers.





Mothering Sunday. Originally families would get together for a special service at the 'mother' church, often at the local cathedral.

Today Mothering Sunday is celebrated as a family day, a time to say 'thank you' to our mothers and to all who look after us.



There are many wonderful Mothers in the Bible, look up the Bible verses and find out who they are

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Matt 1:16	M
Num 26:59	_0
Luke 1:57-60	T_
1 Sam 1:20	H
Genesis 4:1	E
Gen 25:21-26	R
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Thank you Mum for all you do, For all your love and care, For helping me as I grow up, For all your loving prayers. For teaching me about Jesus, Of how he loves me too. Thank you Mum for loving me, I LOVE YOU!

A bookmark gift for Mother's Day. Cut out the

bookmark above, glue onto card and colour in.

Mar14 @deborahnoble @parishpump.co.uk

Good News

Parish Magazine March 2014



Shake out your Bible and join in the

Lenten Program

This year in our Lenten program, we will be looking at the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus from the perspective of the early Church, by looking at

the first two chapters of the book of Acts.

This is our story

There will be four study groups in the benefice and we hope that people will feel



free to attend the group that is most convenient for them.

Tuesday mornings, 10.00 at Garden Cottage,

Newnham Lane, Eastling. Led by Steve Youle, beginning March 11th. Call 01795 890368.

Tuesday evenings, 7.30 at Pinks Farm Kettle Hill Rd. Eastling. Leadership will be shared among those who routinely lead the bible study, beginning March 11th. Call 01795 890338.

Thursday evenings, 7.30 at Bells Forstal Farm Kitchen, hosted by Maggie Scutt and led by Canon Lawton, beginning 6th March. Call 01795 890487.

Friday mornings, 11.00 at 6 Kettle Hill, Eastling. Hosted by Philippa Wigdahl and led by Angela Cheeseman, beginning 7th March. Call 07780 661275



Ash Wednesday, 5th March

Holy Communion, 7.30pm Throwley Church All welcome.



Sunday 30th March is **Mothering Sunday**

As this will be a fifth Sunday of the month, we will have a combined benefice wide service at Eastling Church at 10a.m.

This service will be a child friendly service with flowers for all mothers, with a theme of

Mothers and my faith.

Our special speaker for that day will be our Archdeacon, the Venerable Stephen Taylor. Plan to come and stay for fellowship and a visit with the Archdeacon and also honour our mothers.



Don't forget the clocks go forward an hour at 1am on Sunday 30th March. Sorry Mums - that's goodbye to your extra hour in bed!

Stalisfield Shines Through

Stalisfield Village Hall has been awarded Hallmark Level 1 Accreditation. Hallmark accreditation provides recognition of good practice and fulfils a commitment made in our lottery application. 'Hallmark' is a quality standards scheme for village halls which is administered nationally by Action with Communities in Rural England (ACRE) and at a local level by Action with Communities in Rural Kent (ACRK). The team of members of the Hall committee headed by Anna, achieved accreditation after independent assessment from ACRK's representatives. A final sparkling performance by Anna and Rose for the visiting assessors ensured success.

Stalisfield Archive

A trawl through minutes of committee meetings long passed turned up one or two interesting snippets. The record is incomplete but one conclusion of interest was that the prime source of funding in the 50s was the holding of whist drives. Even the coronation in 1953 was celebrated by a whist drive.

A second revelation was that the committee even then concluded that the hall needed to be rebuilt. To this end the sum of £30 was raised. There is no record of what happened next but we have probably set the all time record time for a fund drive.

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

Canon's Column

I can remember being in Vancouver, Canada, one November many years ago during my years serving in the Canadian Forces; it had been raining every day since I had been there. I had remarked to someone that I now knew why we wore green uniforms, they didn't show the mold. One person told me not to worry until I saw the zoo animals being loaded onto the ferry!

As I have watched the news on TV and read the papers, I have wondered about the terrible floods and the amazing storm damage. For those of us here, away from the 20 - 30 metre waves crashing down on beaches and cliffs, the stories and photographs are arresting and awe inspiring. For those involved it is truly awful and soul damaging.

A couple of weeks ago there was an article, in a weekend paper, about the discovery Noah and his family and a

of a record of a world destroying flood in some ancient writings found in the Middle East. The Ark which is reported to have saved the animals, two by two, was round and considerably different from 😽 that described as Noah's in the Genesis account. But so many details are similar, much of the story the same – a story of

salvation from a flood of such magnitude together? that people saw it as world destroying.

If we were caught in the midst of the Somerset levels flood, without modern

communication, without an overview of the whole situation the way we can now, through modern media, would we think that this was a world destroying flood? And when we blame it all on man made climate change, are we not echoing the simple teller of the first oral accounts of the Noah sagas and blaming the flooding on human wickedness?

In the midst of all of these disasters, the story of Noah as it appears in several cultures, is not only an account of a disaster but is the saga of a salvation, of a goodness coming out

Could the people of the time, Noah and his group, see the salvation when they were caught in the midst of the problem? We will never know if he fully understood what he was doing in the building of the ark. But out of that came the means of salvation for

> representative collection of the animals.

> What about for us now in the midst of all the ramifications of our British winter of 2013/14? Are we able to see the salvation that will come out of all of this? Will it bring a new order with us all working

How are we going to change to bring about a new order in our land where floods will not ravage and waves will not destroy?

One of the earliest symbols of peace for Noah.

The Noah sagas tell us about renewal and restoration after a great calamity. They also tell us about the human condition, for even after the flood to destroy all evil, Noah gets drunk and causes problems for his family.

is life beyond disasters, beyond what we are facing: they tell us that we have things to do in facing and dealing with the disaster (his building of the ark) and that working together is part of the process (the inclusion of Noah's family).

As we face the present situation, there is hope, there will be a future and we have a role to play in that future. The reality is also there that we will sometimes make a mistake in the process. How are we as Christians going to be involved in helping in this situation?

salvation and the resurrection is the phoenix, the magical bird that resurrects from the ashes of its own firery death. One of the most common symbols of peace is the dove with a leaf in its beak. It was a sign of the land emerging from the flood and a symbol of restoration and

The Noah sagas remind us that there

Donald Lawton

Lay Canon at St Paul's Cathedral

I wanted to thank everyone for their meetings and then various services kind messages following my and events at the Cathedral. I am appointment as a Lay Canon at St delighted to have been given this Paul's.

Some of you have asked how this came about and I thought the following might be helpful. Last year I took part in a Consultation Group to help the Cathedral look at the vision and strategy for their Welcome, Worship and Community. I was subsequently approached to consider whether I might join them in a governance role as a Lay Canon and was interviewed by members of Chapter and then in January by the Bishop of London. The role, which will be in addition to my job at the National Portrait Gallery, is for three years and the involvement, which is similar to being a trustee, will be twice a month for formal

exciting opportunity and both Andrew and the Director at the National Portrait Gallery have been incredibly supportive. My installation is on Tuesday 4 March as part of Evensong and I am very pleased that a number of family and friends will be there to support me.

Pim Baxter

Eastling Church March 2014 Flower Rota

2nd Steph Youle 9th March - 13th April LENT - no Flowers

Caroline Ramshaw, from Eastling, is training to be a Reader in the Church of England. The training runs over several years and, as part of the course, Caroline has to write an article for our parish magazine as a synopsis of an assignment.

Service Patterns in Eastling.

Back in 1938 there were two services held every Sunday; morning service at 11am and evening prayer at 6.30pm. Services in 1977 included an early morning Holy Communion at 8am, a service at 11am which, once a month, was a family service, and a 6.30pm evening prayer. There was also a midweek service held at 9.30am on a benefice. Wednesday, however the numbers attending never got higher than ten. This service stopped completely at the beginning of 1983 due to diminishing numbers but was re-introduced in 2011, especially aimed at parents dropping children off at the village school opposite. This did not last long due to lack of attendance, those attending usually being the Officiant and a church warden.

Through the 1980s services were very much the same, with a few changes made by different incumbents. In 1985, when a lively and energetic priest joined the parish with many ideas and much enthusiasm, services changed to include a more contemporary service and also included a children's monthly service. These changes were met with some scepticism from many of the small congregation but word spread about this dynamic new priest and numbers were on this either. A booklet on the quadrupled in no time and the people's importance of daily individual prayer many fears were unfounded.

Services currently start weekly at 8am with Book of Common Prayer Eucharist, the 10am service varies from week to week. The first Sunday of the month is Holy Communion using the Common Worship liturgy; the second is Freestyle, a more contemporary service using an overhead to allow hands to be free to praise God; the third Sunday is Morning Prayer using the Book of Common Caroline Ramshaw

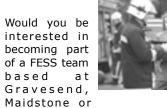
Prayer and the fourth Sunday is the half hour children's service called Youngstyle, which is led by various members of the youth team. Once every three months Youngstyle is replaced by a café style church led by a team of enthusiastic members of the church. When there is a fifth Sunday in the month this is usually a benefice service held within one of the churches of the

One thing I found lacking were resources and openness about personal prayer life and the importance for a Christian to develop this. The introduction of the 1662 prayer book was to encourage daily prayer, although currently most Christians only encounter this on a Sunday morning, there is little encouragement today for there to be a pattern of daily prayer. On the weekly service sheet there were guidelines available or prayer pointers to assist with personal prayer. New Christians and some experienced Christians would benefit from having resources or an opportunity to meet with others to find out more about daily prayer. Although the home groups have opportunity to discuss the bible and its meaning as a group, again there is no opportunity to discuss or learn about individual private prayer time and no importance is given time containing suggestions on how this can be accomplished by the individual; this leaflet could then be given to those newly confirmed within our churches to assist them in starting this daily practice. Having daily quiet time renews our understanding, allows God time to talk to us and can strengthen our faith; surely an important concept for churches to

INTERESTING, REWARDING, **CHALLENGING**

Red Cross Fire Emergency Support Service (FESS)

FESS - the British Red Cross volunteer fire emergency support service, operates in conjunction with Kent Fire & Rescue Service supporting those affected by fire, during and in the immediate aftermath. Working with a specially adapted vehicle volunteers respond much the same as a fire crew (without blue lights and sirens) to provide immediate refuge and assistance to those displaced by a fire incident; the assistance can vary from a cup of tea, emergency clothing, liaising with other agencies for on-going help, even taking initial care of pets.



Thanet? What's needed? Good interpersonal skills, diplomacy, communication and teamwork skills, a willingness to work voluntary 'on call' shifts' and able to get to the respective base within 25 minutes and undertake necessary training.

Further information on FESS and many other volunteering opportunities with British Red Cross please go to the web site: www.redcross.org.uk or contact hbright@redcross.org.uk or call 01622 625111

EASTLING share a **CURRY NIGHT**



Friday 16th May, 7pm **Eastling Village Hall**

£2 per head, Indian dress optional Cook a curry and come along and share your gastronomic expertise.

Free Curry Spice mix and full instructions to make your curry are provided as part of your ticket purchase.

Tickets are sold on a first come first served basis and are based on a table for 6 to 10.

Each table has to elect someone or more from their party to cook a curry or two to bring along to this wonderful event.

Don't forget your favourite Indian relishes, condiments and drinks. Bring along knives, forks, plates and glasses for your table.

* Prize for best dressed table. * All the curries will be available for all the guests

to try out and enjoy. Apply for your tickets and obtain your curry spice mix from John: sailingdays@btinternet.com.

We have 16 curry spice mixes to give away so be quick and reserve your table today. All proceeds for the Eastling Village Hall fund

Eastling Neighbourhood Watch

Warden 07794 010394 or 01795 890848 Crimestoppers 0800 555 111 Swale Police 101

Emergency 999

In recent weeks there has been three vehicles abandoned and set on fire in the vicinity of Otterden Road, Otterden . These vehicles have obviously been used previously in a criminal nature and if any person has any information relating to these incidents please contact the police.

As I think we all know the condition of the roads in our area which has been caused by the adverse weather that we have experienced over the last few months and it is recommended that drivers keep their speed down in our country lanes as the potholes can cause severe damage to your vehicle. The pot holes or any other road damage can be reported on the Kent County Council website. The lambing season is now with us and a

reminder that all dogs must be kept on a lead or kept away from the sheep and I will reiterate that a farmers are within the law to shoot a dog if it is found to be worrying or attacking their sheep.

It is requested that parents who drive to or pick up their siblings from Eastling School drive that extra bit slowly through the village as some children do walk to school and as we have no pavements around the school have to walk in the road and need that extra

Take care, Alan.

protection will give. Have a good month





Sundays For the Anglican Church throughout the world. Mondays For the hungry and the

sick.

Tuesdays For those who are still affected by the flooding.

Wednesdays For young people in our parishes.

Thursdays Those who provide our

food.

Fridays For our spiritual needs in Lent.

Saturdays

For those affected by conflict.

Services in our Churches

2nd March Sunday before Lent

Exodus 24. 12 - end, 2 Peter 1. 16 - end, Matthew 17. 1 - 9 8 am Holy Communion (BCP) Eastling 10 am Holy Communion (CW) Eastling Stalisfield 10 am Holy Communion (CW)

Ash Wednesday 5th March

Throwley 7.30 pm Holy Communion (CW)

9th March Lent 1

Genesis 2. 15-17, 3. 1-7, Romans 5.12 - 19, Matthew 4. 1-11 Eastling 8 am Holy Communion (BCP) Throwley 10 am Holy Communion (CW) Stalisfield 10 am Morning Prayer 10.30 am Freestyle Eastling

16th March Lent 2

Genesis 12. 1 - 4a, Romans 4. 1-5, 13-17, John 3. 1-17 8 am Holy Communion (BCP) Eastling Eastling 10 am Morning Prayer (BCP) 10 am Holy Communion (CW) Stalisfield

23rd March Lent 3

Exodus 17.1 -7. Romans 5. 1 - 11. John 4. 5 - 42 8 am Holy Communion (BCP) Eastling

10 am Youngstyle Eastling

10 am Holy Communion (BCP) Throwley

Stalisfield 10 am Morning Prayer

30th March Mothering Sunday

8 am Holy Communion (BCP) Eastling Eastling 10 am Benefice Family Communion

6th April Lent 5

Ezekiel 37. 1 - 14, Romans 8. 6 - 11, John 11. 1 - 45 8 am Holy Communion (BCP) Eastling Eastling 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.

Pon't forget to come to FREESTYLE Sunday

10.30am on 9th March in Eastling Church Acts 1 - The Curtain Rises

All ages welcome

Ministry in our Parishes

Priest of Revd Canon Donald J. Lawton (01795 890487) the Parishes The Rectory, Newham Lane, Eastling ME13 0AS

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4 Meesons Close, Eastling

Reader Hugh Perks (01795 890603)

Weald Cottage, Eastling

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Stalisfield with Otterden

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Parish Administrator

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Throwley Barbara Elliott (01795 890020) Maggie Scutt (01795890312)

Lent Groups

Tuesdays: 10am Garden Cottage, Newnham Lane. Tuesdays: 7.30pm Pinks Farm, Kettle Hill Road Thursdays: Prayer Group 10.30am Pinks Farm, Eastling Thursdays: 7.30pm Bells Forstal Farm, Throwley 11am 6 Kettle Hill Cottages, Eastling You will be welcome at any of our groups.

Women's World Day of Prayer

Friday 7th March

Service starts at 2pm in the Gospel Mission in Tanners Street, Faversham. Everyone welcome.

Written by the women of Egypt, this year's service is entitled:

Streams in the Dessert

Handel's MESSIAH

Saturday 22nd March, 7.30pm Colyer-Fergusson Building, University of Kent Whitstable Choral Society with Festival Chamber Orchestra, directed by David Flood Tickets 01227 787787 or online from www.canterburyticketshop.com

The Great War: THE **TRENCHES**

By David Winter

The trenches are the defining visual image of the Great War. Both sides created them when it became obvious that for all the 'pushes' and counterattacks not much was happening geographically. A hilly ridge would be taken, at enormous human cost. A THE GREAT WAR month later it would be recaptured. The trenches stretched for hundreds of miles across northern France, once the earlier ones in southern Belgium were abandoned, and they became 'home' to hundreds of thousands of soldiers. The trench was a narrow but deep ditch, designed to shield the men who were on look-out duty from enemy fire. Behind the trenches were the living quarters - dug out of the earth, usually with roofs of corrugated iron, where there were bunks for sleeping and rudimentary facilities for washing and eating. Hot food came from the Company cook-house behind the lines. 'Too much bully beef', my father complained - corned beef, to us. Very nice as an occasional choice, but a bit unexciting as a regular diet. Surprisingly, perhaps, to those of us who only know of the War from films and books, in between major outbreaks of fighting the trench provided an adequate if modest degree of normality. Every day, my father told me, the newspaper seller would visit with copies of the Daily Mail. No escaping from the football results and news from home. The trouble was that periodically the senior officers would decide that it was time for another desperate attempt to dislodge the enemy. Bayonets would be fixed, ashen faced young men would line up in the trenches awaiting the signal - usually a blast on a whistle - which would summon them to climb the steps out into the open, there to face, inevitably, the devastating fire of the German machine guns. It was some time into the War before the Allies were equipped with these deadly weapons, and it was the multiple, sustained rain of bullets that caused

Above all this was the constant barrage of the big guns, firing from both sides but well behind the lines. Their thunderous roar could be heard at times far away across the Channel in Kent. Most of the shells simply exploded in the soft soil of Flanders or the Somme - they are still being ploughed up by farmers today, a century later. But some were what became known as 'direct hits', and those could be devastating.

most of the casualties.

In the midst of all this - the mud, the stench, the noise and the imminent possibility of death - were the soldiers themselves. Among them moved the medics, the nurses, the chaplains - agents of care and compassion in a world which seemed to have gone mad. Some soldiers simply couldn't stand it. 'Shell-shocked' was the diagnosis in those days.

The wonder is that anybody could.

The High Downs Benefice Eastling, Throwley, Stalisfield with

1914 Commemorations - What we could do? This year on the 4th of August, we

will mark the 100th anniversary of the beginning of World War I – the Great War. We have already seen in the media, the beginning of commemorations of this war that changed our world. Our Bishop has asked us to think

about how we as parishes and benefices can mark this remembrance. I would like to see us light a candle and pray for peace at the beginning of our services from Sunday, August 3rd to Remembrance Sunday. Secondly, I would like to suggest that we assemble a collection of prayers for peace and publish, for our own use, a booklet of prayers for peace. To this end, I would invite you to submit prayers that you have come across or composed focussing on remembrance and peace. Such a collection could be a wonderful support for our regular prayers as individuals and as groups. I would see us assembling the prayers in May/ June and publishing towards the end of July. Please give these and other ideas some thought and pray about them. Canon Lawton

"Where did this man get these things?.... Isn't this the carpenter?" (Mark 6:2,3)

Ever been back to your earliest home town? Weithaga, on the lower slopes of Mount Kenya was mine. Returning there only a few years ago, very little had changed. The old CMS house was there, where I had been growing up. No gas, no electricity, no tarmac roads, no postal service, no telephone, no running water, no sanitation but I felt welcomed home once again, and it was wonderful....

Not so, in the case of Jesus. Having been brought up in Nazareth for some 30 years, his public ministry had then taken off, following his baptism in the Jordan. And then.... Galilee. Next, Capernaum, where they let a man down through the roof to be healed. Now he's by the lakeside, where the crowds are so great he preaches from an off-shore boat. Off next, into Levi's home for a big party. Now he's teaching in a cornfield; next, he's healing a man in the synagogue. Where now? Jerusalem.... Idumea.... Tyre and Sidon.... back to the lakeside and the calming of a great storm.... the freeing of a possessed man in Gadara.... the healing of a haemorraging woman.... the raising of Jairus' daughter. In rapid, quick-fire succession

Stalisfield Village Hall Trust Invitation to say good-bye to the old Village Hall

Bonsoir old thing, Cheerio, chin-chin, Napoo, toodle-oo, goodbye.

The time has come to finally say good-bye to our old Village Hall, and we hope you'll join us to give it a fantastic send-off on Friday, March 7th at 7.30pm.

Please bring "fare to share". There will also be an opportunity to help us reduce our drinks stock at very reasonable prices.

We would also be very grateful if those who are able can store a small box of items whilst the rebuild is going on. Pick up of boxes is 11am on Saturday, March 8th.

We look forward to seeing you there before work starts on the new hall later in the month.

For further information please contact Tracy Dove: tracy.dove@ btconnect.com or 07717 367936.

Embarrassed by Jesus

By Richard Bewes

And then, and then.... back home to Nazareth, where despite the reports of his mission his own people couldn't, wouldn't believe. Mark writes, 'And they took offence at him' (Mark 6:3). We read that Jesus was amazed at their unbelief. Up to the present day, Jesus has been an embarrassment to most of Nazareth.

Nazareth gives the lie to the excuse given by so many across history, who have said, "Well, it was all right for those who actually saw Jesus. If I could see him for myself then I'd believe." The fact is, there had been those in Nazareth who had seen Jesus every day for thirty years.

As a carpenter he had built doors and tables, made cots for their babies. Now their attitude was that of despising the familiar figure they had known so long, of paralysing his power - so that barely a miracle could be performed among them - and thus of closing the door. Had they but known it, Jesus was with them for the last time.

The mission of Jesus never ceases except among those who find themselves embarrassed even by the mention of his Name.

the mission of Jesus never stops.

BELMONT HOUSE & GARDENS



WEDNESDAY HOUSE TOURS

April to September 2014, 11.00am & 1.00pm

This year, from April to September, we will be open every Wednesday for House Tours. There will be guided tours at 11.00am and 1.00pm. Our tearoom will also be open tempting, you with our mouth-watering homemade cakes, afternoon tea and light lunches from 12.00pm.

Adult £8.00, Concession £7.00 and Children £5.00

SPECIAL OFFER

On the **third** Wednesday of every month from April to September, please come and enjoy a guided house and garden tour, all for the price of £12.00 per person.

Your day will begin at 10.00am with our Head Gardener, Graeme, who will guide you around our grounds. There will be an hour's break for lunch; delicious light lunches are available from our tearoom or you may like to bring along your own picnic. The guided house tour will start at 1.00pm and will finish at approximately 3.00pm.

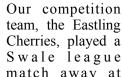
Please visit our website or call for more details.

Belmont House & Gardens, Throwley, Nr Faversham, Kent ME13 oHH Tel: 01795 890202 www.belmont-house.org

Eastling Short Mat Bowls

We are a friendly club and looking for more players to come and learn the skill of short mat bowls, join us in Eastling village hall on Fridays, either 2.30 - 4.30pm or evenings





Swale league match away at Newington on 9th February; Roy

played the singles and lost by one shot, but in all the other games we went down heavily against very strong opponents and came home without a single point! This leaves us bottom of the first division.

Tuesday 11th February saw Chilham come to Eastling for a East Kent league fixture. Des Briggs, Bryan Searly & Roy Piles won 14 shots to 11, but on the other mat Mick Heath, Eileen Piles & Chris Smith lost 14 shots to 11, so the match was drawn 3 points each. I hope to have a better report next month.

Roy Piles.

Painters Forstal with Selling W.I.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 18th March, 2.15pm - 4pm at Champion Hall, Painter's Forstal.

Simon Thorpe will be giving an entertaining talk and, this month, husbands and friends will be welcome too. Please ring Bobbie on 01795 532756 or email patyounger@skv.com.

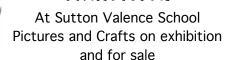


Our March meeting will be on Wednesday 19th at 11.15am -1.15pm in the Small Room of Champion Hall, Painter's Forstal.

Please come along and join us. Cost of session is £3 with refreshments and home made cake. For further information call Pat on 01795 539629.

The Rotary Club of the Weald of Kent

SPRING ART **EXHIBITION**



Saturday 29th March 11am - 6pm Sunday 30th March 10am to 5pm Entrance £1 at the door - Refreshments will be available

All proceeds go to Rotary Charities For further information call: Derek Lamb (01622 890650 Or Bob Taylor (01233 756379) Or visit: www.wealdofkentrotary.org.uk

Fairtrade Fair **LEIGH MILES** Saturday 1st March **DANCE & FITNESS** 2014

Town

10am -3pm

St. Peter's Methodist

Church Hall, Canterbury

fair Trade stalls &

refreshments

10am: Visit by the Lord

Mayor and

musical entertainment

by children from

St. Peter's Methodist

Primary School

and St. Stephen's

Infants' School

12 noon - 2pm:

Homemade soup lunches



Eastling Village Hall

WEDNESDAYS 7.00pm ZUMBA®

THURSDAYS 9.15am FITNESS PILATES

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Charing and District Local History Society

Thursday 13th March in Charing Parish Hall:

Norman Hopkins will talk on THE ENGLISH BIBLE:

The amazing story of the history and influence of the English Bible. A powerpoint presentation with bible exhibits

Doors open 7.45pm for 8pm start. Visitors welcome at £3. Enquiries: Jennie Burgess 01233 714639.

Get those little grey cells working at a QUIZ

on Saturday 5th April at

15 per head - teams of 6/8 In aid of Village Hall funds

Bring your own drink and nibbles Please call Sue on

890254 to book.

in Eastling Village Hall

7.30pm.

The Painters Forstal **COFFEE CLUB**



NEED A BABYSITTER?

Reasonable rates, reliable service. References available. Alice Whitehead 07834 258307

Local Lady offers **Household Cleaning**

Friendly and reliable References available 01795 532627

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.

Eastling Gardeners' Club

Eastling Gardeners' Club meets on Thursday, 13th March at 7.30p.m. in the village hall for a talk by Malcolm Withnall -'Pruning of Garden Fruit Trees and Shrubs'

Followed by wine and homemade nibbles. Also plants for sale Members are free, quests pay £3. Enquires: Clive Jolliffe, 01795 890160

Otterden & Stalisfield W.I.

Our last meeting was at the Harrow, which ended up being a social event, as the speaker couldn't make it at the last minute. The March meeting is a Theatre visit and April's will be a bluebell walk with pub drink to follow, to celebrate one of our lady's birthday.

New members always welcome. contact Kim on 01795 890691.



'Singing for the Soul'

on Wednesday afternoons from 1.45 to 3.00pm at Newnham Village Hall.

There will be 5 sessions from 5th March but you can join at any time. No previous experience needed. Simple songs and chants to lift the spirits and soothe the soul. Cost is £3.50 per session (includes tea & biscuits). For more information please contact: Lis Bayford on 01795 886392 music@cantiana.co.uk

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The Bluebell Walk

will be on Bank Holiday Monday 5th May from Eastling Village Hall. If you can help with the walk please contact Harry on 01795 890703.

Hilary does not want to be in charge of all the refreshments this year and needs a new team to cover the hot food side; please call me on 01795 890338 if you would like to part of this and we'll arrange a meeting to work through all it involves.

5th Ash Wednesday Service

7th Weekly Lent Group starts

7th Farewell to the old Hall

11th FOES Breakfast event

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15th Deadline for April Good News

12th Parish Council meeting

13th Gardeners' Club

13th History Society

15th Hall clear out

19th Craft Club

23rd YoungStyle

26th Coffee Club

18th Mobile Library

18th Painters Forstal W.I.

25th Magazine Folding

APRIL 5th Quiz Night

30th Mothering Sunday Service

9th FreeStyle

Village Hall Cleared Out.

The Trustees of Eastling village hall are having a tidy up/throw out session on Saturday 15th March at 10 am. Over the years a number of clubs and groups have changed or closed and we are holding a large amount of equipment belonging to these groups. We are so full in our storage areas that we would struggle to store any future groups' equipment.

Please call at the hall between 10 – 11am to collect any items you may wish to keep, make your case for restoring or allow us to place in a skip.

If you have any difficulty attending on the 15th please e m a i l Julia julia.bailey@virginmail.co.uk Many thanks to you all.



4th Mobile Library 10.50 - 11.05am Glebe Cottages 7.30pm Throwley Church 6th Mobile Library 11.55am - 12.10pm Throwley Forstal Green 6th Weekly Lent Group starts 7.30pm Bells Forstal Farm 6 Kettle Hill, Eastling 11am 7th World Day of Prayer Service 2pm Gospel Mission, Faversham Stalisfield Village Hall 7.30pm 10.30am Eastling Church Eastling School Garden Cottage, Eastling 7.30pm Pinks Farm, Eastling 6.30pm Eastling Village Hall 7.30pm Easting Village Hall Charing Parish Hall 7.45pm See below 10am Eastling Village Hall 10.50 - 11.05am Glebe Cottages 2.15pm Champion Hall 11.15am Champion Hall 20th Mobile Library 11.55am - 12.10pm Throwley Forstal Green 10am Eastling Church Pinks Farm 2pm Champion Hall 11am 10am Eastling Church 7.30pm Eastling Village Hall

Deadline for the April *Good News* will be 15th March

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